

THE KLONDIKE TRADE

The Toronto Board of Trade's endorsement of the British Columbia Board.

A Strong Resolution Condemning Retaliation and Condemning Americans' Action.

The Toronto board of trade has promptly taken up the complaint of the British Columbia board that Canadian goods going into the Yukon district are being subjected to vexatious regulations on the part of the United States customs authorities.

"Whereas the British Columbia board of trade has directed the attention of this board to what is regarded by them as being unfair treatment by the United States authorities of Canadians and goods destined for the gold fields of the Yukon district in Canadian territory, and having with them supplies purchased in Canada, and

"Whereas the unfair treatment referred to is chiefly of the nature of vexatious and excessive bonding regulations and charges from the port of Dyea (situated in disputed territory, but controlled at the present time by the United States), into Canadian territory over what is said to be disputed territory between Canada and the United States, and

"Whereas the laws of Canada governing mining and miners are of a most liberal character, and sharing with our own people the same privileges, being in this respect much more favorable to the foreigner than the laws governing the territory adjoining the Yukon Canadian gold fields in Alaska and other parts of the United States; and

"Whereas, combined representations have been made to the United States government by various United States chambers of commerce of cities on the Pacific coast, to close the port of Dyea altogether, in order to divert the bulk of trade destined for the gold fields situated in Canada through the United States channels, and

"Whereas, the gold fields of recent discovery in the Yukon district are on undisputed Canadian territory, the heritage of our people; and

"Therefore, be it resolved, that in the opinion of the council of this board,

"That it is of the utmost importance that the boundary line (at present in dispute) between Alaska and the Dominion of Canada, be determined with the least possible delay;

"That the customs tariff of the Dominion of Canada on all foreign merchandise coming into the country, destined for the Klondike and other gold fields in the Yukon districts, be determined in the same manner as at other ports;

"That our government be requested to make representations to the United States government without delay, regarding the unfair bonding regulations from the port of Dyea, through what is at present disputed territory, the evident object of these excessive charges being to force all parties going to the mining regions to buy their supplies in the United States; and

"That, inasmuch as the season for migrating to the gold regions of the Yukon district is rapidly approaching, and in order that Canada may reap trade benefits from the development and operation of the mines within its borders, and in the event of the government of the United States not taking such immediate steps as may lead to fair regulations via the port of Dyea,

"We recommend the government of Canada to at once take steps to close all Canadian ports of entry for trade entering the Yukon district from the Pacific coast, except Glenora and Port Canby."

STATUE WITH A WARDROBE AND VALISE

One of the most curious things in Brussels, a thing that must be characteristic to some extent of the temper of the people, is the little Mannikin statue, the famous "statue of the manikin" which is said to have been erected by a nobleman whose lost son was found on this spot. But there is not the least excuse for the boy's nakedness, for he is well supplied with clothing of many sorts, and is rich enough to buy a carriage occasionally. Louis XV. decorated the statue with the Order of the Holy Ghost, possibly at a moment when another sort of spirit had possession of him; and it is the owner of the statue, at a salary of \$400, and a short time ago another unwedded admirer left \$200 for the completion and maintenance of his wardrobe.—Berlin Letter.

A LESSON IN ECONOMY.

Consul General writes from Zurich, in regard to a plan recently introduced in the public schools of several European cities. In Brussels, the children attending public schools were requested by their teachers to gather up on their way to school such objects as old metallic bottle caps, tin tins, tin cans, patent boxes, matches, etc., and deliver their collections daily to their respective teachers.

In the period from January 1 to October 1, 1895, or within eight months, the following amounts were collected: 70,000,000 kilograms (152,000,000 pounds); old patent boxes, 100 kilograms (220 pounds); tin cans, 2,000 kilograms (4,400 pounds); scraps of metal, 550 kilograms (1,210 pounds); and proceeds amounting to 7,750 francs. This apparent rubbish was disposed of and the proceeds applied to completely clothe 500 poor children and send 500 more to recuperation camps, and the rest was distributed among the poor sick of the city.

Archbishop Williams of Boston, has presented to the public library of that city a set of twenty-eight volumes of the "Acta Sanctae Sedis," containing all the decisions of the Cardinals of the Holy See of the Roman Catholic Church.

