

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Further Evidence That Yukon Royalty is About to Be Largely Reduced.

Dawson City Murderer May Have Long Respite—Life Insurance Companies' Pool.

Mail Carriers Drifting to Sea on St. Lawrence Ice—Customs Changes Abroad.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—A ministerial announcement with reference to a reduction of royalty on the output in Yukon is confidently expected.

On his recent visit to England Sir Charles Tupper, addressing a meeting of the Klondike Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation, said that he sent the following telegram to the Minister of the Interior upon this subject:

"Great injury is being done to mining interests in Yukon in present 10 per cent. royalty. Should I be warranted in saying substantial reduction has been or will be made?" Under date of 20th ult., Mr. Sifton cabled to him as follows:

"Can not reply to your message without seeing colleagues. Expect to meet them in a few days. Will cable you." Since the foregoing exchange of messages the news that Mr. Ogilvie favors a reduction in royalty to at least 3 per cent. has come to hand.

When his report is received it is expected that Mr. Sifton, who has great faith in Mr. Ogilvie's judgment, will submit to the inevitable and propose a reduction of the royalty.

It is reported here that four Ontario life insurance companies are to amalgamate to save management expenses.

The war office has adopted regulations under which the long service decoration will be granted. Copies are expected here shortly.

Objections have been made to the Minister of Justice that Judge Dugas executed his authority in granting a respite until March to the man Henderson under sentence of death at Dawson, and that he cannot now legally be hanged unless respite is refused.

Mr. Mills is looking into the matter.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The department of trade and commerce has been notified by the international customs tariff bureau of recent tariff changes in the following countries: France, Portugal, Spain, Tunis, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Natal, Mexico, Congo Free State, Argentina, Loxanda and Austria-Hungary.

France and Austria have issued decrees prohibiting the importation into those countries of trees and shrubs from the United States in order to guard against the San Jose scale.

The post office department has after all decided to redeem outstanding three cent stamps.

At first it was announced that the stamps would be redeemed from all parts of Canada and compelled Mr. Mulock to give way.

The marine department received this morning a telegram which says that the mail carrier of Bonaventure island and three of his assistants in crossing from the island were carried to sea by Mr. Lemieux, M.P., as that a boat be sent to their assistance.

CHAMBERLAIN AND FRANCE.

Newfoundland Rights Must Be Abandoned for Satisfactory Compensation.

London, Jan. 18.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, speaking to-night at a banquet of the Wolverhampton chamber of commerce, reviewed at length the various threatening foreign positions confronting the withdrawal of the French demand for an extension of the settlement at St. John's.

Mr. Chamberlain's concluding remarks were that he believes that Great Britain's opposition to the French proposal had been most generously supported by the representative of the United States.

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SCHOONER ABANDONED.

Crew of Seven Taken Off and Landed at Liverpool.

Liverpool, Jan. 18.—The British steamer Nasimith, Capt. Graham, from New York, which arrived at this port yesterday, landed seven members of the crew of the British schooner Caneford, Capt. Pike, from Cadiz December 9 for Newfoundland, which was abandoned December 12 in latitude 47 north, longitude 34 west.

DERVISHES GIVE UP.

Cairo, Jan. 18.—The whole remaining force of Ahmed Pasha's Force Surrendered to British Gunboats.

Red Hot Needles Awake Persistent Sleeper—Doctor's Sudden Death in Court Room.

Montreal, Jan. 18.—Eva Roche, the girl who has slept for 28 days, was awakened by the doctor's sticking red hot needles into her spine.

W. W. Hurst, a clerk in the audit office, who died after it was alleged that he forged and cashed several pay checks, has been located in the United States and will be extradited.

Toronto, Jan. 18.—The net profits for 1898 of the Toronto Street Railway Company were \$464,738.

London, Jan. 18.—Dr. J. H. Wilson, of the United States, dropped dead in the room at Ingersoll to-day of heart disease.

TWO EXPLOSIVE FIRES.

Three-Quarters of a Million in New York Block—Panic in Big Chicago Building.

New York, Jan. 18.—The great six-story store of A. J. Cammeyer at 310 to 318 Sixth avenue, occupying the great part of the block between 10th and 20th streets, was injured many had narrow escapes. The structure was damaged by fire to-night. The loss on the building and contents will be about \$750,000.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Several hundred men and women employed in the big building at 133 East Market street were thrown into a panic to-day by a fire which broke out on the fourth floor.

MR. DINGLEY'S SUCCESSOR.

Washington, Jan. 18.—There is no doubt that the chairmanship of the ways and means committee made vacant by the death of Mr. Dingley will be filled by Speaker Reed at the next congress.

PECCOLIA AND PERTINENT.

Some children in the mountains of Silesia devoutly believe that beetles are both deaf and blind.

CECIL RHODES' RAILWAY.

Money Forthcoming for the Colonial Scheme He Is Now Promoting.

COSTLY JEW-BAITING.

Parish, Jan. 19.—The Anti-Viv, a newspaper here, has been sentenced to pay 500 francs to each of the Jewish officers of the French army.

EAGAN'S OFFENCE.

Set Down as Conduct Unbecoming an Officer and a Gentleman.

BALLOTS—STOLEN.

Suspicious Circumstances in Ontario County Council Election Proceedings.

Tottenham, N. Z., Jan. 19.—(Special)—A recent took place during the last two days before Judge Arday at Barrow.

AMBASSADOR TO LONDON.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The senate committee on foreign relations to-day agreed to a favorable report upon the nomination of Hon. Joseph H. Choate to be ambassador to Great Britain.

NEW LAWS FOR SOUDAN

Slave Traffic at an End and Firearms and Liquors Under Regulation.

The "Open Door" Policy for Trade but Duties Except on Goods From Egypt.

Supreme Ruler Appointed by Khedival Decree With Consent of Great Britain.

By Associated Press.

Cairo, Jan. 19.—The official gazette to-day publishes a convention between Great Britain and Egypt relating to the further government of the re-conquered Sudan provinces.

The provinces were re-conquered by the joint military and financial efforts of the British and Egyptian governments, and setting forth the desire to give effect to the claims that have accrued to her Britannic Majesty's government.

The "supreme military and civil command in the Sudan shall be vested in the British and Egyptian governments, and the British and Egyptian governments shall have the right to demand the keys, which were refused him. He then broke open the doors, removed the locks and replaced them with others.

British and American Warships Hurrying to the scene of Trouble.

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CROWD FROM DAWSON

Daube Arrived Early Yesterday From Skagway Bringing Big Party of Yukoners.

Dawson Government's Give-Away Policy Deprives Selkirk Indians of Winter's Wood Supply.

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WELER BROS., VICTORIA, B.C.

GERMANY'S MISTAKE

Exceeded Her Rights in Samoa and Now Must Make Humiliating Backdown.

Consul Forcibly Ejected and His Judicial Appointment Only Laughed At.

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LEGISLATIVE AS

Bill to Exclude Alien Placers Receives Governor's Assent.

Torrens System of Land Present—Contractors' side Labor Bar.