

THE CHILIAN SITUATION.

Nothing New Known in Washington, but Rumors "as Thick as Leaves in Valambrosa."

Opinions of Officials—They "Don't Want to Fight, but by Jingo if They Do!"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—At the State and Navy Departments, to-day, the usual answer to inquiries for news from Chili was made. "We have received nothing?" but this did not prevent the circulation of a good sized crop of lively rumors concerning the situation, especially Minister Egan's failure to attend the inauguration ceremonies of President Montt, at Valparaiso, on Saturday. The officials at the State Department had no explanations to give of the Minister's course. He had been advised to use his own judgment in the premises and, in high official circles, the belief prevails that the minister felt that it was not consistent with his own self-respect and the dignity of his position, to say anything which would appear to be a concession to the danger in appearing on the streets to attend the ceremony, in view of the manner in which he had been treated since the revolution ended. The war is a short conference between Secretary Blaine and President Harrison at the White House, this morning, before the Secretary reached the department; but the result of it is not definitely known. It was said that the Secretary in some quarters that there is a division of sentiment between the President and members of the Cabinet upon the subject of the difference with Chili meets with no acceptance by those who are in a position to know the facts. It is asserted that in every step taken in the matter the Cabinet has acted as a whole, and the President and Secretary of State have the full confidence and support of their associates around the State Department little confidence is put in the report that Chili will ask to have the controversy settled by arbitration. At least that is not a probability of the near future. Before such a step would be reached in the progress of negotiations between the two nations a long way must be traversed, and Chili's record is not such as to warrant the basing of lively hopes thereon. In the interim, the American conference, it is to be remembered, that the delegates voted against the proposed agreement to settle troubles by arbitration, and that the country has taken no steps to place herself in line with other American nations in this respect. It is the impression of some that in the American conference, it is to be remembered, that the delegates voted against the proposed agreement to settle troubles by arbitration, and that the country has taken no steps to place herself in line with other American nations in this respect. It is the impression of some that in the American conference, it is to be remembered, that the delegates voted against the proposed agreement to settle troubles by arbitration, and that the country has taken no steps to place herself in line with other American nations in this respect.

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CABLE NEWS.

How Davitt was Beaten in Waterford—The Victorious Farnellites as Jubilant as Can Be.

Britain's Prospective Queen to be the Recipient of Costly Gifts from the City of London.

DUBLIN, Dec. 25.—Contrary to general expectation, the election in Waterford city passed off without any serious disturbances. The Farnellites, as previously announced, carried the day. This is the first election won by that section of the Irish party since the split occurred. Returns show that John Redmond (Parvillite) received 1,725 votes and Michael Davitt (McCarthyite) 1,223. The official figures increase Redmond's majority to 542. There is a some of wild enthusiasm; 400 extra police are on duty at Waterford, and it is thought the forces will be able to restrain the ebullitions of the victorious Farnellites within safe bounds.

STEAMER GERMANIC DISABLED. LONDON, Dec. 25.—The steamer Germanic, of the White Star line, which left Liverpool on Tuesday for New York, anchored at Queenstown, last night, to transfer her passengers and the mail. Shortly after leaving Liverpool, the Germanic was disabled by the breaking of the forward crank pin, which made rapid motion impossible. The Germanic was intended to reach New York in time to start on the 29th inst. January 6. Repairs will probably interfere with these arrangements.

APPEAL IN CAPRIVI ABOUT CORN. DARTMOUTH, Dec. 25.—The officials of this port have appealed to Chancellor Caprivi to extend the new grain rates to corn that was bonded for transit during the passing of the treaties in the Reichstag. There are 33,000 tons of corn held in bond at Dantzig.

PRINCESS MARY OF TOSCA'S BIRTHDAY. LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Duke of Cambridge is credited with endowing Princess Victoria Mary of Tuscany with £5,000 yearly. It has been decided that the dresses to be worn by the bridemaids of the Princess are to be of white and silver, trimmed with May blossoms. They will wear white veils and wreaths, but their toilets will have no traces of red. The coronation of the Princess will be celebrated on the 22nd inst. at the Duke of Buccleugh will give her a diamond bracelet. The members of the nobility are vying with each other in the costliness of their gifts of jewelry and plate to the young couple.

FIGHTING IN BRAZIL. RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 25.—Silveira Martines has been appointed governor of Rio Grande do Sul. A fight between Government troops and revolutionists is reported at the border town of San Juan Baptista, Santa Ana and Livramento. The Government of Uruguay has posted large bodies of troops on guard along the frontier, to prevent Brazilian revolutionists from crossing the border.

