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SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Fate of an Armenian Bishop—Case of Captain Dreyfus Before the Chambers.

Advance of Grain in South Russia—St. George's Church, Hanover Square, on Fire.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The Turkish special tribunal has sentenced the Armenian Bishop at Hassekein to death. The Bishop was condemned to death because during the late riots in Constantinople a loaded revolver was found in his house. The Bishop was absent from home at the time, and upon this ground an appeal was taken against the judgment of the special tribunal, but the court of appeal confirmed the sentence. The Armenian Bishop at Bitlis and a number of Mussulmans have been arrested in Constantinople for plotting against the Sultan.

Much interest is manifested in Constantinople in the case of Miss Simmer, who collected fifty or sixty children for the purpose of giving them shelter and instruction. The school she established was supported chiefly by contributions by Germans. Miss Simmers' venture coming to the notice of the Turkish government, the authorities endeavored to compel her to cease teaching children. With this object, the police have been calling at the school every day trying to make her disperse her pupils, but she steadily refuses to do so.

The attention of the foreign embassies has been directed to reports that the Turkish authorities in Constantinople are torturing suspected persons for the purpose of compelling them to disclose their knowledge of any revolutionary movement.

A fire to-night fn St. George's church, Hanover square, destroyed the tower of the church. The building also was much damaged. St. George's is the most famous church in London for fashionable weddings.

In the French chamber of deputies to-day M. Castelin, one of the representatives of Laon, called attention to an alleged campaign in favor of ex-Captain Dreyfus, the French artillery officer who was sentenced to imprisonment for life for divulging certain military secrets to representatives of foreign powers. In doing so M. Castelin also referred to rumors which have been circulated of the escape of Dreyfus from a French penal settlement off the coast of Guiana, and demanded the prosecution of those who, according to the newspapers, tried to intimidate and bribe members of the court martial which tried the prisoner. The Premier replying said there was no reason to reopen the matter, adding however that if the government discovered Dreyfus had accomplices it would do its duty in the matter. Thereupon M. Castelin presented a motion calling upon the government to take action in the case, and M. Thillot demanded the simple order of the day. Much excitement followed, and finally the government accepted a modification of M. Castelin's motion, expressing confidence that the government would seek to punish intriguers. This was adopted unanimously.

The trial of an action for breach of promise of marriage brought against Major Lothaire, commander of the Congo state troops, by Madame Vanheicks, on behalf of her daughter, was concluded in Brussels to-day, the court granting judgment against Lothaire. The finding of the court is that Major Lothaire should pay Miss Vanheicks £360, the amount of expenses incurred by her in preparing for the marriage, and also pay the costs of the suit. Madame Vanheicks sued for £2,000.

An inquest was held in London to-day over the remains of Mrs. Alma Merritt, wife of George M. Merritt, of New York, who died at the Hotel Cecil, in this city, under circumstances which led to the report that she had committed suicide, which was subsequently denied by the husband. The jury rendered a verdict that Mrs. Merritt committed suicide while temporarily insane.

Advices received at St. Petersburg from Rostoff say the price of grain in Southern Russia has advanced considerably, having reached 10 roubles, per tchetvert, owing to the foreign demand. Freight rates have followed this advance and Indian agents are reported on their way to Odessa in order to contract for shipments of wheat to India.

The vote taken yesterday in the French chamber of deputies on the bill to reform the mode of electing senators was 287 to 238. The government was opposed to the bill, but decided when it was introduced not to regard its acceptance by the chamber as an expression of want of confidence.

The municipal council of Paris to-day without debate voted the expenses incurred by the municipality upon the occasion of the recent visit of the Czar and Czarina to Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Castle, of San Francisco, sailed for New York to-day under the assumed names of Michaels.

The Daily Telegraph devotes an article to a description of a charming present of fruit for the Queen from Hamilton, Ontario, which arrived at the Canadian office in London yesterday. Sir Donald Smith, the Canadian high commissioner, personally attended to the disposal of the gift in accordance with the Queen's wishes.

The British steamer Memphis from Montreal for Avonmouth, is ashore in Dunlough bay. Unhappily the gale was blowing so strong that only the captain and part of the crew could be saved. Twelve men were drowned. The Memphis subsequently broke in two on the rocks.

