

CRISPI ON HIS TRIAL.

The Aged Ex-Premier of Italy to Meet His Accusers Before a Commission.

He Makes Pathetic Reference to This Sad Ending of Sixty Years' Service.

ROME, Dec. 2.—The chamber of deputies has appointed a commission of five to inquire into the charges against Signor Crispi...

Another of to-day's suicides was Charles H. Shade, aged 26 years, the general agent here of the American Insurance Company...

At the conclusion of his speech a number of deputies gathered about him to shake hands.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

It Will Devote Attention to Alaskan Subjects—Reciprocity With Europe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The message of President McKinley will be devoted practically to the subject of our foreign relations and the currency problem.

As to Cuba, the message calls attention to the recent action of the United States government in relation to the island.

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A strong presentation of the Hawaiian question will be made, and congress urged to take immediate action by the ratification of the annexation treaty.

Considerable attention is paid to the question of reciprocity negotiations with the various countries in Europe.

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BARBERING SEALING RIGHTS.

Advantages of Their Exchange for Trade Concessions Before the Ottawa Government.

TORONTO, Dec. 2.—The Mail's Ottawa correspondent says: The government has been considering for days a proposal to dicker with the rights of Canadian sealers for some trade concessions.

MR. HEINZ'S STATEMENT.

His Road Worth More Than the C. P. R. Wish to Pay—The Mining Men's Dissatisfaction.

MONTECAL, Dec. 2.—Mr. F. A. Heinz, the railway and smelting operator, arrived in the city to-day and to a Star reporter said he had seen Sir William Van Horne's statement in the newspapers.

DESPONDENT INSURANCE MEN.

Three of Them Suicide in One Day in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Three men more or less directly connected with the insurance business have committed suicide in this city.

AN INDISCREET PREACHER.

Uses Language Calculated to Needlessly Offend Many Voters and to Embarrass President McKinley.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The Washington correspondent of the Tribune says to-day: A rumor that President McKinley would withdraw from the Metropolitan district...

GERMANY ABROAD.

Warships Despatched to Meet Possible Trouble in Hayti and in China.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—It is now announced that only the small German cruiser Geier, with a crew of 265 men, will be ordered to Port au Prince, Hayti.

ARKANSAS LOVE AFFAIR.

Three Farmers Who Courted the Same Girl Kill Each Other at Prayer Meeting.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 2.—A three-cornered duel took place at a country church near Huntsville, Madison county, last night.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Domestic Lands Commissioner Burgess Meets With an Accident—Writing Up the Yukon.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—Mr. Campbell, manager of the Beaver line, has notified the department of trade and commerce that the Galicia, sailing from St. John next week, will carry about 300 tons of Canadian poultry for the Christmas markets of the Old Country.

MR. FISHER WILL ATTEND THE ONTARIO FRUIT GROWERS' CONVENTION ON THE 16TH INSTANT TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF FRUIT SHIPMENTS IN COOL STORAGE.

MR. SIFTON HAS RETURNED TO WORK IN HIS DEPARTMENT.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL SAYS THAT THE REVENUE OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR JULY TO OCTOBER IS \$29,000 IN EXCESS OF THE REVENUE FOR THE CORRESPONDING FOUR MONTHS OF LAST YEAR.

MR. BORDEN SAID FOR ENGLAND NEXT WEEK ON PRIVATE BUSINESS, BUT DURING HIS VISIT TO LONDON HE WILL CONFER WITH THE WAR OFFICE IN REFERENCE TO THE GRANT OF MEDALS FOR THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE FEUILLETS.

MR. SCHROEDER TO GO.

Decision from Rome as to the Catholic University Dispute.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The purpose of Rome concerning the case of Mr. Schroeder, of the Catholic university, has been made known to the Catholic authorities in this country.

RAILWAY SAFETY APPLIANCES.

Extension of Time for Their Adoption Likely to Be Granted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The hearing given by the interstate commission on the question of extending the time within which the railways may comply with the provisions of the car-coupler and train brake act was concluded to-day at noon.

