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THE STAR ST. JOHN N B. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14 1910

FIVE CENT PIECE **NECESSARY COIN**

Stands for More Fixed Values Than Any Other

Could Not be Eliminated in the Unite States-People Would be at Less Without it.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12—Officials of the treasury department sometimes iscuss the United States' cumber-

en as before.

Recently, however, the fact leaked out that the five-cent piece or "nickel" had been under discussion and that that government might ask Congress to pass a law eliminating it from the national coinage. Small likelihood exists or ever did exist that such a step would be taken, but for a short space of time considerable anxiety developed in all parts of the country, lest the useful and popular nickel should disappear from the circulating medium.

The fact is the government could afappear from the circulating medium.

The fact is the government could afford to dispense with almost any coin rather than the five cent piece. It stands for more stable prices than any other. It is the price of a loaf of bread, it pays the cost of a ride in the street car, with it the German buys his glass of beer and the American pays for the shining of his shees. It is probably not too much to say that the disappearnce of the nickel would prove a greater shock to the finances of the nation than almost anything

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The five cent coin for two generations at least has been the fixed price of so many things that the people would be at a complete less how to proceed without it. True, hundreds of thousands of five cent pieces are lost each year, but that is due largely to the amazing use to which this little coin is put. The uses of business requires the coinage of a greater number of nickels than of any other coin. It has been said that its universal use as the price of a fare on the street car is the cause of its retention, but that can harfilly be so, as it enters very largely into the price of so many other things that it could not be dispensed with if the price of the car fare were changed.

The nickel is extensively used in telephone calls. It was formerly more than now the open sesame of the popular slot machine, for which it does still extensive duty. It is the price of admission to the fast multiplying picture shows in all parts of the country. The new fashioned boot shining parlor charges a nickel. The saloon keeper and the baker for years have gathered their daily harvest of these little coins. The soda fountain, growing in popular favor, deals mostly in nickels. Ice cream in summer time post for five cents, and the charge for a myriad things in the pharmacy and the five-cent store requires this coin.

Most smokers would have to quit were it not for the nickel, obnoxious as the domestic cigar is to many of them. The cigarette would cease to be the popular smoke it is if the price were not five cents. Shoe laces would either become a luxury at a higher price or require payment in pennies.

Turn which way you will the five cent piece bobs up at every turn as the most necessary coin of the realm. Its discontinuance would inevitably increase the cost of a thousand things of everyday life, which no dealer now has the daring to change because of riveted custom. Market and the state of the sta

CZAR'S BROTHER

SEGRETLY MARRIED

Lady Has Already Been D'vorced Three Times-Nicholas is Very

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12—An indignant flutter has been caused in court circles on its becoming known that Grand Duke Michael, the Czar's only brother, who, until the little Czarevitch was born, was heir to the throne, has secretly married a lady, who during her adventurous career, has been divorced three times. The Grand Duke's attachment for her has been known for some time and they have been frequently seen together in fashionable restaurants and resorts in Moscow, but a morganatic alliance was not suspected by the public until today, although it was apparently known by the Imperial family.

The Czar is reported to be very angry over the affair, and the Dowager Czarina, who lately returned from Copenhagen, refused to see Michael when she arrived here. The Grand Duke is now commanding a cavalry regiment at Orel.

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Also Alianile Headquarters of Ray—

Estimated Cost of Maintaining the Station High.

OTTAWA. Ont., Feb. 13.—The new mayal college, which is to be built in connection with the Government naval xcheme at a cost of \$10,000 will, it is understood, be located at Halifax, es will also a barracke for the star, etc. at a cost of \$20,000 and possibly an Admirally dockyard at an estimated the Atlantic naval headquarters, where will be stationed the Atlantic squaron of the two new Bristols, the is to be purchased at a cost of \$10,000. On the works, where will be stationed the Atlantic squaron of the two new Bristols, the is to be purchased at a cost of \$10,000. On the works, where will be stationed the Atlantic squaron of the two new Bristols, the statement cost of maintaining at the Halifax station is as the statement of \$10,000. For the star, etc. The annual estimated cost of maintaining at the Halifax station is as the statement of the Workship of the Workship of the Halifax station is as the statement of the Workship of the Works

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READY TO GO AHEAD WITH VALLEY RY.

All That is Needed Now is Bond Guarantee

a complement of 40 officers and 742 men and the annual cost of pay, victualling, upkeep, etc., is estimated at \$708,000.

The Rainbow, with a crew of 16 officers and 163 men will cost about \$230,-000 per year. For dockyard maintendence at Esquemait the estimate 4 \$3160,000 per year. The annual cost of the headquarters stam is estimated at \$3160,000 per year, and for contingencies there is an estimate of \$100,000, thus bringing the total annual expenditure up to \$3,680,000.

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Nelson and Chatham, N. B., a distance of 8.28 miles.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Station Master's office, Chatham, N. B., and at the Chief Engineer's office, Moncton, N. B., where forms of tender may be obtained.

All the conditions of the specifications must be complied with.

A. W. CAMPBELL, Chairman, Government Railways Managing Board Ottawa, February 3th, 1910. 11-2-26

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