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Important Concessions Made China—Irish Situation Shows Gloomy Aspect—Arbuckle Jury Disagrees and is Discharged.

AFRICAN STRIKE SETTLED.
JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 4. The strike of miners at the Crown Mines, the largest on the Rand, has been settled. One thousand whites and 5,000 natives were affected.

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either the evidence or allow other jurors to reason with her, declaring she would cast her ballot and not change her mind until hell froze over.

THE POWERS AND CHINA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. The Arms Conference is in recess until Wednesday. Before the Far Eastern Committee on Saturday the Japanese delegation declared Japan had no intention of "relinquishing" important rights she had lawfully acquired in Port Arthur. This decision, it was explained, was based on rights acquired from Russia with the virtual consent of Britain, France and America at the time of the formation of the International Consortium. Japan, however, was ready to restore the leased area of Kiao Chow taken from Germany. The French Delegation declared their Government was ready to associate itself with the collective restoration of territory in China leased to various powers with the understanding that the principle being admitted and all private rights safeguarded the conditions and details of the restoration will be regulated in accordance with the expectation of the Chinese Government.

Mr. A. J. Balfour stated the British Government would be perfectly ready to return Weihaiwei to China as part of the general arrangement to confirm the sovereignty of China and give effect to the open door principle. The British Government's policy was to make use of their surrender of Weihaiwei to assist in securing the settlement of the question of Shantung. Balfour said he hoped he would carry the conference with him when he asserted the safe-guarding of the position of Hong Kong was not merely of British interest but one in which the whole world was concerned. Hong Kong was easily the first among the ports of the world exceeding Hamburg and before the war, and New York. The lease of the Kowloon extension had been secured to give security to Hong Kong and it would be a mistake if anything should occur to shake the confidence of the nation using this great open port. Balfour said the acquisition by Britain of the lease of Weihaiwei had been part of the general scheme for obtaining leased territory in 1898, particularly in the Far East and guaranteeing the open door policy. The Chinese delegation expressed themselves as greatly pleased over what they declared as the generous offer of all three powers and especially with the breadth of that from Britain.

PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.
(From Saturday's Trade Review.)
Codfish.—The total exports from Newfoundland for the week were 14,649 quintals as follows:—
From Outports.—By schooner Reading from P. Templeman, Catalina, 2,900 qts.; to Lisbon; by schooner Audrey P. Brown, from Messrs. Strong & Marcell, Little Bay Islands, 4,500 qts. to Malaga; by schooner Rita M. Cluett, from W. Webb & Sons, Rencontre, 2,500 qts. to Oporto.

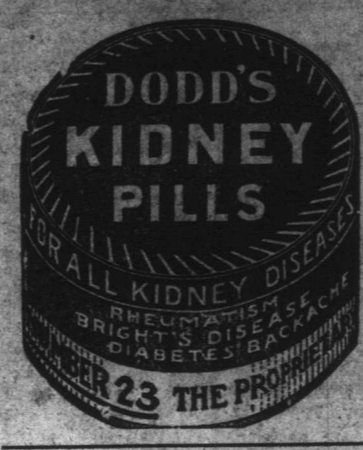
From St. John's.—By schooner Manuata, 1,641 qts. from Messrs. Monroe Export Co. and Geo. M. Barr to Trinidad; by schooner Margaret Lake, from Messrs. Harvey & Co., and T. H. Carter, 1,284 qts. to Halifax; by schooner Donald J. Cook, from Messrs. A. E. Hickman Co. Ltd., 674 qts. to Kingston, Jamaica, and by the S. S. Bornholm from A. E. Hickman Co. Ltd., 200 qts. to Demerara, via Halifax.

Cod Oil.—The market is unchanged and no increased activity is likely till next Spring. The exports this week totalled high again and amounted to 39,828 gallons. Of this 27,132 gallons were forwarded to Canada by the S. S. Bornholm from A. E. Hickman Co. Ltd., Tessier & Co., T. Hollett, and John Rorke & Sons, and the balance, 2,696 gallons, by the S. S. "Sheba" from the Union Export Co.

Cod Liver Oil.—The market is still lifeless, as is best indicated that none has been exported for over two months. The total manufacture the past season was so small, that there will be less to go forward in the New Year than for the past ten seasons. There are no signs of indications that might contribute inducing manufacturers to go any way extensively into the business the coming year.

