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### RUSSELL VS. SCOTT.

Prisoners Withdraw Their Plea of Justification in the Libel Case.

The "Times" on the Death of General Walker-Daly, the Dynamiter.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—This morning in the Scott-Russell libel case the time was occupied by the speech of counsel for the defence of the male defendants. He applied for power to amend the date of the alleged misconduct at Winchester, but Justice Hawkins refused. Counsel for Lady Scott also expressed a desire to introduce the sworn statement of Frederick East, the groom, who was one of the defendants but who died recently of consumption in Holloway jail, as this was the only evidence counsel could produce in support of that part of the case. The justice, however, also refused this request.

### CLERICAL INTIMIDATION.

(From the Ottawa Citizen.)

The action of the bishops in forbidding their congregations, under penalty of refusal of the sacraments, to elect L'Electeur, has been and is defended by the press of Quebec who are opposed to the election. The bishops undoubtedly are acting conscientiously in the exercise of what they consider to be a power rightfully belonging to them as the gentlemen on the party aligned with their flock.

No one can doubt that, and those of our Quebec contemporaries who uphold their cause are equally well meaning; but the principles underlying this action of the bishops are not suited to a free country, and it is our firm opinion that if they continue in the path they have entered the result must necessarily be extremely injurious to their own influence. Mr. Laurier said at the Montreal banquet, while Catholics may render homage in purely religious matters to the priesthood, the principles of civil liberty are opposed to their assumption of the right to dictate the opinions and actions of citizens upon other subjects.

### SENSATIONAL TRIAL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—Advice from Japan per steamship Coptic says: "The trial of Mrs. W. R. H. Carey for the wilful murder of her husband by poisoning is set to commence on January 4 in Her Britannic Majesty's court at Yokohama. The crown advocate, H. Wilkenson, has come from Shanghai to assist the Yokohama crown prosecutor, H. C. Litchfield. Sixty British residents of Yokohama have been summoned for the jury. Five only will be actually needed, but counsel on both sides are expected to exercise great discrimination. The case promises to be one of the most sensational on record."

### U. S. TARIFF COMMISSION.

Senator John Sherman has made the following statement to a Washington correspondent of the Sun: "I am opposed to the creation of a tariff commission because I believe commerce is thoroughly competent to deal with the tariff or other economic questions. It is doubtful in my mind if a commission were created Congress would long tolerate it. People who favor a tariff would do so on the ground that the tariff should be taken out of politics and dealt with as a purely business question. This is an imputation upon the business ability and patriotism of Congress that does not look well in print and which ought not to go unmaneuvered. As a matter of fact, politics plays a smaller part in the creation of a tariff bill than some people assume. When the schedules of a tariff bill are being formulated, all of the several business interests of the country that are interested usually get a hearing."

"Between what the business interests want and what they ought to have or what Congress thinks they are justly entitled to there is frequently a wide difference. But in any case the endeavor on the part of Congress is always to deal out equal and exact justice to all classes and conditions of men. Politics is a mere incident in tariff legislation, and as I

### RIVALING FICTION.

George McL. Brown's Story of a Mine of Wealth in British Columbia.

Copper Bearing Ore Can Be Precipitated in Paying Quantities.

SEATTLE, Jan. 6.—George McL. Brown, general Western passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific railroad, came down from Vancouver to meet an Eastern railroad man in this city, and together they will visit the Kootenay mining district. The statement is commonplace enough, as it relates to a possibly adventurous trip into a country that many visit every month, but the fact that Mr. Brown was in town last night made it possible for him to tell a wonderful story of another mine in British Columbia that he has visited and which is no more or less than the story of a mine, if such a thing can be considered. He says that less than two years ago an Indian while crossing a stream about twenty miles west of the city, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific, discovered that his pony had cast a shoe and that the iron sign of good luck had fallen into the stream. The story goes on to state that the Indian did not stop to gather up the shoe, but pressed on in his way, and his movements subsequent to the occurrence episode are lost for a year, when he turns up again as the guide to a party of hunters. In their midnight journey through the mountains west of Ashcroft, they came to the place where the pony's shoe had fallen into the creek, and two of the gentlemen on the party alighted to drink. They had scarcely partaken of the water of the creek before both were taken with violent cramps, the result of drinking the water, and each showed unmistakable signs of poisoning. While another of the party looked into the stream he discovered at the edge what appeared to be a horseshoe of pure copper. It was fished up, and the Indian identified it as that cast by his pony a year before. As soon as the truth about the party on the mountains two weeks were poisoned by drinking water in which copper was in solution, they set to work to remove the result that they soon recovered. The investigation of the marvelous stream was continued.

### BAYARD BANQUETTED.

The American Ambassador Entertained in London by the Article Club.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Article Club, the agents-general in London of the colonies, the heads of the government, and many others interested in the commerce of the Empire, gave a banquet to-night at the Hotel Cecil to U.S. Ambassador Bayard. The Earl of Jersey, who succeeds the Earl of Winchester as president of the club, was chairman. Addresses were made by the Earl of Jersey, Sir Robert G. W. Herbert, Cardinal Vaughan, Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Charles Tupper, the Japanese minister, and the Earl of Jersey, formerly governor of New South Wales, made a few remarks in eulogy of Mr. Bayard, and then Sir Robert G. W. Herbert, agent-general in London for Tasmania, toasted the American ambassador. Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Charles Tupper, the Japanese minister, and the Earl of Jersey, formerly governor of New South Wales, made a few remarks in eulogy of Mr. Bayard, and then Sir Robert G. W. Herbert, agent-general in London for Tasmania, toasted the American ambassador. Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Charles Tupper, the Japanese minister, and the Earl of Jersey, formerly governor of New South Wales, made a few remarks in eulogy of Mr. Bayard, and then Sir Robert G. W. Herbert, agent-general in London for Tasmania, toasted the American ambassador.

