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The Admiralty has placed the Cruiser Dominion at the disposal of the Government to bring Mr. Prefontaine's body to Halifax. The French Government have rendered military honors, and it is likely a state funeral will be given in Montreal by the Federal Government.

JUDGMENT was given in the St. Anne's election case Montreal yesterday by Judge Davidson. The Liberal member, Alderman Gallery was unseated and disqualified. The trial was full of sensational incidents and in reviewing the evidence the Judge said the disclosures were without a parallel in the history of election trials.

WORD comes from New York that an agreement to abolish rebating on premiums has been entered into by the New York Life, Equitable and Mutual Insurance companies. Any agent who gives rebates will be dismissed from service and will not be re-engaged by any company in the arrangement. It is also announced that Grover Cleveland has been appointed referee to decide all matters in dispute in this line, and that his salary will be twelve thousand dollars a year.

New Years Day was beautiful and clear and was much enjoyed in Charlottetown, judging by the number of people moving about and the liveliness manifested. As on Christmas, sleigh driving was a most prominent feature of the days' amusement. If possible, there were more teams out than on Christmas Day. It was lively sport, but pretty hard on horse flesh, we should judge. The "Horribles" were out in some force and created considerable amusement by their fantastic robes and their lively antics. Their variegated habiliments and the puffing of their horses and the trappings of their horses were a great source of mirth to the small boy.

A London despatch says Mr. Balfour, late Premier of Great Britain, and now Leader of the Opposition, has issued his election manifesto. After a brief reference to Home Rule and Chinese labor, he is reported as saying: "I hold that the time has arrived to adopt England's fiscal policy to the changing conditions of the changing world. Should you return the Unionist Party to power it is to the reform of the fiscal system that its attention ought first to be directed." In the course of his manifesto, Mr. Balfour expresses want of confidence in Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary. He appeals for support on the ground of twenty years faithful service.

Mr. A. A. McLean, M. P., received yesterday morning from Hon. W. S. Fielding, Ottawa, the following telegram dated Jan. 1st, relative to the visit of the Tariff Commission: "Tariff Commission leaving Tuesday morning for New Brunswick. Will hold early meeting in Charlottetown. Precise date will be announced later. Hope that all Prince Edward Island interests can be heard at Charlottetown." The Council of the Charlottetown Board of Trade received a similar telegram and, at a meeting held yesterday afternoon, the Board arranged for the meeting at Charlottetown of the Tariff Commissioners.

In the mayoralty contest in Toronto on the 1st, last, Alderman Coatsworth was elected over Spooner, by a majority of 4077. A Paris despatch says: Impressive funeral services were held Saturday at the Church of the Madeleine, over the body of Raymond Prefontaine, the Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who died in Paris on Dec. 25. The Government ordered military honors. Prefontaine's coat of arms was represented, and all the Cabinet Ministers attended.

State Funerals.

It is said that a public funeral will follow the arrival in Canada of the body of the late Mr. Prefontaine. In view of the honor paid to the late minister by the government of Great Britain and the government of France this course would not be unfitting. But it is hoped that those who may have charge of the state funeral will avoid the mistake made at the time of Sir John Thompson's death. The arrangements for that funeral were in charge of the department of public works. An important officer of that department was sent to Halifax with orders to do all that the occasion required. Sir John Thompson would have wished that all should have been simple and dignified. Instead there was an excessive display, and an outlay more than three times that of Sir John A. MacDonald's funeral. Crapes and other cloth was bought by tens of thousands of yards and hung along the old Halifax cemetery fence in unlimited quantities, where it looked tawdry enough on the damp winter day of the funeral. The Cathedral was almost covered with hangings inside and out, the decoration of that building costing nearly nine thousand dollars. So was the province building, where the body lay in state and where the drapings cost thousands of dollars. There was a funeral carriage or car prepared for the occasion at a cost of \$1,500, which might have been designed for an oriental potentate. A Montreal florist claimed over a thousand dollars for one display of flowers ordered as a wreath. The Intercolonial buildings were hung with crepe. Twenty miles' length of bunting was purchased. But for the arrival at the scene on the day before the funeral of an officer who had more taste and some idea of business the display would have been still more ostentatious and the bills still more exorbitant. Contrasting with this gorgeousness was the casket in which the body of the prime minister had crossed the ocean, made of the best material in the best manner, undoubtedly costly yet severely plain. Over it was the simple wreath of flowers sent by the Queen.

It was an unpleasant surprise and a division of the house over the vote of \$25,000 for the expenses of this funeral. Of course the government could do nothing but pay for the display after it had been ordered, but Sir Wilfrid and all his supporters supported the motion of Sir Louis Davies to reduce the item to \$15,000. Mr. Foster as leader of the house, was placed in the position of asking for an appropriation to meet expenses, which were considerable of a shock to him and some of his colleagues when they came to their attention. The language used by Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Louis Davies, Mr. Tarte, Mr. D. C. Frazer, Mr. Campbell, Mr. McMullen, and others, was rather stronger than the occasion called for, but it was not without reason, and the ministers of the time had to admit that if they had been in a position to direct the proceedings themselves, they would have managed it otherwise. It was pretty well understood at the time that no such extravagance would be allowed to occur on the occasion of another public funeral.—St. John Sun.