A Singapore dispatch to the Times says it is rumored that Li Hung Chang will retire to private life, being disgusted with the treatment he received on his return from his journey. This dispatch also states that the new China-Japanese treaty gives no concessions to foreigners.

A dispatch to the Times from St. Petersburg reports that a writer in the Viedomosti urges the government to undertake the supplying of India with Russian wheat, as the task is too great for private initiative.

The charges against James M. White, the retiring member of parliament for Forfarshire, grew out of the fact that he is being pursued by the daughter of a Scottish divine for a breach of promise of marriage.

The Post's Paris dispatch reports that a man disguised as a postman yesterday secured a bag of registered letters valued at $8,400 from a mail cart in the Rue de Allemagne and decamped.

The Prince Regent of Bavaria has issued orders to officers upon all courts of honor instructing them that henceforth officers in the army refusing to fight duels on the grounds that they are opposed to the principal of duelling, must not be forced to resign as heretofore.

The Caffaros, of Genoa, states that Princess Elvir, Don Carlos' third daughter, has eloped with a Roman artist named Folchie, a married man. The Princess Elvir was born in Geneva in 1871.

The lecture room in the City of London College was crowded last night when Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, United States ambassador, accompanied by the Lord Mayor, delivered the prizes annually awarded at this seat of learning.

A Paris dispatch to the Daily Mail says according to Echo de Paris the Regent and Queen of Holland will spend the winter in Italy, where Queen Wilhelmina will be betrothed to an Italian captain of royal blood.

WHERE IS WEYLER?

HAVANA, Nov. 18.—No news, official or otherwise, is obtainable here concerning the movements of Gen. Weyler and his army, which is supposed to be in pursuit of the insurgent forces under Antonio Maceo in the province of Pinar del Rio. No news from the Spanish forces in the field, as a rule, means bad news, and the insurgents are circulating reports of a Spanish defeat.

There seems ground for belief that the captain general has not met with the success he anticipated. While he is reported to be moving along the northern part of Pinar del Rio, Maceo is said to be south of him, not far from the trocha, which would indicate the possibility of the insurgents turning the Spanish flank and making it difficult for the captain general to return to Havana. This, however, is conjecture, no news being allowed to leak out from official headquarters of the staff in the palace.

From private sources it was said that Maceo, who had been occuping a position between Candelaria and Artemesia had moved to the south of the former town, and was going straight toward the mountains. Another rumor has it he is pushing a strong force through the swamps south of the trocha. It is no longer denied that the insurgents have captured the two quite important towns of Cascora and Guimara in Puerto Principe, and that the insurgent army of about 10,000 men is advancing upon the city of Puerto Principe.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—A Havana special says: To-day has brought no definite news of the whereabouts of Capt.-General Weyler, though scraps of information regarding the troubles of the insurgents in Pinar del Rio are given to the public. It is said Maceo received a slight flesh wound in an engagement at Lechusea. The insurgent general has again established a position at Brujo, in the Brujito mountains.

The captain-general was expected to arrive at Candelaria yesterday, and the Spanish officials here attributed the alleged retrograde movement of the insurgents under Maceo, to take this move upon the part of the Spanish commander. The latter's arrival at Candelaria has not been announced, and there is no denying that a feeling of considerable anxiety can be noticed at the Spanish headquarters. A number of officers have been on duty night and day at the palace, as if awaiting important news, which as yet has failed to reach them since Weyler's departure.

The city of Puerto Principe is being placed in the strongest state of defence. Gen. Castellanos, the Spanish commander who was announced to have defeated the insurgents in several engagements, and to have received Cascorra and Guaimara, in Puerto Principe, is understood to be retreating as quickly as his troops can move upon the city of Puerto Principe, in order to take part in its defence.

Honduras Revolutionary Movement.

PANAMA, Colombia, via Galveston, Texas, Nov. 16.—The Globe-Democrat's correspondent in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, telegraphs that a report is current to the effect that revolutionary plans are on foot in the republic. The government has information that the conspirators had planned to make simultaneous attacks on the barracks in Daun, Comayagua, Santa Barbara and Tegucigalpa. The government has made several arrests and believes it will be able to crush all attempts which may be made to overthrow the administration.

