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SPECIAL

The heavy snow...

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MINERS, URGED TO WORK SO THAT PEOPLE CAN GET COAL, FAIL TO SHOW UP.

Collieries Unable to Start Thursday as the Men Preferred Holiday-Making—President Baer Blames Them as the Cause of the Present Famine in Fuel.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 1.—An effort was made by all the coal operators to work their collieries today, but it met with little success...

One of the biggest dealers in the city said yesterday: "I fear this city will be placed under the greatest hardship, as far as the coal supply is concerned, from now until the middle of January, at least."

There were hardly any small sizes of anthracite in the market, the dealers said, and as for the stove sizes what little there was would be kept as a precious prize...

To the officials of all the roads that have their terminal in the Grand Central station the shortage has caused much concern. None of these companies has any reserve supply, and the fear of the officials is that should a heavy snow storm appear...

James Roberts for Present Famine. President Baer, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, came to St. John yesterday and for several hours held a public office in the Central Hotel...

At the time of our visit to England in 1890, when we were guests of the Honorable Artillery Company of London, we were invited to move to the house of the Earl of Denbigh...

Two banquets will be held on different nights, one at Mechanics' Hall, with about 1,000 at the tables. The other will be at the Somerset and at that only members of the two companies and a few invited guests will be present.

The party will remain in Boston from four days to a week and then will take a trip to Montreal, West Point, Washington, possibly Providence and Lowell and back to Boston.

The visitors, on their return, will remain in Boston a day or so before sailing for home.

Swedish Carpenter in Boston Had Saved Enough to Bring Wife and Children to Him—Fell from Building and Skull Was Fractured.

Boston, Jan. 1.—Carl G. A. Carlsson, a Swede, who had been working near the top of the building, he slipped either on a staging, or stepped on a loose board, and fell 50 feet to the ground. His skull was fractured and many bones were broken. Carlsson was 40 years old.

2,000 FINLANDERS. They're to Be Brought to British Columbia to Replace Japanese.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—(Special)—President, Creek of the Malcom Island Co-operative Community, announces the next summer, will import 2,000 Finlanders who will join the community which has a patent from the government and will hire men out to the salmon combines, timber firms, etc.

The men will receive a living wage from the executive and all their earnings over that, after expenses have been deducted, will be divided equally among the wage earners.

Creek expects that within two years many thousands of his countrymen will be laboring in British Columbia, their desirability being to replace the Japanese and fill up the vacant white labor market for the woods and rivers of British Columbia. He people, he says, are leaving Finland owing to Russian oppression.

SAILORS ARRESTED. Three of Crew of Schooner from Yarmouth Charged With Desertion.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 1.—Second Mate Conrad Thomsen and sailor George Anderson and Hans Aasen, of the three-masted schooner Coral Leaf (Br.), Captain Darkhouse, are held in the police station on a charge of ship desertion. They will be given a hearing before United States Commissioner Wright on Saturday. The schooner came here from Yarmouth (N.S.)

P. E. ISLAND MAN BURNED TO DEATH IN FACTORY FIRE

Thomas Dowden Met Awful Fate at Stoughton, Mass.

STRENGTH FAILED HIM. Tried to Climb Out of Window of Burning Building to Jump to the Ground, But He Fell Back Into the Flames and Was Seen No More.

Stoughton, Mass., Jan. 1.—A dust explosion in a drier, one of the machines used in preparing shoddy material, produced a fire which destroyed the two-story brick factory of the Stoughton Mills Company, and burned to death Thomas Dowden this afternoon. The property loss is \$35,000; the insurance covering the figure.

The fire broke out at 4 o'clock and it spread so quickly through the structure that the 23 employees in the company had to move lively to get out. Dowden and a fellow workman were caught on the upper floor. The companion reached and opened a window, leaping out to the ground in safety.

Dowden was seen to reach the window and try to pull himself over the ash in order to fall to the ground, 20 feet below. But his strength was not sufficient and he fell back and was seen no more, the flames breaking out at this window. The factory was totally destroyed. The product of the mill was shoddy and a good business was done.

