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GRAND FORKS.

Mr. D. C. Corbin's railway surveyors re now engaged in making final sur-

eys along the Kettle river.
Word comes from Eureka camp that ome 20 men have been dispatched con that town to work on the Kettle Falls wagon road.

During Mayor Manly's recent visit to Frand Forks he intimated that he might tand for re-election at the coming city venture mer decell out tol

### FORT STEELE.

There is a good market here for hay and oats on account of the grading that being done on the Crow's Nest railway extension, About one thousands extra horses have to be fed. Hay was selling a short time ago for \$65 per ton, and oats in proportion. About 40 different freighting outfits are hauling produce nto this district by the way of Kali-

SALMON PACK OF THE COAST.

There Has Been Substantial Increase Over Last Year.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.-The Herald of Trade and Finance prints the following review of the Pacific coast salmon pack for the season just closed:

The total pack of canned salmon on this coast is not so large as late estimates make it, but it comes up to the early estimates. While the Alaska pack is not up to last year's those of British Columbia, Puget Sound, Columbia river and Sacramento river are larger, but those of the outside streams and bays in Oregon are not up to 1896. The Alaska pack is somewhat of a surprise, for it has been claimed with considerable confidence that it would aggregate fully 1,000,000 cases. It is stated that the run of fish did not come up to expectations. This also explains why the British Col imbia pack fell below estimates before the season opened. While the runs on Fraser river were fairly large, there were ight runs on northern rivers and inlets. The Puget Sound pack of sockeye came fully up to expectations, but the run of silver sides, a little later, was a disapointment, and cut the estimated pack quite materially. The Columbia river pack, it was thought, would be not over 400,000 cases, but the exceptional sizes of the Chinook' salmon made a much arger pack than had been esitmated even uring the fishing season. It is rather singular that the pack of this river was n 1883 and 1884 over 800,000 cases, and n 1885, 553,000 cases, but from 1883 to 1893, inclusive, the pack varied from 325,500 cases to 479,000, with one year, 1892, 502,880. Since 1893, the pack has een over 500,000 cases each year. This convincing evidence that the Oregon state hatcheries have proven a success.

The very low prices that ruled for salon this year must have caused outside packers to reduce their output, for by no other reason can so large a falling off be accounted for. The pack in the Sacramento river was largely in excess of last year, notwithstanding a strike of fishermen lessened the total pack. The total cases for the Pacific coast is:



London, Jan. 6.—The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says hat the nephew of King Leopold of Belgium, Prince Albert Leopold, the heir presumptive to the Belgian throne, will make a long tour of the United States and Canada.

### GERMANY AND KIAO CHAU BAY

Has Obtained a Lease of the Territory From China for an Indefinite Time.

The British Korean Customs Agent at Seoul Maintains a Firm Attitude.

Chau'Bay to Germany takes the form of lease for an indefinite time. Germany is at liberty to erect on the ceded territory all the necessary buildings and establishments and to take the measures required for their protection.

The Reishsanzeiger says the ceded territory comprises the whole of the inner America prior to December 29, the date hasin of Kiao Chau Bay so far as the high water line, the larger headlands situate south and north of the entrance of the bay to the point where they are bounded by mountain ranges, and also the islands situated within and in front

of the bay. The ceded territory comprises an area of several square miles bounded by a larger zone around the bay, within which no measures or arrangements may be made by China without the consent of

Germany.
Finally, it is provided that "in order to avoid conflicts which might disturb the good understanding between the two powers." China has transferred to Germany for a period a lease of all this country and the British Empite. sovereign rights over the seded terri. The desire to enlist all 1331 apponents tory. The telegram does not state the of arbitration to promote the establishlength of the lease nor the amount pay ment of branches throughout the coun-

able by Germany. If for any cause Kiao Chau Bay should prove unsuitable for the objects Gerion, protesting against any Anglo-Ammany has in view, China, after arriving erican alliance in any form. Robert E. at an understanding with Germany, will Ford is president of the association, an cede the latter at another point of the cede the latter at another point of the coast, a piece of territory which Germany may regard as more saitable for the co-operation of the newspapers an coast, a piece of territory which Gerher purpose, in which case China will to invite other nationalties to take over the buildings and establishments constructed by German, at Kiao Chau Bay, and will refund their cost.

