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WILL VISIT IRELAND

Report that the Queen Will Visit the Emerald Isle During Next Year.

Russian Authorities Suppress a Demonstration in Memory of Khodinskoe Disaster.

Rains Have Ceased in India—The Plague Spreading in Bombay.

London, Dec 4.—A Vienna dispatch to the Standard reports that an English woman named Annie Ilett, has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment with labor for forging checks in November, 1895, on a letter of credit and check book, which were stolen from Mrs. Parsons, on a voyage from New York to Gibraltar by a man who accompanied the Illet woman. They afterwards travelled the continent issuing forged checks. The man has disappeared.

According to the Dublin correspondent of the Daily News there is talk of Queen Victoria visiting Ireland, in 1897, in connection with the celebration over her reign having reached the longest period of any English sovereign.

A dispatch from Moscow to the Standard says the authorities there have frustrated the attempt of students at a demonstration in memory of the terrible Khodinskoe plain disaster last year, when hundreds of peasants were killed in a stampede at the time of the distribution of souvenir mugs of the Czar's coronation. The demonstration was prevented by arresting a hundred ringleaders.

A dispatch from Bombay announces that rain has ceased throughout the country.

A Constantinople dispatch says the Emperor and Empress of Germany will visit Jerusalem on Easter Sunday, 1897, to attend the consecration of the Evangelical church built on the site given the late Emperor Frederick by the Sultan. The dispatch adds, the Emperor and Empress will thence proceed to Cairo at the Khedives invitation.

Advices received here to-day from Liberia announce that the president of the republic, Jos. James Chesman, died on Nov. 11th. Vice-President Coleman was inaugurated president on Nov. 18th.

A Constantinople dispatch to the Daily Mail says that under the pretext of revenging an old grievance, 1,000 Kurds raided the province of Mamouret-ul-Azis, where they burned and pillaged the village and massacred the inhabitants.

A Bombay dispatch says, the plague is spreading and several Europeans have been attacked. Two died yesterday.

It is announced that Sir Chas. Rivers-Wilson, president of the Grand Trunk is so well satisfied with Charles M. Hayes' management of the road, that he will not make his usual annual visit or inspection next year. The home office will be represented, instead, by the vice-president, Joseph Price, who will go over next May and remain two months. Mr. Price is very active in railway affairs in England and is also vice-president of the New York, Ontario and Western.

HAMBURG STRIKE.

Causes an Animated Discussion in the Reichstag Yesterday.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—In the reichstag today, Dr. von Boetticher said he hoped that all who rejoiced in the achievements of the German Empire would unite in the struggle against socialism. There was no question, he asserted, of a coup d'etat, and as to dissolving the reichstag, no such proposal had ever been made.

Dr. von Boetticher said the strikes in the seaports were the most unjustifiable that had ever occurred. He would pass over the suggestion of English excitement, as he did not desire to make charges against the British shipowners. The co-operation of the Socialists, however, was quite evident, and as a result of the strike British workmen had come over to earn wages which the Hamburg workmen despised. All the friends of the workers, he further stated, should unite in their efforts to end the strike.

Baron von Slumm declared that as the Hamburg strike was only a struggle for supremacy on the part of the employes, the latter had done public service in refusing to arbitrate the dispute.

Herr Ader, Socialist, said the Hamburg dockers earned only 850 marks per year, and they now wished to share the benefits of improving trade. He added that if they had been perfectly organized the strike would not have occurred.

Dr. von Boetticher answered that the dockers earned more than Herr Ader stated, and it was clear that an extended strike had been planned, and that the Germans had rashly started the movement, while their fellow workers in other countries had failed to follow their example. In conclusion, he said, that he hoped the Germans in future would let others pull the chestnuts out of the fire. The house was then adjourned for the day.

GENERAL STRIKE

Has Been Declared by Hamburg Strike Committee—Order Obeyed.

