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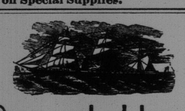

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FIRST EDITION.

ST. JOHN'S RIGHTS.

A ROUSING MEETING AT THE COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.

The Rights of This Port in the Atlantic Mail Service and Winter Port Matter Discussed—A Resolution Carried That the only just and Equitable Arrangement Would be an Alternate Service.

The meeting held by the Commercial Exchange last evening to discuss the winter port and Atlantic mail service matters was largely attended and enthusiastic. Among those present were S. Hayward, the president of the exchange, who presided; Geo. Robertson, the president of the board of trade; C. N. Skinner, M. P., J. D. Hazen, M. P., Hon. Senator Dever, Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Silas Alward, M. P. P., Hon. G. H. Flewelling, Geo. F. Baird, ex-M. P., C. W. Weldon, ex-M. P., John McMillan, W. H. Thorne, S. Schofield, W. F. Hatheway, G. R. Pugsley, Hon. R. J. Ritchie, Robert Thompson, A. Macaulay, F. A. Peters, M. W. Maher, B. R. Macaulay, R. B. Emerson, R. McLeod, J. H. Pullen, J. DeW. Spurr, C. E. Burnham, Robt. Reed, J. D. Seely, J. Fowler, A. N. Shaw, Wm. Peters, P. Chestnut, A. Malcolm, Geo. Biddington, J. Dickers, S. L. T. Burnham, John Ferris, Capt. Newman, M. B. White, J. Alfred Clark, John Flood, Ald. Lewis, W. J. Parks, W. J. Fraser, E. J. Sheldon, Ald. Nickerson, D. Coholan, M. Flood, Robt. Gaskin, J. B. McCann, Thos. Potts, Ald. Law, Ald. Baskin, Dr. Harding, J. H. Wright, Joseph Bullock, A. O. Skinner, Capt. Chas. Brannen, A. C. Blair, W. C. R. Allen, J. H. Leonard, C. E. Tilley, Geo. McLeod, J. Vaughan, J. Foxwell, C. U. Hanford, W. H. Purdy, J. U. Thomas, Ald. Christie, Ald. W. A. Chesley, H. E. Codner, Jas. Kelly, J. McAvity, Capt. Lovitt, Capt. Wm. Lovitt, John White, B. Gandy, Ald. Likely, J. E. B. McCready, J. W. McDuffee, Chief of Police Clark, E. Lantalum, Jas. Lee, J. O'Keefe, E. Calahan, Robt. Thompson, J. B. Jones, W. A. Quinton, Thos. L. Hay, N. Cameron, Geo. Estabrooks, D. Patton, H. H. McLean, W. A. Lockhart, H. J. Thorne, J. J. Porter, C. E. Lordly, S. D. Scott, R. C. John Dunn, W. D. Morrow, Geo. Jenkins, S. Crothers, S. J. King, Coroner Berryman, William Hawker, W. Simpson, J. A. Estey, C. E. Jones, Dr. Smith, J. R. Woodburn, Ald. McLauchlan, D. B. Warner, M. McLeod, J. C. Ferguson, Ald. Connor, Ald. Kelly, George H. Clark, J. G. Forbes, F. McCafferty, Edwin Fisher, J. W. Smith, Geo. Y. Wilson, W. F. Harrison, Dr. Jas. Christie, A. G. Bowes, Wm. Wheeler, J. H. Doody, D. Mullin, P. McGoldrick, Geo. F. Bond, L. A. Currey, Dr. Inches, Ald. Allen, John Sealy, J. K. Kelly, James Hunter.

Mr. Hayward made a short introductory speech in opening the meeting and expressed the hope that the discussion would be free from political jealousies. Mr. Hayward read a letter received from E. McLeod, M. P. That gentleman regretted that business called him away from the city. He assured the exchange that he was in full accord with the memorial sent to Ottawa by the board of trade, and promised to do all he could do to have St. John made one of the winter ports of Canada. He would insist that St. John be treated in the same way as Halifax.

Mr. Robert Thompson pointed out that we in St John object to Halifax being made the only port of call. What we want was that the steamers should come to Halifax one week and to St. John the next. The fact that the mail steamers came here would bring a big trade to us both import and export. It would likely result in other steamers coming here. He moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That while this meeting heartily approves of the announced determination of the dominion government to secure an improved mail service between Canada and Great Britain, the Atlantic termini of which shall be both in summer and winter at Canadian ports, it regards the specifications under which the tenders are now being called for as most unjust to the port of St. John and the province of New Brunswick, whose claims to be placed on an equality with Halifax and the province of Nova Scotia, in respect of the subsidized Atlantic service, are thereby ignored, and it is of the opinion that the only arrangement just and equitable to the two provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and the one most in the interest of Canada, is for the dominion government to subsidize a steamship line from England one week direct to Halifax and the alternate week direct to St. John in the winter months.

