

### SICILIAN PRINCE STEERAGE FOOD FOR CRITICISM

Halifax Immigration Official Finds Facilities Inadequate on North-western S.S. Co.'s Ship. Steamer Allowed to Proceed to New York, But Ottawa is Communicated With.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 19.—Dr. Hawkins, Dominion Immigration Inspector at Halifax, investigated the condition of the north-western Transportation Company's steamship Sicilian Prince from Rotterdam to this port which arrived on Saturday. His attention was called to the steamer's condition by reading in the newspapers of the horrible condition that prevailed on board a sister ship of the Sicilian Prince, the Neapolitan Prince, belonging to the same line. Inspector Hawkins made a thorough examination of the steamer of the Sicilian Prince and the result of his investigation he communicated in a report to the Canadian Immigration Department. On the strength of the conditions found he states that he might have taken some action in line with what was done with the Neapolitan Prince at New York, but he concluded to do nothing beyond lodge his report as to the steamer's condition. The steamer was allowed to proceed to New York. In the first place Inspector Hawkins reports the absence of proper ventilators in the hospital. Then he proceeds to say there is no proper heating, passengers are served with food in their sleeping apartments in the steerage, and it is eaten there. The lavatories for men and women and children are on the upper decks exposed to the weather, and are filthy in the extreme, the lavatories also exposed to the weather and are supplied only with salt water. The report also states that the floors of the different departments and companion ways are encrusted with dirt and are dangerous to walk upon. The regular ventilators are obstructed with rags and paper. The Sicilian Prince had 410 passengers, 28 were for the Canadian Northwest, the remainder were for New York. She left Saturday night for New York.

### COMPLICATED STRUGGLE AHEAD IN OTTAWA

Liberals Divided As To Nominee In Approaching By-Election—Laurier's Candidate Not Anxious To Run.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 19.—There is every prospect of a singularly complicated struggle at the approaching by-election. It has been guessed that the date will be January 11, but upon this there is no certainty. The Liberals are greatly divided. Mr. Auguste Lemieux and Dr. Chevrier are determined to run, and now that they will be candidates, Mr. Lemieux is not believed to be anxious for the honor having found the patronage very wearing. On the Conservative side, City Treasurer and ex-Mayor J. A. Ellis has announced his positive intention of running, whatever happens, on the platform of championing the idea of a direct contribution to the royal navy and opposing the idea of a Canadian navy. He already is prosecuting an active campaign, publishing daily arguments on the subject in the newspapers. No steps have been taken yet to hold a Conservative convention and the situation will be difficult, as the unwritten law is that this seat should be the property of the French Canadians.

### COBALT FRAUD SUSPECTS ARRAIGNED IN COURT

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Jacob Cohen, 18 Agnes street, Morris Rodchinsky, 93 1-2 Elizabeth street, Wm. Jansen and Jacka Heikkin, the latter two of Cobalt, four of the eight men arrested in connection with the theft of ore from the Crown Reserve and Kerr Mining Companies, appeared before Magistrate Ellis this morning. They all pleaded not guilty and were remanded till Friday next without bail. The eight prisoners will all come up on that day, when it is expected the crown will be ready to proceed with the investigation.

### SUBJECTS PAY LAST RESPECTS TO DEAD KING

Imposing Ceremony Witnessed At Brussels Yesterday—Episcopate Issues Statement Eulogizing Leopold.

### SOCIALISTS DECLARE FOR REPUBLIC

Brussels, Dec. 19.—The body of King Leopold lay in state in the royal palace today, while thousands who had patiently waited their turn to be admitted filed silently before the catafalque and paid homage to their late sovereign. In the presence of Prince Albert and the officers and dignitaries of court and government, the coffin had been borne to the mortuary chamber, while priests chanted the Miserere and a procession of nuns with bent heads told their rosaries for the dead sovereign. Passing through the garden and courtyard, up the broad marble staircase, banked with magnificent floral pieces and across the vast reception hall, those who had come to the palace found themselves in a room of state the draperies of which were black with silver fringe. It was lit up by the glare from electric globes and the softer glow of hundreds of candles. The mahogany casket in which the king lay was half draped with colors of the old Grenadier Regiment and surrounded by his daughter's floral wreaths. It was guarded on either side by three officers in uniform, glittering with gold and swords brought up to the royal salute. Against the walls and between the tall Princes' caskets were held the standards of the kingdom. In front of the coffin were kneeling nuns and priests. For three hours the stream of people passed through the palace, witnesses of the impressive scene. The Belgian Episcopate today issued a pastoral letter eulogizing King Leopold as the apostle of peace and justice, the glorieux of the Catholic faith and the promoter of Christian civilization, through the foundation and development of the Congo Independent State. On the other hand, the general Socialist organization has issued a proclamation in favor of a republic and condemning Leopold's imperialism on the country the costly burden of the Congo. The proclamation adds that the Socialists decline to swear allegiance to Albert, who, as monarch is bound to "represent the oppression of those who labor by those who fatten on the fruits of labor."