Hamburg, Dec. 4.—At a meeting of the Central Strike Committee this morning it was decided to declare a general strike and a pamphlet was issued calling all quay laborers, engineers, bargemen, lumpers and carmen to quit work in order to bring the business of the port to a complete standstill. The majority of the quay laborers obeyed the order.

VERY NEATLY DONE.

New Orleans Jeweler Loses $10,000 Worth of Diamonds.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 4.—George E. Gail, a jeweler, official time inspector of the Illinois Central Railway, was swindle out of $10,000 worth of diamonds by three Italian strangers. One formed the acquaintance of Mr. Gail eight days ago, and said he wished to buy $10,000 worth of diamonds to present to the Pope to secure from him permission to release his sister from a convent. Gail was thoroughly convinced of the sincerity of the Italian and secured the diamonds from New York. The Italian brought a friend along with him to make the deal. They had a box to put the jewels in. The jewels and the $10,000 were placed in a box before Mr. Gail's eyes and he was asked to keep the box until they returned. An hour later Mr. Gail took the box in which he had just seen the money and diamonds placed. It had been securely locked in his presence. Three hours later Gail becoming suspicious, broke open the box and found a two dollar bill and a silk handkerchief.

A BERLIN SENSATION

Continuation of the Trial of the Journalists Charged With Libel.

Commissioner of Detectives and Minister of Foreign Affairs Exchange Warm Words.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—When the trial of Baron Luetzow and Herr Leckert, Ploetz, Berger, and Foelimer, journalists, charged with libelling Count Botho Eulenberger, Baron Marschell von Bieberstein and Prince Alex. von Hohenlohe, an outcome of the Czar's and Emperor William's toast at Breslau, was resumed this morning the public prosecutor announced that he had instituted proceedings against Baron von Luetzow on charges of forgery and fraud. This later development in the interesting case is a result of evidence taken yesterday which tended to demonstrate that Baron von Luetzow forged a receipt for money while an interview with the chief of police yesterday showed that von Tausch, commissioner of detectives, traced the article to the foreign office.

It was subsequently developed that Baron von Luetzow was the author of the article, and the minister of foreign affairs came from the foreign office and it was thus proved also that von Luetzow was an agent of the secret police. This led to a clash yesterday between Baron Bieberstein and von Tausch. The former declared the foreign office had for some time past and for good reasons refrained from employing political police, when enquiring into the authorship of the article, and the minister of foreign affairs accused the commissioner of detectives of forging a suspicion against himself. This caused von Tausch to ask the protection of the court, pointing out the fact that he was not in the prisoner's dock but on the witness stand. The conclusion of the trial is awaited with great interest and is expected to reveal the doings of the court clique, which is dominated by Count Botho Eulenberg, former minister of the interior.

Yesterday Baron von Bieberstein deposed that he knew neither Herr Lackert nor Baron von Luetzow, and later the minister for foreign affairs said that in the supposition that the stenographer attending the banquet was unable to take shorthand notes in French, he wrote the words of the Czar's toast and immediately had it verified by a Russian official. Baron von Bieberstein added that the wrong version of the toast published was solely due to a mistake of the reporter, as two versions of it never existed.

SALMON FOR THE EAST.

Pacific Coast Salmon to be Planted in Eastern Waters.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Under the direction of Commissioner Brice a large number of Pacific coast salmon are to be planted in eastern waters. A fish car containing 5,000,000 eggs is now on the way east, and the eggs will be planted in the Kennebec, Merrimac, Hudson and other rivers. Already 8,000 yearlings have been turned loose in the Penobscot, and the commission is gratified with its work on the Pacific coast this year.

This year 30,000,000 eggs have been hatched, three times as many as were hatched in any previous year. Of these 26,000,000 were hatched at the new station at Battle Creek, a tributary of the Sacramento river in California. The commissioners secured a site which belonged to the California commission, and has built an additional hatchery there. It is now regarded as one of the best stations in the United States.

Not the least important action of the fish commission is the transfer of the steelheads from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast, where a large number have been planted.

