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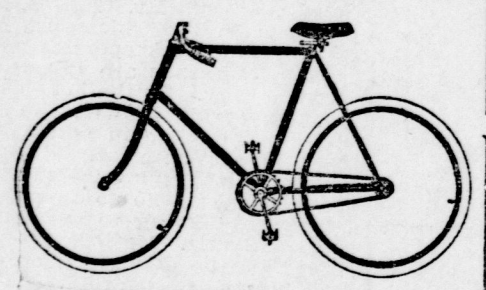
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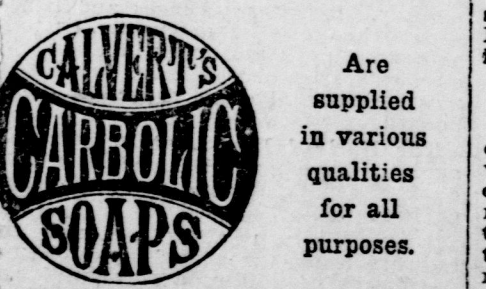
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The Swing of Trade.

Manufacturers Report a Marked Improvement.

Mills Working Overtime—Better Business Doing Than in Several Years Past.

Toronto, Feb. 19.—The local manufacturers in various lines report a marked improvement in business during the past six months. Indications point to a big demand for necessary goods, and mills and factories have been working overtime to meet the urgent demands of the wholesalers and supply houses. Not in many years has there been such a good time for grain men and millers.

The shipments to Great Britain and other countries have been unusually heavy, and prospects are bright for a continuance of the exports of leading cereals in large amounts.

Mr. B. E. Walker, general manager of the Bank of Commerce, says: "There is a distinct revival of trade all over the American continent, but I think the greater hopefulness of feeling is more apparent than the actual results. This feeling, however, has a sure basis in the really improved condition of agriculture, seeing that farmers have passed through a period of depression and are getting much higher prices for their produce, notably pork, cheese and wheat. There is a greater amount of money in circulation, and there are more people carrying about \$40 bills in their pocket than formerly. I think that this is not always a good sign, seeing that it often indicates that money is being withdrawn from investment. It would be an advantage to commerce if the government lowered their rate of interest, for by keeping it at the present rate they compete with banks and drive money from business investments. Leaving the Klondike out of the question, I believe there is an all-round relief from the depression of the past few years."

SCOTSMEN in Chicago held a dinner to celebrate the 139th birthday anniversary of Robert Burns. There is in Chicago a little tress cut from the suffering head of Highland Mary for the lover who immortalized her. It is owned by Col. Seymour F. Norton, of No. 54 Ogden avenue, and it lies on its tiny bed of white tissue paper attached by a silken thread. The little strand is darker than flaxen, with a golden sheen that it has been in the possession of Col. Norton since 1876. It was presented to him by M. O. Wagoner, of Toledo, Ohio, a noted Mason, who obtained it through brother Masons of Burns' old lodge at Ayr.

The languor so common at this season is due to impoverished blood, Hood's Sarsaparilla cures it by enriching the blood.

Never Buy a Cheap Piano.

There are manufacturers who make cheap pianos, just as there are those who make up cheap goods in any line of manufacture. The old firm of Heintzman & Co. will never have their name attached to a cheap piano, but they give a high-class instrument at a reasonable price, and make possible, following this rule, they never disappoint. A piano that will be a pleasure, is, after all, the cheapest piano, because a satisfactory piano. The London warehouses of this firm are at 228 Dundas street.

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By a French Force

British Territory in West Africa Invaded.

And Posts Established in Spite of Protests.

Startling News Presented by Chamberlain in the House of Commons.

Force of 12,000 Turkish Troops Ordered to Thessaly.

New Guns for the Artillery of Germany and France—The Flachat Disaster—Twenty-Three Men Rescued.

TURKISH TROOPS FOR THESSALY

London, Feb. 19.—A dispatch to the Standard from Constantinople says that 12,000 fresh troops have been ordered to reinforce the Ottoman garrisons in Thessaly. The dispatch adds that the ministry of war is active in all directions.

FATAL BREAD RIOTS.

Rome, Feb. 19.—Three hundred villagers, including women and children, made a demonstration in the village of Siroia, Sicily, demanding succor. Several were armed with axes, pistols and cudgels. They refused to disperse, and the soldiers, who intervened, were greeted with a shower of stones and pistol shots. The troops returned the fire, killing two peasants and wounding four. A lieutenant and a police officer were injured.

RELATIONS OF RUSSIA AND FRANCE.

Paris, Feb. 19.—President Faure received Prince Ourousoff, the new Russian ambassador to France yesterday at the Elysee Palace, Paris. In presenting his credentials the ambassador said: "The orders of the emperor are that I should direct all vigilance to the maintenance of the excellent relations between France and Russia, to the great advantage of the general peace and an assured pledge of the prosperity of the two friendly and allied nations."

WONT ACCEPT DISMISSAL.

Pretoria, Feb. 19.—Judge Kotze, who was dismissed from office for protesting against the relations between the executive and judiciary in connection with a law passed a year ago, has written to President Kruger, declaring that he still regards himself as chief justice of the supreme court of the South African republic. He disputes the president's power to dismiss him, and quotes various laws in support of his contention. President Kruger replied to the letter, reiterating the dismissal of Chief Justice Kotze has caused alarm throughout South Africa. The administration of justice in the Transvaal is generally regarded as having been reduced to a farce. Some persons contend that the suzerain power ought to intervene on the ground that the grave scandal is a danger to British interests.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR ZOLA.

Paris, Feb. 19.—There were riotous proceedings after the adjournment of the assizes court yesterday, and M. Zola narrowly escaped being lynched by a mob outside the building. On leaving the palace of justice all the officers were acclaimed by the crowd outside the building, and Gen. Pelloux, who descended the steps barched, was given a great reception. Major Esterhazy was greeted with shouts of "vive l'armee."