### LOYD GEORGE ON OPPONENTS POLICY

Declares That Tariff Reform Will Not Fill England's Bill Where England Leads The World.

London, Dec. 18.—Mr. Lloyd George addressing a meeting at Walworth last night, said: "Neither the colonies nor foreigners would buy our goods, except for two reasons, either their quality is better or the price cheaper for the same quality. They are not buying them because they love us. You go to the colonies with any article, whether it comes from the French, the Russian, German or American and if it is a better article for a cheaper price they are not going to buy a British article which is inferior at a bigger price. They would be fools if they did it. That is not the way to do business. Our goods are beating them all. Why, we are able to put them in every market in the world more cheaply than any other country."

### SANTA CLAUS TO HAVE HIS HANDS FULL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Santa Claus this year apparently has on his books the names of many more children than heretofore and means to remember the good little boys and good little girls, homitously with toys of all descriptions. Uncle Sam has been keeping a watchful eye on the records of toys for Christmas and his latest figures indicate a great increase in the value of playthings from the toy-makers of Germany and elsewhere including the United States, which have been accumulating for distribution Christmas Eve. During the year at least \$7,500,000

### CORINTHIAN ASHORE HARBOR

Allan Liner Piled Up on George's Island Attempting to Make Open Sea—Sea Calm at Time of Accident, and Fishing Schooner is Held To Blame for Disaster. Fleet of Tugs Fail in Attempt To Get Steamer Off and "Cruiser" is Sent For—No Serious Damage is Reported, and It is Likely That Ship Will Be Floated Today.

### MURDER OR SUICIDE NOT KNOWN

Newark, N. J., Dec. 19.—Two elderly sisters, Francis and Isabel Ritchie were found dead today in the kitchen of their home here. Francis was found dead on the floor while the body of the sister dangled from a piece of clothesline, made fast above a door leading from the dining-room to the kitchen. The first indications were that Francis died from natural causes and that Isabel hanged herself in a paroxysm of grief. This theory was dispelled when a small box was found in the dining-room on the cover of which had been written these words: "Francis hung herself at 2 1/2 Sat. Me too."

### COBENHAGEN TO DODGE VERDICT

Copenhagen, Dec. 19.—The general belief is held here that the commission giving charge of the investigation of Dr. Frederik A. Cook's polar records will not provide a basis for any well founded scientific judgment. The owner of the house which they occupied since Tuesday last ordered a policeman, who forced entrance. The women were last seen alive on Saturday.

### STIFF SENTENCES FOR MAIL ROBBERS

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Police Magistrate Daly this morning sentenced the two self-confessed mail robbers, Barnett getting 7 years and Rowe 3 years. Barnett broke down yesterday and confessed he was the author of the plot and Rowe was only an accomplice. E. L. Howell, for the crown, asked for a severe sentence on Barnett who was a post office employe, and shorter term for Rowe, who was not in the post office service, having been discharged. It was on his homestead in Springdale district near Yorkton that some of the money was found.

### MYSTERY OF THE DEATH OF TWO SISTERS

Two Elderly Sisters Found Dead In Newark Home Yesterday—Result Of Investigation.

### HARBOR MASTER OF HALIFAX DIES

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### MADRIZ HAILED AS THE SAVIOUR OF NICARAGUA

Zelaya's Proposed Successor Accorded Great Welcome by Citizens of Home City. Country Ablaze With Enthusiasm at New Order of Things—Zelaya's Offer Is Declined.

### INDEPENDENCE LABRER'S AIM SAYS HAULTAIN

Leader Of Opposition In Saskatchewan Legislature Brands Premier As A Separatist.

### LIVELY SESSION AT REGINA

Regina, Dec. 19.—In the naval debate in the legislature, D. J. Wylie's resolution which called for an immediate contribution of a Dreadnought to the Imperial Government, was defeated.

### BELMONT MANSION AS SECURITY FOR BAIL

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont Comes To Rescue Of Striking Shirt-waist Workers—Goes Bail For Four.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Mrs. G. H. P. Belmont, demonstrated in the small and early hours today that she has the interests of her sex of the working class at heart and is willing to give not only of her time, but of her fortune to assist them.

