

KEEPING PROMISES

Mr. Charlton to Take a Hand in Negotiations for a Reciprocity Treaty.

Report That Sir Richard Cartwright Will Visit Washington to Pave the Way.

Laurier, Greenway, Sifton and Prendergast to be Banqueted by Liberals.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—(Special)—John Charlton, who was here yesterday, left for home last night. He would say nothing about his interview with the premier, but there is no doubt that it was regarding the question of reciprocity with the United States.

It is stated, however, that the premier will be the commissioner, who will endeavor to negotiate a treaty. Nothing will be done until after the inauguration of the President on March 4th, indeed it is not likely that any authorized negotiations will take place until after the next session of the Canadian parliament.

It is said that Sir Richard Cartwright will visit Washington at an early date to sound the Republican leaders as to the possibility of an early commencement of negotiations for reciprocity between Canada and the United States.

Owing to strong representations respecting the unfortunate condition of Canadians in Brazil the British consul at San Paulo has been requested to send back to Canada those in his district in indigent circumstances, their expenses being defrayed by the Dominion Government.

Hon. Mr. Borden, minister of militia, has ordered a formal inquiry into the dispute between Col. Hamilton, of the Queen's Own, and his subordinate officers.

The militia department is commencing to issue Lee-Enfield rifles to the city corps.

The tariff committee will commence its sittings in Montreal next Wednesday, and will probably be there until Christmas.

VENEZUELA AGREES

To the Settlement Arrived at Between the Two Powers.

New York, Dec. 10.—A special to the Journal from Caracas, Venezuela, says: "The cabinet held a protracted session yesterday. It was devoted exclusively to the consideration of the treaty which has been agreed upon by Secretary Olney and Lord Salisbury for the arbitration of the Guiana boundary dispute.

INDEPENDENCE OF CANADA.

Meeting of the Montreal Club Which is Said to be Influential.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—The Independence Club of Canada which has been in existence in Montreal for some five months, and whose object is the attainment of Canada's independence of Great Britain, held a meeting in this city last evening.

The proceedings were secret, but it is said that the club has already over 200 members, and is in a flourishing condition, both financially and as regards the social standing of its members.

In Ontario, where similar clubs have been formed, Toronto and Windsor dispute the honor of having the largest membership.

IS NOT SETTLED YET

Venezuela Will in all Probability Not Agree to Arbitration.

Public did not like the idea of Venezuela Not Being Represented.

Minister Andrades' Departure for Washington Delayed on that Account.

AN AWFUL FATALITY.

German Steamer Wrecked and a Large Number Drowned.

London, Dec. 11.—A special dispatch from Berlin says the North German Lloyd steamship Salter was wrecked on the night of December 7th four miles north of Villagarcia, Spain, two and a half miles from land.

She had 210 passengers and a crew of 95 men. All were drowned.

Vigo, Dec. 10.—The North German Steamship Company's liner Salter was wrecked to-day off the north coast of Spain. There were 210 passengers on board and her crew was composed of 95 men.

All on board, passengers and crew, perished. The passengers consisted of 113 Russians, 36 Galicians, 61 Spaniards, and one German.

The Salter was bound from Bremen to Buenos Ayres via Coruna and Villagarcia. The passengers were mostly in the steerage. The Corroble rocks, on which it is believed the steamship struck, are situated off the southwest coast of Coruna, and are said to have been given a wide berth before the steamer was headed for the bay leading up to Villagarcia.

EX-QUEEN LIL ON A TOUR.

The Dethroned Queen Arrives in San Francisco Yesterday.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Among the passengers on the steamer China, from Honolulu to-day, was ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii.

Major speculation was indulged in by the passengers regarding her destination, about which she herself was uncommunicative.

It was freely said that she was en route to Washington City to plead with President Cleveland and certain Congressmen for American intervention in Hawaiian affairs.

According to the specifications, the boat will be about fifty-four tons displacement. She will, Mr. Lake claims, with a crew of six men, be able to cruise around on the bottom for a day at a time before it will be necessary to renew the air supply or the electrical energy.

TO ARREST RATHER YORKE.