Dowden was 40 years old, unmarried and a native of Prince Edward Island, Lynn, Mass., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Carrie Thurston, who owns a house on Tucker street and occupies the upper tenement, was rescued from death by burning to night by two men who saw a fire in the house, forced their way to Mrs. Thurston's apartments and dragged her to a window from which she was taken down a ladder to the street.

The fire started in some unexplained manner and caused a money loss of about \$1,200.

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Swedish Carpenter in Boston Had Saved Enough to Bring Wife and Children to Him—Fell from Building and Skull Was Fractured.

Boston, Jan. 1.—The body of George Riley who was supposed to have been aboard the Standard Oil barge No. 48, Dec. 21, has been found on the barge itself. While the barge was being towed to the Merrimack, the general reception of the Standard Oil Company's barge crew, the discovery was made. The body was taken to a morgue in this city.

On Dec. 21 when the oil barge was being towed towards Gloucester by the fish-planting schooner Blanche, Riley was placed on the board of the prize. Later, when an explosion occurred on board the barge, the crew of the Blanche thought that had been blown to pieces and it was claimed that fragments of his body fell on the deck of the Blanche and in the water near her.

NORTHWEST LAND SALES. Both C. P. R. and Canada Northwest Companies Disposed of More Than in 1901.

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—(Special)—C. P. R. land sales were 2,420,440 acres for which the company received \$8,140,245. The Canada Northwest Land Company's sales last year aggregated \$18,000,000 for \$2,330,000. This is a large increase over the year 1901, in the case of both companies.

The Fire Record. Bristol, Conn., Jan. 1.—Fire this afternoon caused damage of \$12,000. The stock and the factory of J. L. Birge Sons & Co.

The blaze caused a panic among the girls employed in the upper floors. Five jumped two and a half stories to the ground, but only one of them was injured.

LORD ROBERTS TO BE IN BOSTON NEXT SEPTEMBER

Maybe Prince of Wales and Other Royal Personages, Too.

WILL VISIT CANADA. "Bobs" is to Be Guest of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston—Letter from Him Accepting Invitation Has Been Received.

Boston, Jan. 1.—Lord Roberts of Kandahar will be the guest of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston next September, this announcement being made by Captain Olys, the commander. He also says there is a possibility of the Prince of Wales and his uncle, the Duke of Connaught, coming they to be accompanied by the Earl of Denbigh, who is lieutenant-colonel of the Honorable Artillery of London.

Captain Olys says that he has received a letter from England in which Lord Roberts accepts the invitation to be a guest of the Ancient, and in which mention is made of the possibility of other having the royal guests. He says further: "At the time of our visit to England in 1890, when we were guests of the Honorable Artillery Company of London, we were invited to move to the house of the Earl of Denbigh, who is lieutenant-colonel of the Honorable Artillery of London."

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WASN'T BLOWN TO PIECES. Seaman on Oil Barge Was Killed, However.

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Hours Cut Down 1 Keep Up Pay. Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 1.—The Riverdale Woolen Mills and the Knoxville Woolen Mills of this city announce a reduction of hours for their employees from 11 to 10 hours per day without cutting wages. The mills employ about 150 and 750 people respectively.

The Cathaginian at Halifax. Halifax, Jan. 1.—(Special)—The Allan liner Cathaginian from Liverpool and St. John's (Nfld.), arrived tonight.

SEES BRITISH AND RUSSIANS IN WORLD-WAR.

Max Nordau Says They Will Come to Grips in Asia.

PESSIMISTIC PREDICTION. Tragic Stage of the World Shifts to the Pacific With the Opening of Panama Canal—He Fears Militarism in the United States.

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—(Special)—In connection with the figures of the British board of trade regarding emigration from the old country, which show that the United States gets considerably more immigrants of British origin than Canada does, it is pointed out here that Canada gets almost all the British agriculturalists who come to this continent.

This is the class that Canada wants and the Canadian immigration agents in the old country make it clear to all intending emigrants that this is the case. Of the 57,259 old country immigrants who came to Canada this year nearly all were farmers or farm laborers, and their families and domestic servants. The report of the United States commission of immigration for 1902 shows, on the other hand, that only one in 26 of the British immigrants who enter the United States were farmers or farm laborers.

