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So Says a Report Which Has Reach. ed the States from the Scene of Strife.

Insurgents Have Crossed the Trocha and are Crowding the Spanish.

Gomez Has Secured Another Victory Over the spaniards.

New York, Dec. 8.-In a dispatch to the Herald from the Jacksonville, Fla., the correspondent says that he has just received a dispatch from Havana which states that Antonio Maceo has crossed the trocha with a large force. It is reported. according to the dispatch, that Captain-General Weyler has been wounded. All news from the scene of the engagement is suppressd by the officials.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 8.—From a Cuban on passage through here from Havana via Key West, who reached here in a fishing vessel, it is learned that the skirmish around Guanabacoa still continues and raids continue to be of nightly occurrence. The government officials fear a larger detachment may dash into the city. Another band of fifty insur gents crossed the trocha yesterday near Artemisa. These caused reinforcements to be added to many portions of the trocha, so for many miles the pickets that each other. There is a rumor in Havana that Gomez secured another victory, but it cannot be substantiated. Havana people are usually reticent now their closest friends.

EAST OF THE ROCKIES.

Report That Sir William Van Horne is to Resign His Position.

Qu'Appelle, Dec. 7.-In the bye-election for North Qu'Appelle, held to-day, D. H. McDonald was elected by over

jaw, R. Bogue; Calgary, W. F. Orr; Edmonton, J. A. McDougall.

The Tribune says: "It is reported that nor the insurgents."

ANNEXATION OF HAWAII.

The Globe sees in the message of the department of the of the interior, the offices of deputy minister of the interior and commissi of Indian affairs will be amalgamated, McKinley will be grateful to his prede and Mr. James A. Smart will fill the cessor for bequeathing him the task of new post. This will render Hayter bullying Spain." Reid's services no longer necessary as commissioner of Indian affairs."

William Anderson, a respected resident, died to-day, aged 58.

dying in a few hours. Toronto, Dec. 7.-A rumor has been end of the year, to be succeeded in the keen feeling of disappointment here at

inquiry at Montreal on the 28th. Montreal, Dec. 7.-A local broker

says a fremendous boom is in store for the Rossland and Trail country next year, as there is almost positive assurance that London capitalists will invest several millions of pounds in that country in the spring.

A CRONIN WITNESS.

Henry Owen O'Connor Commits Suicide at His Home in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 8.-Henry Owen O'Connor, one of the principal witnesses for the prosecution in the famous Cronta evidence at the trial was confined to remarks he heard made at Camp 20. against Dr. Cronin. O'Connor appeared at the first trial, but would not testify | tralia and a Conservative in politics, when summoned at the re-hearing on behalf of Dan Coughlin. He was in New York at the time, but would not listen to any persuasion to make the trip to Chicago. His death recalls the mysterious fatality which pursued persons fore he shot himself. O'Connor drew up a will disposing of his property and called neighbors to witness it. This document was made the basis of a farewell letter to his wife, in which O'Connor said illness prompted him to do away with himself.

SUN YAT SIN.

Introduce Reforms in China.

Dr. Sun Yat Sin, the Chinaman who was kidnapped in London and confined in the Chinese embassy until Lord Salisbury demanded his release and who is now said to be the head of the Chinese secret society which is planning the overthrow of the ruling dynasty in China, was born in Hondralu, his parents early age he went to China, and re- toria and Vancouver.

ceived the first part of his medical edu-cation at Dr. Kerr's hospital, Canton, and afterwards went to Hongkong and studied at the Hongkong college of medicine. Hongkong college of fressed a long ating the necessity of reform in China. Returning to Macao, he opened a shop for the sale of foreign drugs, after which he went to Canton and established himself as a doctor. When the successful attempt at rebellion took place in October, 1895, Dr. Sun Yat Sin was still in Canton. He next went to Hongkong and remained there for about ten days, disappearing afterwards. A short time ago

INTERNATIONAL BI-METALLISM. Passage of a Resolution at the Republi-

can Caucus To-day.

he was reported to be in New York.

naman, and is honestly endeavoring to

effect reform in China.

Washington, Dec. 8.-During the Republican caucus which was called at 10 o'clock this morning Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, presented the following resolution, which was adopted: "Resolved that a special committee of the members of this cancus be appointed to recommend some plan whereby legislation looking to an international conference between the leading commercial nations of the world to the promotion of bi-

BAYARD DECLINES.

He Will Not Accept the Present Offered by the Daily Telegraph.

