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**\$1.50 PER ANNUM \$1.50**

**ALBERNI RE-ELECTS NEILL**  
An Exciting Contest Brought to a Close Yesterday by a Victory for the Government Candidate.

Dispositive Tricks of the Turnersites Fall of Their Purpose—The Returns So Far Obtainable.

Alberni, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Never in the history of the oldest inhabitant has this little village been the scene of so much excitement as during the progress of the political campaign brought to a close last evening, when A. N. Neill, the government candidate, defeated Mr. A. Ward, who ran in the interests of the opposition. Although at the time of the filing of this despatch returns from the polling places are not all at hand, sufficient is known to show that Mr. Neill is elected by a fair majority.

On the last day of the contest there was present in Alberni quite a contingent of politicians from outside points pushing the claims of each candidate. At the last meeting held in the interest of Mr. Neill there were present Hon. Joseph Martin, Dr. Macdonald, and Messrs. Foster and Kellie, for the government, and A. E. McPhillips, M.P.P., and Roper and Dick, for the opposition.

MR. MARTIN'S SPEECH.  
At the public meeting on Wednesday night, Albert-General Martin stated that his session's speaking was not able to answer the questions which he had to answer, and the many made in his absence. He drew attention to the corporation's regulations issued by himself. Those not agreed with these regulations than better vote against the government. The government had made the regulations and were going to stand by them. He was complimented by many members on the new rules. The government would see that public money were not expended in vain. He was complimented by many members on the new rules. The government would see that public money were not expended in vain.

A MURDERER LYNCHED.  
Louisville, Ky., Dec. 16.—A special from Middleboro, Ky., says, "Fred, the mountain desperado who killed Hunt Kesterson and fatally wounded Goin, Burk in Clinch river, Lee county, Va., Tuesday, was Wednesday night swung to a limb by an infuriated mob of mountaineers. Goin was captured 12 miles from the scene of the tragedy. He made a desperate resistance, firing at his pursuers with a pistol in each hand. His aim was bad, however. After striking him up the mob stood off and fired at him until he was killed. The mob then quietly dispersed and went back to their homes."

A MYSTERIOUS VOYAGE.  
New York, Dec. 16.—The little ferry boat J. H. Brinkerhoff, in which Captain O'Brien ("Dynamite Johnny"), of filibustering fame, started for Havana last Wednesday with a crew of twelve, has not been seen since. It is now tied up. The boat caught fire when 18 miles off Sandy Hook, and repairs are necessary. There are some in the crew, however, who hint another reason, but will not tell what it is.

BARON ROTHSCHILD DEAD.  
London, Dec. 17.—Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild, M.P., who was born in Paris, December 19, 1839. The late baron was an intimate friend of the Prince of Wales, the king, and the queen. He was a lavish host, and entertained the Queen in 1891. His death was sudden; it was supposed he was suffering from a severe cold.

**FROM THE CAPITAL**  
The High Commissionery Story Denied—Dr. Milne at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—There is no truth in the story that Lord Strathcona has resigned the high commissionery and that Mr. Mulock is to replace him. Mr. Mulock's inclinations do not lead that way. Dr. Milne, of Victoria, is in the city. Dr. Borden will leave with his family for Washington next week.

NEWS OF VANCOUVER.  
Vancouver, Dec. 16.—The large wholesale house of Oppenheimer & Co. was entered last night, but the thieves were evidently frightened away. The doors were found open this morning. Local millmen met last evening. It is understood that lumber will be advanced \$2 per thousand. Mr. A. J. Spear, of the Empress of India's crew, has been left \$5,000 by an uncle in Lancaster, England.

