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FOR PROTECTIVE TARIFF.

Standard's View of Chamberlain's Commission.

London, Dec. 24.—The Standard says the Birmingham tariff commissioners have no other object in view but the framing of a frankly protective tariff, and the most singular feature of the case is the manner in which the organizers are superseding the official leaders of the Unionist party. The Ministry and the Ministerial policy of Premier Balfour have been swept aside.

A Copenhagen newspaper learns from an authoritative source that there never have been any negotiations, verbal or written, in regard to the sale of Greenland to Canada.

Mr. Andrew Pattullo, M. P. P. of Woodstock, Ont., writing to the London papers regarding the structure that he only represents a Provincial Parliament, says, considering the enormous area of Ontario, he should be able to speak with some weight. He is convinced that his views express the opinion of nine-tenths of the Canadian people.

Sir John Willox, Conservative M. P. for the Everton division of Liverpool, refuses to speak before the Duke of Devonshire's Unionist Free Food League on the ground that the Duke is avowedly hostile to the Unionist party.

The Bishop of Rochester has sent a letter to Capt. Norton, M. P., signed by a number of labor organizations, protesting against the motion to restore Sir Charles Dilke to a prominent place in the Liberal Ministry at no distant date.

Manchester merchants, manufacturers and shippers are organizing a non-political free trade association.

CHINESE RAILWAY LAWS.

The Newly-issued Regulations Are of a Stringent Character.

(Associated Press Despatch.)
Pekin, Dec. 23.—The new Chinese Board of Commerce has promulgated the railway laws compiled by Wu Ting Fang, former Minister to Washington, and now President of the board. These laws are calculated to materially cripple the borrowing capacity of the railway companies and to restrict the control of the railways to the Chinese security holders. The regulations further restrict the holding of shares by foreigners to a maximum of fifty per cent, and prevent the companies from borrowing on land values. The railway companies must apply for concessions to the Board of Commerce and the Foreign Office.

BURGLARS AT LONDON.

Three Hotels and a Residence Robbed.

London, Ont., Dec. 24.—Some time Monday night three hotels and a private residence were robbed. The hotels were the Dominion House, the Brunswick House and the Clarence House, all within a block on Clarence street. No person connected with the houses heard any noise. The residence of Mr. Kirkpatrick, three blocks south of the hotels, on Clarence street, was also entered. In each case a "jimmy" was used, and the police are confident that the operators were experts. At the Clarence House the thieves got \$2 from the cash register drawer, which had been forced. At the Brunswick House \$2 and a diamond ring, a bottle of whiskey were taken. At the Dominion House they secured \$15; the best cigars were also selected. At the residence of Mr. Kirkpatrick, several rooms were ransacked, a new suit of black and some other articles of men's clothing being stolen.

KILLED HIS SISTER-IN-LAW.

Kansas City Man's Deed Inspired by Jealousy—Attempted Suicide.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Samuel W. Lee, aged thirty, shot and killed his sister-in-law, Miss Florence Lee, aged twenty-two, at his home here to-day, and then made a tragic effort to end his own life. Lee was a widower, and his sister-in-law had been his housekeeper. To-day she announced her intention of marrying another man. After vainly trying to persuade her to marry him, Lee shot the woman four times and then fired two bullets into his own breast. When neighbors broke into the house Lee snatched up a razor, and running into the street, followed by half a dozen persons, slashed his throat.

The swiftest some messenger boys go seems to be fast asleep.

CAUGHT IN THE ROLLERS.

Samuel Stevenson Crushed to Death at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Samuel H. Stevenson, night foreman at the steel plant of the Hamilton Steel & Iron Company, met a terrible death about 1 o'clock yesterday. He was caught between the rollers and crushed to death almost instantly. He was 42 years of age and had been employed at the steel plant only a few days. A sad feature of the fatality is that the deceased sent word to his wife and family at Struthers, Ohio, to join him here to-day, the intention being to take up housekeeping in this city. Coroner McNichol opened an inquest at noon to-day, and it was adjourned till next Monday night.

MILITARY TRAINING.

May be Enforced in Britain in the Case of Young Men.

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail Saturday published an unconfirmed statement that the War Office is preparing a scheme for the compulsory military training of all males between the ages of 18 and 22 years.

A fine complexion often is false on the very face of it.

CATARRH

Is An Open Gateway for the

Great White Plague



Because it is such a slowly progressive disease and lingers along, year after year, now better, now worse, but on the whole getting more deeply and firmly seated, people are prone to overlook its destructive tendencies and neglect catarrh. It is hard for one whose constitution holds him up for years against the progressive encroachments of catarrh, to realize his danger and think of the time when his danger and later vital organs will be reached, or some acute cold will fan the smouldering fire of catarrh into that devastating systemic conflagration—consumption.