George Robertson seconded the resolution. He referred briefly to the indignation meeting held in the Institute a few years since and said the protest then entered was against a sin of omission, because they had never done anything for us in this regard. The change asked by us at that time was made in the call for tenders. Anderson & Co., sent out a representative who seemed favorably impressed with St. John. Still nothing had been done for us, and latterly our winter mail service had ceased. He said the steamers would carry about 3,000 tons of freight. Unless these boats came here we had nothing to hope for from any other line, because they, heavily subsidized as they would be, would be able to carry freight cheaper than any opposing line.

They should do so at once. We should have the steamers coming here in winter, St. John was only 483 miles from Montreal, while Halifax was 760 miles away. St. John could guarantee the quicker service of the two ports. Steamers coming here direct would get here with the mails as soon as the mails would reach St. John over the I. C. R. if landed at Halifax. He was glad to find that the goverment were turning their eyes towards the maritime provinces by offering some $750,000 a year for ten years for a fast line of steamers to carry the mails between Canada and the United Kingdom. He understood that the subsidy would have to be increased to a million or a million and a quarter. If by the use of the I. C. R. between this city and Halifax the government intended to demonstrate to the steamship people that the business can be done through that port they were demonstrating that St. John was being unjustly dealt with. He was prepared to meet any man on any platform and show that St. John was better adapted for the winter port of Canada than Halifax or any port in the United States. The people were the power in this country, and it was for us ro speak out now. We should show our representatives what we want.

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FIRST EDITION.

MORE PACIFIC NEWS.

MINISTER MONTT PAYS A VISIT TO BLAINE.

Chili Will Consider our Demands at Once—Nothing to Fan the War Flame to be Given out—Why a Change was Made in Official Utterances—No Signs of Fight at the Washington Navy Yard.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Minister Montt received today the official notification by cable of the inauguration of the constitutional goverment of Chili, coupled with the official assurance that it would consider immediately the demand for reparation made by the United States.

Armed with this, he went up to the state department, and had another talk with Secretary Blaine, in which, it is understood, Blaine pointed out to him the necessity of not only prompt consideration by the new Chilian administration, but prompt and favorable action as well. Minister Montt could only renew his oft-repeated assurances that President Montt and his cabinet would do what was right in the matter.

Secretary Blaine told, it is understood, that, while this government did not expect the Chillian government to satisfy its demands on the very first day of its official existence, it did expect definite indications of Chili's intentions during the first week of the new administration.

According to Minister Montt, nothing was said about submitting the questions at issue to arbitration; indeed he intimated that that method of settling international difficulties would not, in his judgment, be regarded as applicable to the present case, either by the government of Chili or the government of the United States.

As is well known, the repugnance of Chili to the principle of arbitration caused her representative in the Pan-American Congress to oppose the agreement to settle all disputes between American republics by arbitration so vigorously that it became necessary for Secretary Blaine to go himself personally to the congress, cut off debate, and carry the agreement through, the Chilians voting against it to the last with the Argentines, and then practically withdrawing from the congress because it had been adopted.

While this fact, however, might make it awkward for the Chilian government to suggest a settlement of the pending controversy by arbitration, it is not improbable, of course, that it may yet be driven to this resort: but up to the present time the alternative of war or arbitration has not been definitely considered the negotations proceeding on both sides upon the theory that an amicable settlement could be reached, all the outgiving officially of the administration and of the Chilian legation being to the effect that this amicable settlement will be reached.

Neither government desires war, and both governments will work together to secure peace, meantime, of course, making all necessary preparations for the possibility of war.

It is understood that Minister Montt referred again, in his conversation with Secretary Blaine today, to Minister Egan as the chief obstacle to the possible conclusion of the present difficulty, instancing his conduct on Saturday in absenting himself from the inauguration as evidence of his unfortunate unfriendliness. Secretary Blaine is understood to have disavowed any responsibility on the part of this government for the absence of Minister Egan from the inauguration, and to have pointed out that he could not, in the nature of things, have been superseded up to the present time by a man more agreeable to the Chilian government. He did not have to remind Minister Montt that the real negotiations with Chili have been carried on through him, and not through Minister Egan.

