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GOVERNMENT ALIVE.

To the Importance of Developing the Mining Districts of the Province.

Mr. Bostock and a Delegation from Rossland Waited on the Premier.

Possibilities of Increasing Exports of Poultry from Canada to Great Britain.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—J. F. McLaughlin, president of the Board of Trade; D. B. Boyle, vice-president; R. Armstrong and J. A. Smith, of Rossland, B.C., arrived here this morning, and along with Mr. Bostock, M.P., had an interview with Premier Laurier, Hon. Mr. Sifton and Hon. Mr. Tarte at noon to-day. They are here to press upon the government the great importance of the mining industry of British Columbia, and therefore the necessity of the government having a western mining policy. The delegates did not attempt to dictate any policy but laid stress upon the necessity of railway communication and the publishing of mining information and statistics by the government for re-circulation abroad. The members of the government manifested interest in the remarks of the delegates and promised to consider the same with other information, which had been secured upon the same subject. The government is fully alive to the importance of mining in British Columbia. The delegates did not come as representatives of the Board of Trade, although they claim to represent the views of the people generally in Rossland.

Premier Laurier, replying to the British Columbia delegation, said the government recognized that much of the future of the country depended on the West and therefore they desired to pursue a broad and liberal policy in connection with British Columbia, having in view the development of the same. The delegates referred to the necessity for cheap transportation and said that the government ought to build and operate the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. Hon. Mr. Sifton spoke in the same strain as Premier Laurier.

Hon. Mr. Fielding goes to Halifax to spend the Christmas holidays. Hon. Mr. Borden has returned from the Maritime provinces. Sir Richard Cartwright is in Toronto. Mr. Sutherland, the Liberal whip, is here. He directed the affairs in Cornwall and did it well. Hon. Mr. Sifton and Mrs. Sifton are staying at the Russell House. They spent the greater part of Sunday at Premier Laurier's residence. The minister took charge of his office yesterday and met with a batch of correspondence and over a hundred files of papers which were waiting his attention.

It has been decided that as soon as possible after the New Year has set in, the tariff commissioners will resume their investigations. One sitting will be held in Montreal to conclude the business at that port, thence the ministers will proceed to Quebec.

Prof. Robertson has just returned from a visit to the markets of Eastern Ontario. He thinks that, with cold storage markets in Eastern Ontario, and a systematic catering to the requirements of the British poultry trade, a steady shipment of Canadian turkeys might be maintained from October to March, realizing prices that would yield the Canadian farmer handsome returns and at the same time bring down the price in England to a figure that would encourage consumption among the artisan classes.

In response to an invitation of the special committee of the Dominion Rifle Association, eleven sets of plans have been sent in for the proposed Canadian headquarters at Bisley. The building must be constructed of and finished in Canadian woods, and not exceed a cost of $7,000

Hon. Mr. Paterson has left for Montreal to represent the government at the commercial travellers' banquet to-night.

COLUMBIA & KOOTENAY.

C.P.R. Negotiating for the Purchase of the Company's Steamers.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from Rossland says the C.P.R. are closing a deal for the purchase of all the steamers of the Columbia & Kootenay Navigation Company. Mr. Mara, ex-M.P., president of the steamboat company, has gone to Montreal to consult with the management.

WILL NEVER PASS.

Cuban Resolution Will Be Defeated in the House.

New York, Dec. 22.—A special to the World from Washington says: "The strong resolution in favor of Cuba reported to the Senate will never pass the house. This prediction is made positively in the face of the unquestioned fact that a great many in the house favor the Cuban case. But the Cameron resolution will be fought over in committee and undoubtedly amended and will never come to the senate."

DURANT CASE.

Another Move Is Made by Counsel for the Defense.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—What may prove to be the beginning of the end of the Durant case took place in the chamber of the Superior Court yesterday. The brief of Theodore Durant was filed and was granted a re-submission. The attorney-general also filed a brief replying to the defendant's counsel. Durant is now given ten days in which to file a brief, replying, after which the case of the alleged murder of Blanche Lamont will be finally decided.