Charged With Having Libelled George Thistleton of San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—A warrant was issued this afternoon for the arrest of Rev. Peter O. Yorke, chancellor of the Roman Catholic diocese of California, on a charge of criminal libel.

The complainant is George Thistleton, a real estate dealer, who alleges that in a recent issue of the Monitor, the church organ, Father Yorke, the editor of the Monitor, accused Thistleton of "being a member of the A.P.A. long before the order was organized," and also refers to Thistleton's probable imprisonment for unnamed offenses.

KASK IS DEAD.

One of the Defendants in the Scott Libel Suit—Cable Notes.

London, Dec. 11.—Frederick Kask, one of the three male defendants in the suit for criminal libel brought by Earl Russell against his mother-in-law, Lady Scott and others, is dead.

Lady Selina Scott, the principal defendant in the suit brought against her and three men by her son-in-law, Earl Russell, for criminal libel, is critically ill.

Andre Thueaep, the French literateur, was to-day elected a member of the French Academy, receiving votes to beat for Emile Zola. "Yandul" was also elected to membership, receiving 20 votes to Zola's 2.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Condition of Archbishop Fabre—Bye-Elections.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—The condition of Archbishop Fabre is much more critical to-day than yesterday.

Prince Albert, N. W. T., Dec. 12.—N. F. O. Davis and J. McPhail, both straight supporters of the government, were nominated here to-day for Saskatchewan.

Newington, Ont., Dec. 12.—The nominations for Stormont and Cornwall were held here to-day, resulting as follows: James Lettick, O. C. Cornwall, Conservative; John Godall Smetzinger, merchant, Cornwall Township, Liberal. Chater, Man., Dec. 12.—The following were nominated to-day to contest North Brantford for the vacancy in the local house: W. Postlethwaite, grain merchant, Brandon, Independent; A. C. Fraser, merchant, Brandon, Liberal.

Cobourg, Ont., Dec. 12.—Charles E. Ewing, collector of customs here, died this morning. Ewing was employed in the customs service for over 30 years, and had been collector at this port for fifteen years. He was 66 years old.

WANT ANNEXATION.

Hawaiian Annexation Club Passes Resolutions at Honolulu.

Honolulu, Dec. 4.—(Per steamer to San Francisco, Dec. 10.)—Annexation club No. 2 has adopted a resolution declaring that it is still the earnest desire of residents of Hawaii to secure annexation to the United States and urging the Hawaiian government to press the matter upon the consideration of the American congress.

WANT TO TAX WHEAT.

English Protectionists Hold a Meeting at St. James' Hall Yesterday.

London, Dec. 11.—The conference at St. James' hall to-day, open to all favorable to the reform of the fiscal policy of Great Britain on protection lines, and

GOSSIP OF LONDON

Her Majesty to Spend Christmas at Osborne and go to Continent in March.

Low Price Obtained for Sealskins Accounted for by the Turmoil of the Election.

Monument to be Erected in Edinburgh to Memory of Robt. Louis Stevenson.

London, Dec. 12.—With wild and rainy weather during the past week, London has been at its worst, and already the exit from the metropolis, of distinguished people intent upon enjoying the Christmas holidays, is very general.

Many of those yachting inclined have gone to the Mediterranean, their number including Lord and Lady Wolverton and Lord and Lady Paget.

The Queen leaves Windsor Castle for Osborne next Friday, where she will receive a family party during the Christmas holidays. The party this year consists of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and children, Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, and the Duchess of Albany and her children.

There will be no festivities of any kind at Osborne during the winter residence of the court. The Queen will return to Windsor from the Isle of Wight about February 19th, proceed to the Continent during the second week in March and stay on the Riviera until the end of April.

Her Majesty will cross the channel from Portsmouth to Cherbourg and proceed from that port direct for Nice by special train. Princess Beatrice will leave Osborne for the Riviera at the end of January.

Prince Charles of Denmark, and his wife, Princess Maud of Wales, are going to Copenhagen at the end of the coming week for the first time since their wedding. The delay of Prince Charles in bringing his wife home has caused a great deal of dissatisfaction in Denmark and aroused much comment, it being stated that the Princess refused to leave her own country.