Don't dally with rheumatism. Purify your blood and cure it at once by taking a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

GOOD WORK STARTS

Henry, Who Was Elected by Imported Impersonators, Unseated by the Courts.

Conservatives Making a Desperate Effort to Save Cornwall and Stormont.

Government's Policy to Populate the Western Provinces and Territories.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Henry, the Conservative, who defeated Hon. Mr. Paterson, in Brantford, has been unseated. Henry's election was secured, so it was alleged, by the importation of men from the States who voted for dead men and absentees. A commission was appointed to take evidence in Buffalo, but very little information could be obtained from those who had hired themselves to the Tories. There was sufficient, however, to unseat the member.

Hon. G. E. Foster, Sir Adolph Caron and other members of the Opposition are making terrible efforts to hold Cornwall and Stormont to the Conservatives. They had a meeting there last night and both Foster and Caron denounced the school question settlement. Leitch, who is the Conservative candidate ran as an equal rights candidate on the Meredith platform, but now favors the remedial bill to Premier Laurier's school settlement. Hon. Mr. Tarte left for the constituency to-day.

Mr. Sifton contemplates a reorganization of the interior department. It is understood to be the Minister's intention to embark on a vigorous immigration policy, and to appoint Hon. Mr. Smart, of Brandon, as Commissioner of Immigration, giving him full charge of all immigration work, equivalent to the position of a deputy minister.

BIG MINING DEAL.

British Syndicate Secures a Coeur d'Alene Mine.

Helena, Dec. 5.—The sale of the Helena and 'Frisco mine in Coeur d'Alene was to-day consummated. The Exploration Company, of London, England, is the purchaser. The mine was recently examined by Hamilton Smith, of London, in company with Messrs. Hauser and Holter, the principal owners. The purchase price is $2,225,000. Negotiations were conducted and closed in Helena by W. J. Chalmers, of Fraser & Chalmers, Chicago.

RUSSIA AND FRANCE.

President Faure's Proposed Visit to Russia—Other Events.

Paris, Dec. 3.—With reference to the growing belief that President Faure will visit Russia, the constitutional view of the case is much discussed. M. Wallon, who is called the father of the republican constitution, on account of his prominent role in its elaboration, expresses the conviction that the president is at perfect liberty to travel without the authorization of parliament, because the constitution does not prohibit expressly his going abroad. He would only need to provide for the transaction of the business of his office during his absence, and in the event of the ministers refusing their assent, he could demand their resignation and appoint a new cabinet.

M. Pierre, secretary-general of the president of the chamber, concurs in the above view, but thinks it would be preferable to obtain the sanction of parliament.

It is a fact that President Casimir Perier had decided to attend the funeral of the late Czar, and was only deterred from doing so by a question of precedence, as he would have been obliged to follow Prince Henry of Prussia in the procession. The general opinion is that there would be no difficulty in Mme. Faure accompanying her husband.

A semi-official note has been issued in St. Petersburg emphatically denying that there has been any disagreement between France and Russia regarding foreign politics.

At a mass meeting held at Lyons, France, of the organized farmers' union, the dealers in salt meats adopted a resolution in favor of the exclusion of American pork products in view of the fall in the price of swine.

The French budget commission has adjourned the discussion of the bill to convert the 6 per cent. Madagascar loan into a 2½ per cent., repayable in sixty years. The profit, 12,000,000 francs accruing therefrom will be employed in public works.

The newspapers of Paris and the musical centres unite in their praise of Mlle. Marie Vansandt, who made her reappearance on Tuesday night in Delibes's "Lakme."

Emile Arton has withdrawn his appeal against his sentence to eight year's imprisonment.

The French committee of petitions has rejected the petition of Mme. Dreyfus a fresh trial of her husband.

