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UNITED STATES TARIFF Delegation From Manufacturers Ask President to Recommend a Commission FROM STEAMER

Washington, Feb. 5.—About thirty representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers conferred with President Roosevelt today, in pursuance of their desire to have him send to congress a special message recommending legislation providing for a tariff commission.

After the conference James Van Cleve of St. Louis, chairman of the organization, announced that a pledge of entire secrecy regarding the conference had been taken. It is said at the White House that no special message Burning of St. Cuthbert Causes Many Deaths and Much Suffering

SURVIVORS ARE SCORCHED White House that no special message on the subject of a tariff commission would be sent to congress by the president.

The delegation seemed satisfied with their interview, and some of them went so far as to say that it would be unsafe to predict that there would be no special message.

Swallowed Dentist's Drill. South Wellfleet, Mass. Feb. 4.—A wireless despatch to the Associated Press from Capt. Finch, of the White Star line steamer Cymric, tonight, told a thrilling story of the burning of the Phoenix line steamer St. Cuthbert, with the loss of fifteen souls, and the rescue of the survivors by a lifeboat from the Cymric. According to Capt. Finch's despatch, eleven men were drowned by the capsizing of a boat in which they had put off from the burning steamer, three others in another boat were drowned, and a stowaway lost his life by falling through an open hatchway into the midst of the flames. The list of names of the drowned Windsor, Feb. 5.—While in a dentist chair yesterday Andrew Bowlby, one of Windsor's best-known cititzens, swallowed a small drill used for borning into a diseased tooth. The drill is now supposed to be in his stomach. Doctors may use X-rays to locate it.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—An effort to unseat Mayor Oliver and several councillors and aldermen may be the step taken by the liquor interests to invalidate the license reduction by-law passed by the city council a few days

The list of names of the drowned men, so far as known, includes the following: Third Officer White, Apprentice Brophy; Seamen Carsen, Audry, Vermuelu, DeFreitas, Steig, Muler, Mauton, Vroobrook, VanPryubrock, Kronfeldt. EASTERN COLD WAVE WORST OF SEA ronfeldt. The wireless despatch says that the

The wireless despatch says that the St. Cuthbert, bound from Antwerp for New York, with a general cargo, including fuel oil, napthalin and matches, caught fire about 3 a. m. Sunday in latitude 42.17 north, longitude 62.17 west. Second Officer Tuchy, who was possible patient and second officer Tuchy, who was possible patient and second officer Tuchy, who was possible patient and second officer Tuchy, who was possible patients of the patient of the patients of west. Second Officer Tuohy, who was on watch, noticed smoke coming from a ventilator, and immediately summoned Capt. Lewis. Hardly had the captain reached the deck when a series of explosions occurred in the forward part of the vessel, and number one and two hatches blew into the air. A call was sounded for all hands, but some of the crew, who were forward at the time, were unable to reach the after part of the vessel.

QUEDEC BRIDGE

Mr. Monk Proposes Committee and Sir Wilfrid Gives Assent

INVESTIGATION IS NEEDED

Talk About the Public Health

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The Quebec Bridge company was dissected today in the house by Mr. Monk, who moved a resolution calling for an investigation committee. Sir Wilfrid created some

ciliors and aldermen may be the step taken by the liquor interests to invalidate the license reduction by-law passed by the city council a few days ago.

EASTERN COLD WAVE

WORST OF SEASON

Low Temperature in Quebec—Sufferings of New York
Poor

Montreal, Feb. 5.—The cold wave throughout Quebec continued today, with the lowest figures of the season Richmond was the coldest spot, the thermometer registering 46 below, at Megantic 42 below, and at Steagath 64 below.
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burns, A stowaway who was forward endeavored to escape by making his way along the jumper stay, which ran the foremast to a funnel. While he was elimbing the foremast began to fetter, as its foot was burned away, and he was hurled to the bottom of the hold, out of which the flames were then shooting.

Finding the steamer was doomed, two boats were launched about 4.30 am. Sunday, one in charge of Second Officer Tuohy, containing eight men, while the other boat carried eleven members of the crew. Almost immenders of the crew of the coal bunkers of a steamer lying at a dock in Brooklyn and frozen to death during the night. The city lodge of an inidentified man who had steamer lying at a doc Stepping the mast and rigging a small sail, the men of Officer Tuohy's boat succeeded in returning to the steamer but in rounding her stern a wave threw the lifeboat against the steamer, sinking it. Lines were thrown from the steamer to the men struggling in the water, and six were rescued. The other three were drowned.