UNREST AT HAVANA.  
Havana, Dec. 16.—The people in Havana, Spanish and Cuban, long for American occupation; the Cubans because they live in unrest and fear the Spanish because they are to stay here after the Spanish soldiers depart and they do not wish the Cubans to become further embittered. General Arolas, military governor of the province of Havana, is regarded by the Cubans as responsible for the violent conduct of individual officers and privates. It is asserted that the feeding in Arolas's battalion is that attacks on Cubans will give the least provocation will not be punished. The talk among junior Spanish officers and privates is that they ought to mark their retreat from the island by killing 500 Cubans.

TO RAISE SUNKEN WARSHIPS.  
New York, Dec. 16.—The Washington correspondent of the Tribune says the navy department has not abandoned hope of raising the sunken battleships in the harbor and bringing the wreck back to this country. Mr. Dingley, of the committee on the interest in the Cristobal Colon brief joint session to-day, after the two sides held separate meetings.

PEACE COMMISSIONERS SAID.  
Southampton, Dec. 17.—To the interviewers who have besieged the American peace commissioners to-day before they sailed for New York on board the American line steamer St. Louis, the commissioners said they could not discuss the terms of the treaty of peace with Spain. They would not discuss the protest made by the Philippine leader, Aguinado, the Philippine leader, Aguinado, the Philippine leader, Aguinado.

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**ACQUINO MAKES A KICK**  
He Lodges a Strongly Worded Protest With the Commission Against Annexation of the Philippine Islands.

Paris, Dec. 16.—The entire American peace commission leaves here for the United States via Havre and Southampton to-night, and will sail for New York to-morrow on board the American line steamer, the *Delaware*. Aguinado, the representative of Aguinaldo, the Filipino leader, lodged a strongly worded protest with the commission, which was received by the records. It begins with saying that: "The very noble and gallant general Aguinado, president of the Philippine republic, has been expelled from the post of official representative to the very honorable president of the United States."

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**CONDITIONS AT HAVANA.**  
Forty Thousand People Sick and in a Starving Condition.

New York, Dec. 17.—A dispatch to the World from Havana says: General Lee came to town from camp yesterday for the first time since the war. The Spanish troops will not be able to evacuate Havana by Christmas as was expected, although the soldiers have withdrawn from the suburbs and are ready. The city will be held until the last moment agreed on by the commission.

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**WHAT LONDON IS DOING**  
The Queen Goes to Osborne—Society Discussing the Spring Drawing Rooms—Persian Prince Coming.

London, Dec. 17.—Queen Victoria on Friday transferred her court from Windsor to Osborne, Isle of Wight. The Queen is enjoying particularly good health at present. She has been busy buying Christmas gifts, which were sent to Windsor castle for her selection. Her Majesty makes it a point in choosing presents to associate with the friends of the royal family.

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**ROYAL BAKING POWDER**  
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Made from pure grape cream of tartar

**GOOD MAJORITY FOR NEILL.**  
Government Candidate Easly Vanquished His Opponent in Alberni.

**JOHN O'LEARY KILLED.**  
Well Known Railway Contractor Loses His Life in Kootenay.

**NEWS OF VANCOUVER.**  
Atlin's Gold Commissioner Falls—Accident to a C. P. Train.

**PATE OF SAMOA.**  
Germany Not Aiming at Establishing a Sole Protectorate.

**DR. PARKHURST MAY RETIRE.**  
New York, Dec. 17.—Rumors are current to-day concerning the retirement of Dr. Parkhurst from the pastorate of the Madison Square Presbyterian church as a result of the proposition to consolidate this church with that of Fourth avenue.

**STEAMERS IN COLLISION.**  
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Dec. 17.—The British steamer *Permon*, which arrived here on December 8 and subsequently sailed for the Mediterranean, has been in collision with the British steamer *Illes*, which arrived here on December 8, and also sailed for the Mediterranean.

**BANKS IN DIFFICULTIES.**  
Boston, Dec. 17.—The stockholders of the Howard National Bank to-day unanimously voted to limit the amount of the bank's business, and the stockholders to go into liquidation at the close of business on December 17th, by a vote of 6,390 against 25 shares.

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