It is anounced that M. Francois Carnot is to marry Mme. Valentine Chieres, whose eldest sister is already married to M. Ernest Carnot.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

In the Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Walkem the action of Crause vs. Lawrence is to-day being tried. The plaintiff claims the sum of $400 for damages against the defendant for illegal distress upon the premises rented by the plaintiff and known as the Cosmopolitan Stables. The defendant claims a set-off amounting to as much as the plaintiff's claim for damages to his property on the premises.

In the Admiralty Court, before Mr. Justice Drake, the action of Klien vs. Schooner Minnie is also being tried This is a claim for wages for $267 alleged to be due the plaintiff for services on board the schooner. The defence is, that during the time plaintiff was employed by the schooner in the months of May and June, the schooner was in port and for such time the plaintiff is not entitled to wages as he was only under agreement while the vessel was on her voyage. The plaintiff contends that under the articles signed he is entitled to his wages during the whole of the voyage, and also during the time that the vessel was in port.

EAST OF THE ROCKIES

Conservatives Working for All They are Worth in Cornwall and Stormont.

Tariff Commissioners Conferring With the People of London—Liberal Banquet.

Cornwall, Dec. 4.—Hon. G. E. Foster and Sir Adolphe Caron opened the Conservative campaign in Cornwall and Stormont last night by addressing a meeting here. Sir Adolphe Caron spoke in English and afterwards in French. The Greenway government, he said, had placed a sacrilegious hand upon the liberties of the people of Manitoba, and if this were to be permitted the liberties and privileges of all the other minorities were in danger. Referring to the school question, Mr. Foster said that the Conservative party had declared that it was a constitutional question and they never ceased to treat it as such; they stood and fell by the constitution. As for Mr. Laurier's settlement, he could not do otherwise than to criticize it. It was a departure from the constitution of the country under which minorities were protected by the people.

Kingston, Dec. 4.—John McKewen, of St. Catharines, county attorney for Lincoln, died in the hospital here this morning.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—The Liberals of this city have decided to banquet Messrs. Laurier and Tarte.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—Intelligence has been received that W. B. Poulton has been drowned at Wahnapitee, Nipissing district. Poulton was an old and prominent resident of the East end.

London, Ont., Dec. 4.—Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Paterson and Sir Richard Cartwright began a two days' tariff inquiry here to-day. John McClary, representing a deputation of foundrymen said that any reduction in the tariff would be disastrous to business and injurious to employees, unless it was made up in reduction of the duties on raw material. If raw material were admitted free it would make a difference of five per cent. in the price of stoves. Arthur W. White, of the White Machine Works, said there was a duty of fifty per cent on half the material that went into their engines. He preferred to increase the duty on manufactured boilers and traction engines rather than decrease those on raw materials.

Cobourg, Dec. 4.—The investigation into the charge that George Guillett, M. P., and Daniel M. Collister induced C. E. Ewing, collector of customs, to resign by promising him an annuity, has been postponed indefinitely, Ewing being too ill. The investigation into the transfer of the postmastership here from William Sykes to Mr. Guillett at the last general election, has been concluded. The commissioner will report at an early date.

St. John's Nfld., Dec. 4.—The long-standing suit brought against the Pullman Palace Car Company by James McGaffigan, a tea merchant, of this city, in which he claimed $20,000 damages for injury to his health, as a result of taking a cold in one of the company's cars, ended to-day by the jury deciding in favor of the defendants. The case has been before the courts since 1892.

DAMAGED BY WIND.

An All-Night Storm Off the Coast of England.

London, Dec. 5.—A severe gale prevailed all night along the British coast, causing numerous casualties and much damage. The Channel service has been suspended. The electric road from Brighton to Rottingham, along the foreshore, opened last week with great eclat, was destroyed.

Alex. Begg and J. H. Falconer returned last evening from the Sound.

BAYARD IS WILLING

But the Diplomats do Not Look With Favor on the Christmas Gift Proposition.

Celebration of the Anniversary of the Princess of Wales' Birthday on Tuesday.

Steam Trials of Britain's Warship, the Powerful—Events of the Week.