London, Jan. 5.—A special despatch penses in circulating prictions.

from Shanghai to day says that Mr. Mc-Cleavy Brown, the British Korean customs agent at Seoul, maintains a firm hold on his position and that M. Capt. Sverdrup Will Lead an Expedi-Alexieff, the Russian agent, who has tion to the North Next Summer. been endeavoring to supplant the Englishman, has been unable to obtain control of the finances, owing to the fact that all the funds are vested in Mr. Brown's name in the Hongkong bank at Brown's signature only.

The negotiations between Sir Claude. M. McDonald, the British minister at Peking, and the Chinese foreign office, with reference to the questions arising from the Russian occupation of Port Arthur are proceeding. The idea of an alliance with Great Britain is reported to have excited intense enthusiasm in Japan. The Marquis Ito's cabinet, it is added, will endeavor to promote an Anglo-Japanese alliance.

The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "The rumor that Russia has ordered nearly all the materials all his time to scientific investigations. Friends are trying to induce the few the Manchurian railway in the along the coast of Greenland. As he to have the remains cremated. United States is unfounded. Sne has only ordered thirteen locomotives. Most ordered in Europe."

Times from Pekin, dated yesterday (Wednesday) says that Germany has vinced that Sverdrup conceived the plan taken a lease of Kiao Chau for fifty years. It also says that reports are current there that a French occupation! of Hainan island is imminent.

The Times says editorially this morn ern coast of Greenland. ing: "It would be simple to assume that the German dispatch tells the story of the Chinese situation, for it quite omits to say what China gets in ever, the material fact is that Germany by physical force has obtained a naval station. This is the fact that must guide other powers in determining their

"The talk of a lease is a mere saving of appearances. There is no doubt that both Germany and China are aware that it is a practical cession in full sovereignty. It provides a further gument in favor of an English guaranteed Chinese loan."

The morning paper editorials gener the Times. They point out that the bey. Contract is one in which Germany appears to get everything and China nother pears to get everything and china nother pea the missionaries is entirely dropped.

KILLED AT ROSSLAND. Capt. Hall Falls Down a Shaft at the Le Roi Mine.

Rossland, Jan. 5.—Capt. Wm. Hall, London, Jan. 6.—According to the the superintendent of the Le Roi, was killed at 5:20 this evening by falling the Pope has nominated Father Searle, of to the 600-foot level. The body was observatory. He will reside at the Vatiterribly injured by the fall, and the re- can. mains were hardly recognizable.

to the surface.

A moment later he stepped off the kip. What happened then will never exactly known. The only witness Ratification of the Hawaiian Treaty Alwas the engineer on duty at the time. says that instead of getting off on i

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TROUBLE IN STORE. Uncle Sam Will Have a Nice Time With That Seal Prohibition Bill.

New York, Jan: 5.- There is trouble in store for anyone man, woman or child—who hereafter attempts to enter the United States wearing anything All Hope is Abandoned and the Murmade of seatskin. The instructions ismade of sealskin. The instructions is-sued by the treasury department to col-lectors at the different ports of entry are of the strictest possible kind. No garment of seal, unless it bears the Pribyloff Island stamp, with be admit-ted to the country, no matter whether the garment was originally purchased in America or not

Berlin, Jan. 5.—The cession of Kiao A lady who arrived here yesterday from Great Britain on the Adrania wore a sealskin sacque that had been purchased in London. At first the customs inspector told her that she would have to take the jacket off and that it would be confiscated. Of course the lady was indignant, and there was a The matter was referred to Collector Bidwell.

> of the coming into force of the new relations, she was allowed to retain her ket. Collector Bidwell stated that reafter it would be mandatory for stoms officers to send to the public stores all sealskin garments, whether on ignment or on their owners' backs. AGAINST ARBITRATION.

Anti-British Association Formed in New York

ew York, Jan. 5-A meeting of the Arti-British Alliance Association was tration that might be proposed fetween this country and the British Empire. try and to organize a popular petition to congress from every state in the Un-

THE NORTH POLE HUNT.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 6.-No matter what controversy may arise, Captain during the execeution. Sverdrup, Dr. Nansen's Norwegian navigator, who directed the perilous course expedition, will lead an exploring party to the north next summer. The nuthority for this statement is Dr. Nansen himself, who lectured here last night. man must die, I believe in letting him Dr. Nansen said that the Norwegian spend his last hours in peace and will government had already consented to not submit to having him pestered." lend Captain Sverdrup the Fram, and the sturdy seaman would sail from Smith Sound for the unexplored region beyond early in the coming summer. He?

