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ROOSEVELT AFTER STANDARD OIL CO.

U. S. Government May Proceed Against Rockefeller's Trust For Violating Laws.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A Washington despatch to the Sun says: It is intimated that the administration is about to extend its anti-trust campaign and the report is current that the Standard Oil Company is one of the



HON. JAMES R. GARFIELD, Who has been inquiring into Standard Oil methods.

operations of Standard Oil and it is said that immediately following the publication of his report in January the administration will make clear what it intends to do with reference to allegations affecting this great concern.

CATHEDRAL'S JUBILEE ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of its Dedication to be Celebrated on Monday.

On Christmas Day the golden jubilee of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated. The holy sacrifice was first offered within the walls of the church on Christmas Day, 1855.

Tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock a grand pontifical mass will be solemnized when the rector, Rev. A. W. Meahan, will be the preacher. The New Freeman of today publishes a long article, well illustrated, giving a history of the cathedral and of the venerable gentlemen who have in years past conducted its affairs and helped to place the church and gloce in the enviable position it now occupies.

BASIS PREPARED FOR CHURCH UNION.

Inter-Congregational Committee Make Advances.

(Special to the Star.) TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 23.—The official report of the proceedings of the joint committee on Church Union prepared and published under authority by the secretaries has been issued.

The reports of the various sub-committees as adopted by the joint committee supply tentative basis of union which is to be submitted to the assemblies of the three churches concerned at their next meeting next summer. Substantial unity and essential harmony existing among all three denominations are the marked features of the findings of the committee. Common doctrines held by Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists are formulated; possible lines for framing a policy for a united church, arrangements for pastoral service without a time limit, settlement and transfers of pastors, training for the ministry and

relations of the minister to the doctrines of the church are set forth, and the matter of administration is left in the hands of a sub-committee to prepare a detailed report for the next annual meeting of the general committee.

(Special to the Star.) HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 23.—A cable message from Demerara gives particulars of the drowning of Rev. J. D. MacKay, the Nova Scotia Presbyterian missionary, and Rev. J. C. Cruikshank, the Scottish missionary who perished with him.

The town of Saddle is situated on the west bank of the mouth of the Essequibo river, which at this point is twenty miles wide. Here are found shifting sand bars, continually moving as the rapidly rushing river meets the strong winds blowing in from the sea.

Midway across the river's mouth are the islands of Lehan and Wakemaam, which with a large East Indian population.

SANTA CLAUS' FAVORITES.

The Six Letters He Liked Best. List of Winners in the Star's "Letter to Santa Claus" Competition.

The six successful little ones in the Santa Claus letter competition are:

- VERA VINCENT, aged 10, 164 1-2 Waterloo Street. KENNETH GAULT, aged 10, 183 Main Street. GRETA P. FARRIS, aged 8, 174 Adelaide Street. SEVEN YEARS OLD AND UNDER. CHESTER BROWN, aged 7, 77 Portland Street. ARTHUR INGRAM, aged 6, 27 Esplanade Street. HELEN MCKAY, aged 7, Silver Falls.

In addition to these Santa Claus has instructed his agents in this office to answer also the letter of Margaret Myrtle Crawford, of 20 Wall street, aged 4, because she was the youngest child to write an intelligible letter. Margaret wanted a "doll boy and dir" very badly, and was so fearful that her writing would not be readable that she supplemented it with unmistakable pictures of her heart's desire.

These winners were not selected without a good deal of study and careful comparison as among the thousand and odd letters received there were many that pressed them very closely. The letters that were originally written, naturalness, neatness, good handwriting, and wherever it was impossible to decipher the handwriting on these grounds, the letters first received were given the preference.

Among those which came the nearest to being among the six best which the Star promised would be answered were: Annie K. Hughes, aged 10, 309 King street west. Ella F. Marr, aged 9, 389 Erin street. George Howard, aged 9, 247 Douglas street.

Dora Hastings, aged 8, 185 Bridge street. Jessie Jamieson, aged 8, 68 Stanley street. Fleetwood Marshall, aged 7, 65 Portland street.

Mary and Marjorie Robertson, twins, aged 6, 74 Elliot road. Nelson Manning, aged 6, 36 Rock street. The requests of the children were as varied as the play in the toy shop windows. The girls, however, were nearly unanimous in favor of dolls, or something pertaining to the care of dolls. As side issues they asked for books, work-boxes, skates and frames. One little girl wanted money for music lessons, and another asked for an organ, not a toy organ, but a really, truly one on which she could learn to play for her father's delight in the evenings.

The boys declared for skates, express wagon, sleds, snowshoes, Irish maids, mechanical toys, magic lanterns and similar playthings. For demanded books and what struck the reader of the letters as peculiar—there was only one request for a Boy's Own Annual. One ambitious youth demanded an automobile and another sent a list about four pages long, which would have exhausted the resources of any toy store in the city.

The wishes of the lucky ones, which are fairly read for and will receive their share of skating boots with skates to fit. Kenneth Gault's desire embraced "a good large sled called the Red Bird, two good long skate straps, a pair of moccasins and a dozen magic lantern slides."