Three o'clock this morning found her in the night court awaiting the disposition of the cases of four women, shirtwaist workers, charged with disorderly conduct in connection with the strike. Several lawyers have been retained by Mrs. Belmont to defend the strikers, but with the approach of morning they had disappeared and when the girls were called to the bar, no one was present to appear for them.

Mrs. Belmont here stepped into the gap and offered bail for the girls tendering her home in Madison Avenue as security.

"If your home worth \$800?" inquired Magistrate Butts, in routine manner and tone.

"I think it is," replied Mrs. Belmont. "It is valued at \$400,000, but I think there may be a mortgage upon it for \$100,000 which I raised to help the shirtwaist strikers and the woman suffrage movement."

The security was accepted.

### MONTREAL IRISHMEN CONTRIBUTE \$1000

Montreal, Dec. 19.—In response to a cablegram from John Redmond, asking for the assistance of Montreal Irishmen for the Nationalist cause in the present British elections, a meeting of Irishmen was held this afternoon under the auspices of the United Irish League, when the sum of \$1,000 was subscribed.

Managua, Dec. 19.—Jose Madriz, justice of the Central American court of justice at Cartage, who has been put forward as a candidate for the presidency to succeed Zelaya, received an enthusiastic reception on his arrival here today. Long before he reached the capital he was the object of cheering crowds. He was met by delegations from various departments, and acclaimed all along the way from Corinto to Managua.

At this place, the crowds awaiting the appearance of the candidate were extraordinary. Police and troops were out in force for the protection of Madriz, who proceeded on foot to a hotel through an almost inextricable mass of people, the soldiers and detectives breaking a way for him through the solid ranks, pushing and throwing aside the frantic populace. In front of the park there were hostile cries against the attempt by the soldiers to clear the street and immediately fifty civilians, all of them residents of Leon, which is the home of Madriz and the stronghold of Liberals who favor his candidacy, whipped out revolvers, forming a compact mass around him, acting as his bodyguard and escorting him to his quarters.

Situation Critical. For a moment the situation was critical. There were shouts of "viva Leon; to Leon with Madriz." No shots were fired, however, and the procession went on its way. The presidential candidate's face was flushed and wore a look of anxiety. He was accompanied to the hotel by the Mexican minister and from that place the crowds were shut out.

Dr. Madriz arrived at nine o'clock this morning at Corinto aboard the steamer Acapulco from Punta Arenas, Costa Rica. He was received by commissions, representing congress, the supreme court and the municipalities of Leon, Managua, Chinandega and Masaya. A salute of 101 guns was fired in his honor. Soldiers lined the pier at attention and enthusiasm marked the greeting of the crowds along the waterfront. Dr. Madriz, though seemingly well pleased at his welcome, made no speech. Soon after he landed he said in an interview:—"I shall accept the honor which has been offered me. I am not the candidate of Leon, but of the entire republic. My chief concern will be to appease the ancient hatreds which have divided certain localities."

Dr. Madriz said that he was not certain how the revolutionists would receive him. He was accompanied to the Bluefields, he said, to confer with the revolutionary leaders there, but his representative was not permitted to land. General Estrada sent word that if he came to treat for peace, it was useless. Madriz was hopeful, however, that he would succeed in making peace with the revolutionists.

Promise Co-operation. He conferred at Punta Arenas with Adam Cardenas, the former president of Nicaragua, and the head of the Conservative party, and a mutual promise of co-operation was exchanged. Cardenas was deposed from the presidency of Zelaya in 1891, and recently he was reported as having taken the field against his old enemy, heading an expedition preparing in Costa Rica for an attack upon Nicaragua. It also was asserted that the former president bound himself to support the candidacy of General Estrada.

Dr. Madriz declined to comment upon Zelaya's administration, nor would he discuss the question of intervention by the United States, but he expressed the hope that an amicable settlement would be reached, for he had trust in the high justice of the American people.

The candidate was met at Chinandega and Leon by almost as great crowds as gathered at Corinto and they shouted "Long live the saviour of Nicaragua." There was, however, a remarkable absence of cries hostile to Zelaya. The people of Leon were wild in their demonstration of friendship. Flowers were showered upon Madriz, as though he were a hero returning from the wars. Cannons were fired and sky-rockets shot into the air, despite the daylight.

In a speech of welcome, a Leonese journalist, perched upon the shoulders of friends at the station platform said:—"This is no time for a policy of conciliation or pardon. It is the time for a policy of punishment for the offenders against the public good."

In Managua, the situation is tense. Zelaya has offered the American consul a guard of soldiers for the consulate, but his offer has been declined.