Dr. Nansen further said that Capreach the North Pole, but would devote broad waters of the Pacific ocean.
all his time to scientific investigations Friends are trying to induce the parents did not know Lieutenant Peary's inten tions while forming his own plans, Dr. of the other material has been or will Nansen does not believe it would be an act of discourtesy for Captain Sverdrup London, Jan. 6.-A dispatch to the to persist in carrying out his scheme. and inasmuch as Dr. Nansen is conat least as early as Peary, he does not think Peary has a prior claim on the route and project, or that he is entitled to any exclusive privileges on the north-

COMING TO VICTORIA.

Regina, N.W.T., Jan. 6.-The car return. To the world at large, how- Missanabe was attached to No. 1 express this morning and took away Victoria Ex-Lieut.-Gov. Mackintosh and family, Mrs. Mackintosh, the Misses. Isabel, Gladys, Hazel and Violet, Mr. E. C. Mackintosh and Mr. H. B. Mac-

AMERICAN NEWS.

plant; valued at a quarter of a million gins in order to traverse the canal. dollars.

CABLE NEWS.

down the main shaft from the surface New York, at director of the Vatican

The captain went underground about officer of the Marchand expedition-4 o'clock this afternoon on his usual in now understood to be advancing northspection of the mine. Arriving at the ward along the Nile-indicates that the 600-foot level safely, he examined the report of the massacre of the expediprogress being made in extending the mon arose from the massacre of twenty shaft to the 700-foot level, and subse- Sengalese riflemen and an officer, M, quently made a tour through the west Paul Counte; belonging to the expedidrift at the 600-foot level. He then tion, by natives on the river Ubanghi. climbed into the west skip and was raised who were subsequently punished by a ger geldfreich armed steamer.

HOPES FOR ANNEXATION.

most Certain. the says that instead of getting off on the floor of the shaft house Capt. Hall stepped upon a ten-inch beam that separated the compartments. He evidently slipped and was precipitated down the mine nearly 700 feet. The body is smashed beyond recognition.

Hall was born in Ireland and was 63 years of age. He had extensive experience as a mining man. An inquest will be held at 9:45 o'clock to-morrow morning in the city hall, and the body will be sent of the noon train to Spokane, where his family resides and where the funeral will take place.

Mashington, Jan. 5.—The outlook for ratification of the Hawalian annexation treaty is now considered very bright. The friends of the measure believe they can secure 62 votes, or three more than are heeded. There has, it is said, been a marked change of sentiment since the European powers began their aggressions in China. The feeling is very strong here that unless the United States takes in Hawali the islands are likely to cause trouble in the future, when one or more of the European nations are likely to cause trouble in the future, when one or more of the European nations are likely to cause trouble in the future, when one or more of the European in China.

Senator Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, says he will call the treaty up at the first executive session of the senate.

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# NIGHT ON EARTH

derer Is Making Preparations for the Execution.

Nothing Can Apparently Prevent Him From Being Led Upon the Scaffold To-Morrow.

San Quentin Prison, Cal., Jan. 6 .-Theodore Durrant has entirely given up hope; so has his father, who came over last evening with the news that the were closed to all further appeals or applications for writs delaying the executien. Both are now convinced that the younger Durrant will be hanged on Fri-

When told that Governor Budd had taken under advisement the application made by his attorneys, John H. Dick-W. H. Foote, C. T. Coogan and A. A. Sanderson, for a commutation of he sentence to life imprisonment, or at least for a reprieve, Theodore, Durrant sorrowfully remarked that he had little to hope for from the governor.

The elder Durrant has finally decided not to be present at the hanging. He has so notified the warden, making a number of requests which Warden Hale has granted. The father of the conthe execution the remains of his son be placed at once in a cossin without an autopsy or inquest and that the black death. He also asked that the rope be not be cut up and the bits distributed as souvenirs.