### THAT DRAFT REPORT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A special copyrighted cablegram to the Evening Post from London says: "The draft report of the Pacific cable commission was signed this afternoon on behalf of the British, Australian and Canadian governments, after many months of investigation. The result which is kept strictly secret for the present, is awaited with keen interest as the first tangible product of the project of the Pacific cable. The report is awaited with keen interest as the first tangible product of the project of the Pacific cable. The report is awaited with keen interest as the first tangible product of the project of the Pacific cable."

### RAIN AND SNOWFALL.

LANGLEY, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Rain fell upon 23 days during the month of December, amounting to 12,056 inches, as follows: On the first week, 4,606 inches; second week, 3,275 inches; third, 3,528 inches; fourth, 4,647 inches. The balance of the month, 0,669 inches. The deposit for November of 1898 amounted to 10,095 inches, and for October of the same year; 4,107, falling upon 18 days in November and 10 days in October.

### IN AND OUT OF HAVANA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The World's special correspondent in the field near Arrolro Arena, province of Havana, Cuba, says: "I have been fortunate enough to get into Havana and get out again, and to find the insurgent forces all in just twelve hours. This place is six miles from San Pedro, where Maceo is reported to have been killed. It is not clear that either Pinar del Rio or Havana provinces have been pacified. The insurgents are not thinking of making peace. They are more active and hopeful than ever. The observations of the World correspondent, who accompanied the Spanish troops with the past grant of General Weyler, ministered to the situation in this respect. Only portions of the province have been pacified by the intervention of the Spanish army. The insurgents are not thinking of making peace. They are more active and hopeful than ever. The observations of the World correspondent, who accompanied the Spanish troops with the past grant of General Weyler, ministered to the situation in this respect."

### INDIGNANT NEWS BOYS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The newsboys of Washington have been denied the privilege of carrying their papers on the streets on Sunday. They will hold a mass meeting Thursday evening to protest against the action, and will appeal for a revocation of the order. Five-minute speeches will be made by the newsboys at this meeting on both sides of the question. They have secured Willard hall, one of the largest in the city, for their meeting. The ministers of Washington are directly responsible for the edict against the newsboys, and anticipating the boys' protest, they held a meeting to assure the district commissioners of their intention to demand an enforcement of the order.

### AFTER WEARY WAITING.

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—On the last day of Governor Morton's term of office he commuted the sentence of George P. Gordon, a life prisoner at the Clinton prison. Gordon had been in prison for thirty-two years. He was favored by Greenback, Rensselaer county, and was convicted in 1866 for the murder of a cattle drover at West Albany. He was convicted on circumstantial evidence, and at the time of his conviction was not permitted to be a witness on his own behalf, the law not permitting such. The petition for pardon has been on file for twenty years. He is now 65 years old.

### HOISTING PLANT FOR LE ROI.

ROSSLAND, Jan. 7.—(Special)—The new hoisting plant for the Le Roi mine has a larger capacity than that of any other metal mine in Canada. It will be running in thirty days and the output will be then increased to 500 tons per day.

### ST. CHARLES CHURCH.

DUNDEE, Jan. 7.—James Fawcett, formerly a Miller of Port Stanley, committed suicide here yesterday by shooting himself. His health is supposed to have been the cause of the deed.

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### OPENING OF SESSION.

Parliament to Meet March 4—Tariff Commission Not to Visit British Columbia.

Staff on Sault Canal Discharged—Parcel Post for Points in Australia.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—Thursday, March 4, is now talked of as the date of the meeting of parliament.

Owing to pressure of official business Hon. Mr. Laurier has had to decline an invitation to attend the annual banquet of the Boston Merchants' Association, to be held on the 18th instants. The Premier, however, may visit Washington at the end of the month.

All the staff of the Canadian Sault canal, including the mechanical superintendent, a brother of Dr. Montague, have been discharged, with the exception of Superintendent Boyd.

The Post Office department has issued a notification that parcels for Queensland, Victoria and South Australia may hereafter be forwarded via Vancouver at the same rates as to Sydney, viz., 24 cents per pound.

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### NATURAL GAS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Judges Lacombe and Wallace of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals filed a decision to-day to classify natural gas as a mineral for all the purposes of the statutes and customs laws. This affirms the finding of the Circuit court of this district, which upheld the board of general appraisers' declaration that natural gas piped from Shirkstowa, Canada, to Buffalo, N.Y., is not subject to any duty, because it is within the definition of crude minerals. Under section 4 of the McKinley act the collector of customs, however, assessed the imported gas at ten per cent., holding that gas is "a raw or unmanufactured article not enumerated or provided for."

### HAWAIIAN CABLE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Since the deadlock in the committee on commerce, over which of the two projects for a Hawaiian cable was the more meritorious, the general question of the Pacific cable has been in abeyance. It is understood, however, that further reports will now be made, and General W. A. Swayne, of New York, will appear before the house committee on commerce next Tuesday, and present a new proposition in behalf of the Spalding Company.

ROSEVAL, Jan. 7.—So far only three bottles have been taken from the ruins of the convent of Notre Dame. The search for others is going on, but the work is hampered by the lack of proper appliances. The loss by the burning of the convent is estimated at \$30,000, and is supposed to be about covered by insurance.

ST. CATHERINES, Jan. 7.—J. H. McCling & Co.'s departmental store has suspended payment, owing to the failure of several large houses with which they had been doing business.

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