London, Dec. 5.—The proposal of the Daily Telegraph to present to United States ambassador, Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, by popular subscription, a "Christmas farewell gift of respect and good-will," suggesting that it consist of rare and precious editions of the writings of Chaucer and Shakespeare, "so deeply loved by Mr. Bayard," is falling very flat. The Chronicle admits the Telegraph's kindly motives, and Mr. Bayard's claim to regard, but it condemns the suggestion as "improper and opposed to diplomatic etiquette." Adding that "the mere idea is enough to bring cold perspiration to the brow of the most deserving diplomat," and suggesting that the ambassador be given a banquet in the "familiar Anglo-Saxon way." The diplomats and officials are aghast at the proposition and among Americans here, even including Mr. Bayard's personal friends, a feeling of disgust is manifested at the idea of the American ambassador being placed on the same level as the popular cricketers or Crimean veterans for whom the Telegraph successfully engineered testimonials by subscription. The obvious exploiting of the ambassador, especially at this season, as an advertisement for the Telegraph is objectionable as the maudlin compliments of the subscribers clearly demonstrate. One subscriber, for instance, who enclosed two shillings, wrote: "I have long thought him a decent fellow." Another, who enclosed 10 shillings, said: "He is a man for whom I have long felt reverence. May his country produce many more such enlightened and worthy descendants of England." The representative of the railway workers union writes: "Though I have never seen Mr. Bayard, I have read his speeches and it is my opinion that no other envoy has done so much for English societies." A firm of Christmas card manufacturers sent five guineas "for one whom we would gladly claim as one of England's sons." In the meantime it is understood that Mr. Bayard is pleased with the idea; that he intends to accept the testimonial.

The birthday of the Princess of Wales, which was in 1844, was celebrated Tuesday last all over Great Britain. There was a house party at Sandringham, which, in addition to all the family, included Lord Rosebery and the Prince and Princess of Wales. In the afternoon the Prince and Princess of Wales presided at a tea which they gave to 500 children of the estate.

H. J. Lawson, president of the motor car club, announces that it is the intention of the club to hold a motor car competition in May next. The prizes will be given in respect to design, consumption and cost of fuel, but principally speed, which is held to be the most satisfactory test as to construction in a vehicle.

Lord Hawks' team of cricketers sail for the West Indies by the steamer Don, Jan. 13.

Now that flat racing is over, it is interesting to scan the list of winning owners. Thanks chiefly to St. Frusquin, Mr. Leopold de Rothschild heads the list with £46,700 stake money. Persimmon brings the Prince of Wales nearly £26,000, and the Duke of Westminster is third with £22,081. Lord Rosebery is fourth with £20,595, the Earl of Derby is fifth with £12,843, and M. La Baudy comes sixth with £11,000. Mr. Pierre Lorillard won £2,822. T. Washart's stable won £2,327. Mr. August Belmont won £448 and Mr. Richard Crocker won £380.

The greatest interest is attached to the recent steam trials of the British cruiser Powerful, said to be the largest of her class in the world, and the first large British warship fitted with water tube boilers. During her long cruise in the Channel the maximum power developed was 26,497 indicated horsepower, which exceeds that of any warship afloat and is only excelled by the two new Cunarders. In the first test, 30 hours steaming at 5,000 indicated horsepower, the cruiser made 14.34 knots, using four and a half tons of coal per hour, and in the next 44 hours' steaming, with 18,000 horsepower, she made 21 knots with 150 tons of coal per hour. The last test was eight hours with 28,000 indicated horsepower under natural draft, which developed 22½ knots. As the powerful vessel carried quite a heavy armament for a cruiser, and many tons of coal, the speed is considered to be remarkable, and as fully justifying the change to water tube boilers. The Powerful, however, has no side armor, although she has a protected deck of four-inch steel maximum thickness on the slopes. She carries two 22-inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns, sixteen twelve-pounders and twelve four-pounder quick-firing guns.