Dry Dock on Long Voyage.

The Mammoth dry dock "Dewey," which left Solomon's Island Virginia Thursday last on its long voyage to the Philippine Islands, by way of the Suez Canal, passed out of Virginia Capes at 4 o'clock Friday night. The "Dewey" encountered thick weather during the early morning hours, but during the later hours the great dock and its accompanying craft had the benefit of better weather and made faster time. Before passing out the tug Hercules met the supply ship "Glacier," one of the accompanying vessels and delivered a mail and supplies and as the Capes were abreast the head of the column the signal, "We are passing out, report all well," was flashed from the Glacier. From the speed the tow made coming down the bay it is estimated that the voyage to the Philippines will be accomplished in eight or nine months.

How Money is Made.

For the first time in several weeks Russell Sage went to his office on Nassau street, N. Y., last Thursday, riding down from his home in a fast automobile, when he received information that call money was at a hundred per cent and in great demand in financial districts. For several hours the aged financier remained in his office personally directing the lending of his cash at 85 and 90 per cent. In that time he lost about thirty million dollars. "Don't crowd the boys too hard" was his final order as he left his office and started for home. His loans were for a day only and meant a profit of about \$70,000.

The Leaders Speak.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the premier, and Arthur J. Balfour, the former premier respectively leaders of the two great parties now drawn up in battle array in the United Kingdom, addressed large audiences on the 29th ult.

The premier spoke at Dunfermline, Scotland, making fiscal reform his battle-cry. In answering a question, he said he did not favor a separate independent legislature for Ireland, but intimated that that country should have a legislature subordinate to the imperial parliament. Mr. Balfour, talking to a sympathetic audience at Queen's Hall, London, asked: "Will you have fiscal reform or home rule, for this is the true issue of the campaign?"

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman said that the liberals would fight protection and fiscal reform during the campaign as they did while in opposition, while the former premier said that fiscal reform would be the first great question with which the unionist party would have to deal, whenever it was returned to power, because it was a question in which the welfare of the country was bound up.

Mr. Balfour indicated that the whole attack of unionists throughout the present campaign would be centered on the assumed intention of the liberal party to give Ireland control of its own affairs through an executive responsible directly to an Irish elective body. This, Mr. Balfour believed, would inevitably lead to separation, which he admitted would be preferable to the continued parliamentary turmoil consequent on half-way measures. Discussing the fiscal question, Mr. Balfour said the unionists had done nothing because they wanted the mandate of the electorate before initiating a change of policy which had been supported by the sanction of fifty years. He halfheartedly defended the education bill, which which will be one of the most powerful weapons of the liberals, saying it did not in any sense reach his ideal, but it was the best that could be done.

Russian Revolutionist Suppressed.

St. Petersburg advices of the 29th, ult., say:—The suppression of the insurrection at Moscow and the certainty that similar uprising elsewhere will be crushed, mark the collapse of the first attempt of the "Reds" to overthrow the government arms and administer a defeat from which it is not believed the revolutionaries can quickly recover. Now that the smoke of the battle is clearing away the utter hopelessness of the conflict seems to be apparent. The populace hold aloof and not a single military unit actually joined the revolutionaries. Even the general strike crumbled under their feet by their challenging and precipitating a conflict before the proletarian organizations were prepared. The government secured a comparatively easy, though ruthless victory, and it is believed in high official circles that the organizations have been so demoralized and disrupted by the blow and by the arrest of their most able leaders that it will be impossible for them to attempt the coup planned for the anniversary of "bloody Sunday." In desperation, undoubtedly, the revolutionaries will again have recourse to acts of terror which will spring at the most unexpected moment. The country has quieted down, and the cabinet now hopes that the elections to the Duma are assured and that the government can devote its time to the suppression of the revolt in the Baltic provinces and more especially to the solution of the Agrarian question. If means cannot be found to in some measure satisfy the land hunger of the peasants, before the spring, the universal opinion is that the peasants everywhere will rise. The landed proprietors seem to be convinced of this to such an extent that the landlords in the neighborhood of Minsk are calling their tenants together and are voluntarily arranging the distribution of a portion

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Two hundred members of the Canadian Club who were at the weekly luncheon in Ottawa Saturday, enjoyed immensely a quiet dig which B. L. Borden gave to Lord Rosebery and cheered him to the echo. The occasion was an address by Alfred Mosely, G. M. G. In the course of his remarks Mr. Mosely said he had had an interview with Laurier and had discussed with him the subject of an imperial tariff preference. The first minister had replied: "We are on record on this question. We have said that if Great Britain gives us this preference we shall be obliged to consider what further preference Canada can offer to Britain, but Canada can do nothing more until the mother country has spoken."

Boston Stock Brokerage Firm Suspended.