PERU WANTS RECIPROCITY.

First of the South American Republics to Apply Under the Dingley Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Peru is the first of the South American countries to open negotiations with the United States for a reciprocity treaty under the provisions of the Dingley law.

ESTERHAZY'S INDIGNATION.

He Demands a Court Martial So That It May Be Properly Expresed.

ANARCHY IN BOHEMIA!

Ten Thousand Troops Engaged in Suppressing Fierce Rioting and Organized Pillage.

VIENNA, Dec. 2.—The parliamentary deadlock continues. Baron Gautsch, the new premier, has made no progress towards a compromise satisfactory to the rival factions.

HEAVY LOSSES IN ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT—PLANTERS PETITION FOR LEAF TOBACCO EXPORT.

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HUNGARIANS DISGUSTED.

In View of Austria's Political Paralysis They Want the Right of Independent Action.

BUDA PESTH, Dec. 2.—In the lower house of the diet to-day, Herr Franz Kossuth, son of the late Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, asked Baron Banffy, the premier, whether the Hungarian government in view of the political situation in Austria, would submit bills to enforce Hungary's right under certain circumstances to act as a free agent in the settlement of economic matters common to Austria and Hungary.

CANDIDATES.

PETERBORO, Dec. 2.—J. W. Garvin has been selected as the Conservative candidate for the legislature for West Peterboro.

KILLED ON THE TRACK.

ST. GEORGE, Ont., Dec. 2.—Miss Hattie Morda, was struck by a train while walking along the track on her way to church, and instantly killed.

LAKE STEAMER BURNED.

HARRISVILLE, Mich., Dec. 2.—The steamer Egyptian, bound from Cleveland to Milwaukee with a cargo of coal, was burned to the water's edge in Lake Huron last night, off Sturgeon point.

ABOUT DREYFUS.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—La Patrie this evening says it understands that at the last moment the friends of Alfred Dreyfus, the prisoner of Devil's Island, will produce further documents consisting of letters from General Guoza, a high staff officer, to Colonel Picquet, in support of the disgraced officer.

MILITARY COLLEGE BOARD.

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—The board of visitors of the Royal Military College has been appointed as follows: Lieut.-Colonel Aymer, Lieut.-Colonel Jordan, Montreal; Lieut.-Colonel Pelletier, Quebec; and Mr. McPherson of the C. P. R., a graduate.

NO TORY NEED APPLY.

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—A. T. Phelps has been appointed superintendent engineer of the Rideau canal, the position held by the late Mr. Wise. Robert Birmingham, Conservative organizer for Ontario, was appointed to this office when the Tupper government was going out last year, but the appointment was cancelled.

JAPAN'S APPRECIATION.

MONTECAL, Dec. 2.—Sir Wm. Van Horne has received a gift of magnificent China vases and plaques from the Emperor of Japan as a token of appreciation for courtesies extended by him to Marquis Ito during his progress through Canada last summer.

FRENCH MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

PARIS, Dec. 1.—M. Millard, senator from the department of Eure, has been appointed minister of justice in succession to M. Darlan, who resigned yesterday owing to the senate's rejection of his motion to change the discussion of the removal of a magistrate, which had been denounced as illegal.

BUSINESS KEEPING UP.

Trading Centres of Eastern Canada Make Satisfactory Reports Upon the Past Week.

COLLECTIONS FAIR AND FAILURES FEW.—Advances in Sugar and in Cement.

TORONTO, Dec. 2.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: "With the advancing season the trade movement at Montreal is naturally less active, particularly in heavy goods such as metals, oils, paints, glass, chemicals, etc., applied to what were rushed forward before the close of navigation, but all things considered is satisfactory for the time of the year.

IN THE COUNTRY STOCKS SEEM TO BE IN A FAIR AMOUNT OF BUSINESS DOING, AND THERE ARE BEING LARGE BUYERS IN TOWN WHO ARE IN THE HABIT OF LOOKING FOR JOBS, WHICH A GOOD MANY WHOSE NAMES ARE KNOWN TO THE TRADE ARE CONTINUING TO DO.

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