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WINTER PORT BUSINESS SATISFACTORY TO DATE

Despite Discouraging Reports Exports Are Larger Than Last Year.

Fifteen Cargoes Shipped Show Value of \$3,000,173—More Sailings This Season Than Last.

Despite discouraging reports from abroad the winter port business this year has so far been very satisfactory, showing an increase in the amount of goods exported, over last year.

JAPANESE DIET OPENED TODAY

Limitation of Emigration Will Be One of the Chief Questions Discussed.

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—The twenty-fourth Diet was formally opened at 10 today by the emperor, who delivered the speech from the throne in the house of peers.

"NICHOLAS" IS UP AGAINST IT

Russian Police Have Got Tschokovsky Now and Will Probably Hold On To Him.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Friends of Nicholas Tschokovsky here hold slender hopes that he will escape from the clutches of the Russian police who for many years have been waiting for an opportunity to arrest him.

THINK IT WILL NOT LAST LONG

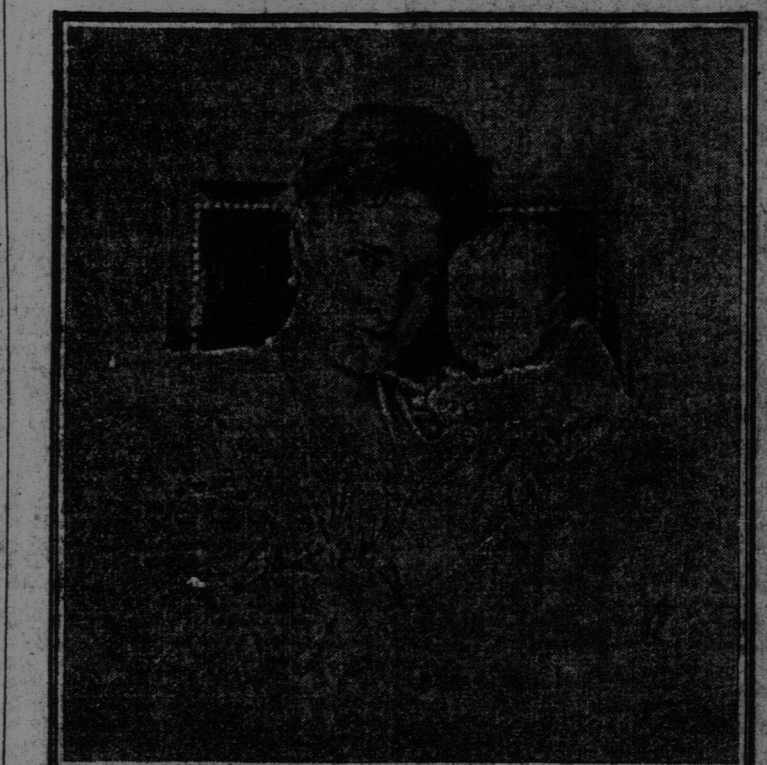
London Statist Views Rather An Optimistic View of the Situation in the United States

LONDON, Dec. 28.—There is considerable comment in the London financial circles over the apparent cessation of the demand from the United States and Germany for gold and speculation as to whether this implies an improvement in the economic state of affairs there will be \$5,000,000 of gold available in the bullion market Monday, which the Bank of England is expected to secure and generally favorable interpretation is placed on the slackened demand for the metal.

THE EMPRESS OF RUSSIA ALMOST A NERVOUS WRECK

Strain of Troubled Conditions During Recent Years Has Told On Her.

Her Illness Not Yet Critical, But It Will Be Months Before She Is Able To Participate In the Festivities of the Court.



TSARITZA OF RUSSIA. THE YOUNGEST CHILD.

LIMITATION OF JAP EMIGRATION

Japanese Foreign Office Is Now Commencing To Consider It Seriously.

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—A discussion of the Japanese government's programme and method of limitation of emigration has commenced between the foreign office and American Ambassador O'Brien.

WILL SUE FATHER FOR SON'S BILLS

The Imperial Bank of Canada Has Commenced An Action Against John Maughan.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 28.—(Special)—As a result of the investigation of the financial affairs of Harry Maughan, the missing insurance broker, action has been begun by the Imperial Bank of Canada against the father of the absent man, and head of the firm of John Maughan & Son.

A DINNER AND PRESENTATION

H. W. DeForest's Road Representatives and Office Staff Had a Merry Time.

The home of Harry W. DeForest, 101 Colborne street, was the scene of a very enjoyable gathering last evening, when the general manager of the Union Trust Co. entertained his road representatives at dinner.

THERE IS NO DEPRESSION

Local Manufacturers Report That Business About As Good As Usual.

Local manufacturers report that business about as good as usual. Rumors have been about during the past few days that a number of the mills and factories would close down or shorten their hours owing to a depression in business.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Dispute Over Property of a Murdered Man—The Hockey Situation.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 28.—(Special)—A rather interesting case involving the right to property valued at \$1000, left by Samuel Campbell, a former New Brunswicker, who was murdered in Wisconsin three years ago, is being heard here today before Judge J. H. Hays, a commissioner appointed by the circuit court of Taylor Co., Wisconsin.