The condemned man has received spir- in the Hungarian parliament has with-Congregational minister from San Francisco. Chaplain Drahms also called, and Tev. Logan, of San Rafael, who pact. frequently visited Durrant, has said fare- Lor

Nearly 200 invitations have been issued for the hanging of Theodore Durrant, and it is expected that fully 175 will be present. The warden has been notified that bogus invitations have been rinted and sold in San Francisco. Before Durrant is brought into the death chamber, Warden Hale intends to

make a speech to the assembled crowd, demanding absolute silence and order counsel, said: "No one will have per-Shanghai, which institution honors, Mr. of the Eram during the explorer's last mission to interview the condemned man before he is hanged, as I have authority in the matter and have given strict orders for no one to see him. If the unfortunate.

> Durrant's father has not decided as to what disposition he will make of the body owing to the fact that some of the demetery associations will refuse to rewill take with him about fifty men. ecive it on account of the notoricty which would result. The elder Durrant tain Sverdrup will make no attempt to threatens to bury the body under the

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—A special to day Dr. Leverson said that he believed the Call from San Quentin prison says what he said to Comstock to be true that Durrant has broken down completely. When visited by his parents or was with Dr. Leverson at the time of lates calmness, but when alone with the guards he gives way to the most violent hysterical outbreaks, rolling on the floor of the cell screaming and crying. His nerve has completely forsaken him, and the opinion is expressed by prison officials that the cordemned man, whose attitude of entire self-possession and cool indifference ever since his arrest has been so remarkable will have to be car-

THE CHINESE LOAN.

ried to the gallows.

Great Britain Will Insist Upon the Opening of New Treaty Ports.

London, Jan. 6.-It is learned on excellent authority that in the event of Great Britain guaranteeing the new New York, Jan. 6.—John McCullagh will take the form of insisting upon the was made chief of police of Greater New lopening of new treaty ports open to all York to day by the board of police comnations alike. A financial article in the missioners and article in the missioners and article in the stock ally are in the same strain as that of 1845 and come to this country; when a deschange that the British government

ing, while the question of the safety of on Crow Island, three miles below the cruiser Russia, 12,000 tons, has arrived city, are on fire. The yard contains six- here on the way to China. It is believed teen million, feet of lumber and a mill she will be compelled to disembark her

WHERE IS JOHN HORN?

A Returned Klondiker Mysteriously Dis-

appears From San Francisco. Tacoma, Jan. 6.-On September 21st last John W. Horn left San Francisco for Seattle with a letter of credit for \$25,000. issued by a San Francisco bank, Paris, Jan.5.—Another letter from an since which time nothing has been seen heard of him. Horn was a returned Klondiker, and a letter to-day from his relatives at Eldon, Iowa, suggests that possibly he has been murdered. The poce at San Francisco and the Sound cities have been unable to learn anything of him since he stepped on the north bound boat.

THE COLD OF LABRADOR.

Halifax, Jan. 5.—Representatives of a Canadian and American company who visited Labrador for the purpose of erecting sawmills report that country contains deposits of gold of great richness and is destined to become a great mining country. There exists strong evidence that gold is to be obtained in quartities equalled only by the deposits of the Klondike.

THE POPE'S ENCYCLIACL. Montreal, Jan. 5.-The Catholic bishops from various parts of Canada, including the Mitred Abbot of the Trappists, have arrived here to consider the Pope's encyclical on the Manitoba school question, which will be published from the pulpits next Sunday.

Trouble in a Circus-General Biggs Dead-England in Egypt.

London, Jan. 5 .- According to an application made at Bow street torday by Walter Butler, described as a reclown, and two others, there are 150 employees of Barnum & Bailey's circus who, after three weeks of unpaid rehearsals, have been dismissed with a week's notice. George Starr ridicules the story of bcing replaced by Yankee circus artists after the show was successfully started. He says the men dismissed were all incompetent, and he adds that they were said during rehearsals, and that their places were filled by new hands. They were not replaced by Americans.

A receting of prominent Nationalists was held last evening, Mr. Michael Davitt, M.P., presiding, A series of resolutions was adopted, associating United States district and circuit courts those present with the coming celebration of the centenary of the Irish revolution, and calling upon Irishmen at home and abroad to abandon all party feeling, and to participate in honoring the patriots of 1798 for furthering the gapel of freedom for all nationalities, in which they nobly sacrificed their lives and invoking divine aid in their efforts. According to a dispatch from Peshawur, Major-General Arthur Godolphin Yeatman-Biggs, in command of the secand division of the Tirah expedition, on the northwest frontier of India, died on Tuesday of dysentery. The news is confirmed from various sources.