COLLISION INEVITABLE. BEHRING SEA ARBITRATION—WAR BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES UNAVOIDABLE.

Congress Will Make Liberal Appropriations for Naval Improvements—American Boasting.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The Evening Telegram publishes the following under a Washington date: "It is believed that the court of arbitrators in the Behring Sea case will be announced soon. Our government will select France, and it is believed that England will select Italy. These powers will not open till June there is no great hurry. A prominent member of the foreign affairs committee of the senate who has been consulted in every stage of the Behring Sea case, said, this morning, that it is not to be expected that the decision made by the commission would be mutually satisfactory to both the United States and England. It is a question of time, said the senator, until it shall be compelled to go to war with England to settle the question of our Northern boundary. We are not ready for war now with a great power, but we will be obliged to have one sooner or later, and we have no time to lose in establishing a good navy and a system of coast defenses. Of course we could whip England on land. Congress, I believe, will appropriate the position towards England and will see the necessity of making liberal appropriations for the immediate improvement of our navy."

CANADIAN NEWS. Rumored Resignation. OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 28.—Rufus Pope has resigned his seat for Compton in the House of Commons, on the ground of ill-health. This plea is supposed to be a cover for his dissatisfaction at Premier Abbott's neglect of Mr. Bullock Ives, who organized a strong boom last session upon which to mount in the Cabinet. Mr. Pope is a brother-in-law of Mr. Ives, and naturally resents Mr. Abbott's neglect of him.

Presentation for "Little Oliver." TORONTO, Dec. 28.—It is proposed to present Hon. O. Mowat with an oil painting of himself on the occasion of the opening of the new Provincial Parliament building. Work on the building is now nearing completion, and it is expected July next will see it ready for occupation.

Hotel Burned at Berlin. BERLIN, Ont., Dec. 28.—The Commercial Hotel was burned this morning. Loss, \$50,000; partially insured.

Going out of Politics. QUEBEC, Dec. 28.—Messrs. F. X. Le-meux, Charles Fitzpatrick and other members who supported Mr. Mercier, decline to be again candidates for parliament.

Married a Missionary. TORONTO, Dec. 28.—The eldest daughter of Justice Burton, of the Court of Appeals, was wedded to Mr. Peterson, of the Presbyterian Church, New Zealand, on Saturday.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 28.—While crazed with grief Mrs. Loudon, wife of a policeman, shot and killed herself yesterday in Covington, Ky.

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Shipwreck on the French Coast. PARIS, Dec. 28.—An account of wreck and loss of life has been received from the Aeschon fisheries, a port 35 miles from Bordeaux. The French steamer Albatross, engaged in the oyster fishery at Fochon, was wrecked and eleven of her crew, in fact the whole with the exception of one man, were drowned.

Mismanagement of Vatican Funds. ROME, Dec. 28.—The deposition of Monsignor Folchi from the position of prelate and vice-meringue of the apostolic chamber is considered an evident sign of the inexactitude of the past administration. This degradation is the result of the report of a commission of cardinals appointed to inquire into the financial position of the Holy See. The administration of Peter's revenues and of the Vatican finances will henceforth be entrusted to a commission of seven cardinals. The deficit brought about through the mismanagement of the past administration was 18,000,000 and 23,000,000 lire.

Sir William White Dead. BERLIN, Dec. 28.—Sir William Arthur White, British Ambassador to Turkey, died from influenza, here, yesterday. Sir William Arthur White was an eminent English statesman and diplomat. He was the leading part in the conference of 1885 on the Bulgarian question.

Collier, the Composer, Dead. LONDON, Dec. 28.—Collier, the composer, is dead. He had been suffering from influenza for two weeks, and was unable to finish the orchestration of "The Mountebanks," a comic opera, the joint work of himself and W. S. Gilbert, in time for the production at the date first set.

The Gips in Italy. ROME, Dec. 28.—The Duchess Isabella of Genoa, sister-in-law of the queen of Italy, is suffering from influenza. The disease is widely prevalent in France and Bergamo.

General Booth in India. MADRAS, Dec. 28.—Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, is holding very successful meetings in this city. Large sums of money have been subscribed.

The Russian Secret League. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—The police have made a large number of arrests in a secret league, the object of which was to assassinate the Czar. It is thought that many persons connected with the conspiracy have taken flight at the knowledge of the discovery of their plans by the police and will seek safety by flight. The authorities have ordered the frontier closely watched. The conspirators are arrested will shortly be made. At Milan, the capital of Courtland, Baron Mann, a well-known land owner, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for tearing down the Imperial arms which stood over the door of the court at that place.