London, Dec. 8.-The Globe yesterday afternoon, referring to the Daily Telegraph's proposition to present U.S. Ambassador Bayard, by popular subare guarding it are within fifty feet of scription, with a Christmas gift as a token of the high esteem in which he is regarded in Great Britain, which suggestion Mr. Bayard decided to decline, says: "A proposal so obviously impropand the government spies are so num- er Mr. Bayard would have done well erous that they fear to speak, even to to take an early opportunity to decline, as his refusal now has the air of having been dictated by the unfavorable comments of the press on both sides of

CLEVELAND'S MESSAGE.

Opinions of the Leading London Papers of the Document.

100 majority.

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—The municipal zette this afternoon, commenting upon nominations for the Northwest Territor.

President Cleveland's message to conies took place to-day. The following gress, says: "There is nothing in the mayors were elected by acclamation message unsatisfactory to Great Britain.

Regina, Mayor Eddy, re-elected: Moose-Cleveland is neither diplomatic nor peli-tic. His language pleases neither Spain

The St. James Gazette contrasts the "polite, cautious tone" of the message with the mandatory message of a year ago on a similar topic, and says: "The Moncton, Dec. 7.—Harry Foster, conditions in Guba undoubtedly give the brother of the ex-minister of finance. United States the right to call upon fell down stairs and fractured his skull | Spain to enforce her authority speedily or acknowledge her inability to suppress anarchy or be deprived of her right to received her that Sir William Van be considered as governing the island." Horne, of the C.P.R., will resign at the | City of Mexico, Dec. 8.-There is a presidency by Vice-Prescident Shaugh- the fact that President Cleveland could not see his way to recognizing the be-The tariff commission was at Peter- ligerency of the Cubans, for Mexican bero to-day. It goes to Woodstock on sympathy is undoubtedly with them and Tuesday morning, St. Catharines, Tues- the most of Latin-Americans, with the day afternoon and Toronto on Wednes- possible exception of Chile, is ready to day. The ministers return to Ottawa af- follow the lead of the great republic ter the Toronto meeting, and resume the It is said Mr. McKinley will take a more generous attitude.

IMPERIAL PEDERATION.

Sir Charles Tupper's Speech at a Luncheon Given in his Honor.

London, Dec. 8.—The former Canadian High Commissioner, Sir Charles Tupper, was entertained at luncheon today by the council of the United Empire Trade League. Sixty-eight guests were present, including James Lowther, Howard Vincent, Lowles, Disraeli and Laurie, members of parliament; Lord Masham, the agents-general of Australia. Natal and Cape of Good Hope and case, committed suicide by shooting Mr. Rufus Pope, of Canada. Chairman himself at his home in this city. O'Con- Lowther toasted "The Commercial Fednor was a friend of Dr. Cronin and his eration of the British Empire," coupled with the names of Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. John Lowles, M.P., an ardent Clan-ne-Gale, by some of the defendants imperial federationist, who is largely interested in trade with Western Aus-Sir Charles replied on the line of his previous speeches on similar occasions, saying he believed in the trade intercourse between the United Kingdom and the colonies should be placed upon a more favorable footing than foreign connected with the great case. Just be- trade. He referred to the extraordinary growth of the colonies, "which," he added, "would be impossible under a

free trade policy." Sir Charles also said he regarded the question of closer relations as being vital to Canada and the whole empire. Treaties with Germany and Belgium, he explained, alone stood in the way of pretinued. "the sooner those are quashed History of the Man Who Wants to the better." He ridiculed the fears of retaliation.

Mr. Lowles spoke to the same effect.

After hearing some friends continually praising Dr. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of of it for his own use and is now as enanvone can be.

Examiner of Patents to be Tried at General Session for Assaulting an Agent

James Robertson, of Hamilton Appointed Inspector of Militia Stores.

He is recognized as a very smart Chi-Brother of Hon. G. E. Foster Falls From a Stairway and is Killed.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.-(Special)-A. A. Bai- an expression of sincere gratitude, and ley, examiner of patents in the government patent office, appeared in the police court to-day, charged with assaulting F. B. Featherstonhaugh, a patent solicitor in Toronto, who at the time was in the examiner's office. Bailey, who was charged with intent to do bodcan be had at this session of congress, ily harm, insisted on the case going before a jury, and it was therefore sent over to the Court of General Session. Featherstonhaugh made a statement that Bailey dealt him a violent blow and prostrated him on the floor of theoffice.

> James Robertson, of Hamilton, has een appointed inspector of militia stores at Ottawa. The present occupant, Watson, is suffering from failing evesight and is unable to keep up with

> the work Hon. George E. Foster has gone to Moncton, N. B., to attend the funeral of his brother, who fell down the stairway. of an hotel and fractured his skull, A proposal has been made to the government to appoint a commission on immigration to report on the best means. of attracting immigrants to Canada.