GREAT BRITAIN ON THE ALERT

Her Diplomats Closely Watching the Orient—Has No Cause For Alarm.

Will Assert Her Rights the Instant Germany and Russia Make Clear Their Game.

London, Dec. 25.—In well informed circles the general impression prevails that the scare in the newspapers and among the public in regard to the far east is at least premature. While the members of the government are reticent, they are evidently sincere in disclaiming the least alarm. The impression created in ministerial quarters is that British officials are carefully watching events, biding their time, and that she certainly will not fail to act promptly and vigorously at the proper moment. It is estimated in quarters well posted on such matters that Germany either desires to have an understanding on the subject with Great Britain.

This view is strongly supported by Prince Henry's visit to Queen Victoria at Osborne, and by the autograph letter which the Prince is said to have taken to Her Majesty from the Emperor William, etc., of which confirmation is forthcoming. The Emperor's letter to the Queen is regarded as being a distinctly conciliatory step on the part of Germany. But there is no doubt that Great Britain is quietly preparing for all eventualities. Should it become clear that Germany and Russia have reached an understanding of a grab, Great Britain will be prepared to assert her claims for a division of the spoils.

At the Chinese embassy the view prevails that there is some understanding between Great Britain and Germany. The public scare seems to have arisen from the idea that the proceedings took Great Britain by surprise. This is impossible, for since her intervention in the Chinese-Japan war it has been known that Germany has only been awaiting a favorable opportunity to obtain a foothold in China, and at various times it has been reported that Lappa, Quenoy and Amoy had been secured, while a German vessel had been seen at the mouth of the Yangtze, and King Chan, bay, all of which was known at the British foreign office.

The reception of the German squadron at Portsmouth, the facilities which the ships were afforded and will be afforded at all the British sea ports, and the fact that Hongkong, point to the sympathetic support of Great Britain.

That Russia does not expect trouble is shown in the fact that she has not one battleship in the Far East. But, of course, if Russia does not leave Port Arthur in the spring, her stay there may lead to other grabbing.

In the meanwhile not a few people regard the Times editorial expressing satisfaction in the settlement of the settlement and protesting against the "loss" of the "rights" of the part of the United States government, which have been thoughtlessly and unjustifiably made in England, and Japan's withdrawal from the attitude she has assumed in connection with Hawaii, as indications of a desire for an Anglo-Japanese-American alliance.

WHERE DOES GERMANY STAND? Does Not Know How Far She Can Go in the Orient.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—China has occupied public attention to the exclusion of everything throughout the week. The government and the officers continue reticent, even the occupying of Port Arthur having failed to elicit any official statements, and in an interview with the correspondent here of the Associated Press said: "Russia's occupation of Port Arthur is permanent. She thereby secures a much desired terminus for the Siberian railroad, which will be extended from Vladivostok to Port Arthur, making Russia an unobstructed mistress of Manchuria and the whole of North China. Her interests in China in no way collide with those of France, whose sphere of action is in South China. Between is an immense territory, which may eventually be a cause of dispute by Great Britain, Germany and Japan. A movement is on foot between Japan and Germany to arrive at an understanding, as Japan sees clearly that this course is the wisest. Russia will not tolerate Japan in Korea, as it would destroy all the schemes she has been preparing for the past two years. Therefore Germany is the only friend and ally Japan can look to for coming events; that is, if she knows how to play her cards and establish a basis of mutual interest. Mr. Langelier, in an interview with the correspondent here of the Associated Press said: "The truth of the whole matter is that the liberal government has not enough public patronage to go against, so as to suit people of the people and the press. Mr. E. Taubert, who is editor and proprietor of the chief liberal newspaper in the Quebec district, and the burden of history against the government is that it is not getting enough public money for his office. It was Mr. Picaud who assisted in killing the

THE POPE'S ENCYCLICAL.

Situation Not Changed by the Ecclesiastical Decree.

Toronto, Dec. 25.—Referring editorially to the Pope's encyclical on the Manitoba school question, made public in Rome yesterday, the Globe says: "There is no room for the supposition that the paper is issued without full knowledge of the facts. So far as federal action is concerned, the matter is settled and cannot be unsettled by any ecclesiastical decree. The situation is not in the slightest degree altered by the encyclical and the prospect of federal legislation are as remote as ever."