AMERICAN INTERFERENCE.

But for That the Cuban Question Would Have Been Settled.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The secretary of the Spanish embassy here, Marquis de Novalles, in an interview declared that but for "American interference" the Cuban question would have been terminated long ago, adding: "The recognition of the independence of Cuba by the United States would only be the result of an insignificant whim. I believe the struggle will terminate before the end of February."

Soleil says: "If the United States recognizes the independence of Cuba, European opinion will support Spain against the United States."

PRISONERS RELEASED.

Sultan Carrying Out Some Wishes of the Ministers.

New York, Dec. 21.—A special cable dispatch to the Herald from Constantinople says: "The large measure of clemency on the part of the Sultan towards Armenians recently referred to will probably bring about the release of four thousand prisoners and the remittance of all sentences of death. At a council of the ministers the request of Mr. Terrell, United States minister, that Hatoun Ardouriran, imprisoned at Trebezond, has been released. Nine individuals who surrendered to the government as revolutionists at Aleppo have also been set at liberty, the release of those prisoners having been promised Mr. Terrell by the Sultan.

STRIKE CONTINUES.

And the Strikers and Their Families are Beginning to Suffer.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The Hamburg strike still drags painfully along, and each day the prospect of the dockmen ever winning their fight grows more gloomy. The fact is that the strikers and their families are suffering terribly for lack of food, clothing and helter, and it is reported that the amounts contributed by subscription from various sources to the fund for their support have either not been paid at all, or have been injudiciously distributed. In consequence of this state of affairs the men are losing heart, and many of them are seeking re-instatement, but the masters remain obdurate, and refuse to permit any of them to return until the strike is finally ended.

At the beginning of the strike the employers offered to pay the men four shillings and six pence per day of twelve hours, including meal time, but the strikers demanded five shillings a day with overtime. The employers are now renewing their offer, together with the reference of the matters in dispute to the court of inquiry suggested by the Hamburg senate with a view of preparing a method of settlement of the dispute by negotiations between employers and employes, and it is probable, despite the fact that the balloting at the recent meeting of strikers resulted in favor of continuing the strike, that the offer will be accepted this week.

Must not be confounded with common cathartic or purgative pills. Carter's Little Liver Pills are entirely unlike them in every respect. One trial will prove their superiority.

MOST WERE RESCUED.

Explosion in one of the Deleware Co.'s Mines at Wilkesbarre.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 22.—An explosion of gas occurred in Baltimore No. 2 shaft of the Deleware & Hudson Coal Company's mine yesterday afternoon. Over twenty miners were imprisoned, but at a late hour last night fourteen had been rescued alive and there were still hopes of reaching the others before the deadly afterdamp claimed them as its victims. Immediately the disaster became known rescue gangs descended the shaft, but it was some time before the ventilation had been so managed that they could work in safety. The party which entered the mine at 9:45 succeeded in pushing their way to the place where the imprisoned men had been working, and there they stumbled over the bodies of the unconscious men. As quick as the work could be accomplished they were brought to the surface, where a corps of doctors were waiting. Most of the victims were sent to their homes and the rest to the hospitals. The physicians have hopes that all may recover. Had they been in the mine five minutes longer all would have been dead. The men were huddled close together when found and had apparently abandoned all hope of rescue, and were resolved to die together. It is probable that those men who were in the immediate vicinity of the spot where the explosion occurred were the only ones killed, and their number may not be more than four or five.

Blood is Life.

It is the medium which carries to every nerve, muscle, organ and fibre its nourishment and strength. If the blood is pure, rich and healthy you will be well; if impure, disease will soon overtake you. Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to keep you in health by making your blood rich and pure.

HOOD'S PILLS are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, biliousness, 25c.

CABLE FROM LONDON

A Clergyman Protests Against the Consecration of the New Archbishop.

Proposition That Great Britain, France and Italy Should Interfere in Cuba.