Twenty-five rooms have been decorated and furnished for their reception in the immense palace near Copenhagen, belonging to their uncle, the King of Greece.

The cattle show at the agricultural hall at Islington has been an unusual success. There were 574 entries, exclusive of poultry, and the Queen, Prince of Wales, Lord Rosebery and the Duke of York were big winners.

At a meeting held at Edinburgh on Thursday to promote a memorial to the late Robert Louis Stevenson, Lord Rosebery presided. His Lordship alluded to Stevenson as the successor to Sir Walter Scott, and said he desired to see a monument that would testify to Stevenson's position for Scotland and Edinburgh.

An interesting artistic gathering was that of the new Vagabond Club at the Christmas dinner given by Lord Rosebery, commander-in-chief of the forces in Ireland, on Wednesday. The hall was filled with a brilliant assemblage.

Justice Jeune presided and among those present were Mrs. Humphrey Ward, Zangwill, Conan Doyle, Gertrude Kingston and George Smith. One of the features of the evening was the presence of a woman reporter at the press table.

At the conclusion of the banquet she calmly produced a cigarette and indulged in a smoke.

Rev. George F. Pontrast, the American evangelist, will probably accept a call to New York. His successor is being discussed here, and it is generally thought that Rev. John Watson (Ian MacLaren) will fill the vacancy.

United States Ambassador Bayard will distribute prizes to the students of the Bristol Merchants' Technical College next Thursday.

George Edwards as yet has not decided on the personnel of the company which next season will tour America. The probability is the company will make a tour of the world, appearing in a round of gaily theatre successes.

Marie Tempest will undoubtedly be the leading lady of the company.

The Schubert centenary will be duly observed in London on Saturday, Jan. 29th. There will be a representative programme of the composer's works at the Crystal Palace on that date.

This will be the first of a series of eight Saturday-concerts which the directors have decided to give in consequence of the demand for popular concerts at a low price. Some of the leading artists in London have been engaged.

It now transpires that in the middle of September there were two or three cases of bubonic plague in London and the authorities have been taking the utmost precautions to prevent a spread of the disease.

The first big sealskin sale of the season occurred on Wednesday. Although the offerings were far below the ususal number, being only sixty thousand pelts, there was a great decline, an average of twenty per cent.

Swamped, Wales, Dec. 12.—The British ship Springwell, Captain Kinnett, has arrived here with two survivors of the German ship Rajah, of Bremen, which left Cardiff on Wednesday last for Hong Kong. The Rajah capsized in a gale near Lundy Island, at the entrance to Bristol Channel. Nineteen of the Rajah's crew were drowned.

FROM THE CAPITAL

Appointment of J. A. Forth to the Kootenay Judgeship.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The premier has telegraphed the British consul in Brazil asking for full information concerning the Canadians who recently emigrated there and who are now said to be in destitute circumstances.

Laurier is also advised that a delegate from Montreal to ask that a vessel be chartered to bring all those who were deluded into going to Brazil from that district recently home again.

The appointment of John Andrew Forth, of Rossland as Judge of Kootenay district, was gazetted to-day.

Lieut. Peter MacLaren Forth, of the Fifth British Columbia Regiment, has been permitted to resign his commission and John Ford takes his place.

A FAIR PROPOSAL.

Hon. Mr. Tarte Challenges One of His Critics to Come to the Platform.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Mr. Tarte protests to-day in his paper, Le Cultivateur, against the reference made to him by the Rev. Mr. Corbett, of St. Columban's Church, Cornwall, last Sunday, stating that Mr. Corbett's statements constituted a political harangue, which, he said, should not have been made in a church at a place where people go to pray and not to discuss politics.

"If Mr. Corbett," says Mr. Tarte, "is anxious for a full and entire discussion of the school question, there is a fine hall in Cornwall, where I am prepared to place myself at his disposal any day. He has not been in Manitoba, while I have just returned from there."