> > POSTAL CONVENTION.

Most of the Nations Will Be Represented at Washington.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.-The gov. ernments of Russia and France have accepted the invitation of the United States to be represented at the Universal Postal Convention in this city next May. Each will probably send two delegates. Acceptances from other govcriments are arriving daily. one hundred accredited representatives with the management. The men were

roeism thrusting itself forward in the usual menacing fashion," and doubts that Treaty Under Consideration.

> State Olney, it is reported on excellent how. At least that is the way the men who is also deceased. information, has under consideration a say it was put. The Morans underthe United States. A letter just relit to mean seven and a half hours' work ceived here via Victoria, B. C., states and ten hours' pay. Of course there was that this news has been received on the no conciliation and this afternoon the isiands and that the treaty will be sent to the senate very soon. The informa- day they say they will all go to San tion was given out by a government official at Hawaii, whose name is with- there will be no compromise. In the islands the sentiment is all annexation. President Dole and his advisers are bound by the constitution to secure annexation as soon as practicable, and the senate of the republic is unanimous on the subject.

CARLISLE'S ESTIMATES.

Appropriations Required for the Next Fiscal Year.

the house estimates of the appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898. They are retabulated by titles, as follows:

judicial establishment \$902,120; foreign intercourse, \$2,082,728; military estabworks, \$31,437,061; postal service, \$1,-288,334; miscellaneous \$36,344,216; permanent annual appropriations, \$120,078,-220; total, \$421,718,965.

The estimates for the year amounted to \$418,091,073. Appropriations, including deficiencies and miscellaneous, amounted to \$432,421,650.

BAYARD'S LETTER.

Declining the Farewell Present Proposed by the Daily Telegraph.

written to the Daily Telegraph, under date of Saturday confirming the report cabled to the Associated Press on Saturday that he would decline the proffered Christmas gift intended as a compliment to him and in honor of his efing between the United States and Great Britain. He had asked the proprietors ferential trade, "and," the speaker con- of the paper not to carry out their "kind and generous proposition" along the lines planned. He then proceeds to describe the manner in which he first learned of the proposal, on Thursday afternoon, by reading the announcement in the colnmns of the Telegraph. He said he was naturally deeply touched and gratified when the following issues of the paper Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle contained so many spontaneous contributions of respect and kind feeling from thusiastic over its wonderful work as all classes, occupations and varying degrees of fortune. Continuing, he says: baving emigrated there from the Hung-shan district, near Macao. At an Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Vic-me to the sober judgment that, holding my present office, invested with its dis- vials, 40 pills, 10 cents.

respect and obey the spirit as well as the letter, written and unwritten, which prohibits any ore half-letter, which prohibits any one holding an office of trust under the United States of America from accepting without the consent of congress any present from any king, prince or government. The reasons for this inhibition apply with special signi-

ficance to the representatives of the government abroad." Mr. Bayard says that the republican forms of government require strict and Hon. Mr. Dickinson Objects delicate obedience to such principles, and

continues: "The patriotic and admirable intent of your influential journal has been surely accomplished, for it has evoked such expressions of widespread sympathy and approval as, like the breath of an ocean, will fill the sails of two great ships of state, as they are borne onward by th stible current of our common civili-

Ambassador Bayard concludes with says that "while I live I will not cease to to thank the people of these islands for the whole-hearted and unstinted welcome and warm-hearted hospitality showered on me and mine. I am sure I serve both countries best when I decide as ambassador not to receive the valued and delightful present proposed."

'In an editorial the Telegraph announces that the donations will be returned, and repudiates the charges of "meanness and presumption,' but "no. regrets for the action taken" are exproposed presentation to the ambassador of a Christmas gift.

COL FELLOWS DEAD. Soldier and Politician Dies After a Long Illness.

New York, Dec. 8.—Col. John B. Fellows, district attorney and former membed from the time of his return from an electioneering tour of the Middle Western States, on behalf of Palmer and Buckner, the National Democratic candidates. Col. Fellows was a confederate officer.

STRIKE AT SEATTLE.

Go Out on Strike.

Seattle, Dec. 8.-Fifty men, comprising riveters, platers and holders-on, engaged on the torpedo boat and the government boarding boat being constructed by Moran Bros., quit work this About morning on account of disagreement served at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a notice from the company that men received their checks and on Sun-Francisco on the Walla Walla and that

MILITIA CHANGES.

Lieut.-Col. Prior Retires and Lieut.-Col. Gregory Assumes Command.