It developed to-day that Major-Gen eral, William Forbes L Gatacre, K.C.B., has been ordered to Egypt to assume command of the British troors only, and not to command the Anglo-Egyptdefined murderer has asked that after ian expedition to the Soudan, as at first believed. Valetta, Island of Malta, Jan. 5,-

Four members of the council have cabled cap be not removed, so that no one may to the Marquis of Salisbury, renewing be permitted to see his boy's face after their offer to assist in the military requirements of Egypt by raising a thouburned after the execution, so it could sand Maltese for general military pur-Vienna, Jan. 5.—The Kossuth party

itual consolation from Rev. Wm. Rader, drawn its obstruction to the passage of the bill providing for a provisional prolongation of the Austro-Hungarian com-London, Jan. 5 .- It is reported from

Cardiff, Wales, that an American syndicate, with a capital of £2,000,000, is about to purchase the Dowlais Steel Works and collieries there belonging to the Wimberne family.

HAD A HOT TIME.

Sensational Developments in Comstock's Suit for Defamation of Character.

General Dickinson, one of Durrant's the long pending suit for \$50,000 damages for defamation of character brought by Anthony Comstock, of the society for the is appression of vice, against Dr. M. Ro Leverson of Fort Hamilton, began to and Leve son at the New York Central depot in Albany on February 19, 1896, the physician is accused of having made the following papie electar tions

who never turned an honest dol-

laf'in his life.' The suit for damages is I sed on the above statement, which Construct to-dry swore is untrue and had injured his charthen and does so still. Dr. Foote, who friends he controls himself and stimu the altercation at A bany depot, testified that Com tock had first called Dr. Leverson a "liar, vilifier and old scoundrel." Then Dr. Leverson retorted by calling

Comstock a blackmailer, who had never earned an honest dellar in his life. "There was a hot time be ween the women for a few minutes," continued Dr. Foote, "and then Comstock caused

Dr. Leverson's arrest." The case will be continued to-morrow. A NEW AMUSEMENT.

Entertainers are always eager to find some new amusement for their guests, but mand of them will probably have too much knowledge of human nature to try a newly devised entertainment, which is said by Photography to have originated in England. It may be called a photograph or portrait party.

On every invitation to such a party is written a request from the hostess that the guest will forward, at the earliest possible moment, picture of himself or, henself taken at some early period in the history of the person portrayed—just now early is not stated. some new amusement for their guests, but person portrayed—just now early is stated. When the souvenirs of the young days of the guests arrive they are aronged on a large screen, and form an example of the art of picture-making in its various stages. Daguerreotypes, tintypes, silhouettes, cartes de viste, and cabinet photographs, are arranged side by side. To each portrait is affixed a number, and when the guests, assemble they receive tablets containing numbers corresponding to the picture.

containing numbers corresponding to the picture.

The fun begins when the guests are asked to write by the side of each number the name of the person to whom he or she thinks the juvenile portrait belongs. The mistakes that are inevitably made, and the remarks that indivertently escape the lips of the guessers, are not calculated to promote, a deep feeding or peace and harmony in the company.

When a visitor, whose infantile appearance has been perpetuated by a daguerreotype overhears a sly discussion about the length of time that has elapsed since that form of art was he fashion, and catches the remark that a deguerreotype baby cannot be very young at the present day she is not likely to feel peculiarly angelic. A little coldness is apt to appear before the party breaks up. coldness is apt to appear before the party breaks up.

It is pleasant to have the face or figure of one's childhood praised, but when the praise concludes with 'Really,' I am quite taken by that picture. It is so attractive. Do you know I can hardly believe it is you, though there 's, a slight resemblance.' It takes some self possession to be neither too warm nor too frigid in one's answer. On the whole, the photograph party is not calculated to be a brilliant success, and on the whole should not be commended.

MARQUIS CAPTURES A THIEF.

The Marquis of Waterford has proved himself a first-class amateur detective. A robber had broken into the Marquis' house at Curraghmore; and was at once pursued by him and followed to a public house four miles off. There the rob ber had seated himself among a number of men who were drinking and smoking and not one of them would betray him The Marquis, however, insisted on feel ing all their hearts, and as he was their landlord and the great man of the country, no one dared to refuse. The man whose heart was still beating quickly was the robber, who hid just ceased running. Light eng. viv. and beta

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Spain Is Entitled to Receive the Advantages of the Canadian Preferential Tariff.