It is stated semi-officially that a treaty, offensive and defensive, has been negotiated by representatives of Venezuela and Ecuador. The treaty, it is declared, has been already signed. The Government of Colombia views this new alliance with suspicion and some apprehension.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—E. S. Holden, the director of the Lick Observatory, has received from the minister of foreign affairs of Denmark, the diploma and decoration of Knight of the Royal Order of the Dannebrog. This ancient order was founded in A. D. 1219, and is conferred in the present case for services to science. It was originally a military order only.

Editor—I suppose you think your poems will fill a long-felt want? Poet—No; if I did I would eat them.—Town Topics.

ARBITRATORS' RULES.

Venezuelan Settlement—Britain and Liberia—Plots Against the Czar—Dreyfus' Case.

Narrow Escape of the French Ministry—The Bank of England Statement.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The Chronicle reports that the following are the rules for the arbiters forming a part of the Venezuelan agreement:

1. An adverse holding of prescription during fifty years shall make a good title. The arbiters deem an exclusive political control of a district, as well as actual settlement, sufficient to constitute an adverse holding or to make a title by prescription.

The second rule empowers the arbiters to give effect to rights and claims based on any valid principle of international law which does not contravene the foregoing rules.

3. In determining the boundary line where the territory of one party is found to be occupied by the subjects of the other party at the date of the treaty, such effect shall be given to such occupation as reason, justice, the principles of international law and the equities of the case shall, in the opinion of the tribunal, require.

The trouble between Great Britain and the Republic of Liberia is apparently assuming a phase that will call for vigorous measures on the part of the former. The British steamer Benin, at Liverpool, reports that she was not allowed by the Liberian authorities to communicate with Cape Palomas. As the Benin approached that place she was fired upon by the Goronoman, the sole vessel comprising the navy of Liberia. The reasons for refusal of permission for the Benin to call at Cape Palomas and for the action of the Liberian gunboat are unknown.

A correspondent of the Daily Mail at St. Petersburg says he is able to confirm the report that consternation existed while the Czar was on his visit in England over the discovery of a plot against his life. The Belgian police seized a parcel of bombs, which were en route for Paris, just before the Czar was leaving England. On the same night the Paris police arrested forty suspects. In the absence of absolute proof the matter was dropped.

The Pall Mall Gazette publishes a dispatch from Paris which says the Meline ministry had another hairbreadth escape in the chamber of deputies, adding: "At one moment their best friends had abandoned all hope and nothing but patriotism animating a number of deputies, independent of party politics, saved them from downfall. The domineering tone of the minister of war roused the hostility of the chamber, and M. Meline first declined to supplement the bill of statements until he noticed his own followers were deserting him. Finally he accepted a compromise in the form of a modification of M. Castelline's motion calling upon the government to take action in the case, and expressing the hope that the government would seek to punish intriguers. There was an animated discussion afterwards in the lobbies. It was the general impression that the government will be forced to order a new prosecution in connection with the Dreyfus case. It was preposterous for the country to pay 2,500 francs yearly for the prisoner's keep and it would have been better to have shot him.

Le Journal says it understands in consequence of the debate on the Dreyfus case in the chamber of deputies, the minister of justice, M. D. Arlan, has instructed the public prosecutor to reopen the inquiry into the affair.

The Standard's correspondent at Berlin says: According to the Frankfurter Zeitung negotiations continue between the United States and Germany regarding German imports of wine and malt liquors, presumably in connection with the proposal of Mr. Morton, secretary of agriculture, to exclude adulterated articles, as a retort to the German exclusion of American cattle and meat. The whole question will probably be discussed in the reichstag.

The Berlin correspondent of the Times says that Gen. Gossler cannot be congratulated upon his part in the debate in the reichstag. Altogether, the correspondent says, this promises badly for the security of the government measures for military form. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Berlin describes Gen. Gossler's debut as minister of war as a complete fiasco. "A more incapable speaker," the dispatch says, "is hardly imaginable. His awkward pauses were filled in with derisive laughter and hisses."

The weekly statement of the Bank of England, issued to-day, shows the following changes compared with previous account: Total reserve increased £513,000; circulation decreased £299,000; bullion increased £213,942; other securities increased £364,000; other deposits decreased £111,000; public deposits increased £995,000. Note reserve increased £50,000; government securities decreased £5,000; proportion Bank of England's reserved to liability, which last week was 52.40 per cent., is now 52.53 per cent.