The three city companies of the Fifth Regiment, C. A., turned out in full force at the parade held yesterday evening at the drill hall. About 150 were on parade. As the late commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. E. G. Prior, entered the Washington, Dec. 8.-Secretary Car- hall he was saluted by the battalien. lisle has transmitted to the speaker of who were drawn up in line to receive

Lieut.-Col. Prior delivered an address in which he said that he was sorry to Legislative establishment, \$4,379,820; say good bye to the officers and men, executive establishment, \$19,865,952; in whose doings he always had and would continue to have, although not in command any longer, a feeling of lishment \$24,292,636; naval establish pride. He had been in command for ment, \$32,434,773; Indian affairs \$7,279- eight years, and had now concluded to 525; pensions, \$141,328,580; public make way for the promotion of anotherwho was fully able and entitled to command the battalion. In conclusion he complimented the men on their general efficiency, saying that there was not a better corps to be found in the Domin-

> At the conclusion of Lieut.-Col. Prior's address, Lieut.-Col. Gregory called for three cheers for him, which were enthusiastically given. Lieut.-Col. Gregory also made a few

remarks, telling the men assembled that as he had much to discuss, it would be much better to do so informally and less conspicuously than when ou par-London, Dec. 8.-Mr. Bayard has ade. The parade was then dismissed and a meeting held in the mess room.

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Continuation of the Evidence Regarding the Cost of the Carolena.

Claims put in on Behalf of Deceased Persons

Evidence of Men Who Were in Behring Sea With the Carolena.

At the continuation of yesterday's sitting of the Behring Sea Claims Commission Capt. William O'Leary, under examination by Mr. E. V. Bodwell said he was in the Behring Sea in 1886 on the schooner Pathfinder. He left on farmers are hopeful. They believe that August 6th because he was afraid of being seized. He went to Behring Sea again in 1887, getting into the sea in June and being provisioned for and expecting to stay until September. He pressed, since prominent people through- left on August 17th, as he again feared out the country have approved of the seizure. He took about 2200 seals in Behring Sea.

To Mr. Dickinson he said he had not heard of any seizures in 1887, but he was afraid of being seized as he thought there might be seizures that year, as in 1886. He did not leave on account of

her of congress, died yesterday of an Beique, said he was in Behring Sea in illness which had confined him to his 1886 in the schooner Teresa. They left Behring Sea on August 25th. He did not know why.

Gustav Hansen, master mariner, said he was in Behring Sea in 1886 in the schooner Adele, of which he was master. She was a German vessel, He left on August 2nd, as he feared seizure. He Delivered a Forcible Address at Men Working on Government Boats He was in company then with three other schooners, the Carolena, Onward and Thornton, which were seized. He was in good sealing ground then. He went agein to Behring Sea in 1887. He left in August, as there were too many seizures occurring.

til this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Peters submitted claims on ably entertained by the citizens. benair of the late Capt. Ogilvie, captain ing they went to the management with of the schooner Carolena, now dead, and San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Secretary of a demand that they be paid 35 cents an James Blake, mate of the Carolena,

Mr. Dickinson raised an objection to Mayor Davison and the members of treaty for the annexation of Hawaii to stood it somewhat differently and took the claims, holding that whatever claims the city council. The party proceeded at law the deceased may have had they in carriages to the court house, where have died with them. Hon. Mr. Peters put in several charts

showing the cruises of various American cutters and schooners. August Reppen deposed that he was | made to the Hotel Wilson for luncheon. mate of the schooner Grace during her cruise in the Behring Sea in 1886. Captain Jordan was master. He did not know where the captain was now. They entered Behring Sea on the 4th or New Vancouver Coal Company were 5th of July and left on August 14th or visited and a trip around the harbor was 15th, as the Indian crew wanted to go home. He kept a memorandum book of the catch, but he lost it in a wreck on the west coast. The largest day's minister had a short conference with catch was made about the beginning of Mayor McKay and the council. August, 225 seals being then taken. The

about 1700 seals. seals, including 600 taken on the coast. The witness did not seem to recollect whether this was ther total catch exclusive of the coast catch or not, as he stated in answer to question of Mr. Justice Putnam and Mr. Beique that he thought 1700 was the total catch of the

schooner. Capt. J. D. Warren, re-called at the request of Mr. Beigne, said he was the from Ottawa in 1891, as his text, he owner of the schooner Grace in 1886. He had separate records of the coast ed that the Liberal government would and Behring Sea catches of that year, act along the lines laid down in this She took 821 seals in the coast and 1760 platform. Hon. Mr. Davies referred in Behring Sea. Charles A. Goffin, accountant of the