Speaking of the future of the new world, M. Nordau says the opening of the Panama canal under American ownership will mark the beginning of a new epoch. The tragic stages of the world's history which, in ancient times centered in the Mediterranean, and which moved in the naval ages to the Atlantic, will then be transferred to the Pacific ocean. At first the Anglo-Saxon element will seek to drive out the German and French flags floating over single points in the Pacific ocean; then the struggle will be carried further to the Asiatic coast where Anglo-Saxons and Russians will have to decide the momentous question of whether Eastern and Southern Asia shall remain British or Russian. To this forecast M. Nordau adds: "One can only imagine with horror what such a gigantic struggle of nations and races will signify."

C. P. R. AND SHORE LINE REPORT FROM ST. ANDREWS

Fast Service to Be Inaugurated, Says Rumor—Conductor Donohue's Pension—Reported Sardine Deal.

St. Andrews, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Conductor Donohue, who has been on the coast since the opening of the C. P. R. line, is expected to be granted four months' leave of absence by the C. P. R. preliminary to being pensioned off. His run has been taken by Conductor McCluskey, formerly of the Gibson branch.

It is reported here that a fast service is soon to be inaugurated between St. Andrews and St. John over the Shore Line by the C. P. R., and it is expected to make the run between the two places in about two hours.

Various rumors are afloat respecting the Esauport sardine syndicate. It is said that their success are to be taken over by Julius Wolfe, who was the promoter of the Standard Sardine Company. The syndicate has many contracts with the West Indian market of Charlotte county.

SEEK CONSUL'S PROTECTION. Italian Kills His Boss, and Townspeople Threaten Vengeance.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 1.—Dr. Giuseppe Cuneo, Italian consul, today received a telegram from Italy at Asatura, (Sicily) asking his assistance in securing protection for them.

Last night Daniel Wright, foreman of a grading gang on the Denver & Rio Grande railway was shot and killed by an Italian laborer after a quarrel. The Italian was captured and the infuriated citizens of Manitowish threatened to lynch him but were foiled by the removal of the prisoner to the jail at Red Cliff. It appears that the mob then made threats against the other Italians, but so far as known no violence has yet been done.

FROM NORFOLK DIRECT. Transfer of Freight to Newport News to Be Done Away With.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—It was announced tonight by officials of the Virginia Steamship Company that arrangements had been perfected between the company and the Seaboard Air Line for the direct shipment of foreign bound freight from the port of Norfolk on bills of lading issued direct from point of shipment and that a regular schedule of weekly sailings would be maintained hereafter.

Up to this time most of the export trade of Norfolk has been barged to Newport News and cleared from there.

CANADA GETTING THE CREAM OF BRITISH IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA.

The Farmers and Farm Laborers, the Men Wanted by the Dominion, Are Coming This Way, While Uncle Sam Gets One in 26—Independent View of Tariff Revision.

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The Tariff and Prosperity. The Evening Journal (Independent) has an article today on "National Prosperity." It says in part: "To those who argue for tariff revision in the direction of lowering the tariff, and are opposed by the contention that established industries may be injured, it would appear to be a pertinent claim that since revision of the Canadian tariff began in 1896, proceeding in such shape that now the rate of tariff as a whole is on the average probably

NEW YORK MILLIONAIRE WILL SELL COAL AT COST.

\$5.50 is the Price Per Ton, and Those Who Haven't the Cash Can Get Credit.

New York, Jan. 1.—Theodore A. Havemeyer, millionaire, society man, polo player and prominent club member, will begin selling coal from his country place at Hemstead to all who need fuel. He will charge 25 cents per 100 pounds, and to those who have not the money he will give unlimited credit. This is at the rate of about \$5.50 a ton, or about one-third the price charged by local dealers.

MISSIONARIES IN CHINA WARNED. Officials Notify Them to Be Prepared to Leave Because of Trouble.