So many neglect the beginnings of disease and allow it to become firmly seated and very difficult to dislodge. Only physicians who are familiar with the history of all that in a large number of fatal sicknesses, has led up to the death, realize how often a supposedly trivial complaint, neglected brought about the condition that cost life. Case after case of consumption can be traced to neglected catarrh.

Catarrh is a prevailing plague, the foremost scourge of America. Its stealthy approach and lingering stay make it a dread to the physician and a pest to the patient. It is vast, spreading disease, taking the breath out of the lungs, causing one to choke, snuff, blow, sneeze, cough, gasp, spit and do the disagreeable things catarrh sufferers are obliged to do, but if allowed to run its course or later becomes dangerous to life.

Because catarrh is not alarm in its early stages, it is commonly allowed to progress until many, so many, deaths are due to diseases having other and various names but of which catarrh is the primary or basic cause. Catarrh is the beginning of more serious diseases than all other causes combined. It is capable of attacking most fluids, tissues and organs of the body. The poisonous secretions following up the mucous tracts get into the throat and injure the voice, into the head and impair hearing, into the stomach and produce dyspepsia, into the bowels and result in chronic diarrhea, into the blood and become black and some other articles of men's clothing being stolen.

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THE EAST INDIAN WAY.

One of the Perils That Arise Out of the Racial Inequality of Those Who Want Revenge.

A trade journal tells a story of an adventure which nearly cost one of its correspondents in India his life. The Indian merchant was a wealthy man who had got on well with the natives, but two of his servants had had a quarrel over a girl whom they both wooed. The unsuccessful suitor, Lal, began to make trouble, and his rival, the husband, warned the merchant against him. Nothing happened for some months. Then the merchant went away on business. On his return he was told that Lal had been caught in his bedroom and locked up.

In the East this meant trouble. The merchant called his servants and had a thorough search made of the house. They examined every trunk, bureau and bedstead, every picture, statue and crevice in the wall and crack in the floor expecting to find a hooded cobra or other poisonous reptile. They scrutinized every knob, handle and garment to see if it had been smeared with poison or with juices which attracted venomous creatures. Then they searched the wine-cellar, the pantry and the store room. But they found nothing.

The merchant was tired, and after eating, went to the cabinet where he kept his cigars. It was a large case of oak and plate glass, with an old-fashioned silver Indian lock.

As he was about to insert the key in the lock, Lal's successful rival, who had been active in the search, cried, "Look out, sahib, some one has been meddling with that lock!" They examined the keyhole and found traces of wax. When they opened the case the merchant found everything apparently untouched. Five boxes of cigars were unopened. He had opened the sixth before he went away and removed a few cigars. As he took this box up he noticed on it the marks of dirty fingers.

The cigars looked as if they had not been disturbed. He was about to take one when he noticed that something was wrong with the head. A second and a third were like the first. In each a small, almost imperceptible rose thorn had been inserted, and there was a dab of brown slime, still moist, the same color as the cigar.

"Do not touch them, sahib," said the Indian. "They are poisoned." The merchant sat down and wrote a note to the police. In half an hour an officer appeared with Lal under guard. The merchant stated the case to the officer, and taking one of the cigars, handed it to Lal with the command, "Take it and smoke it." The man turned gray and refused. His guilt was proved.

The Capital of Morocco.

In Fez, the capital of Morocco, most of the houses consist of several stories, each being provided with a light veranda running round it and connecting the rooms. All the windows and doors open out into the patio, or court yard, the window openings in the upper stories being covered with close trellis work. All the houses have flat roofs, with a wall some four to six feet high running around, and from 4 p. m. until sunset the roof is the resort of the ladies exclusively, who can then walk about and take the fresh air without being seen by any of the opposite sex. This reservation is a law which is never broken, and no man would be guilty of being seen on his or on the roof during the forbidden hours. Owing to the fact that the women of the house are not allowed to be seen by any other man than their lord and master, all domestic offices are situated away from the house proper. In many of the larger houses, besides the water fountains, others playing scent or scented water are to be found. Sections of the court yard are slightly sunk, and these portions are filled with scented oil, which is used to perfume the rooms. The Moors are exceptionally particular in discarding their footgear before entering a room or crossing a rug or carpet; they even change slippers before entering the court yard from the street. Thus the houses are kept beautifully clean and sweet, and are not, as many people would suppose, musty or close.

The World's Railroads.

