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THE TOBACCO WAR.

A Surprise Sprung on the American Combines By a New Deal.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The American Tobacco combine designs upon the British market and incidentally its own position in trade in the United States have received a surprise in the closing of a deal which has been negotiated by George F. Butler, a well known American Tobacco man, and brother of William H. Butler, president of the Universal Tobacco Co. of America, cables the London correspondent of the Herald.

As a result of this deal the position of the Imperial Tobacco Co. of Great Britain and Ireland, which comprises some thirteen big firms, and which will be floated early in February, is probably strengthened. Mr. Butler when seen announced he had acquired a large interest in the Henry Clay Co., and in the Havana company's limited. Mr. Butler, when asked what would be the effect of the new company, replied: "It means closer relations between the Universal Tobacco Co. of America, the Henry Clay Co. of England, the Havana company's limited, and the American Commercial company. This combination will be opposed by the Tobacco combination throughout the world. Between the Imperial Tobacco Co. of England and the American companies in the deal there will exist a most harmonious working understanding." These companies, he added, will control the market for imported cigars in Great Britain, which is enormous and are in a position to fear but little any threatened invasion of this market by any other combination.

UNEASINESS IN SUGAR MARKET.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The uneasiness in the sugar market caused by the expectation of an increased duty on sugar is growing as the date of the budget speech approaches, cables the Tribune's London representative. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has promised not to increase the duty on sugar, and this undertaking is regarded as foreshadowing an additional tax on sugar and perhaps on tea. During the last few weeks imports of sugar have enormously increased and the demand for storage room is greater than the supply. This panic policy is strongly condemned by the chancellor of the exchequer, on the ground that it is unfair to attempt to anticipate the budget and so cause a considerable loss to the revenue. There is not so much nervousness noticeable in the tea trade, but it is freely stated that the tax on tea will be raised from four pence to six pence per pound. The chancellor is being urged to revive the old registration duty on corn, which Mr. Gladstone abolished many years ago. If this duty had been in operation last year it would have yielded £2,658,000.

MAY FORM A COMBINE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The White Star steamer Celtic arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown. Among her passengers were a number of English shipping men, whose mission, it was rumored, was to form a combine of trans-Atlantic passenger and freight lines. The party includes W. J. Pierrie, chairman of the Harland & Wolff Shipbuilding Company and director for the Leyland and White Star lines, Henry Wilson, of Richardson, Spence & Co., English agents of the International Navigation Co., who succeeded J. R. Ellerman as chairman of the Leyland line, and J. Bruce Ismay and W. S. Graves, directors of the White Star line.

They are accompanied by Ralph Neville and John Dickinson, maritime lawyers. Mr. Ismay when seen at quarantine, said: "The same rumors were current one year ago, but there is nothing in these reports. My visit here is to study the Celtic. I can give no other statement at this time."

TO ASSASSINATE KING GEORGE.

VIENNA, Jan. 24.—The Neue Friere Press today prints an unconfirmed story of an attempt to assassinate King George of Greece. According to the story, his majesty was walking in the park at Phaleron, when a man, brandishing a knife, rushed upon him. A park inspector jumped between them and received a stab, intended for the king.

CHICAGO'S TONNAGE.

Second Only to New York's, of American Ports.

Elliott Flower, writing in the Century for February of Chicago's great River-Harbor, makes this significant comparison of the seven leading ports of the world:

In the total tonnage of arrivals and clearances Chicago ranks fourth among the principal ports of the world, leading all but London, New York, and Hamburg. The figures for the year ending December 31, 1900 (except in the case of New York, for which the figures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, are given), are as follows:

| City. | Tonnage. |
|-----------------|------------|
| London..... | 16,829,065 |
| New York..... | 16,020,280 |
| Hamburg..... | 14,181,817 |
| Chicago..... | 14,181,100 |
| Antwerp..... | 13,672,472 |
| Liverpool..... | 11,818,000 |
| Marseilles..... | 9,625,114 |

So far as the United States is concerned, Chicago leads all ports except New York in tonnage, and leads even that port in the number of arrivals and clearances, the annual report showing 17,017 for Chicago, and 14,819 for New York. It handles more than three times the tonnage of Philadelphia, and more than four times the tonnage of Baltimore. In the thirty years since 1870 this tonnage has more than quadrupled, but it is a singular fact that the annual total of arrivals and clearances has decreased by nearly 8,000, due, of course, to the increase in the size of vessels. Fewer boats are used than formerly, but they carry much more, and this has modified what is known as "the bridge nuisance." Bridges are not opened so frequently, nor are they kept open so long.