Grain Frauds in Russia. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—The scandal arising from the discovery of adulterated flour is apt to make trouble for a number of people. The consignment comprised 300,000 pounds, of 7,800,000. English pounds of best flour purchased from dealers in Lihban with a view of regulating the price of wheat in the St. Petersburg market, as well as to afford relief to the famine sufferers. The entire consignment had been adulterated with inferior flour and other substances. These composed such a large proportion of the consignment that the use of the alleged flour would constitute a very dangerous menace to the health, not the lives of those who partake of it. In speaking of the fraud, the Novoye Vremya remarked that if such frauds can be perpetrated in the capital of the empire, the appalling accounts of similar crimes in the famine stricken provinces cannot be exaggerated.

His Official Visit. LONDON, Dec. 28.—Augustin Ross, the new Chilean minister to Great Britain, left for London yesterday on a British foreign office and the various legations.

Britain's Ambassador to Russia. LONDON, Dec. 28.—The rumors about Lord Churchill's ambition to represent Great Britain at St. Petersburg were allayed this afternoon by the announcement that Lord Huxley Vivian, who, since 1884, has represented Great Britain at the court of Brussels, with the rank of Minister, has been promoted to St. Petersburg as Ambassador to the Czar. Lord Vivian is about 57 years of age, and has been in the diplomatic service about 17 years. As Consul General in Moldavia and Wallachia he became intimately acquainted with the Russian and Rumanian courts, and his experience that led to his present advancement. The transfer of Sir Robert Morier to Rome from St. Petersburg is partly on account of his health, being unable to bear the rigors of the winter, and partly to bear the rigorous climate of the North.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

A Contraband Chinaman Sets Bolts and Bars at Defiance—Gored to Death.

Chinese Gamblers Threaten Those Who Complain Against Them—Ready to Go Sealing.

WESTMINSTER. NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 28.—A farmer from Stave Lake named Brunson, was seriously gored by a Holstein bull on the C.P.N. wharf, last night. He is now in hospital in a precarious condition.

A Chinaman, held by the customs officials for failing to pay his \$50 tax on his arrival from the States, made his escape from the room in the South-West Westminster Hotel, after having been shut up, by picking the lock, and has been beaten from the premises.

C. D. Needham has been arrested for stealing \$50 and two valises in Calgary. An officer from the latter place will arrive to-morrow and take him back. Needham has on visited the province with theatrical troops.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 29.—A rich strike of silver ore has been made about two miles from Mission City. It is said to assay \$200 to the ton, and the ledge has been discovered by the late Mr. Needham, in consequence in the neighborhood, and all the farmers are staking claims. Over a hundred have been recorded so far.

Mr. Morency and Dr. McGeigan have left for Vancouver. When parties from the death of William Small, a logger, supposed to have been drowned on Dec. 5. Marks of violence were found on the body, and the Bickley Bay people demanded an inquest.

A Swede named Anderson was found yesterday afternoon in a small shack near the city, horribly emaciated for want of food. A man chopped off the little finger of his right hand and nearly bled to death yesterday. When taken to the doctor he said he had only followed out the scripture injunction, "If a member offend thee, cut it off." A doctor examined the man and pronounced him insane.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—This afternoon the Chinese gambling case came up before Justices McLean and Schofield, and was adjourned till Monday. Mah Hong and another boy from the Chinese Mission, were the complainants. When parties from the court, and had reached the corner of Hastings and Cambie streets, Pong Deb, one of the defendants, said something in Chinese to the complainants, and at the same time pulled a revolver. Mah Hong and his companion started on the run for the Court House and laid information against Pong Deb. Officer W. S. Patterson now has a warrant for his arrest. A great many of these Chinese gamblers, who are all highlanders, go armed.

The sealing schooner Beatrice is alongside the C.P.R. wharf taking on supplies. It is expected that she will be ready to start for Behring Sea on Monday.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 29.—Owing to neglect of orders from the president of the Westminster Tramway Co., relating to clearing the track of snow, a change has been made in the traffic management of the road, W. D. Burdiss being appointed traffic superintendent.

The steamer Etta White, which arrived from the North, last night, had a very stormy passage. She brought word of the accidental shooting of John McLaughlin, at Bickley Bay. The unfortunate man was taking a gun from a boat, when the trigger caught and the gun was discharged, the ball striking him in the head, causing instant death.

It is reported that an experienced ore handler from Arizona is now in the city, negotiating for the purchase of the smelter property. He has sent samples of the ore to his partner in Arizona, and is awaiting his reply before going farther in the matter.

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