The big guns are mounted on the forecastle and poop in barbettes, the guns themselves protected by a hood. The armored deck is composed completely of three thicknesses of steel plating, but at the edges, where it joins the sides of the ship, two of the skins of plating are discontinued. Consequently the extreme edges of the deck, for a width of a foot or two, have only one skin of plating, which has been severely criticized as likely to expose the vitals of the ship when rolled away from the enemy.

The police state that burglaries have been so extensive in the west end of London during the past few months that the thieves get away with no less than £60,000 of plunder.

The condition of Mr. Jas. R. Roosevelt, the secretary of the United States embassy, is causing anxiety. He is suffering from severe nervous prostration and insomnia.

The gossip in theatrical circles is the advertised fact that Sarah Bernhardt will, during her next London engagement, appear at the Adelphi theatre, the recognized house of melodrama. Her season at this house will begin June 21 next.

Ellen Terry has abandoned any intention of appearing in Richard III. when produced at the Lyceum. This is due to an alleged need of rest.

Since Mrs. Patrick Campbell's partial retirement from the stage, many rumors have been rife as to her playing an engagement in America in the near future. In connection with these rumors Mrs. Campbell writes to the Associated Press: "Mr. Frohman has mentioned that he would like to manage an American tour for me next season, during which I would produce a round of my London successes. However, nothing has yet been done definitely."

WASHINGTON WHEAT.

Very Little of the Crop Is Left in the Hands of Farmers.

Reports from the interior are to the effect that a small percentage of the season's wheat crop is yet in the growers' hands.

Buyers are willing to pay a good price for wheat, but the farmers have sold most of their crop. It has been estimated that not more than ten per cent. of the crop is still owned by the farmers. Most of the farmers received 50, 60 and many 70 cents for their wheat this year. This has put them in better circumstances than they have been in for four or five years, says the Spokane Chronicle.

The farmers who did not contract their wheat last spring for 37 and 39 cents are feeling good, says the Spokane Spokesman-Review. There were, however, a good many ranches that were most compelled to sell their wheat at that time before it was harvested. Those that did not are now realizing almost double that price, and many mortgages and debts that have been hanging on for several years past, and that will come due this winter and next spring, will be lifted. A large amount of the money now coming into this country will be taken out again within a few months, through the loan and mortgage companies, but the beneficial results to be obtained by the residents will be far-reaching.

The farming classes will be left in a better condition financially, and another year or two, with wheat at 65 and 70 cents, the producers in the Palouse country will be on a firm base.

The largest pool of wheat sold in the Pullman market this season was sold on Monday. The pool consisted of 50,000 bushels and was sold by Staley Bros., the Pullman state bank and others. H. G. De Pledge, for the Farmer's Warehouse Company, was the purchaser and the price paid was 70 cents in the warehouse. It was the highest price paid in that market this season.

A man's wife should always be the same, especially to her husband, but if she is weak and nervous, and uses Carter's Iron Pills, she cannot be, for they make her "feel like a different person," so they all say, and their husbands say so too!

AMERICAN DISPATCHES

Minor News of the Day in Different Parts of the States.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 4.—Representative Pitt, one of the foremost lawyers in the assembly, introduced a bill which in effect licenses a man to kill the despoiler of his female relatives.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 4.—Judge Lefure has given a decision in the district court admitting Roentgen rays photographs as secondary evidence may be shown to the jury illustrating the testimony of experts. The decision was given in the trial of the suit of James Smith against Dr. W. W. Grant, for alleged malpractice in the treatment of a fractured hip.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 4.—Commissioner Fairchild handed down a verbal decision this morning holding Mrs. Sternaman for extradition. She was accused of poisoning her husband.

Pender, Neb., Dec. 4.—Dr. Goodmanson has been arrested charged with poisoning his wife. She died in his office under suspicious circumstances and a chemical analysis of the stomach showed strychnine poisoning. The victim had $12,000 when married.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.