WHY SCHEEPERS WAS KILLED.

Mr. Broderick in Parliament Said It Was Because He Had Murdered Seven Natives.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The war secretary, Mr. Broderick, was asked by Wm. Richmond, Irish Nationalist, in the house of commons on Thursday why Commandant Scheepers (who was captured by General French in October last, was executed last Saturday at Graaf-Reinet, Cape Colony. The secretary replied that Scheepers was shot because he had been convicted of various offences against the usage of war, including seven cold-blooded murders of natives and the flogging of a white man.

Mr. Broderick added that the fact that Commandant Scheepers was a prisoner of war carried no exception from trial for murder or other violations of the rules of war. Mr. Balfour, the government leader in the house, partially carried an interesting question put by Mr. McLaren, Liberal, as to whether any proposals in the view of bringing about a settlement of the war, had been received by the government since the negotiations between Gen. Kitchener and Gen. Buller.

No proposal of that kind, said Mr. Balfour, "has reached us on the part of anyone able to speak for the leaders of the Boer forces." The evasive reply of the government leader was taken to be a confirmation of the reports that proposals had been received from the Boer delegates in Europe but had been rejected.

MORE LOGS

To Be Diverted From St. John Waters to East Branch.

If a plan which is now under way goes through successfully, and there is every reason to suppose that it will, the supply of Bangor lumber will be increased by from \$300,000 to \$500,000 feet of logs per year. This plan is nothing less than to divert the logs from Eagle lake, which is on the St. John waters, over into Chamberlain lake and thence down the East branch of the Penobscot to Bangor. The preliminary operations which will make this possible are now being actively carried on by H. W. March. One of the best known lumbermen in eastern Maine is backing the enterprise.

Chamberlain and Eagle lakes, as many Bangor people know, are separated by a narrow strip of land less than a mile in width. The country around Eagle lake is rich in valuable timber but there was no manner in which the logs could be driven into Penobscot waters. All the timber from that region had to be floated down the St. John river to the city of that name. Along about 25 years ago a dam and locks were built on the little thoroughfare between the two lakes but for many years it has been impossible to get logs through. Recently, however, steps have been taken to counteract this difficulty. It was determined to take the logs from one lake to another by means of air engines, wire rope and for some miles past the work of installing the apparatus has been in progress.

The magnitude of the undertaking which Mr. March is engaged in may be understood when it is known that the apparatus, which consists of two boilers each weighing about 10,000 lbs., wire rope one and a half miles long, weighing about 13 tons and an almost incalculable amount of other machinery, all has to be transported from Northeast Carry to Eagle lake, a distance of 42 miles. All of this ponderous equipment must be taken through what is practically an unbroken forest, over one river and two large lakes. The roads all have to be swamped, leveled and bridged and the work is necessarily progressing slowly. The roads are of course discouragingly unadapted to such enormous loads but by perseverance and skill one boiler and the heavy cable have been landed at Joseph Smith's hotel, ten miles distant from Chamberlain. If the work is completed without accident, it will be a remarkable feat of engineering.

LONG RANGE BAPTISM.

Christening in Scotland Was Conducted Under Difficulties.

In wide and sparsely populated highland districts of Scotland it is not infrequently happens that a parent is obliged to walk a distance of five or six miles with an infant for baptism.

It is related of a minister of the north that he agreed to accommodate a parishioner thus situated by meeting him at a stream midway between the parents' house and the manse and there baptizing the child at the running water.

It so happened that by the time the parties came to opposite sides of the burn heavy rain had swollen it into a rapid torrent, so that neither party could approach the other.

Unwilling to turn back with the "bairn" unbaptized, the farmer proposed that the minister should splash water across. Accordingly the minister stepped down to the stream and endeavored to throw handfuls of water on the farmer's baby.

"Ha'e ye got o' that?" he cried at each successive splash.

"De'll a spairge," was the reply. At last a few of the splashes were communicated to the infant's face, and the ceremony was then concluded.

Before retiring to their respective homes the farmer produced a bottle of whisky, crying across, "As I canna offer ye a glass owre the heid o' this, here's the bottle-kepp!" And he threw it across the stream.

The bottle was caught, it is related, with a precision that betokened on the part of his reverence, if not considerable practice, at least considerable dexterity.—Stray Stories.