Authorities Dispersed a Revolutionary Band Near the Spanish Capital.

London, Dec. 22.—Correspondents assert that gendarmes disposed of a small revolutionary band that has been organized near Madrid.

An additional batch of anarchists was sentenced to-day at Barcelona. Forty of them were condemned to 20 years' imprisonment and twenty-seven to eight years in prison.

During the ceremony to-day of the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Frederick Temple, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury, at Bow church, Rev. Mr. Brown John, chaplain to the late Bishop of Bath, rose and protested against the consecration on the ground that Dr. Temple was a self-confessed believer in the full doctrine of evolution, and this doctrine is incompatible with the fidelity of the book of common prayer and the articles of religion. The royal commissioners declined to hear Rev. Mr. Brown John.

A special dispatch from Paris says it is suggested that Great Britain, France and Italy, the three powers most interested, offer their services in the Cuban question in order to prevent a conflict between Spain and the United States, and terminate the revolt.

The accident which caused Sir Henry Irving to announce that he is compelled to close the Lyceum theatre was that he strained a ligament on the inside of his knee, by stumbling on the stage stairs at the close of the performance on Saturday. Sir Henry and Miss Ellen Terry have gone to Paris.

A case in the Paris law courts has revealed the fact that Henri Rochefort derives an income of $50,000 yearly from L'Intransigeant. The Debats reproaches him with theoretical socialism and with giving no benefit to his employees. It is believed, however, that Rochefort is exceedingly generous to political refugees.

The total defalcations reported through the disappearance of Ludwig Hegele, manager of the Constance branch of the Imperial Bank of Germany at Constance, Switzerland, is 610,000 marks, of which sum he is said to have taken with him 260,000 marks when he fled from Switzerland. The balance is understood to have ben lost in bourse transactions.

WANT A REPRESENTATIVE.

One Change Desired by Venezuela in the Treaty.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 21.—President Crispo said to-day that the Olney-Pauncefote treaty had met with the cabinet's approval, excepting that one change in it was desired. Venezuela, he said, wants the appointment of one of the members of the arbitration tribunal, provided for by that treaty. Congress has been called to meet on February 1st, three weeks before the regular session, to dispose of the treaty. The impression is gaining ground that Crispo will be able to influence its action. Minister Andrade, with the formal reply of President Crispo in regard to the treaty, may be expected to arrive in New York next Saturday.

ANOTHER CLAIMANT.

Brazil Will Present a Claim for a Portion of Guiana.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Herald's correspondent at Rio Janeiro, Brazil, telegraphs that it is semi-officially announced that the Brazilian government is in possession of documents of the greatest importance in relation to that part of Guiana, which is now in dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela. The documents, it is stated, give satisfactory proof that the territory in question is properly within the domain of Brazil. It is also declared, on the authority of persons in the confidence of the government that when the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela is settled Brazil will formally present a title to the territory and expects to triumph over all claimants.

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME.

Regarding the Fortifications at Esquimalt, Halifax and Elsewhere.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—Recent imperial announcements in connection with the army, navy and fortifications in British North America and the West India islands have raised a steady public interest in them. A second regiment is expected to be stationed here and a regiment of infantry will be sent to Esquimalt, B. C. A number of new fortifications will be built at different points along the Canadian and Newfoundland Atlantic seaboards.

In connection with the North American squadron of warships, the Cordelia, the Partridge and the Buzzard are expected to be relieved by new ships at an early date.

It is also stated that this squadron is to be strengthened to fifteen ships exclusive of the torpedo destroyers. The latest addition to the North American squadron is the cruiser Indefatigable previously reported sailed for Bermuda.

Within twelve months the squadron of of British ships at Halifax will be the most formidable assemblage of modern ships ever seen in this hemisphere.

MANITOBA IS SATISFIED.