Some one has estimated that the aggregate length of the world's railroads was, in 1901, more than half a million miles. The apportionment of mileage to the different countries was as follows: Europe, 180,709; Asia, 41,814; Africa, 14,187; North America, 226,508; South America, 28,654; Australia, 15,649; North America leading. The two continents of the Western Hemisphere, it will be noted, have more miles of railroad than all the rest of the world together. North America alone more than Europe and Asia together. The additions per year to the world's railroad mileage were, during the six years between 1896 and 1901: 9,796 in 1896, 10,747 in 1897, 10,864 in 1898, 13,530 in 1899, 10,798 in 1900, 16,947 in 1901—1901 having been, as will be seen, a phenomenally active year in railroad building.

Underground Marvels.

Particulars have just been published of a wonderful series of underground caves in the Stalden district of Canton Schwyz, in Switzerland. The existence of these places had been vaguely known, but they have now for the first time been fully explored by a party which went down provided with 5,000 yards of rope ladders, acetylene lamps, rugs, and provisions for eight days. They were underground for two full days, penetrating to a distance of 3,500 yards through vast halls, brilliant with stalactite and other crystals, and with other great recesses branching from them. There were also found swift subterranean torrents, powerful enough to work great industrial undertakings.

PRAISE FOR MUNYON.

"I have been troubled with Rheumatism for two years in my arms. The pains would commence in the elbow joints and work down to the hands. My hands would swell so that I could not close them. This winter I suffered a great deal, and I tried many different things; one vial of Munyon's Rheumatism Cure has relieved me so much that I hardly ever have any pain, and I can now close my hands in a perfectly natural manner. I am recommending this remedy to all my friends."

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If you are sick, if you have indigestion, if you are nervous, if your liver or blood is out of order, if you have any kidney disease, if you have piles, or any ailment, ask your druggist for "Munyon's Guide to Health"; it is free and will tell you how to cure yourself for 35c. Thousands of testimonials. 33B

The Song of the Rhine.

It was in the Christmas number of Punch for the year 1903, that poor Thomas Hood's famous poem, "The Song of the Shirt," appeared, and both before and since that time the truth of the old saying, one half of the world does not know how the other half lives, has been strikingly exemplified. One of the latest instances is in a paragraph which has been going the round of the newspapers to the effect that a board of guardians in the north of London were applied to for relief by a woman who is reported to have stated that she made blouses for a London firm for the magnificent sum of eightpence a dozen complete. She, of course, had had originally to obtain a machine, and always paid for her cotton and railway fare, the output for a long day's work being a dozen blouses. If these facts are as stated, it makes one think of the bitter lines in the poem just mentioned:

Along with the barbarous Turk,
Who would have a soul to save,
If this is Christian work.

Weaver's Syrup

Cures all humors of the blood permanently. No need to suffer with
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WANTED.

A CHRISTIAN MAN wanted in unoccupied territory to sell full line of articles of daily consumption, to consumers, at wholesale prices. Address, Cooper, Drawer 531, London.

TEACHER WANTED—For School Section No. 6, Tibbury East, Ontario to commence Jan. 4th. Address: Henry Atkinson, Sec., Stevenson, Ont.

WANTED—Men wanted to learn barber trade; only eight weeks required by our system of constant practice; tools furnished; diplomas given. Full tuition \$25. Call or write, Detroit Barber College, 246 Jefferson avenue, Detroit, Mich.

TEACHER WANTED—For S. S. No. 10, Chatham, to commence January 2nd, 1904. Apply, stating salary, until Dec. 20th, to David Thorpe, Lot 1, Con. 12, Oungah P. O.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

LOTS FOR SALE—One and one-half acres at the head of Victoria avenue. Apply to Mrs. Tissiman, room 5, Victoria Block.

HOUSES FOR SALE—A house on Grant St., and house and lot on Victoria Ave. For particulars, apply to Thomas Scullard, Victoria Block, or at this office.

FOR SALE—A desirable 50 acres of land, being part of lot 8, concession 2, Chatham; first class quality of soil, well located, within three miles of the city. Terms easy. For further particulars apply to the owner on the premises, or address Chatham P. O. C. W. Haviland.

FOR SALE

Fifty acres of the best land in Raleigh for \$3,000.00. The northeast half of the southeast half of lot ten in Fourth concession, every foot under good state of cultivation. Terms easy.

Also that very desirable dwelling house on corner Victoria Avenue and Selkirk street. Has all modern improvements, with stable, etc. Will be sold cheap with other lands belonging to the estate of the late Peter Rutherford.

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BULLS FOR SALE—Five registered short-horn bulls, of the low-down, thick-fleshed, early maturing sort (that the market demands, from thirteen to eighteen months old. Prices from seventy to one hundred dollars each. D. Fletcher, proprietor.

The Hot Wash Tub.

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