

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

CHIPEWAKE FOR KLONDYKE.

A HOST OF RUSSIANS.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

CHICAGO FIRE HORROR.

CONGRESS AND THE AWARD.

Collapse of the Three Cent Policy
Causing Much Laughter
at Mr. Mulock.

Quarters for Ten Thousand in
Course of Preparation at
Port Arthur.

Conference Proposed to Avoid Dan-
gerous Rivalry as to Interests
in China.

The Great Coliseum Building and
Contents Reduced to Cinders
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(From Our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—It is not likely that
until parliament meets will the true in-
wardness of the communications which
have taken place between the Postmas-
ter-General and the Imperial govern-
ment in reference to the 3-cent matter
rate to England be known. Everybody
here is laughing at Mr. Mulock's fiasco.
Without question he exceeded his pow-
ers when he decided upon a reduction of
postal postage without consulting the home
government or the different coloni-
al governments. The Postmas-
ter-General's contention that this is a
purely domestic matter with Canada
is knocked on the head. One of the
principles underlying the work of the
postal union is that no action may be
taken by one member of the union
which is calculated to embarrass
another, Mr. Mulock's action is calcu-
lated to do, without a thorough under-
standing among the different colonial
governments. There was a possibility of
considerable friction if the letters
might under Mr. Mulock's hasty action
be charged with deficit postage simply
because the Postmaster General had dis-
regarded the postal union's regulations.
A proclamation was issued this after-
noon calling parliament for the despatch
of business on February 8.

TO BE MADE IN GERMANY.
STEAMER Bicycle Patents Secured by a
Manufacturer of Berlin.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Russia, according
to a special despatch from Shanghai, is
preparing temporary headquarters for
10,000 troops at Port Arthur. She ob-
tained a half promise from the grand
council at Peking to dismiss Sir Robert
Hart, director of Chinese Imperial mari-
time customs, and other high customs
officials in addition to the British rail-
way officials and the German officers
and instructors. Fifty of the latter re-
ceived notice to-day that they would be
paid off at the termination of their con-
tracts.

THE BRITISH TO GIVE JAPAN ONLY
MORAL SUPPORT AT PRESENT—
United States Position.

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the great building at Sixty-third street
and Sycamore Island avenue, in which W. J.
Bryan was nominated, was totally de-
stroyed by fire to-night. The exhibits
of the Illinois Manufacturers' Exposit-
ion, which was opened in the building
recently, were totally destroyed. Two
"Midway" dancers are reported to have
been burned to death. While respond-
ing to the alarm engine No. 19 was
struck by a train on the Lake Shore road
and several firemen were badly hurt.

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ican fishing fleet. Seventeen Gloucester
vessels have sailed with full cargoes
and 37 are now loading. It will only re-
quire a few more nights of frost to complete
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2,000 men are engaged in the fishery.

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It is Increased by Recent Seizure of
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largest for five years. Instead of de-
creasing the demand for products seem to
show an unexpected increase in several im-
portant branches.

PROMINENT ORANGEMAN DEAD.
Ex-Grand Treasurer Anderson Found Life-
less on the Road.

BEHAVIOR OF THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS
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LONDON, Dec. 24.—Commenting on the
strained relations between Japan and
Russia over Korea, the Chinese press re-
ports that the Japanese army is full of
Russian spies, disguised as Japanese,
and that the Russian army is being tam-
pered with by Japanese emissaries, who
are doing all they can to stir up disas-
trous animosity among the soldiers.

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SMUGGLING OF DRUGS.
Ten Thousand Dollars Worth From Canada
Seized in New York.

PARIS PORTS TO DISAPPEAR.
Present Sites to Be Sold and Money Spent
on Ramparts Further Out.

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PRESENTS BY THE TON.
Six Hundred Packages From England Arrive
in Vancouver in One Day—The Music
Hall Issue.

TWO MILLIONS IN WHEAT.
St. Paul Operator Who Has Suddenly Made
Enough to Retire Upon.

PORTUGUESE MASSACRED.
Natives Make It Interesting for a Colony on
the Guinea Coast.

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