Queen Expresses Deep Regret at the Sad Accident in London, Ont.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.-The government has been advised that the law officers of the crown in England have decided that Spain is entitled to receive the advantages of the preferential tariff in Canin consequence of this an order in council will be passed at once extending the preferential tariff to Spain.

Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain by desire of the Queen, expresses Her Majesty's deep regret at the sad accident at London, and her sincere condolence with the sufferers and families there who have been bereaved. The Colonial Secretary of State also asks Lord Aberdeen to convey his own deep sympathy with the sufferers.

The detailed report of the Geological Survey upon statistics of mines and minerals for the year 1896 has been issued. It gives Canada's total mineral production for the year as \$22,500,000, an increase of 125 per cent. in ten years, the production in 1886 having been \$10,000,-000. The increase of mineral production in the United States for the same decade was 40 per cent. The annual production per capita is \$8 in the United States, against \$450 in Canada. In the production of gold, British Columbia stands credited with over 64 per cent., and Nova Scotia with over 19 per cent. The Northwest Territories, including the Yukon district, came third, with 13 per cent., and Ontario fourth, with about 5 per cent., while Quebec contributes much We believe our performer and will

AMUSING ACCIDENTS ON THE STAGE.

Some amusing stories are told of the ntretempts Forbes Robertson has ocencountered on the stage Here is one:

"A very awkward one," Mr. Robertson said, "was when I couldn't get out of Juliet's bedroom. I was playing with Mme. Modjeska, and all went well until it came to bidding Juliet a fond farewell and leaving her. When I got to the window, I found that the trap had ew Y. . Jan. 5.—The hearing of been left open, but there was no ladder. What was to be done? It was a clear drop of 12 feet, but I had to go somehow. Finally, by holding onto the scene, pieces of which broke off and came away in my hands, I got down far enough to day, in the United States Country risk dropping the rest. But it was an Daning an allercation between Comstock pricomfortable experience."

But that was not all, after the bal-cony scene came the fomb scene. The tomb was built up on steps. "I ascended all right," said Forbes "Ladies and Gentlemen: This man is Robertson, "sat down on the fomb and nthony Comstock, a notorious black- went on to apostrophize the dead Juliet, when to my horror the steps, which were evidently on rollers to facilitate als. and it is as much our duty as our away towards the follights, I gave a He that does good for good sake moving the erection, began to move interest to practice both.-Hunt veil? 'Vat has happened?' 'The steps did have to jump. How on earth she got down, I don't know to this day," Mr.

Robertson continued, smiling. The famous actor in the same interview says he considers the stage a esplendid calling for a woman, "given personal appearance, education and perseverance."-Woman's Life.

CANADA'S NEW OUTLOOK.

Looking to the northward, we must note a year of exceptional importance and interest in the affairs of our Canadian neighbors. The Liberal administration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has adopted a distinctively new theory of the position of Canada in the British em pire and in the world. His assertion of nationality for his country goes further by a great deal in its ultimate moment than the theory of nationalism upon which the late Sir John Macdonald so long maintained in power a Sir Wilfrid's visit to Washington, although informal in its nature, was in fact a matel ter of vastly deeper significance than his former visit to England to partici-pate in the celebration of the Queen's sixtieth year on the throne. Canada's real interests are obviously bound up with those of the United States, her connection with England being relatively strong as a matter of tradition and of generous sentiment. We reproduce a photograph showing Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues and the Washington officials with whom they were in conference, because the event seems to us the one fraught with more historic importance for Canada than any other of the year 1897. The best interests of all parties concerned require that strictly American questions should be dealt with and settiled by North Americans in North America. So long as we allow them to be settled in London it is not the Canadians alone who are in the position of mere colonials, but the people of the United States are to some extent in the same position that they endeavored to alter in the time of George Washington. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his associates are ready to leave various questions, in which the United States

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IDLE MONEY IN NEW YORK. There is more idle money in New York looking for investment than ever before is the history of the country, and to-morrow the amount will be increased from

\$125,000,000 to \$150,000,000 in interest and dividends payable January 1-the largest sum on record. Many individual properties have paid larger dividends in years past, but never before has there been such a general and generous yielding of profits on properties of all sorts at the end of the year. Checks for millions of dollars will go out to-morrow signed by the treasurers of companies which went off the list of dividend- payers years ago, and were not expected to return. If you will look over the long columns of figures showing the earnings of railways, industries and other enterprises whose shares are listed on the stock exchange, you will see that, with ada under the treaty arrangement, and a few exceptions, they show an increase from last year, and the years previous back as far as 1892. Some of these gains are phenomenal. The Northern Pacific railroad, for example, shows a gain of 120 per cent.

