

MATTER OF CONFIDENCE IN SANITY OF CONGRESS

Despite Talk of Rate Regulation the Big Railway Companies Are Planning for a Great Extension of Their Lines.

(Wall Street Journal) The Western Pacific and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul have already announced plans to build to the Pacific Coast. Within the next thirty days it is expected that another railway will announce in detail its plans for reaching Seattle, thereby forming another transcontinental railroad.

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC. VESSELS NOW IN PORT. Not Cleared to Date—Showing the Tonnage and Companies. STEAMERS. COBAN, 69, Doon, Cool Co. LAKE ERIC, 644, C. F. R. CRONA, 288, Wm. Thomson & Co.

SILK WAISTS

FOR Christmas Gifts.

Nothing pleases a lady more than to get an extra shirt waist, especially if it is a nice one. She never can have too many shirt waists. A lot of Black Taffeta Silk Waists on sale this week at \$2.75. They are worth \$4.00. Pretty made in the latest style from a good quality of taffeta. Sizes from 34 to 40.

FURS

The popular furs are here at much lower prices than elsewhere, and they are furs that will give service and are dependable for every standpoint. They are made by manufacturers that are reliable.

A Display of Christmas Belts, WHICH IS VERY ATTRACTIVE.

All belts above 50c. we put one in a fancy box, making it an attractive present. The \$3c. belts have a wide front, and are made from a fine quality of taffeta silk. They come in white, light blue, black, grey, brown and navy.

Applique Pillow Shams. KID GLOVES.

We keep 3 prices, and they are 3 standard grades, 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.35. The \$1.00 and \$1.35 quality are guaranteed. A printed guarantee from the manufacturer goes with every pair of these prices, so for kid gloves are given our closest attention, and sent postpaid.

F. A. DYKEMAN & CO., : 59 Charlotte Street.

Take a Friend's Advice. "THAT'S A BAD COLD YOU HAVE" "Yes; and getting worse" "Going to keep it?" "Hope not. Can't seem to get rid of it though" "Cough too?" "Bad. All night" "Well, listen to me. I've cured five men this week, and the advice is free. Do as I tell you. Get a bottle of HAWKER'S BALSAM OF TOLU AND WILD CHERRY. It's the real thing nowadays."

CANADIAN CONDITIONS VERY SATISFACTORY

Improvement in Business as Compared with Last Year--The Bank Clearings--The Activity in Dominion Steel.

(Toronto Globe.) The annual statements of the Canadian banks, issued this week, all show improvement over the business of the previous year. The increase of dividend rates by the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of Toronto are no indications of their probable condition.

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STEAMERS FOR ST. JOHN. Name. Date of Arrival. Tritonia, from Glasgow, Dec. 19. Manchester Shipper, from Manchester, Dec. 19. Lake Eric, from Liverpool, Dec. 19.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. S. S. Tritonia, from Glasgow; Schofield & Co. general cargo. S. S. Scotia, from London; J. W. McLaughlin, general cargo.

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HIGH FINANCE IN INSURANCE

Caustic Comment on Ryan, Harriman and the Other Misusers of Funds. (New York Post) It must be admitted that clerks, shopgirls, curstons loungers, and other readers of those valuable papers wherein the Boston friend of humanity tells them the story of his life, will really begin to think they had been reading history when they read the latest confessions of High Finance in their dealings with insurance.

LAWSON STAKES HIS LAST DOLLAR

Thomas W. Lawson said on Friday—"In beginning my opera last today, which will be along the lines I have previously laid down. I would have this frank word to you: I shall lose all my money."

WESTERN ASSURANCE CO.

Assets \$3,300,000. Losses paid since organization Over \$40,000,000. R. W. W. FRANK, Branch Manager, St. John, N. B. C. E. DOWDEN, Stock and Bond Broker.

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