

FINANCIAL GIANTS
FOR FAIRBANKSRockefeller and Harriman Want
Indiana Man for Next
President.

New York, Dec. 28. — The Washington correspondent of the Press says: "Many explanations have been sought for the reluctance of Senator Thomas C. Platt to resign his seat in the Senate, which he no longer is able to fill."

"Behind it all lies an interesting chapter of 'high finance.' The final peace will not be written until the battle of two great contending financial forces which seek to dominate the election of Platt's successor has been fought out decisively."

"There is no doubt that a movement has already begun to render impossible the election of Mr. Roosevelt as a senator from New York when his term in the White House has expired."

"Recent reports of E. H. Harriman's alleged willingness to rehabilitate Benjamin B. Odell in support of New York politics is regarded as only one factor in the great game of the political financial giants which will become more apparent as the months develop between the present time and the next Republican national convention. There is high authority for the statement that the Rockefeller-Harriman interests in the financial world which now are seeking to throttle the Morgan-Hill interests in the railroad world are determined to force the nomination of Chas. W. Fairbanks, the present vice-president, as the next chief executive of the nation."

"Platt and Dewey are Morgan pawns in the United States Senate. Root also would be a Morgan pawn. Cortelyou, who is to be the secretary of the treasury on March 4, if confirmed by the Senate, will be another Morgan pawn. Long months ago the Republican national convention cut loose from the Rockefeller-Harriman outfit and made its political bed with that of the Morgan-Hill interests. There is in this statement, perhaps, an intimation of why Leslie M. Shaw will retire from the cabinet on March 4."

"Mr. Roosevelt, who believes in his own right that he is the leader of the Republican organization of New York, has determined that Elihu Root shall be the next United States senator from New York."

"Platt personally does not prefer Root. On the night of the 'Amen Corner' dinner Platt was the guest of honor, and Root, as secretary of war, made an effective response to a toast in Platt's honor."

"Root for years has been Platt's factional enemy in the Republican organization in New York. When, after making his flattering speech in Platt's honor, Platt was asked what he thought of Root's effort, he replied, 'In vino veritas.'"

"Greater agencies and forces than he has ever been able to dominate now are vying to dominate him in his declining years. On the one hand is the Rockefeller-Harriman group, and on the other J. Pierpont Morgan, the Vanderbilts with their life-long press agent Dewey, and the great man of the west, James J. Hill. Platt must decide soon or the decision will pass beyond him."

"His friends say that the President has emphasized the opinion that unless this scheme of either dual or universal control by one great financial coterie of the railroad interests of the nation is overturned the people will rise in their might and declare unequivocally for the ownership and operation of the railroads of the United States. Nor is the President alone in this opinion. Many Republicans, as for instance, of the La Follette school, and many Democrats of the Bryan school, are in thorough agreement with him on this point."

GOOD-BY TO DURAND
Washington Celebrities Say Farewell to the British Ambassador.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Rumors that Sir Mortimer Durand was not popular in Washington were doubly contradicted today by a remarkable farewell given the retiring British ambassador and his family.

Secretary Root, Secretary Taft, Secretary McCall, Assistant Secretary Moody, the German ambassador, the Baroness Sternburg, the French ambassador, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, the Italian ambassador, the Russian ambassador, the Japanese ambassador, the Viscountess Aoki, the Brazilian ambassador, Gen. John W. Foster, ex-secretary of state; Gen. Oliver, assistant secretary of war; Senator Spooner and many others well known in Washington diplomatic and social life gathered at the railway station to bid the Durands good-bye.

Sir Mortimer was accompanied to New York by Lady Durand and his son and daughter, Miss Durand and Capt. Durand, of the Seventh Lancers, who is just returning from service in India. They will sail for England tomorrow on the Umbria.

THE CAR SHORTAGE.
Washington, Dec. 28.—The car shortage problem has had its influence on interior commerce during the past month, according to a statement issued today by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor.

The marked decline is shown in movements of certain important staples when compared with November of last year. The live stock receipts at seven interior primary markets during November show a falling off of 5,000 head.

The most noticeable decline is shown in receipts of grain, the figures for fifteen interior markets during November showing a falling off of over 17,500,000 bushels from November, 1905.

GUGGENHEIM WANTS
THE GILLIES LIMITSaid to Have Offered the Ontario
Government \$40,000,000
for the Property.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—A lively rumor in mining and political circles here is putting an altogether new face on the Nipissing-Guggenheim situation and bears directly upon the report of a projected sale of the Gillies' mineral land by the Government.

According to this story the \$40,000,000 offer for the mineralized portion of the Gillies' limits, reserved hitherto by the Ontario Government for development as a state property, comes from the famous Guggenheim firm in New York. Special significance is attached to the fact that this offer followed closely on the sensational withdrawal of the Guggenheims from the Nipissing option and consequent collapse of Nipissing stock.

The New York firm were on the verge of clinching their bargain with the Nipissing people, when they backed out suddenly, forfeiting a million and a half.