The recent boom in copper stocks in the Boston stock exchange, when prices went up in bonds, was an important contributing cause to the suspension on the 29th, of the stock brokerage firm of H. R. Leighton & Co., which assigned for the benefit of its creditors. Although the firm is not a member of any stock exchange, the assignment was adjudged of considerable importance from the fact that the firm has some forty branch offices, all but two of them in New England cities and towns. The outside offices are at Montreal, Halifax, N. S., and St. John's, Nfld. The assignee is Charles E. Allen, a lawyer, of that city. In a statement the firm declared that the suspension was due to the failure of a member of the Boston stock exchange to meet his obligations to the company and to outstanding investments in copper to a greater or less extent—upon which necessary money could not be realized. Almost all the larger cities of New England are affected by the suspension, the firm operating branch offices and in Vermont there were agencies in the villages of Morrisville, Woodstock, Bennington, Brattleboro, Bellows Falls and St. Johnsbury. The Massachusetts points included Springfield, Worcester, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, New Bedford and Pittsburg. There are several hundred creditors scattered throughout New England and Canada. Assignee Allen said that he hoped to have the affairs of the company straightened out soon and then to continue the business as formerly. The firm is a West Virginia corporation, organized in 1902 with a capital of \$50,000. G. L. Babcock is president, and H. R. Leighton, secretary and treasurer. In that city the firm occupied two floors of the building at 248 Washington street. The failure had no effect of any kind upon the stock market. The losses are distributed among individual investors, most of them living outside of Boston. No official statement of liabilities and assets of the firm was issued, but it is thought that the liabilities amount to about half a million dollars.

Twenty-Seven were Drowned off British Columbia Coast.

About 26 men and one woman, all those on board, it is believed were drowned when the British bark Pass of Melfort, founded on the rocks off Amphitrite Point, B. C., last Thursday. The salvage str. Salvor, maintained the Reginald by Lloyd's agency and the West Virginia corporation, organized in 1902 with a capital of \$50,000. G. L. Babcock is president, and H. R. Leighton, secretary and treasurer. In that city the firm occupied two floors of the building at 248 Washington street. The failure had no effect of any kind upon the stock market. The losses are distributed among individual investors, most of them living outside of Boston. No official statement of liabilities and assets of the firm was issued, but it is thought that the liabilities amount to about half a million dollars.

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Washed Overboard.

A great wave, reaching almost tidal proportions, rolled up Vineyard Sound, Mass. last Saturday night and, overtaking the big five masted schooner Henry O. Barrett, tumbled over the stern and swept overboard to her death Captain Joshua Norton of Rockland, Me., the commander of the vessel, and his mate, James Conley of St. John, N. B. The wave jammed the helmsman against the wheel after smashing the yawl and davits, and then raging forward tore through the spinnaker and jigger sails and carried away the deckhouse. Captain Norton and Mate Conley were standing together near the stern on the lower side of the vessel and were not seen after the wave broke. The Barrett, which left Newport News last Wednesday for Boston, made a quick run up the coast, and had good weather until reaching Block Island. There she was overtaken by the storm.

Great Singer Extinguishes Flames.

Madame Lillian Nordica won the enthusiastic plaudits of a large matinee audience at the Metropolitan Opera House, N. Y., when she quite coolly stamped out a blaze on the stage near the footlights, caused by fire dropping from a torch carried by a chorus woman in Gotterdammerung. The incident occurred during the fire scene of the last act of the opera. Burning oil spilled from one of the chorus torches and set fire to the stage carpeting. Immediately there was an uneasiness apparent in the audience and several persons started to quit their seats. Mme. Nordica was singing at the time and her attention was first attracted to the fire by the sudden movements of persons in the orchestra chairs. Quickly comprehending the situation, the singer walked over to the blaze and without interrupting her song, stamped out the last spark of the fire. When the act ended, Mme. Nordica was given an ovation.

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Gigantic Land Deal.

Hon. Frank Oliver is expected to make an explanation shortly regarding the acquisition by private individuals of millions of acres of the very richest prairie farming land under the sun. It lies between Townships 24 to 34. "It is ridiculous for the government to say that they still hold the bulk of the land in this district," says a correspondent to a Winnipeg paper. "It amounts to between two and three million acres and is the pick of the whole of Western Canada," continues the writer. "There is nothing superior to it in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. It is a fact that this land is now being sold at \$7 per acre. Some of it has been disposed of. This is not heresy, it is fact. Who owns the land? That is for Hon. Frank Oliver to answer. How was it acquired? That is for Mr. Oliver to answer. The land may be in the possession of the Canadian Northern Railway Company or some other corporation. This much is known at least, that it has been handed over by the Government. If Hon. Frank Oliver does not know who is in possession of it he should know. Probably his predecessor in office has some knowledge of the deal. It is estimated that men in possession of land will clean up on \$8,000,000 to \$12,000,000. If, as some suspect, the land was acquired in trade for some stuff away in the wooded north, it did not cost the private company 50 cents an acre, and they are now selling at \$7." It is said the deal went through a short time before the elections in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

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