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STILL REDUCING WAGES.

Hard Times For Steel Workers in United States.

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 22.—Notices were posted at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Works that when the works resume, which probably will be within a few days, it will be at a reduction of ten per cent. in wages of skilled employees.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—Semi-official information was given out that a general reduction in wages is to be made at all non-union iron and steel plants in the country that will average about ten per cent. It is not proposed to make any official announcement of the cut until after Christmas. Representatives of the United States Steel Corporation are said to have agreed with the independent interests upon a uniform readjustment of wages of all employees.

The Glassport hoop mills resumed operations after a shut-down of several weeks, some of the tonnage men returning to work at reduced wages. The reductions vary from twenty to thirty-five per cent. The management expected trouble, and a high board fence had been erected. Iron and coal police were stationed at the works, but there was no demonstration.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 22.—The converter and billet mills of the Illinois Steel Company, employing 1,000 men, closed down until January 15.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Four thousand steel laborers at South Chicago, employees of the Illinois Steel Company, have been notified that they will be laid off next Thursday. Their hundred employees have already been discharged. The reason given the men for their dismissal is needed repairs.

wages of the iron mine employees of the O'iver Mining Company, which is the iron ore end of the steel trust, will be reduced thirteen and one-half per cent. on January 1.

C. P. R. IN ENGLAND.

Opened New Offices in London and Liverpool.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Mr. G. M. Bosworth, Fourth Vice-President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has returned from a trip of several weeks in England. Speaking of his visit, Mr. Bosworth said that since the company had acquired the Atlantic steamship line it had quite a stake in England, and the object of his visit was to study the company's connections on that side.

Mr. Bosworth found the outlook for increased business in England very favorable. He denied the report that the C. P. R. steamship service would be conducted in connection with one of the other lines. The Canadian Pacific, he said, would continue to run its own business. The C. P. R., Mr. Bosworth pointed out, had moved into the new building which it had erected on Trafalgar Square, one of the very best sites in London. Mr. Bosworth also announced that the Liverpool offices of the company had been removed from the old quarters to No. 22 James street, the thoroughfare which dominates many of the large steamship enterprises.

THE TARIFF COMMISSION.

The First Meeting is to be Held on January 15.

London, Dec. 22.—The first meeting of Joseph Chamberlain's commission of tariff experts, which is to inquire into the conditions of British trade, and to report with the object of drawing a tariff reform bill, will be held on January 15. Mr. Chamberlain has accepted the Honorary Presidency of the commission.

A STUDY OF OLD AGE

Reveals the fact that the blood is usually thin and lacking in the strengthening properties of young folks' blood. If you want to fill your blood with the fire of youth, build up your strength, restore your nerves, just use Ferrozone. It's the most potent tonic known and will remove the flickering flame of an aged life by imparting nourishment to enfeebled organs. Ferrozone fortifies weak systems, feeds the blood, brain and nerves with new life. Try Ferrozone. Price 50c. per box.

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I was Cured of Facial Neuralgia by MINARD'S LINIMENT.

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Springhill, N. S.

I was Cured of Chronic Rheumatism by MINARD'S LINIMENT.

GEO. TINGLEY.

Albert Co., N. B.

In a school of chiropody the pupils are all at the foot.

ANOTHER GAS EXPLOSION.

Presbyterian Church Near Ancaster Reported Damaged.

Hamilton, Dec. 22.—A report was received in this city that the Presbyterian church in the Scotch block, about three miles from Ancaster, was badly damaged on Saturday night by an explosion of acetylene gas. No person was injured.

St. John's, Que., Gets Singer Works.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—A letter from the manager of the Singer Sewing Company, New York, to-day announces that after considering the offer of Ottawa and other places it was decided to construct the Canadian branch at St. John's, Quebec. The branch will manufacture for the Canadian trade.

Cure Eczema

Boils, Salt Rheum, Scrofula, and all blood diseases permanently by using

Weaver's Syrup

For the Blood.

DREYFUS INNOCENT.

Belief That He Will Be Restored to the Army.

Paris, Dec. 22.—At a meeting of the Dreyfus Commission next Wednesday M. Victor Mercier, reporter of the commission, and one of the directors of the Ministry of Justice, will submit a report recommending revision of the case of Captain Dreyfus, according to information given the Associated Press. If the revision of the case should be favorable to Captain Dreyfus he will be restored to the army no matter what protests may be made, but it is not expected that he will assume active service.

M. Mercier's report, it is believed, not only establishes that Dreyfus is innocent of writing the "bordereau," but dwells with emphasis on the modifications by M. Gribeling, keeper of the War Office records, of his testimony before Council at Rennes. M. Gribeling then swore that Dreyfus was guilty, while the modification of his testimony now indicates that the alleged treason was committed by Colonel Henry, who was at the same time chief of the Intelligence Department of the Ministry of War.

"NOT IF IT COST TEN DOLLARS"

A bottle would I be without Polson's Nervine," writes J. A. Ruth, a farmer living near Trenton, Ont. Nervine is the best household liniment I know. We use it for stomach troubles, indigestion, headache and summer complaint. I know of nothing better to take in hot water to break up a cold, or to rub on for rheumatism or neuralgia. Every farmer should keep a few bottles of Nervine handy and have smaller doctor bills. Large bottles 25c. at druggists.

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Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Croscoll's Tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

An assumption of "soulfulness" betrays the amateur.

AFTER NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Dominion Government Said to be in Earnest.

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Sign of the Big Clock.

TO MASS'GRE JEWS.

ALLEGED PLOT FOR ANOTHER KISHINEFF HORROR.

Governor of the City Said to Have Declared Troops Would Protect the Assaultants.

London, Dec. 22.—The Times reproduces with reserve the following, received by prominent members of the Jewish community in London from Russia: "Alarming tidings have arrived from Kishineff that renewed excesses are being prepared for Christmas (Russian reckoning January 7). The Governor, Prince Urussov, summoned the President of the Hebrew congregation and asked what the attitude of the Jews would be in that contingency. On being told that the Jews would defend themselves Prince Urussov said in that case the military would protect the assaultants."

NOT CASH'S BODY.

Young Man Found in a Well Near Calgary.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—The police still have nothing definite in the Cash case, although working on various clues. Yesterday it was reported that Cash's body was found in a well three miles west of the city. Men from the barracks went to Alexander Macdonald's ranch, only to find that the body in the well was that of George Bacon, a young man who worked on the ranch. It took a great amount of time to raise the body, as the well is a hundred feet deep. It is believed that Bacon slipped into the well while drawing water with a bucket. The coroner is investigating.

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