The story here is that just about the time the deal was going through in New York the Guggenheims got the news that the Gillies' property, while not actually in the market, could be purchased if a big enough figure were offered. They turned down the Nipissing proposition at once, making the alleged cloud on the title their excuse, and proceeded at once to open up negotiations with the Ontario Government for the purchase of the Gillies' property, a property of tested richness and with its title beyond question.

The New York firm, it is concluded, preferred to own the Gillies' silver rather than spend their money on a minority interest in the Nipissing property.

**SERVIAN STUDENTS
DENOUNCE DYNASTY**
Demonstration in Streets of Belgrade Follows Passage of the Loan Bill.

Belgrade, Dec. 28.—When the deputies left the chamber after the passage of the loan bill last night, there was a serious student demonstration against the Government and the dynasty, which had to be suppressed by gendarmes. There was much resentment among the students because of a rumor that King Peter intended to give \$600,000 out of the loan as a dowry to his daughter, Princess Helena.

It is reported that the king contemplated the promulgation of an edict on Jan. 3, giving to himself absolute authority over all his relatives, including the notorious crown prince, his son George.

WAS IT A LEMON?
Wise Men Think It May Have Been Handed Adam by Eve.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 28.—Was it an apple that Eve handed to Adam, or was it a lemon?

The American Modern Language Association, meeting at Yale for its annual session, has decided that it was not an apple. The association has set aside Saturday morning to debate whether it was a lemon that passed from the hand of the first woman, causing the expulsion from the Garden of Eden of the first man.

Prof. Oliver M. Johnson, of Leland Stanford University, who has made a special study of tropical fruits has been appointed to lead the discussion. He insists that it was not an apple, and inclines to the opinion that it was a more significant fruit.

He said tonight: "According to a legend widely diffused in medieval and modern literature, the fruit that Adam and Eve were forbidden to eat was the apple. The object of the present study is to try to show that this legend owes its origin to the difference between the meaning of Latin *pomme* (fruit in general), and its French derivative *pomme*, both forms having been used in describing the forbidden fruit."

In the Vulgate the fruit in question is designated by *fructus*. However, Ambrosius Aeserius uses *pomme* in referring to this fruit, and in the old French descriptions of the Garden of Eden *fructus* is replaced by *pomme*.

The association opened its 24th annual convention tonight. Nearly two hundred professors of modern language were present from all parts of the country. The most exciting discussions during the three days' session will be over the lemon in the Garden of Eden and the clash over simplifying spelling, which will take place tomorrow. Brander Matthews will lead in the oratory.

THE CHURCH'S FOUNDATION.
Rome, Dec. 28.—An official note issued by the Vatican today says: "The comparison between the Prussian cultural law of 1875 and that of the Clemenceau cabinet as made in the French Senate was entirely wrong. The Prussian law, although hard and unjust towards the church, explicitly recognizes the ecclesiastical hierarchy as the foundation of the church, while the fundamental principle of the church and state separation law, and of M. Briand's bill is to ignore the hierarchy and to impede in an unjustified manner the ordinary practice of religion."

It is generally known that the original New England was on the Pacific coast. In 1579, at the close of a month's stay, Francis Drake took possession of the country for his sovereign, Elizabeth, and named the new acquisition Nova Albion (New England), because he thought the white cliffs near what is now Point Reyes resembled the chalk cliffs near Dover.

INTERESTING GOSSIP

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He declared that he never understood why the Irish members had never brought in a bill asking Parliament to deal specifically with him. The Irish members have acted upon the suggestion. A bill demanding the expropriation of the marquis from estates embracing an area of 56,000 acres in Ireland has been presented by William J. Duffy, member for South Galway. The present Prime Minister, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, followed with a speech expressing his cordial approval of the bill and denouncing the marquis in the most scathing language. The fact was brought to light during the course of this discussion that since he succeeded to the possession of the estates nearly a quarter of a century ago on the death of his father, he had never once taken the trouble to visit his estates, while during that time many thousands of families had been evicted from farms and cottages that had been their homes for generations, and had been reduced to destitution and to ruin, the evictions having been in many instances prompted, not by the non-payment of rent, but merely on account of the Nationalistic sympathies of the tenants.

Lord Clanricarde is the grandson of that great and illustrious English statesman, George Canning, who, born the son of an actress, died prime minister of Great Britain. Lord Clanricarde has no children and no friends. In spite of his wealth he lives the life of a recluse in dingy chambers in the Albany, off Piccadilly, and when he dies a legal contest is quite possible with regard to the succession to his honors and estates, for the matter now stands, the marquisate of Clanricarde will then become extinct, and the earldom of Clanricarde will be inherited along with the entailed estates by his cousin, the Marquis of Sligo. It seems, however, that the Hon. Edmund de Burgh, fifth son of the third Earl of Clanricarde, left descendants at his death some few centuries ago. Sight has been lost of these descendants of the Hon. Edmund de Burgh. If they are still in existence, and if there is anyone, either in the British Isles or in this country, bearing the name of Burke, that being the modern corruption of De Burgh, who can trace legitimate descent in the male line direct to this Edmund de Burgh, he stands a fair chance on the death of the present marquis of finding himself Earl of Clanricarde, and owner of estates yielding an income of over \$150,000 a year.