THE TIMES Ottawa Letter.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Canadian government has at the present moment under consideration a very difficult problem, and this as to whether it will fearlessly grapple with the opening up of the Yukon country or virtually let it alone. A committee of the cabinet, which has now this question before it, is composed of Hon. Messrs. Sifton, Mills, Scott, Patterson, Mullock and Sir Louis Davies. The government has already started out by sending an administrator into the country, giving him full power to do as he pleases, so long as he reports his actions directly to Ottawa, and sending along with him a sufficient number of mounted policemen to preserve order. But this is a mere beginning. It is calculated that about 100,000 people at the very least will go into the Yukon next spring, and now arises the question as to whether the government will be able to send in supplies to feed that number. To do this it will be necessary to open up a route and build a railway or wagon road part of the way. The favorite route appears to be the one by the Stickeen and Teslin Lake. A wagon road would be very difficult to build, as a great part of the way is over muskeg. It is estimated that a railway would cost about five million dollars. Now comes the question whether the country would stand a vote of five million on the top of the very heavy subsidy granted last session to the Canadian Pacific for the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass road. Many believe that parliament would refuse to vote that amount. On the other hand, the government will either have to get a mortgage on the Yukon or confess to its inability to do anything for the opening up of the great Klondike gold fields which lie within the Yukon territory. It would be an admission of almost incompetence for a government to say that an expenditure of this kind was not only desirable, but actually necessary in the interests of the country, yet the popular voice does not prepare to grant it, and therefore the government hesitates to do its duty by pressing the vote.

Although, there, might be some trouble in getting a large money vote put through parliament the results would justify it, if properly managed, because a number of others, who had failed in an attempt to launch a boat, were waiting for her. When the sloop came within reach the Indians were taken off, the old man slipping into the water again as he was being handed from the boat to the shore. Several young men, including John Lawrie and Charles Whittington, put out to the rescue in a small boat, but were carried past the sloop by the wind and current, finally landing in Cadboro Bay.

In the meantime the upturned sloop, which the Indians were clinging, drifted towards a point in Cadboro Bay, where Messrs. Atkinson and Camousa, Morton and a number of others, who had failed in an attempt to launch a boat, were waiting for her. When the sloop came within reach the Indians were taken off, the old man slipping into the water again as he was being handed from the boat to the shore. Several young men, including John Lawrie and Charles Whittington, put out to the rescue in a small boat, but were carried past the sloop by the wind and current, finally landing in Cadboro Bay.

The Indians were made comfortable in a tent on the beach until they had sufficiently survived to go home. If anybody derives the Humane Society's medal it is the young man who put out to the rescue in a small boat.

DEATH IN AN ASYLUM. Samuel Johnson, who Died at Agnews Hospital, Was an Old Soldier.

A special from San Jose to the San Francisco Chronicle says: "Samuel Johnson, a soldier, who was committed to the Agnews State Hospital from this city about ten days ago, died last Monday, leaving \$7,000 cash deposited in Victoria, B. C. Johnson was an inmate here, and had been in San Jose but a few days when he became suddenly insane. On his arrival here he complained of an affection of the heart and entered a sanitarium in Victoria, B. C. Before more than a casual examination could be made of his case, he lost his reason and attempted to jump from a second-story window. The police were notified and he was committed to Agnews. Johnson was possessed with hallucinations, that his enemies were poisoning him for the purpose of poisoning him.

"From papers found on his person it was learned that he had a sister, Mrs. Sarah Ereck, at Ontario, Canada. Johnson was about 55 years of age. Just where he came from the authorities were unable to learn; but it is thought he came here direct from British Columbia. He was very feeble and hardly able to care for himself. His statements were incoherent, and it was impossible to get much information from him. After entering the asylum he steadily grew weaker and last Monday morning he died. The premier had full knowledge of the case, and authorized a statement that he never did anything of the kind, nor had he ever any interviews or conferences with Sir Adolphe Chapleau. This at once brought a number of Liberals, who call themselves the 'old guard,' to his side. Sir Wilfrid Laurier authorized the publication of a statement, and this is something very unusual for him, as he seldom speaks in an interview, but there was no truth in the story circulated about the coalition. 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