But the Bishops, so Say Senator Landry, Will Cause Trouble.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Mr. Greenway in an interview last night said the recent settlement had given almost universal satisfaction to the people of his province.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the Cartier-Macdonald club in Quebec, Senator Landry announced that now that the bishops have returned from Rome they will shortly issue a joint mandament calling on every Catholic to withdraw his confidence in Premier Laurier, because the latter did not re-establish separate schools. Senator Landry also declared that at the opening of the session of the federal parliament the French-Canadian members of this province would present a remedial bill endorsed by the whole Catholic episcopate of Canada and Catholic Liberal members, who, during the last campaign promised to act in conformity with the wishes of their bishops. They will have to leave the Premier or be considered traitors to their religion.

WORSE THAN WHISKEY.

A Number of Ohioans Poisoned by Drinking Essence of Cinnamon.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 22.—Additional details from Benwood, the new oil field in Monroe county, Ohio, concerning the poisoning from drinking "essence of of cinnamon," a substitute for whiskey, sold at a speak-easy, confirm the first reports. Three well known men are dead, several are seriously ill and three insane. It seems that one of the storekeepers at Benwood got hold of the fact that a Wheeling drug firm was putting up a preparation called "essence of cinnamon" which contained a large percentage of alcohol. The merchant laid in a large supply of the stuff and informed the people about that he had a good thing.

It was received yesterday and he sold a great deal of it during the afternoon and evening. Several who partook of the "essence" became ill, and three of them, after terrible suffering, died. The symptoms were the same in all cases. The first man taken ill was W. H. Price, on whose farm the Fisher Oil Company drilled their first well. Before a physician could arrive he was dead. He died in awful agony. Mr. Price was one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens, his royalties on wells on his farm aggregating $3,000 a month. He leaves a widow and one child.

Charles Herbert, a butcher of Sarges, was the next attacked, and he was quickly followed into eternity by Thomas Clegg, an oil driller. Others who were attacked by the same symptoms, but who are still alive, are Col. Clegg, Henry Roth and a cook in a boarding house. About fifteen persons are suffering from the effects of the poison. A number of physicians are on the ground and hope to succeed in saving their lives.

ANOTHER RAILWAY SCHEME.

Union of Branch Lines to Parallel the Central Pacific.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 22.—Wilhelm L. Bull, of Joseph Swee & Co; Henry Budge, of Hall, Garten & Co.; A. H. Joline, of the Central Trust Company, and William Strauss, counsel for the reorganization committee, all of New York, will arrive here to-morrow to inspect the St. Joseph & Grand Island railway, and will be bidders at the sale of the road at Hastings, Dec. 23.

E. McNeal, president and general manager of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, of Portland, Or., arrived to-day. It is not known just what interests he represents at the sale. The theory obtained here is that his purchase of the Grand Island would mean the early consummation of the cherished scheme of paralleling the Union and Central Pacific by means of a union of branch lines, built by them in the height of their prosperity, and of merging interests with an eastern trunk line, the Baltimore & Ohio for instance, so as to complete an unbroken transcontinental line between the two oceans.

Confirmation of this theory is found in the present movement for a new short line between Denver and Salt Lake City, which would shorten the rail distance 200 miles, and in the fact that by the construction of 214 miles of track the Grand Island could be united with the Baltimore & Ohio at Beardstown, Ill., obtain a Kansas City and Omaha entrance, and reach Denver via Alma, Neb., Colby Kan., and the Kansas division of the Union Pacific, which is not a government road. This, with the Denver and Salt Lake Short Line, would bring about a junction with the Utah Northern, the Oregon short line and the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, and land the Baltimore & Ohio in Portland, Ore.

CONSUL-GENERAL WOUNDED.

He Demanded the Release of His Clerk from the Siamese.

New York, Dec. 23.—A special to the Herald from Bangkok says: A number of Siamese soldiers attacked and wounded Mr. Kellett, United States consul-general here. He demanded the release of a consular clerk, who, he alleged, had been unjustly arrested.

Mr. Barrett, United States minister, has protested against the Siamese government pursuing dilatory tactics. They promise to make inquiries into the incident.

CROW'S NEST ROAD.