Throughout the Sunday the men on the St. Cutibert fought to prevent the flames from reaching the after part of the steamer, and by strenuous efforts the fire was confined to the fore part of the vessel.

Shortly after 9 o'clock Monday morning the Cymric was in sight. The captain of the Cymric was in sight. The captain of the Cymric signalled to the dis-

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YARMOUTH DIVORCE Countess Gets Freedom From Matri-monial Tie From Court at London

San Francisco, Feb. 5—With the discharge yesterday of the last patient under treatment within the isolation hospital, San Francisco was officially declared to be free of bubonic plague. Drastic precautionary measures are being adopted for the purpose of preventing a recurrence of the contagion in the spring.

WOULD STOP WORK

Winnipeg Police Take in Newspaper Offices on Sunday Round

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Majority Leader Payne Says They Will Call for Tariff

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Killed in California

San Jose, Cal., Feb. 5.—The mutilated body of Dr. F. H. Moss, of Palo Alto, Cal., was today found on a railroad track near Morgan Hill. Dr. Moss' father, the late Thomas Moss, was chief justice of Ontario. His uncle, Sir Charles Moss, is now occupying that position.

Commission, a plan which he declared business methods on this subject. He spoke for an hour and a half, receiving the careful attention of the senators and a large audience in the gallery. There were present many delegates to commercial bodies now in session in this use of the title. The genuineness of the title has never been questioned in England. Lord Fairfax was born in the United States, where he is also at present in business. He is 37 years old.

spoke briefly on the general subject of the tariff, and the senate adjourned until tomorrow.

Tariff revision and the President's recent special message to congress again were the main topics of discussion in the House of Representatives today, as has been the case nearly every day for a week. The appropriation bill ostensibly was before the house, but in no quarter was any word spoken in regard to it. The house apparently had made up its mind to discuss the issues of the day at this time, and no effort was made to check the flow of general debate, which will be continued tomorrow.

A long speech by Mr. Payne of New York, the majority leader, was considered important because of his assurances that a tariff revision plan would be incorporated in the Republican national platform of this year. He devoted some attention to Mr. Bryan, whom he credited with going about the country accusing President Roosevelt of grand or petit larceny in purioding his ideas.

Several of the Democratic measures introduced at this assion were critical with the paper on the tree list.

When the time came for tariff revision, said Mr. Payne he would be and invited tens of thousands to stay.

FLOATED IN LONDON

Debentures of Montreal Street Railway Are Over-Subscribed at Price of 96

who was Miss Alice Thaw, of Pittsburg, a decree nullifying her marriage to the Earl of Yarmouth.

The case was heard in private. At the time fixed for the commencement of the proceedings everyone not actually engaged on the case was excluded from the courtroom.

The case was practically undefended, and the hearing lasted for only half an hour.

The judge pronounced his decree annulling the matriage without comment. In the ordinary course of events it will be made absolute in six months.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—The Montreal Star has received the following from its special correspondent today:

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London, Feb. 5.—Albert Kirby Fair-fax, who has been described as the only American bearing an English title, has taken steps to determine his

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FIFTIETH YEAR

Popular Clamor Dies Down Before Restoration of Old Conditions

YOUNG KING'S CHARACTER

Lisbon, Feb. 5.—The announced intention of the new cabinet to put an end to repression and restore the "old liberal monarchy," which has existed in Portugal for sixty years, has had a southing and quieting effect on the country. Tranquility is reported from everywhere in the interior, and today Lisbon, basking in the brilliant sunshine, seems perfectly peaceful.

Troops are less conspicuous on the streets of the city today, and if the funerals take place on Saturday without incident the present phase of the crisis through which the country is passing may be regarded as at an end. The willingness of Senhor Machadon, the republican leader, and the republicans generally, to acquiesce in the present situation, if their friends are released, seems to ensure a return to less strenuous modes of political; warfare. Generally speaking, another appeal in the near future is considered practically impossible.

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Franco's Eclipse Intense interest is shown in Franco's whereabouts. Speculations centre about him, but he remains in secrecy, seemingly crushed in spirit. He decilines to see correspondents or to offer a defence for his policy and explain his downfail or his decision to retire from the political arena. This is regretted by the young king. To a lifelong friend of his father he said: "I intend to retain Franco. He was my father's friend, and shall be mine." It is a well known fact that the downager queen has always been hostile to the premier, and latterly Queen Amelic shared the view that the dictaiorship had been carried too far. She is said to have remonstrated with him that it might end in a tragedy, and argued in behalf of a milder course in memory of what her own family