Pekin, Dec. 31.—The missionaries in the region of Shan-Pu (capital of the province of Shen-Si) have been officially notified to be prepared to leave if necessary. It is recommended that the women children be sent to safe ports.

A military officer has arrived at Shanghai from Kan-Su province to procure munitions of war and supplies for the commander of the imperial forces. He reports that all the imperial troops enlisted in Kan-Su, together with a majority of the Mohammedans there, are only awaiting Lung-Fun-Siang's signal to march on Peking, expect the foreigners and uphold the Dowager Empress.

French Shore Lobster Industry. Modus Vivendi Expired With 1902, But Settlement Soon is Expected.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 1.—The Anglo-French modus vivendi governing the prosecution of the lobster fishing industry on the French shore of Newfoundland expired yesterday. The colonial government has agreed to renew this agreement for the present year to avoid complications during the consideration of the Bond-Hay treaty in Washington and London, but it is believed here that Great Britain will arrange some settlement of the matter with France during the present season.

Changing a Boston Landmark. Boston, Jan. 1.—One of Boston's most interesting landmarks, the old State House on Washington street, is to be transformed into a station for the New East Boston gateway. While exteriorly, its quaint character will not be altered, the interior will be entirely changed.

Advance in Crude Petroleum. Corsicana, Tex., Jan. 1.—The Pipe Line Company has posted a bulletin advancing crude petroleum of light grade from \$1.01 to \$1.06 per bbl.

May Yahr's Claim Settled. London, Jan. 1.—The Central News announces that the claim of May Yahr for \$45,000 against the estate of Lord Francis Hope has been settled amicably.

ATLANTIC PLAGUE DEPOPULATING THE CITY OF MAZATLAN, MEXICO.

More Than Half the Victims Are Women—Plague-Stricken People Are Fleeing from the Town, But Armed Guards Prevent Them Entering Other Places.

Mazatlan, Mex., Jan. 1.—There is the slightest doubt that the disease afflicting this city is genuine Asiatic cholera, for microscope investigations have shown that the bacteria of the disease are to be kept scrupulously clean and the city government has appointed an inspector for each city block whose duty it is to enter every house in the block once a day, make a thorough inspection, and report any suspicious sickness.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 1.—(Special)—Doctor Watt, superintendent of the British Columbia quarantine, has issued new regulations which go into effect at once regarding vessels arriving from San Francisco. Information reached the public health department that the epidemic of Asiatic cholera in San Francisco and the new regulations are intended to prevent introduction of the plague into Canada.

Hermosillo, Mex., Jan. 1.—Owing to the severe cause at Mazatlan strenuous measures are being taken here to improve the sanitary conditions of the city. Streets are to be kept scrupulously clean and the city government has appointed an inspector for each city block whose duty it is to enter every house in the block once a day, make a thorough inspection, and report any suspicious sickness.

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CASTRO VERY DECENTLY ACCEPTS PROPOSITION OF THE POWERS.

Caucasus, Jan. 1.—There have been persistent rumors since yesterday that Castro had refused to agree to the proposals of the powers to refer the Venezuelan question to the Hague. The correspondent of the Associated Press says the president of Venezuela this afternoon. It is M. Luchesse who has declined the proposal. He said: "If a settlement is reached it will be because a settlement is an aim of no part of the plan of the vis. In this case the prolongation of the war by the situation would be disastrous for Venezuela. The solution of the present difficulty depends more on the alternatives than on Venezuela."

at Ins. as to whether or not he will resign the presidency and if it is to be done, he will resign. He said: "I have no purpose to make a change in the present cabinet, he replied. "People are at liberty to talk whatever nonsense they want to; I will make a change in my cabinet when the present serious question is ended."

Berlin, Jan. 1.—President Castro's reply to the powers through Minister Bowen is substantially an unqualified acceptance of their proposals to arbitrate and the accompanying conditions.

The foreign office here received his answer today and is satisfied with its spirit. A further interchange of views, preparatory to signing the protocol, will take place in Washington. The only really important question to be settled is what shall be done with the blockade? A continuance of the blockade is relied upon to hasten the conclusion of the arbitration preliminaries, especially on the part of Venezuela.