Flour.—The wheat markets have taken on considerable strength the past ten days, and now show an advance of three cents a bushel. The consequence is that local prices of flour have stiffened, and the trade seems to have realized that the low point in prices has been passed, and that flour was in its lowest the middle of November. The imports for the week by the S. S. "Sheba" from Montreal were 8,639 barrels, which puts the total for the year for St. John's up to 282,438 barrels, as against 186,641 in 1920. Leading brands here are still selling at \$9.50 to \$10.00, wholesale.

Beef.—Sales of Beef have been made for December delivery at unchanged prices. It is expected amongst local dealers that prices are now as low as



they will be this winter. The imports this week by the "Sable L." were only 120 barrels, which makes the total for this port to date since January last, 23,823 barrels, as against 23,206 last year for same time. The quotations are, \$35.00 per barrel for Bos. Flank, \$20.50 B. Pocket, \$21.00 Family, and \$21.00 to \$21.25 for Boneless, wholesale.

Pork.—The market this week is quiet and barely steady at last week's prices. The imports since last issue, by the "Sable L." were 385 barrels, making the total for St. John's since New Year 19,800 barrels, as compared with 26,129 for a corresponding period last year, and showing a shortage of 6,329 barrels. The present quotations are \$23.50 per barrel for Short Cut and Fat Back, \$32.00 for Morris Family, and \$33.00 for Ham Butt. Stocks of Pork just now are short in Chicago, and an advance of \$3.00 to \$4.00 has taken place on some grades.

Sugar.—The market is influenced this week by the expectation of an early abandonment of Government control of sugar export in Cuba. It is generally thought that free marketing would result in a quick realization of the abnormal stocks now on the market and reduction of prices. In anticipation of such a movement a reduction of 25 cents on the 100 lbs. took place in Montreal last week. Imports for the week were 150 barrels and 249 bags. The quotation for White American Granulated to-day per 100 lbs., wholesale is \$10.70.

Potatoes.—There were none imported this week. Homegrown are being bought and used more generally than ever before, and it is no trouble to sell good potatoes. What is wanted is more reliability on the part of the seller. People who get bad potatoes passed off on them can't be blamed for having a prejudice against local potatoes, and for looking out for P.E. potatoes, especially when they get the belief that the farmers keep their good stock in cellar till the spring. This quotation to-day is \$2.50 to \$3.00 for good product.

Apples.—The price of No. 1 and No. 2 advanced 25 cents a barrel this week owing to the scarcity of these particular grades, which will be all cleaned up before Xmas. The S.S. Rosalind, however, will bring some large consignments next week which will keep the local market well supplied till after New Year. These will be all winter-keeping stock and will sell at \$5.50 to \$7.75 a barrel. Large shipments to Liverpool the past two weeks have made Nos. 1 and 2 scarce.

Hay.—The imports this week were 2,981 bales by the S.S. "Sheba" from Montreal. This will be the last for the season, except what is coming by the S.S. Manoa. The price in the local market still holds at \$49.00, and \$50.00 per ton, wholesale for quantity taken at once purchase, and at the rate of \$15.00 for the single.

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The Mexican and His Hat

The pride of the Mexican is his hat, or his sombrero, as he calls it. No matter how poor the rest of his attire may be, he spares no expense for his head covering, and will toil day and night until he has saved money enough to purchase an appalling sugar-loaf, wide brim, heavily corded hat. A shabby-dressed Mexican wearing a hat that cost not less than \$50 is not an uncommon sight. The main reason why Mexicans devote so much attention and money to their hats is because it has become the symbol of one's standing in the community. The gringos of Spain had the privilege of standing in the presence of their sovereign with their hats on, and naturally they vied with one another in the size and gorgeousness of their hats. The populace followed this example as best it could, and so the hat became as distinctive on the heads of the men as the mantilla over the heads of the women. At one time the Mexican placed his hat and his horse above all other worldly possessions, spending no less than \$500 for a hat, gold-trimmed and embroidered, and as much more for his silver-trimmed saddle and bridle. Mexicans of the higher class have abandoned the conical-shaped hat for city wear, as they have accepted our style of clothing; but every Mexican gentleman still has his native costume of spangles and glitter, with hat to match, which he wears as he may think occasion demands.

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