Greta Farris will be satisfied with "a nice big doll and a work-box." Chester Brown and Arthur Ingraham each wanted only an express wagon. Helen McManus, who gave Santa Claus full directions about placing the presents at the foot of the tree, and promised that mamma would sit up and keep a fire going for him, hoped for "a big, big dollie and a carriage to fit her."

The handling of the hundreds of letters that came from all over the province has entailed considerable work upon the staff, but it has been pleasant and heart-warming work, the only hard part of it being the necessary rejection of so many pleas.

On both islands Mr. MacKay had established schools and conducted services regularly, visiting there and superintending his native helpers. While he frequently crossed by the steamer daily plying between Georgetown and Saddle and making Logan and Wakemaam ports of call, it was his custom to use a small open boat, which enabled him to return at his convenience. It was while he and Rev. Mr. Cruikshank were thus returning to Saddle after dark, on the night of the 12th, that they met death, a sudden squall with current on the bar causing the boat to swamp.

4 GREAT PARTIES IN BRITISH POLITICS.

Rosebery and Chamberlain May Openly Oppose Liberal and Conservative Leaders.

(Special to the Star.) LONDON, Dec. 23.—If one were to judge of the drift of events, forgetting the historic names of the great parties of Great Britain and Ireland, there are four great parties instead of two—



LORD ROSEBERY, Who may lead a Liberal revolt against Home Rule.

papers talking about the split in the Unionist party he declared to be outdone and decided to create a more real and sensational split in the Opposition. After declaring with his hand upon his heart, as the children say, that he would not "even utter one jarring note which could conflict with the unity of the Free Trade party," he went on "to say, emphatically and explicitly, and once for all, that he could not serve under that banner."

"That banner" is the Home Rule flag, which, again to quote Lord Rosebery, "the honored and responsible head of the Liberal party" * * * has hoisted once more, in its most pronounced form at Stirling."

If Lord Rosebery stood alone his emphatic and explicit refusal would not so much matter. But there as the Liberal League, of which he is president, and of which Mr. Asquith, Mr. Haldane, Sir Edward Grey, and Sir Henry Fowler are prominent officials, and the great majority of successful Radical candidates at by-elections are adherents. What of them? Under which banner are they going to serve? Lord Rosebery demands to the revival of the Home Rule policy on several grounds, and amongst them, "a high constitutional objection, founded on the experience, the recent experience, of foreign European countries." How do his fellow Liberal Leaguers view these "high constitutional objections?"

The little rift in the Unionist late is really uninteresting compared to the hole that Lord Rosebery has knocked in the Radical big drum. Of course, what most people are asking themselves and their neighbors is whether and in what respect this escapade of Lord Rosebery will affect the position of the government.

The Unionists are claiming that the difference between Mr. Balfour's declaration at Newcastle and Mr. Chamberlain's at Bristol though serious is a difference of degree, not of kind. But as between Lord Rosebery and his adherents and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and his adherents and whigs—Liberals that there will certainly be four large-sized, well developed political parties when the era of the general elections takes place.

The theory is advanced that when Lord Rosebery saw the political news-

RUSSIAN STRIKERS ARE LOSING GROUND.

Government is Confident of Winning Out. They Have Refused to Grant Universal Suffrage, But Agree to Extend the Franchise.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—The Emperor and his cabinet late last night reached a decision regarding universal law, deciding against universal and equal suffrage and in favor of extension of the law promulgated August 19 last to include, in addition to the small land owners and the educated classes, the small rent payers in the cities. The details of this law were covered at the time in these despatches.

The doctina will be convoked in March. In high government circles confidence is expressed that the general strike will fall.

So far as St. Petersburg is concerned the battle is going against the revolutionaries. The government's firm stand effectively prevented the strikers keeping up the excitement in St. Petersburg by "red flag" demonstrations and by the old plan of marching from mill to mill to force the men to strike. Some of the leaders already confess that the outlook is discouraging and they express the fear that the organization were guilty of a blunder in preparation, nevertheless they declare that the provinces can still turn the tide.

C. P. R. TO SPEND OVER \$250,000.

Will Make Extensive Improvements on Atlantic Division

New Bridges, Sidings and Round Houses to be Built Between Montreal and This City.

The C. P. R. will spend fully a quarter of a million dollars on their Atlantic division the coming year. The exact figures are not available, but some of the items run into large figures, as for instance \$60,000 has been appropriated for fish plants along between here and Montreal and branch lines.

The biggest part of the money will be expended on ballasting and for heavier rails for the branch lines (the main line is now well equipped). Considerable money will be spent on new passing sidings and snow fences. A number of new steel bridges will be put in with heavy masonry piers and a number of the round houses will be enlarged.

The C. P. R. have to date this season received for winter port business 4500 cars of freight. They have handled 100,000,000 bushels of grain and have about 400,000 in the elevator at present with large arrivals every day. So far this season 1,500 cars of grain have been shipped from here, more than was handled last season up to the same date.

LARGEST N. S. SHIP OWNER DEAD

(Special to the Star.) HALIFAX, Dec. 23.—C. R. Burgess, of Wolfville, N. S., the largest owner of shipping in Nova Scotia, and one of the wealthiest men in the province died today, aged eighty years.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

WANTED—A housekeeper to take care of home. "Blow" with call or letter to G. W., Box 288, St. John.

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