The Chronicle's St. Petersburg correspondent says the Czar has invited Count Vorontsoff Dashkoff to succeed the late Prince Lobanoff as minister of foreign affairs. The correspondent adds that it is understood that the Count accepts the invitation. Count Vorontsoff Dashkoff was appointed governor-general of Moscow after the coronation of the Czar, to succeed the Grand Duke Sergius.

Dr. Charcot, the well-known authority on hypnotism, was married yesterday to Jeanie Hugo, the grand-daughter of the poet and the divorced wife of Leon Daudet, son of Alphonse Daudet, the novelist.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Vancouver Terrorized by Highwaymen—A Cold Snap—Claims Registered at Westminster.

Important Strike on the Palo Alto—The Nest Egg—More Fine Assays.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 19.—Vancouver is terrorized by a gang of masked highwaymen, and citizens are becoming very much alarmed. On Tuesday night ten men in all were held-up in different parts of the city and relieved of their loose change. Last night the same thing was repeated; four men reported to the police, and it is not known how many more were victims. W. Rannie and J. McDonald, musicians, say as they were coming home about midnight, a tall man wearing a mask suddenly faced them and pointed a revolver at them, telling them to deliver up what they had in money and make no trouble. Two dollars and fifty cents was handed over to him, when they were ordered to "move on." J. Secord, working on the pile driver at the foot of Gore avenue, was coming home after midnight, when a man wearing a mask pointed a revolver at him and ordered Mr. Secord in a bullying way to give him what money he had and to hurry-up about it. Mr. Secord promptly complied. It was only some loose change, and he walked on home. Early this morning a report reached the police station that an Italian was dying at his shack from the effects of two bullet wounds, one in the side and one in the wrist. Inquiries elicited the fact that the Italian had been met by the masked man early this morning while on his way home and his money demanded. With more valor than discretion the Italian refused. The highwayman threatened and the Italian grappled with him, when the mysterious masked stranger fired upon him twice, cursing him roundly as he bid his prostrate victim good-bye.

Among those robbed on Monday night only now reported to the police, were seven men on Granville street. W. Tait, jr., was one victim. J. Robinson, miner, was another victim. The man was masked and had both a knife and revolver. It is said that $70 was obtained in all. The highwayman was jocular to some of his victims. He told them he was burglarising from choice; that he was hard up and too proud to beg; that he was simply enforcing a loan, and if they gave him their name and address he would certainly return the money some day.

A cold snap last night and to-day froze many water pipes in the city.

Word was received yesterday of the death of Mr. John Clements, of this city, at North Bend. Mr. Clements was superintending the construction of a station at Laurie when he was taken ill.

There was a large demand for Golden Cache stock yesterday afternoon and evening owing in a measure to the appearance of an outsider in the market giving large orders to the brokers for blocks of stock. Channe stock is also stiffening. Two Friends stock is becoming a great favorite in the market, and from present indications will rapidly advance.

The C.P.R. v. Park et al is still in progress at the assizes before a special jury. The case will be an unusually long one.

Before leaving for the Capital Hon. Mr. Tarte received a deputation of working men, who urged the necessity of many public works in the city.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 19.—Rev. H. H. Gowan last night announced that he had decided to accept the call from Bishop Barker, of Olympia, and the vestry of Holy Trinity, Seattle, to Holy Trinity parish in succession to the late Dean Watson.

During the week ending the 17th instant 28 claims were registered at the mining recorder's office.

ROSSLAND.

(From the Rossland Miner.)

The Nest Egg Company has ordered a four-drill compressor 20-horse power hoist, boiler, etc. This plant will be complete in every respect and will enable the company to prosecute the development of its mine more rapidly, and judging from the results of recent work, to enter the list of regular shippers. As has been frequently stated by the Miner the dump of the Nest Egg now contains a large quantity of shipping ore. In order to move this the Columbia and Western railway will build a spur a few hundred feet long to obviate the necessity of moving it in wagons. This will also enable it to deliver the Nest Egg's machinery where it is wanted and put it in a position to take away the ore as fast as the Nest Egg produces it. Richard Cooper, the original owner of the Nest Egg, notified us on Wednesday that the difference between him and the Nest Egg Company had been finally adjusted. The Nest Egg Company therefore owns a property which is fully paid for and is crown granted as well.