The police were powerless to manage the immense crowds, and several Jews were the objects of insult and menaces. There was a general fight. The mob threw itself upon the Jews, yelling: "Death to the Jews."

They threw the Jews into the Seine. Finally, the republican guards were obliged to charge the rioters, and cleared the square.

NEW GUNS.

London, Feb. 19.—The Chronicle says that the German army prior to July, 1897, was entirely re-armed with quick-firing guns, which throw ten or twelve shells a minute, these shells having higher destructive power than field gun shells. The re-armament was accomplished with absolute secrecy. Then Emperor William informed the foreign attaches of what had been done. France immediately began the manufacture from a pre-determined model, of 5,000 quick-firing guns, capable of discharging ten shots a minute. These guns are similar to the latest pattern of Nordenfildt extreme accuracy. By January 800 of these guns were ready with projectiles. The whole number will be completed before the end of 1898. It is asserted that two of these guns will equal a battery of six field guns. Nevertheless, each new battery will contain six guns, trebling its effectiveness. Concurrent with these new batteries a new arrangement of the ammunition wagon involves the addition of 36 horses to each battery.

THE FLACHAT DISASTER.

Teneriffe, Canary Islands, Feb. 19.—Nine more of the crew and passengers of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique liner steamer Flachat, wrecked on Anaga Point, this island, early Wednesday morning, in a fog, have been saved thus raising the number of rescued to 23.

M. Munoz, one of the surviving passengers, says: "When the Flachat grounded her engines let off steam, and thereby prevented the boilers from bursting. The passengers, under charge of the doctor and the second officer, were shut up in the deck house under the bridge. The vessel took a heavy list to port and three of the port boats out, but the captain ordered an attempt was then made to launch the starboard lifeboat, and after working uninterruptedly from 2 until 8 in the morning it succeeded. Those on board immediately made a desperate rush. Fifty jumped into the sea in an endeavor to reach the boat, but only sixteen succeeded, and two of these were washed out. The boat was full of water, and it was impossible to use the oars. After half an hour the steamer Flachat arrived and picked up the fourteen in the boat. The captain and officers did their best, but owing to the mountainous seas it was impossible to attempt to save the women and children. All were obliged to jump for their lives. The captain was in bed when the vessel struck, and the second officer was in charge."

CABLE NOTES.

It is thought that Prince George may be given the title of sovereign prince of Crete without objection if he renounces his rights to the Greek throne.

It is announced that an Australian crew will take part in the Henley regatta this year.

A dispatch from Las Palmas, Canary Islands, says: The Spanish Admiral Oquendo left here today for Havana. The Italian third-class cruiser Giovanni Bausan is expected here on Saturday next. She is on her way to Cuba.

Grave Crisis!

A French Force Seize British Territory in West Africa.

Orders to Haul Down the Union Jack—A Serious Outlook.

London, Feb. 19.—In the House of Commons last evening, the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, replying to a question by Sir Charles Dilke, with reference to the grave news from West Africa, said he would read the telegram received, leaving the house to the honor of their importance. He said: "I received this telegram from the governor of Senegal, dated Feb. 16: 'On Feb. 9, 30 Senegalese, probably from Ndiako, arrived at Boreia under orders to occupy it. They ordered the non-commissioned officers to haul down the British flag. The demand was refused, as made by a foreign power, whereupon the Senegalese retired, and pitched their camp about three miles from the town.'"

Mr. Chamberlain continued: "I have also received through the acting governor of the Gold Coast, a telegram from Major Northcote, who is in the Gold Coast hinterland. It runs thus: 'I regret to inform you that the French have established a post at Wae, consisting of subaltern officers and about 30 native soldiers. Mr. Codrington, whom I believe to be a Lieutenant, though I have not ascertained his rank, accompanied by Capt. Minny, and two lieutenants and 64 native soldiers, arrived at Wae on Feb. 1, and tried to establish a post. I dispatched Major Portecue to protest against passing by this point, and suggested a conference at Wae. Despite the protest, he advanced. After protests in the usual form between both parties, Mr. Codrington and I discussed the matter, but the above mentioned post remained.'"

Speaker Gully called him to order. The address in reply to the speech from the throne was then agreed to, and the house adjourned amid considerable excitement.

The Standard this morning, commenting editorially on the news from West Africa, says: "The dispatches received by Mr. Chamberlain are of the gravest importance. A French officer has established with a large force a station in a place we regard as one of our sphere. It must be recognized that the time has arrived to face the situation. The present is serious, but no English cabinet can venture to purchase peace by abandoning what is considered an unimpeachable right."

CHINA MUST PAY.

Japan Insists on a Settlement of Her Claims Without Delay.

London, Feb. 19.—The correspondent of the Times at Kobe, Japan, says the cabinet council on Thursday decided that the Japanese finances would not permit of delay in the payment of the war indemnity by China.

Hong Kong, Feb. 19.—The Ha Noi papers report the mobilization of 7,000 troops to co-operate with the French squadron on the arrival of reinforcements. The latest pattern of weapons and ammunition have been served out to the garrison. The infantry and artillery are ready to move at a signal. The troops have been mobilized at Mong Kai, a maritime town of Tonquin, close to the Chinese frontier. The French admiral, Beaumont, has arrived at Saigon, with instructions regarding the troops there. The French action is apprehended, with possibly further encroachments upon Vietnam.

A Shanghai dispatch says: Mr. McLeavy Brown, the Korean commissioner of customs, has entered into an agreement with M. Karl Alexeff, the Russian representative at Seoul, that Mr. Brown will remain at the head of the customs for three years.

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