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent quotes Sir Henry Strong as declaring that he would not regard the dual position of Chief Justice of Canada and member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council as inconsistent. Sir Henry declined, however, to say anything more, as he thought too much had already been said of matters which were not understood.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 10.—Margaret McKenzie, housekeeper for Jonathan Matheson, of Dunloch, died last night from injuries inflicted on her on Saturday night by Archibald McGowan, a lunatic. McGowan is now in the hospital for the insane here.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—The petition against Mr. Boisvert, M. P. for Nicolet, was dismissed.

The C. P. R. traffic returns for the week ending December 7 were \$381,000 for the same week last year, \$452,000.

Brantford, Dec. 10.—James Carpenter was found guilty of wife murder after the jury had been out four hours.

JUST ONE HOUR.

That's How Long It Took to Try and Convict a Man.

Albany, Ga., Dec. 12.—Frank Cunningham, a negro, charged with assaulting Miss Camp, a white girl, reached here yesterday from Macon under escort of the Macon military. The four court house entrances were guarded by troops. Within twenty minutes the jury was empanelled. The evidence was closed in fifteen minutes. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and Judge Spence sentenced Cunningham to be hanged on January 1st. The trial occupied one hour.

NINETEEN DROWNED.

German Ship Rajah Capsizes at Entrance to Bristol Channel.

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ICE YACHTS.

Canadians Will Try and Wrest Honors from Their American Cousins.

New York, Dec. 12.—The ice yacht race pennant of America, at present held by the Jack Frost, owned by Archibald Rogers, president of the Hudson River Ice Yacht Club, is only a strip of faded silk some thirty feet in length, but in the annals of ice yachting has the same interest as pertains to America's cup.

This year Canada intends to try for it. Captain A. H. Lee, of the Kingston, Ont., Ice Yacht Club, one of the picketed ice yachtsmen in Queen Victoria's broad channel, as vice-commodore of the club, has sent a challenge to the Hudson River Club, so as to arrange an ice fight for the championship. The challenge is now in the mails and Commodore Rogers will be only too glad to accept it.

The race will be sailed over the Hudson River course. The Canadian yacht will be sent to Poughkeepsie and all the expenses pertaining thereto will be met by Captain Lee, the Canadian challenger.

It will be decided upon by a special committee of the Hudson River Club, according to the deed of gift of the championship pennant. Our Canuck friends may have to sail against several boats, but they seem plucky enough to sail against all creation.

The Walker international challenge cup for the ice yacht clubs on Lake Ontario, Bay of Quinte and River St. Lawrence is now in the hands of the silversmiths and is nearly completed. It will be the absolute property of the club winning it three seasons, not necessarily in succession. The matches are to be sailed between not more than three yachts of each club, the best two out of three races. The cup will be handed to the Kingston Ice Yacht Club that is to hold the first race. This is an inducement to Americans to come on for all they are worth and have a slap at it.

AT IT AGAIN.

Insurgents in Madagascar Loot a Town and Take Prisoners.

London, Dec. 10.—Dispatches received in Paris from Antananarivo, capital of the Island of Madagascar, announce that the insurgents, during the night of November 18th, looted Amboaninanga, ten miles from Antananarivo. The insurgents captured fifty prisoners and all the cattle. The English residents had a narrow escape from being massacred.

NEWFOUNDLAND COAL.

Railway Contractors Discover Another Vein in Codroy Valley.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 10.—The Messrs. Reed, contractors for the Island railway, have discovered another coal mine located in the Codroy Valley, and so situated that the product can be readily shipped by rail to Port au Basques, near Cape Ray, and used on ocean steamers bound from Montreal for England. These ocean steamships are now obliged to call at Sydney, Cape Breton for coaling purposes.

QUEBEC SCHOOLS.

An Effort to be Made to Improve Their Condition.

Quebec, Dec. 10.—The provincial budget, brought down this evening, appropriated \$50,000 of public lands to serve as a source of revenue for the public schools of the province. Until the proceeds from these lands amount to \$50,000 annually, the required sum will be added from the general finances of the province. Free text books in all public schools is also announced. These steps on the part of the Quebec government are the result of the recent disclosures in the press of the deplorable proportion of illiteracy throughout the province, and the general shortcomings of the educational system in toque.

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