About three weeks ago a contract was let for sinking a shaft on the west end of the Golden Chariot. The shaft is now down 47 feet. The seam which appeared on the surface has increased gradually up to the present. The ore has assayed well from the beginning and carries a fair percentage of copper. It was at first supposed the vein now being opened was the same as that running through the Nickel Plate, but recent investigations show conclusively that it is 250 feet south of the Nickel Plate vein and that it runs through the north end of the Alice and into the Derby, on which a shaft is now being sunk with a very good showing in the bottom.

J. D. Farrell is in Rossland once more looking after the affairs of the Iron Horse Company. He has been in the Slocan for some time and brought down with him a specimen of antimonial and ruby silver ore, taken from the stopes of the Idaho, which is the handsomest thing in its line from the rich Slocan. A recent assay from this stope gave returns of 2,715 ounces of silver per ton. This is the highest assay but one ever obtained from the mine. On the 7th of October the Idaho divided $20,000 among its fortunate owners and another dividend of a like amount will be declared to-morrow. The Idaho is not incorporated. The amount of ore in sight warrants the belief that a like dividend will be paid monthly for some time to come.

An option has been given to D. D. Book & Co., of New York, on the Highland group and the Union mine. The group consists of the Highland, Sierra Madre and Sacia, three claims lying on Rock creek, about four miles north of the town in a direct line.

J. Hillyard Leach, of Winnipeg, is down from Caribco creek, where a company, organized by himself in the East, has acquired the Eureka group, consisting of the Eureka, Treasury, Shamrock and Tenderfoot. He has some very handsome specimens of quartz and galena ore, from which assays have been obtained running up to 172 ounces in silver and 40 per cent in lead.

The situation in the Columbia and Kootenay is very interesting. Manager King has resumed work in the main tunnel, which is now being driven straight for the chute exposed in the Columbia tunnel, from which a carload shipped last year gave smelter returns of over $50 and which will now be tapped at an additional depth of over 142 feet. On Wednesday he stopped work on the crosscut to the north, having passed through about 20 feet of mineralized ledge matter and then opened up a nice chute of solid ore four or five feet in width.

Mr. Heinze has made up his mind to treat all sorts of Kootenay ore in his smelter at Trail. He has been figuring for the output of his silver-lead mines in 1897. Without going into details it may be said that the rate for freight and smelting charges fixed by Mr. Heinze is about 25 per cent. less than the best rate he can get from American smelters at present. Mr. Heinze is contemplating building a railroad from Trail to Robson this winter. No one need be at all surprised if work on the road is begun at any moment.

There is a district in the South Belt which is destined to make a sensation within the next few weeks. It may be said to include the Silver Bell, Lily May, Curlew, Blue Bird, Hattie Brown, Red Eagle, Mayflower and probably the Hill Top, Little Bess, Alfe and other claims in that vicinity. The assays recently had from the Mayflower, Red Eagle and Silver Bell are quite surprising and leave no doubt of the richness of the ore in those claims. A peculiarity is that the chief element of value in these ores is silver. They also carry some lead. All of them carry gold.

Surface prospecting on the Hattie Brown was finished before the recent snowstorm and the work resulted in disclosing five veins running through the property, all of which justify development. The discovery vein has been stripped for 200 feet from the old workings and looks very strong and continuous.

D. B. Bogle and A. R. MacDonald have secured an option on the Victory and Triumph, on Sophie mountain, close to the international boundary line and on the slope towards Big Sheep creek. They are about six miles from Rossland, due southwest from the town and within two or three miles of the Red Mountain railway. It is the intention of Messrs. Bogle and MacDonald to incorporate a company at once to acquire and work these claims.

A contract was let last week for the sinking of the shaft on the south end of the Lily May. Almost the entire bottom of the shaft is in ore. A careful sample made last week of material across the bottom ran $12 in gold and $4 in silver.

Two feet of good looking ore has been found in the Nevada.

The water has been pumped out of the Monita shaft and the retimbering of the shaft has been completed. Manager Moynahan found a vein of solid ore three feet wide in the bottom. The ore is said to be of shipping quality.