There can be no doubt that Secretary Blaine personally desires peace rather more strongly than the rest of the administration, just as President Montt and Minister Montt, desire peace more strongly than other Chilian officials. This is why Blaine and Montt get on so particularly well together. It is also why, if he has to choose between arbitration and war, Secretary Blaine will throw all his influence in favor of arbitration.

The change in the official utterances on the Chili question, which, from having been warlike up to last Friday afternoon, became pacific on Saturday morning, is accounted for by the fact that Minister Montt, through Secretary Blaine, informed the administration that it would make it easier for Chili to gratify its desires if the change should be made.

He pointed out, it is understood, the peculiar difficulties which President Montt must overcome in the attempt he was sincerely desirous of making to bring about a mutually satisfactory settlement. And particularly how the warlike attitude of this governmeut stimulated the hostility resulting from Minister Egan's course, which he could not deny existed in Chili.

Our government recognized also that the military power of Chili, which raised Admiral Montt to the presidency could also depose him if dissatisfied with his course, that it wanted war, and that this rendered his present position peculiarly embarrassing. Believing that his declarations in favor of a peaceful settlement were sincere, and believing also that it was correctly informed that England and Germany were advising Chili to come to terms with the United States, the administration, without relaxing its preparations, determined to envelope them in secrecy and to give out nothing that would fan the war flame here or in Chili.

Liverpool Cotton Markets.

Liverpool, 4 p m—Cotton American mild Dec 4 5-64d; also 4 7-64d; sales 5400 Am. Futures closed quiet.

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SACHET POWDER,
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IN LADIES' WATCHES, I have an especially fine selection from the most moderate in price to the highest class of manufacture, which for variety and tasteful design are not to be surpassed in the city.
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GOLD CHAINS, GOLD SPECTACLES, Gold Pens and Pencils, Opera Glasses, French Clocks and many other things that are useful and suitable for presents at this season.
Jewelry of every kind made to order.
A. B. SMALLEY,
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THE QUESTION OF THE DAY
—IS—
What to Buy for a Xmas Present
Now what better could you buy than a Ladies' Kid Lace Shoe with patent tip or plain toe; or a Fine Kid Slipper with plain or beaded toe, 20 different styles to select from and at all prices.
Men's Fancy Slippers and Patent Leather Evening Shoes.
Genuine Moose Moccasins 75c., Children's to 11's, Men's sizes.
Storm Rubbers and Overshoes 5 to 10 per cent. less than you can buy them elsewhere.
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The Most Taking Boot in the Market for Fall:
Gents French Calf,
CorkSoled Congress
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YOU WANT THEM.
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Fancy Tweeds at $3.75, $4.00, $4.50, $5.00 and $6.00;
BLUE AND BLACK WORSTED $4.75, $5.50, $6.00, $6.50, 7.50, 8.50, 9.00, 10.50.
Brown and Black Meltons, strapped seams, inlaid velvet collars $8.50, $10.00 $12.50, $15.00.
Boys' and Children's Overcoats half price to clear.
AMERICAN CLOTHING HOUSE,
Cor. King and Canterbury Streets.
S. RUBIN & CO.

SECOND EDITION.

ON THE RIO GRANDE.

GARZA'S BAND OF REVOLUTIONISTS GAINING STRENGTH.

Organization of Forces on This Side of the Frontier Boldly Continued—Bloodshed Regarded as Inevitable—War Department Recognizes the Gravity of the Situation.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Dec. 28, The revolutionistists continue to boldly organize their forces on this side of the border without any apparent fear of interruption by the United States military authorities. It is believed that the trouble will not be overcome without considerable bloodshed.

Capt. Francis H. Hardie of the United States 3d cavalry, has been heard from through Capt. John G. Bourke, who is in command at Ringgold, the following dispatch being received by Asst. Adjt-Gen. J. P. Martin at military department headquarters today:

"A courier from Capt. Hardie at Salieno reports that he has two Mexicans with him who know all the ranches, and all the people up there suspected of complicity in the recent attacks upon Mexican territory. He will search Salieno and adjacent ranches this morning. Second Lieutenant George L. Langhorne of the 3rd cavalry left at midnight with 20 men to look for a band of revolutionists, said to be skulking in the vicinity of Havana. I have two small detachments out in the vicinity of Palito Blanco and Salieno. I will go out to see Hardie this afternoon, as I understand the Garza men have secret marks upon their clothing by which they identify each other, which is very important for us to find out. Will you please arrange for good guides and scouts to be attached to each column moving out from here, as it is impossible to do anything without them?"