IT WAS A QUARE WINTER.

"'Tis great weather altogether for the time o' year," said the Old Resident to the Star today. "There hasn't been the likes o' it since the winter after the summer of the fire. That year there was a great t'aw in Jemocracy and I don't know was it Larry Doolan or Larry Donovan was ploughin' out the Marsh. I mind it as well as if 'twas yesterday. My! But that was a quare winter—the winter after the summer of the fire."

SUSTAINED THE ACTION.

Venezuelan Authorities Will Not Allow Secrestat to Land.

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacao, Jan. 24.—In spite of the protests made by the French consul here, President Castro has sustained the action of the Venezuelan authorities at La Guayra, who refused to permit M. Secrestat, jr., of Bordeaux to land, although the government had previously assured the consul that the traveler might embark. It is held by the authorities, that, while the French line steamer St. Laurent, on which M. Secrestat, jr., was a passenger was at Fort De France, or at the island of Trinidad, he conferred with General Matos, the revolutionary leader. The consul made enquiries on the subject, which established the fact that General Matos was not at Martinique or at Trinidad when the St. Laurent touched at those islands, but was off the Venezuelan coast on board the steamer Libetador. It is claimed that this incident makes it necessary for the French government to take the steps necessary to cause the French cruisers, Tago and Suchet, now at Fort De France, will receive orders to go to La Guayra. The French cruiser Desreux is at Carupano, Venezuela.

ELECTRIC RAILROADS IN CHINA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—It is likely that American capital will build, equip and operate the first electrical railroad in China. It has been learned that prominent banking houses in this city interested in local traction companies were preparing to invade Shanghai. That city asked for propositions to build and operate a twenty-three mile railroad there. The Shanghai officials stipulated that propositions must be made before March 2 of this year. American Electric companies immediately began to consider the proposition, but because they were averse to operating, in addition to constructing and equipping, the plan was conceived to form a separate company. This firm does business in China, and one of its members lives in Shanghai. He already has been appointed Chinese agent for the International Banking corporation. A London company probably will compete for the contract.

NEW RAILROAD IN ALASKA.

SEATTLE, Wn., Jan. 24.—Alaska, Copper River and Yukon Railway company has been incorporated under the laws of Washington to build a railroad from Prince William Sound in Alaska through the Copper and Tanana river country, to a point on the Yukon river near Eagle. The company proposes, in addition, to operate a steamship line from Seattle to Prince William Sound, to build and maintain a smelter and refinery in Alaska and to carry on general mining transactions.

The corporation is capitalized at \$25,000,000, the entire amount of which, it is claimed, has been subscribed by eastern and foreign capital. The estimated cost of the railway is placed at \$10,000,000. The incorporators are E. D. Hammett, A. B. Iles and T. P. Parker.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

LAREDO, Tex., Jan. 23.—A Chihuahua, Mexico, special says: A strike of the freight conductors and brakemen on the Mexican Central, between El Paso and Agua Calientes is imminent. The trouble is over a reduction in wages which became effective the first of the year. The Mexican Central officials, it is said, have refused to accede to demands for the old rate and as a result a dozen trainmen on the Chihuahua division have resigned. It is further said that unless the company restores the old rate more resignations will follow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 24.—Judge Arthur H. Noyes of Alaska is at Mount Zion hospital in an exceedingly precarious condition. The physician who is attending him entertains very little hope that he will recover. He is suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs, induced by tuberculosis.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 24.—Mrs. Ruth Carney, aged 108 years, is dead at the Union home for old ladies here. She was reputed to be the oldest woman in Pennsylvania. She was born in Wales, but passed the greater part of her life in this country.

NEWARK, Eng., Jan. 24.—Lew. Warner, an American horseman, died today as the result of a self-inflicted shot wound. His suicide was due to suffering from pleurisy.

TO SERVE HIS SENTENCE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 24.—Frank Rakewski, until recently a soldier in the United States army, has been brought here from Fort Columbia, Washington, and taken to the military prison at Alcatraz Island, where he will serve a sentence of ten years for threatening the life of President Roosevelt.

CESSION TREATY SIGNED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The treaty of cession of the Danish West Indian islands from Denmark to the United States was signed at the state department today by Secretary Hay and Constantine Brun, the Danish minister. The treaty will be submitted to the senate for ratification immediately.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Eastern states and northern New York—Cloudy tonight, with snow in north and central portions; Saturday, generally fair, colder at night, light, fresh, westerly winds.

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