A very important strike was made on the Palo Alto on Tuesday. There are now from eight to ten inches of ore in the shaft which is of good shipping grade. Assays made on Wednesday showed $24.80 and $35.20 in gold. The shaft is down 72 feet and the ore is on the hanging wall. The ledge is about four feet wide, the filling being about four feet of gangue, which is now going out and giving place to clean ore. There is every reason to believe this good ore has come to stay and that there will soon be plenty of it.

The new rolling stock for the Columbia & Western railway is at Northport with the exception of some freight cars brought up to Trail during last week. Besides a large number of freight cars there are two passenger coaches and an engine.

On Wednesday the cable was stretched over the Columbia river at Trail and the ferry is once more in running order.

A syndicate headed by Clarence J. McCuaig, of Montreal, this week purchased the Big Tout. It was a cash transaction.

The main tunnel of the Red Mountain is in 200 feet. There are 226 feet yet to go to crosscut the north ledge. The rock is very hard, and progress has been slow up to date because of hand work. The shaft on the north ledge is 50 feet deep, and the vein has been stripped for a distance of 250 feet.

The whole bottom of the Giant shaft is ore from which assays up to $72 in gold have been obtained. Average samples clear across the bottom of the shaft went $33 in gold.

The main tunnel of the Centre Star is within 300 feet of the Le Roi's east end line. It is being driven straight on the vein, but of late its course has been diagonally across the ledge alternately from one side to the other. It has demonstrated the presence of a good long chute of high grade ore. Average samples taken each day while the tunnel was crossing the ore chute showed values of from $60 to $80 per ton in gold.

Harold Kingsmill last night received a wire from James F. Wardner, giving the information that all the details in the Colonna deal had been finally perfected, and that a meeting would be held on his arrival from Montreal and the new directors installed, and also that the new company would proceed with active development.

The Old Hundred and Wednesday mineral claims have been sold to a syndicate organized by Paul Gaston for £10,000 cash. The Old Hundred and Wednesday cover 29 acres of ground between the Nest Egg, Tuesday and Sunset.

The Lander has been bonded for $40,000 to Ottawa people. This claim adjoins the well known Highland on the east and has a large surface showing, the ledge being the same as that passing through the Highland. The bonding syndicate will immediately let a contract for an additional depth of 50 feet in the shaft.

E. J. Kelly, manager of the Deer Park mine, has not yet returned to Rossland. During his absence it is impossible to get exact information regarding the mine. However, the shaft is now down over 110 feet and shows more and more high grade ore in the bottom right along.

The R. E. Lee Company has ordered a large compressor plant.

In some places where the railroad cuts through the base of the hill on which the St. Paul is situated very strong iron stain was observed and it was evident there were one or two mineral bodies close at hand. Excavations were made at three places within a distance of 500 feet. The one further down the grade was commenced Thursday morning and immediately a body of almost solid ore fully two feet wide was exposed.

The Zilor, a well known claim adjoining the Lily May, was sold this week to a syndicate made up of F. Aug. Heinze, J. Price Gower, of London, England; J. B. Ferguson, of Rossland, and some Toronto people, represented by George H. Suckling. The price of the property is said to have been $16,000.

W. H. Taylor & Co., have purchased the Robert J., on the north fork of Salmon river for $12,000. It is a silver-copper claim of high grade and belonged to Frank C. Dolan, E. Pitcher and W. H. Lane. Six men have been put to work and the property is to be developed at once.

M'KINLEY AND CANADA.

TORONTO, Nov. 18.—(Special) — The Evening Telegram sent a reporter to Canton, Ohio, to interview President-elect McKinley on matters that would be interesting to Canadians, but more especially as to his views concerning reciprocity with this country. The Major was non-committal in all his answers. He regretted his inability to make any prophecy as to the results of any reciprocity negotiations. "I don't know," he said, "what the new congress will do concerning the tariff. Of course the question of reciprocity will be one of the things considered, for it certainly will be presented. The President-elect was very eager to hear all about the alien labor law and was quite surprised to learn that the Canadian government was ready to adopt retaliatory measure if the United States would not act fairly. Being pressed, Mr. McKinley sent this message to the people of Canada: "I hope that the amity and good feeling between the two countries will continue, and that we may know more of each other as the years go on. We have so much in common that we are justified in pressing the hope."

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The failures for the week have been 344 in the United States against 320 last year, and 40 in Canada against 42 last year.