CHARGED WITH SELLING LIQUOR TO AN INTERDICT

R. W. Carson in the Police Court This Morning.

R. W. Carson was before Judge Ritchie this morning on a charge of supplying liquor to Edward L. Williams, an interdict, on Christmas Day. The defendant pleaded not guilty, and after the evidence of Police Sergeant Caples and Lieutenant John B. Jones had been taken, the case was adjourned until Monday afternoon at two o'clock.

CAN'T KEEP THEM OUT FOR EVER

London Times Deals With the Question of Oriental Immigration.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A despatch to the Times from Peking calls attention to the great number of Japanese soldiers still in Manchuria, though the country is perfectly tranquil, and records complaint of their inability to railway passengers. The despatch also gives instances of the Japanese regarding the debilitated condition of the Chinese. The strain of the last few years has told heavily upon her but there is no evidence of weakness to arouse alarm. It will be months before she will be able to participate in the coronation of the new emperor.

FAMINE IN TURKEY

Recent Reports from Missionaries State That Conditions Are Serious.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Additional advice from eastern Turkey and Armenia received today by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions reported that the famine already indicated is more severe than was at first anticipated and the tide of emigration to America was never so strong as at present.

THE CARMEN ARE NOT OVERJOYED

They Welcome Shorter Hours But Still Want Higher Pay.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 28.—(Special)—The Brotherhood of Railway Carmen state that the finding of the board of investigation and conciliation which reduced the day's work to nine hours, but left the wages as they were is slightly disappointing.

PICKED UP IN MID-OCEAN

THE BRITISH STEAMER WIM CLIFF, bound from New Orleans for Liverpool, has arrived off this port, having in tow the British steamer Cambrian, which she recently picked up in mid-ocean with her shaft broken. The Cambrian was bound from London for Philadelphia.

ARRESTED AT HALIFAX

Western Thief Taken Off S.S. Empress of Ireland By Order of Chief Clerk.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 28.—(Special)—The chief of police received a message today from the chief of police of St. John asking him to arrest an Englishman, John S. Adamson, who was on the Empress of Ireland, on a charge of larceny. The St. John chief has received a message from the inspector of the Northwest Mounted Police at Lethbridge, to make the arrest at St. John, but by the time he received the message the steamer had sailed, so he wired to Halifax. The man was secured as soon as the ship reached here and is now locked up.

HE LEFT \$175,000

HEIR OF THE LATE LEVI HART WAS PROBATED HERE TODAY. IT WAS ESTIMATED TO BE WORTH \$175,000. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SEVERAL SMALL AMOUNTS TO LOCAL INSTITUTIONS, ALL IS LEFT TO HIS CHILDREN AND RELATIVES.

HE REARS THE TIMES

ON TUESDAY NIGHT, IN DORCHESTER street, between Sewell and Union streets, a boy's well and gold brooch pin were found with small diamond eyes. Finder will please leave at this office and receive reward.

TWO ABLE SPEAKERS

TWO able speakers will be heard at the temperance meeting in the Every Day Club hall tomorrow. The Rev. J. F. Floyd will speak at four in the afternoon, and Prof. John A. Nicholls will be the speaker at the meeting at 8:30 in the evening. There will be special music at each meeting. This will be Prof. Nicholls' last address in the province and his final word to a St. John audience.

MONTREAL WAS FIRST

Montreal Field Battery Won First Place in Canadian Artillery Competitions for 1907

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 28.—(Special)—The results of the competition of the Canadian Artillery Association for 1907 are announced. For general efficiency, Montreal field battery is first, getting \$50 and the Governor General's Cup; 2nd field battery, Longue Point, \$40 and Lansdowne Challenge Cup; 3rd, field battery, Toronto, \$25; 4th, 17th field battery, Sydney, N. S., \$20; 5th, 15th field battery, Granby, Que.; and 16th Howitzer, Guelph, equal, getting \$7.50 each.

RATE OF MORTALITY IN EUROPEAN CITIES

From statistics for 1906, just published by the Antwerp sanitary authorities, United States Consul-General, H. W. Brown, says that that city and Amsterdam lead Europe as the healthiest municipalities. The following are the official death-rate figures:

Table with 2 columns: City and Death Rate per 1,000. Includes Antwerp, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Hamburg, London, Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Paris, Rome, Budapest, Manchester, Liverpool, Moscow, Odessa, Havana, Dublin, St. Petersburg, Madrid.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Stock market opened strong. Yesterday's advance in prices were continued in the opening dealings in stock in a brisk market.

TELEPHONES IN CHINA

AMOY, China, Dec. 28.—Active construction work has begun on the telephone lines which are to connect Amoy with the two other cities of this prefecture, Teun Chou Fu, fifty miles to the north, and Chang Chou Fu, thirty miles to the west. The construction and operation of these lines is entirely under the control of the Chinese government.

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Alex. J. Hood

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 28.—(Special)—Alexander J. Hood, for forty-five years postmaster at Harwood, died last night after an illness of a year. He was 72 years of age.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

The sound religious training of Mr. Beechut, in this metropolitan position. It has the aving of that hymnology with which generations of worshippers have been familiar. It reveals the political sinner on his travels, vainly seeking to escape from the harrow of conscience, and pursued always by the fiends of political ambition.

FUNERALS

The funeral of James Ryan, assistant cook of steamer Empress of Ireland, who died on Thursday last, was held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, from the Seaman's Institute. The body was taken to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where service was read and interment was made in the sailors' lot in Fernhill cemetery.