British Capitalists Sounding the Government as to What Aid Will be Given.

They Would Make it Part of Another Line From the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Every Effort Being Made to Keep the Pass Out of the Hands of the C. P. R.

Ottawa, Dec. 23. (Special).—English capitalists, through their representatives, are sounding the members of the government with a view to the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway and making in connection therewith a through competitive line from the Atlantic to the Pacific. So far, Canadians generally, as well as the Canadian government, have seen nothing for it, if this road was to be built, but to place it in the hands of the Canadian Pacific railway, giving at the same time a handsome subsidy to ensure the work of construction. The whole attitude of the west is one of inflexible hostility towards the Canadian Pacific controlling another mountain pass, and operating a second railway whose whole usefulness will largely depend on the moderation of its freight rates. What the west is clamoring for is another competitive road. It is to meet this demand that the capitalists of the old world are endeavoring to obtain from the Dominion government what aid they would give to an independent company taking hold of the proposed enterprise which is to run from Lethbridge, in the Northwest, to tap the Rossland gold camp in British Columbia. Reports from Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways, who is now in British Columbia, go far to confirm the testimony that the camp is a permanent one in the centre of a great mining country. But should any doubt exist as to the permanency of the Trail creek region, certainly none exists as to the permanency of the vast mineral areas situated in the Kootenay silver-district, which would be tapped by the Crow's Nest line. It has been suggested that the government should build the road. The experiments in Canada in the past have been that railways built by the government are very costly undertakings, so that the only escape from either building and operating the road as a national work and handing it over to the C.P.R., is to endeavor to make satisfactory terms with the English capitalists to make an independent route out of it. All hope of an independent route vanishes with the C.P.R. controlling both passes through the Rockies. If an independent company engages to build the road, then an independent road would unquestionably be extended to Winnipeg, probably by connection with the Manitoba and Northwestern. And should the Hudson Bay route prove practicable a connection could also be made with it. From Winnipeg to Chicago there is an independent route, apart from the C.P.R., and the Grand Trunk railway runs from Chicago to the seaboard. At the western end the projectors would expect to form an alliance with the road to be built from Kootenay to the coast. If any encouragement or promise of ample aid can be obtained from the government a charter will be applied for at the coming session of parliament for the Crow's Nest section of what will really be a great transcontinental railway.

ANOTHER VACANCY.

Mr. Bennett, the Conservative Member for East Simcoe, Unseated.

Barrie, Dec. 23.—The election of W. H. Bennett was voided this morning, Mr. Aylesworth stating that owing to certain facts that had reached him since adjournment, he had, in conversation with Mr. McCarthy, concluded that the court should not be unnecessarily prolonged. In a lengthy controversy which followed concerning the manner of interpreting certain parts of the election act. Mr. McCarthy stated that candidates should warn their friends as to the meaning of the election act and then many charges of bribery through agents would be avoided. Justice Rose then said that no evidence had been produced to prove any corrupt practices against the respondent personally, but as corrupt practices had been carried on by agents, he declared the election voided, each side to pay its own costs. Justice McMahon concurred in this.

London, Ont., Dec. 23.—When the London election court opened this morning a long discussion took place in regard to the period of adjournment. A meeting was finally arranged to be held at Toronto on January 4, when a definite date would be fixed upon. Witnesses were then called to trace the wanderings of kegs of beer, alleged to have been bought by the Conservative club and used in the attic of their building. Nothing has yet resulted from the examination, and the porters in several grocery stores have been examined. Fred Jackson, of Toronto, admitted that he had canvassed London voters residing in Toronto. He had forwarded all papers and lists to J. H. A. Beattie of this city. Nothing further is known about them.

SULTAN MUST YIELD.

Powers Have Decided to Enforce Reforms in Turkey.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—All ambassadors have now received instructions to act in concert for fresh proposals with a view of improving the situation in the Ottoman empire. The proposals before being submitted to the Sultan will be referred to their respective governments. All the powers, including Russia, have repeatedly announced during the past few months that they have agreed on the expediency of employing coercion should the Sultan be recalcitrant. But the form of coercion to be employed will not be determined upon until the emergency arises.