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28. — Acting Secretary Grant to-day said that the war department was exerting itself to prevent further violations of the neutrality laws by Garza's band of revolutionists. He regarded the situation on the Mexican frontier as serious.

If necessary to prevent these men from crossing backward and forward between Mexico and the United States, the entire military force under Gen. Stanley's command will be distributed along the north bank of the Rio Grande. The United States marshal has unlimited powers in the matter of augmenting his posse, and will co-operate with the military authorities in the effort to arrest disturbers of the peace of Mexico. It is within his discretion to employ the Texan Rangers in this capacity, and as this force of armed and mounted police is well acquainted with the country and the habits of the Mexicans along the border, Assistant Secretary Grant said the marshal will doubtless avail himself of their services.

It is believed at the war department that Garza's movement is gaining in strength. Some officers recall the fact that Diaz; the President of Mexico, reached his present station through a revolutionary movement conducted across the boundary, just as Garza is conducting his campaign.

Inasmuch as the Rio Grande is fordable seven months in the year, and the revolutionists have many friends on each side of the river who keep them advised promptly on every move of the government forces, the task before Gen. Stanley's troop of preventing them from crossing is full of difficulty.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

A Train Derailed at Fitchburg, Mass.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

FITCHBURG, Mass. Dec. 30th.—The heavy rain last night washed down the bank wall near the River street crossing of the Fitchburg road and blocked both the main tracks. The Cheshire express ran into the pile at 4.50 a. m. and striking the rocks turned over. The fireman, W. H. Weymouth of Brellows Falls, had his left leg, side and head badly bruised and was slightly scalded, Engineer E. P. Clifford was slightly scalded; no passengers were injured. Trains are passing by on the side track and their is no delay.

A WASHINGTON WEDDING.

The Marriage of Miss Sherman, Daughter of the Late General Sherman.
BY TELERAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Miss Rachel Sherman, daughter of the late General W. T. Sherman, was married at noon today to Dr. Paul Thorndike, of Boston, at the residence of Senator Sherman in the presence of relatives, and a number of distinguished officials.

Quite a Battle.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

GADSDEN, Ala., Dec. 30.—It is learned that two moonshiners have been killed and U. S, marshal Jackson mortally wounded in a fight in Sand Mountain gorge. Other moonshiners escaped.

Killed by a Lunatic.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

AUSTIN, Tex. Dec. 30.—Dr. W. W. Reeves, superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum was shot and killed by Henry Parnell a discharged inmate.

Printers Strike in Berlin.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Yesterday's announcement that the big printer's strike was ended was premature. The men are still out.

Strike in Shipyards.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Helpers in Tees the Tyne ship yards are expected to strike against a proposed reduction in wages.

The Weather.
[BY TELEPHONE TO GAZETTE.]

FORECAST.—Rain and snow flurries followed during the night and Thursday by fair falling temperature and much colder; high north west winds moderating in force.

Mill Burnt.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

PHILA, Pa., Dec. 30.—The hosiery mill of Samuel West was damaged $100,000 by fire last night. Partly insured.

Will Fight.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Tommy Ryan yesterday covered Danny Needham's forfeit for fight in March.

Death of a Judge.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—Sir Adam Wilson Ex-chief Justice of the Court of Queen's bench, died yesterday.

THIRD EDITION.

LOCAL MATTERS.

LATEST GLEANINGS BY THE GAZETTE REPORTERS.

Many Things They Have Seen and Heard of During the Day.

POINT LEPREAUX, Dec. 30. — 3 p. m. Wind south east, heavy gale. Ther. 44.

COURT LA TOUR, I. O. F., will visit Court Loyalist this evening.

THE NEWS BOYS' Band of Mercy is requested to meet on Thursday afternoon at 2,30 at No. 4, Church St.

A CRAYON PORTRAIT of the late Dr. Botsford by Miss Hammond, of this city is on exhibition in A. O. Skinner's window on King street.

FAIRVILLE LIQUOR CASES.—John Brennen was fined $50 and costs for violating the Scott act. The case of Mary Morrison came up this morning but judgment will not be given until Saturday morning.

PRESENTATION IN FAIRVILLE.—Last evening the members of the Fairville Baptist church presented a costly and handsome bracelet to Miss Beatrice E. Waring, the organist of the church, as a token of their appreciation of her services. The presentation was made by Mrs. Martell.

THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA in St. David's church school room by members of the junior choir attracted a very large audience last evening. The choir was trained by Mr. Fred Fowler and Mrs. R. Willett and the manner in which the cantata was rendered reflected great credit upon the leaders. There were 59 voices in the chorus. The entertainment was most enjoyable and successful.

THE GRANITE ROCK DIVISION S. OF T. last evening elected the following officers for the ensuing quarter: Amelia Austin, W. P.; John C. Thomas, W. A.; C. J. Morrison, R. S.; Miss Purvis, A. R. S.; Willard McConnell, F. S.; Wm. Lee, treas.; Mrs. J. Larkin, chap.; Robt. Lee, con.; Miss Morrison, asst. con.; Wm. Williams, I. sent.; John Lister, O. sent.; Andrew Cooper, P. W. P.

Skating Challenge Accepted.

William Ramsey called at the GAZETTE office this afternoon and left the following acceptance of Edward Dalton's challenge to skate him a one mile race at the first tournament of the Victoria rink:—

I hereby accept Edward Dalton's challenge to skate me a one mile race at the first tournament in the Victoria rink. I would prefer the race to be started from opposite sides of the rink.

WILLIAM RAMSEY.

Police Court.

James Crotten was fined $4 for lying drunk on the ferry floats.

Thomas McGaughy a young man aged 18, was carted to the police court yesterday. This morning he was fined only $1 as he is not an often visitor at the police court.

Joseph Cochran was fined $4 for being drunk on Prince William street.

Frederick Osburn was fined $4 for being drunk on Mill street.

Thomas Reardon was fined $4 for being drunk on Main street.

The case of Fred Graf, the young mulatto, charged with feloniously assaulting Mary Taylor a 10 year old daughter of James Taylor of the North end, was brought up yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Taylor, the mother of the girl and Mary Taylor were the only witnesses examined. The police court was crowded to the doors this morning at 10 o'clock with happy holiday loafers, but when they heard that the criminal assault case was not coming up this morning, they turned away disappointed.

A sailor of the Barque Navarch complained at the police court this morning that he gave Capt. Wilson his watch in Liverpool for safe keeping, and now he will not give it back to him, and that he could get no money. Officer Baxter went down to the vessel and asked the captain why he would not give the sailor his watch when he wanted it. The captain said that he shipped all his crew in Liverpool for two years, and they ran away from him when they reached St. John, because they did not want to work at unloading the cargo of coal. The captain said that this man too would run away if he got his watch.

Levina Lindsay, charged with shooting Robert Longon at Walker's wharf, was brought before the court this afternoon and again remanded for a week.

Fred Graf, the mulatto, charged with feloniously assaulting Mary Taylor, was also brought before the court this afternoon and remanded for a week.

Josephine Hunt, who was charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses was allowed to go. The Salvation Army have taken her, and are trying to make a soldier out of her.

A Congress of Chambers of Commerce.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

LONDON, Dec. 30th.—The chamber of commerce has decided to hold a congress of British chambers of commerce of the world next June. The purpose of congress will be to discuss the relations of England and her colonies, recent continental treaties of commerce. Last tariff legislation of United States Imperial penny postage, decimal system of currency, uniform weights and measures emigration and other matters.

A Great Alliance.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 30.—A people's party for political purposes in this state, was formed yesterday by the patrons of husbandry, citizens' alliance, industrial party, farmers' alliance, patrons of industry, knights of labor, prohibitionists, and peoples' party from all sections of the state, In the platform adopted is a plank urging free, unlimited coinage of silver.

Steamer Charles Houghton Burned.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

CALAIS, ME., Dec. 30.—Steamer Chas. Houghton of the frontier steamboat company's line plying between Calais and Eastport was burned to the water's edge at her wharf this morning. Loss $15,000; insurance $10,000.

Burglars and Robbers Escape.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

AUGUSTA, Me. Dec. 30.—Michael Nolan, James H. White, and about 22 Readfield burglars and robbers who had pleaded guilty and were awaiting sentence escaped from Kennebec jail this morning.

MANCHESTER, ROBERTSON & ALLISON'S
Great Sale at Reduced Prices
WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL
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GREAT BARGAINS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.
Dress Goods, Furs, Mantles,
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COFFEE---Old Government Java and Mocha, Roasted and Ground daily on our own premises.
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Horses, Coaches and Carriages on hire at short notice. Fine Fit Outs. Horses Boarded on reasonable terms.
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English Collars in all the latest shapes
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