These enormous distributions, however, will be only a paper transfer from one bank account to another, a mere matter of bokkeeping. The happy recipients revenues will not see the money, and the amiable corporations which are pouring out their surplus earnings into the laps of shareholders will have no trouble in counting the bills. It will all be done by the bank clerks. Checks approaching \$150,000,090 that are being drawn and signed in Boston and New York to-day and to-morrow will be sent through the mails to the persons entitled to them, and on Monday morning will be deposit ed to the credit of other accounts and pass through the clearing house with such rapidity that the volume of cash in the vaults will scarcely be disturbed and the meney market will hardly realize a stringency. And so evenly is the money divided that the total of deposits in the various banks will show very little evidence of the enormous transactions. The funds go from the credit of corporations to the credit of individuals, but the latter must find something to do with them. They cannot afford to permit so much money to remain idle. Hence there will be an unprecedented demand for investment securities and a corresponding activity in the market, greater than for many years. What they call gilt-edge securities are scarce. The search for investments has stirred up second class bonds and stocks, which now show signs of improvement, but what to do with \$150,000,000 is a problem that gives concern to investors and to men who handle large trust funds. The first result apparent is a reduction in the rate of in terest and a willingness to accept 3 and 4 per cent. a year where 5 and 6 per cent. were formerly demanded.

APHORISMS.

Mind unemployed is mind unenjoyed.

Recollection is the only paradise from which we cannot be turned out.-Rich-The less we parade our misforter the more sympathy we command. O.

Dewey. It is more difficult and calls for higher energies of soul to live a martyr than to die one.-Horace Mann, Good manners are a part of good morexclamation under my breath, seeks heither praise nor reward, but he e of both in the end-Penn

Nothing in the world is more haugh have rolled away.' 'You vill have to than a man of moderate capacity when have to jump,' she replied calmly, and I honce raised to power.—Wessenburg. It is difficult to say who do you the most mischief, enemies with the worst ir tentions or friends with the best. Real merit of any kind cannot long be

concealed; it will be discovered and no-thing can depreciate it but a man exhibiting it himself. It may not always be rewarded as it ought, but it always will be known.-Chesterfield. When you make a mistake don't look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind and then look forward. Mistakes are lessons of wisdom.

The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power.-Hugh White.

A PROSPEROUS VICTORIA LODGE. Members of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I.O.O.F., have reason to congratulate themselves mon the financial standing of their lodge, as shown in the annual report submitted to them last evening. During 1897 a larger amount has been paid in sick benefits than during any previous year in the history of the lodge, but with a membership of 150 the prospects for the year just entered upon are very good. During the evening District Deputy Walter Walker, assisted by an efficient staff of grand officers, installed the officers for 1898, as follows: J. S. Smith, N.G.; Jos. Phillips, V.G.; R. W. Fawcett, Rec. Sec.; Wm. Jackson, Per. Sec.; G. T. Fox, Treas.; W. Davies, I.G.; W. H. Huxtable, O.G.; S. Reid, R.S.N. G.: Jas. Pottinger, L.S.N.G.: W. Adams. R.S.V.G.; C. Minckler, L.S.V.G.; Huin orter, R.S.S.; A. Edwards, L.S.S.; M. Humber, chaplain; Jos. Davies, warden; C. W. Jenkinson, conductor. A visiting member from New Zealand, who is in the city en route for the Yukon goldfields. gave the members of Columbia lodge some interesting information in regard to the progress of the order in the part of the world whence he comes. A very pleasant and instructive evening was

VITALLY INTERESTED.

United States Would Suffer Greatly Were associates are ready to leave various questions, in which the United States and Canada have a common interest, to be dealt with by a joint commission. It is to be hoped that something of this kind may belong to the history of the year upon which ye are just entering.

—From "The Progress of the World," in American Monthly Review of Reviews for January.

HIS FITNESS FOR OFFICE.

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"What are your qualifications?" he was asked.

"Well, such," he said, drawing himself up proudly. "I's all wool and a yard wide. —Atlanta Constitution.

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