Young Lord Kingsborough, the 10-year-old son and heir of the Earl of Kingsborough, who has just been appointed by Lady Aberdeen, vicereine of Ireland, as her page in honor, is a member of a family one of the members of which has been immortalized by the poet Milton. For it was a son of Sir John King, the founder of the family, whose tragic death by drowning in the Irish Sea is commemorated by Milton in his "Lycidas." A former Lord Kingsborough was, towards the close of the eighteenth century, tried for murder by the Irish House of Lords at Dublin and promptly acquitted. The drama had originated in the unparadigmatic attentions of a Col. Fitzgibbon, a married man, to the unmarried daughter of the Lord Kingsborough who subsequently became Earl of Kingsborough. Lord Kingsborough's son, at that time known as Col. King, and who afterwards became Lord Londonderry, resolved to put an end to the matter by challenging Fitzgibbon to a duel. The hostile encounter took place in Hyde Park, in London, but was interrupted, before much damage had been done, by the arrest of both combatants and of their seconds for "breaking the peace."

Some months later Col. King and his father, Lord Kingsborough, found that Col. Fitzgibbon was staying in disguise at an inn in a village close to their place at Mifflin, near Cork, and that he was making preparations to abduct the girl. Col. King was engaged in a hand-to-hand encounter with Fitzgibbon in the inn, and was getting the worst of it, when Lord Kingsborough rushed in and shot Fitzgibbon dead. Col. King was tried by grand jury courts at Cork and acquitted by the jury of the charge of murder for which he had been indicted. Not long afterwards his father, Lord Kingsborough, was tried in the same way by the Irish House of Lords at Dublin, it being the last occasion of the Upper House of the Irish Legislature sitting as a court of justice upon one of its members. As I have stated above, the Lord Kingsborough was acquitted by the unanimous vote of his fellow peers.

The present Earl of Kingsborough is a soldier by profession, holds a commission in the Irish Guards, and married a daughter of the cosmically rich Sir Andrew Barclay Walker. His family has been settled in County Roscommon ever since the reign of Elizabeth, when the founder of the family, Lord Fitzgibbon, lord of Decies and of Desmond, by virtue of his royal signatory as a count palatine, created three of his sons by his second marriage hereditary knights, and designated the titles of the White Knight, the Knight of Glyn, and the Knight of Kerry.

The title of Knight of Kerry is borne today by Sir Maurice Fitzgibbon, owner of Valentia Island, on the coast of Kerry. The present Knight of Glyn is Henry Mayhew the bylaw was quickly made by the local option bylaw and another bylaw to have affected the result. The judge held that there had been no other mistakes which might void the bylaw.

The town appealed this decision on Oct. 26, and judgment was rendered by the divisional court allowing the appeal, and reinstating the bylaw. Returning Officer Gordon was sustained in his decisions affecting the taking of the vote. Mr. Sinclair, for the anti-local option party, once more appealed, carrying the

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case to the court of appeal, which has just handed down its decisions sustaining the divisional court. The judgment was that of four of the presiding justices, Mr. Justice Meredith dissenting. On the plea that the ratemakers were not allowed to vote in more than one ward, Chief Justice Moss rules that nowhere is to be found any provision expressly enabling any elector to vote more than once, except in specified cases of aldermen and councillors, where in cities or towns they are elected for the wards, in which case the elector is entitled to vote in each ward where he is rated.

There is talk among the parties of taking the case to the supreme court, but it is unlikely that this will be done. Indeed, it is very doubtful whether in the face of the two decisions leave to appeal will be granted. At any rate, Owen Sound is likely to stay "dry" for awhile.

REDMOND AS SECRETARY
Suggestion That He Succeed Bryce Favored in "Very High Quarters."

London, Dec. 28.—The Catholic Weekly says the suggestion has been made and favored in "very high quarters" that John Redmond, leader of the Irish party in the House of Commons, succeed as chief secretary for Ireland, Mr. James Bryce, who has been appointed British ambassador to the United States.

The Liberal papers refuse to take the statement seriously. They point out that every member of the Irish party is pledged not to accept office from any English Government.

SOME HINTS OF PRICES
These items are taken from our January-February Sale Catalogue, which every person outside Toronto should have. In it are listed hundreds of articles that you need every day. Better get a catalogue at once and see the saving prices.

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One of the Peary Party Tells a Thrilling Story of Adventure.

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For 26 days after he left Peary, within 300 miles of the pole, to pick up the return trail for Grant Land, Clark, with Eginguwa, Sigio and Pablo, his Eskimo guides, wandered over plains and mountains and rivers of ice, hopelessly lost. The food supply was exhausted and the desperate men killed the dogs and ate the flesh uncooked. There came a day at last—May 5, 1906—when the dogs were gone, and even the plucky Clark had to admit to the natives that the situation was hopeless.

Weakened by famine, he wrote that day with trembling hand in his diary: "May 5, 106, Saturday.—We are lost and must die on this trip. I will make my peace with God.—C. H. Clark."

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