Bank of British Columbia, was called to show the rate of interest in 1887. the election in Stormont on the school He was ledger-keeper, he said, in 1887. question. He considered it "small poli-The rate of interest then was from 8 tics" for the leaders of what they boastto 10 per cent. This rate continued un- ed was the national party. As a citizen til 1891, since when and up to the pre- he deplored their tactics, but as a party sent it has been 7 to 8 per cent.

come around Cape Horn in 1886 on the on this issue. Mr. Davies also stated schooner Pathfinder. He had been em- that the present government were pledgployed in sealing since then. He went into Behring Sea on June 4th in the They were thoroughly alive to the needs Pathfinder, staying until August 4th, of this wonderful province and would do when, fearing seizure, they left for their duty in assisting its development. The Pathfinder's catch was home. about 1400 seals. He went in the After the meeting, the party attended Pathfinder again to Behring Sea in an "at home" given by the ladies of 1887, staying from June 28th to Aug- St. Paul's Church Institute, and form-

of the schooner Ada in 1887. The catch home." He showed that he was as pro-of the Ada in Behring Sea was 1871 ficient in the waltz or the lancers as seals. The Ada was seized on August he is on the platform. 25th. Sealing then was very good. said he went to Behring Sea in 1887 as interested in that industry. master of the schooner Mary Taylor. He left Behring Sea about the end of July, fearing seizure. The total catch that season was 1040 seals.

Must not be confounded with co cathartic or purgative pills. Carter's Little Liver Pills are entirely unlike them in every respect. One trial will prove their super-

NO. 30 LOWER FRASER VALLEY.

Root Crops Were Destroyed by Recent Floods.

The farmers along the lower Fraser. were they not the most persevering residents in the province, would have become discouraged at the many vicissi-tudes which they have had to encounter during the past season. First the floods of midsummer destroyed their crops of grain, washed away fences and buildings and did other damage. The farmers, however, were congratulating themselves on the fact that the potato and other root crops were about the average, and as such crops were short else-where, good prices would be the result. In this respect they are doomed to disappointment, for according to Mr. T. E. Kitchen, M.P.P., who arrived in city last evening, the recent week of cold weather has froze almost all the po-tatoes and other roots in the Chilliwack district. Just as the farmers were ready to dig their roots the heavy rains came, and these were succeeded by con-

tinued frosts with the above result. Mr. Kitchen states, however, that the the lands along the lower Fraser are too valuable to be left unprotected from the inundations of the river, and that the government will act promptly in seeking to restrict the Fraser to its natural channel. It is in connection with this important work that Mr. Kitchen is at present in the city. As reeve of the municipality he will gather certain information at the lands and works department and will forward the same to the Hon. Mr. Tarte, who while visiting the Fraser made public the fact that his department was anxious to secure all information that will be useful in solving the Fraser river problem.

Hon. L. H Davies, Minister of Marine, Entertained by Nanaimo Citizens.

the Opera House Last Evening.

Hon, L. H. Davies, minister of marine and fisheries, Mr. Williams, his pri-An adjournment was then taken un ate secretar, Senator McInnes, W. W. B. McInnes, M.P., and Messrs, The sitting of the commission was James Dunsmuir, H. A. Munn and J. continued this morning at 10:30 T. Bethane returned at noon to-day o'clock.

> The party, who arrived at the Black Diamend city at noon yesterday, were received at the station by His Worship. Hon. Mr. Davies was presented with an address of welcome. He replied briefly and then an adjournment was About fifty of the prominent citizens of Nanaimo joined the party at luncheon. In the afternoon the mines of the made in the company's steamer Mermaid. Wellington was visited, and the

In the evening a public meeting was total catch in the Behring Sea was held in the Nanaimo opera house, un-To Mr. Lansing-The total catch for der the auspices of the Nanaimo Libthe season might have been 1700 eral Association. Dr. McKechnie, the president of the association, was in the chair and the address from the Liberals to the minister of marine was read by G. F. Cane.

Hon. Mr. Davies in reply delivered a speech of one hour's duration that was an oratorical gem. Taking the platform of the Liberal party, promulgated discussed the different planks and statbriefly to the settlement of the school question. He deprecated the conduct of Messrs. Foster and Caron in fighting man he would say that the Liberal Capt. Douglas Byers, said he had party were ready to fight them again W. W. WB. McInnes also spoke briefly. ed many pleasant acquaintances. Hon. Carl A. Lungberg said he was mate Mr. Davies made himself perfectly "at

This afternoon the minister of marine Robert E. McKeil, master mariner, is discussing sealing matters with those



goods and deceased, There are same mat-

that there order, as