London, Dec. 23.—As frequently announced from various capitals, since the visit of the Czar to the Queen at Balmoral in September last, the powers have finally become convinced that the Sultan's promises amount to nothing and they have determined to begin a policy of coercion. Information points to the accuracy of the news received to-day from Constantinople and cabled to the Associated Press. The Marquis of Salisbury on Monday last summoned the ambassadors to the foreign office and communicated to them the views of the British government on the definite proposals to Russia for a joint intervention in order that each ambassador might communicate them to his own government and thus enable the representatives of the great powers at Constantinople to be properly instructed. It is believed that unless the Sultan, within the next ten days shows deference, which is at present little suspected, decisive steps will be taken by the joint powers. In this connection, the Novoe Vremya, of St. Petersburg, says it is probable that within a few days the Russian Black Sea fleet will appear in the Bosphorous where it will be joined by the squadrons of other powers from the Dardanelles.

BUT FOUR SURVIVED

Bark Jamaica Wrecked Off the Central American Coast Week Before Last.

Every Member of the Crew and Twelve Passengers Lose Their Lives.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 23.—A terrific storm occurred in the gulf of Campeche, on the 11th and 12th of this month and among other casualties reported, is the wreck of the bark Jamaica with twelve passengers and most of the crew lost. The Jamaica was bound from Campeche to Vera Cruz and had a valuable cargo and some treasure abroad. She encountered a norther on the night of the 11th but got through until the afternoon of the next day, all the time working westward to Vera Cruz. As long as the ship remained in good condition she was sent scudding before the wind and at one time Vera Cruz was sighted, but accident after accident occurred, the loss of the rigging finally making it impossible to live in the enormous seas. With almost all the sail blown away the Jamaica returned and attempted to get back here without success. The rudder became disabled, throwing the vessel at the mercy of the storm. The passengers took to the boats which were repeatedly swamped. Most of the crew simply put on life-preservers and jumped into the sea. The captain was one of these. He strapped one hundred Mexican dollars upon himself and clinging to a barrel, tried to reach shore. The survivors saw him sink, owing to the weight of the metal. The sight was terrible; one passenger after another sank, the boats proving unmanageable. The crew were all drowned and only three men and a boy escaped of the passengers. The vessel sank soon after being abandoned. The wreck occurred off the port of Dos Rosas, Tabas county.

AMERICAN DISPATCHES.

Brief Telegrams From Different Parts of the Union.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—William Hale Thompson, captain of the football team of the Chicago Athletic Club, has been sued for $100,000 for breach of promise. The complainant is Jennie F. Hutchinson, of Peeksville, N.Y.

New York, Dec. 22.—The 276th anniversary of the landing of the pilgrim fathers at Plymouth Rock, was celebrated last night by the New England Society of Brooklyn, by the seventeenth annual dinner. General Stewart L. Woodford presided.

Toledo, O., Dec. 22.—The body of Jesse C. Gould, who disappeared on December 8th and of whom no trace could be discovered, has been found in some brush near the bank of the Maumee river with a bullet hole through the temple. It is supposed to be a case of suicide. Gould was vice-president and treasurer of the Leland Smith Company, wholesale tobacconists, which failed the day after his disappearance.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Lake Shore directors have declared the regular half yearly dividend of 3 per cent. payable on January 1st. The Michigan Central directors have declared the regular half yearly dividend of 2 per cent.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.—State Bank Examiner Kenyon took possession today of the Bank of Minnesota and as a result of the closing of this bank the Union Stock Yards Bank has closed. The Bank of Minnesota had a capital of $2,000,000 and was considered one of the strongest banks in the west.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The ordinance providing for four cent car fares in this city, recently passed by the city council by a majority has been vetoed by Mayor Swift, and the council meeting last night sustained the veto by a vote of 20 to 47.