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Cape Town Calls Loudly For Strong Reinforcements—Call to Arms of the Loyalists Likely to be Taken as a Challenge —Dr. Leyds Recruiting in Europe.

London, Jan. 7.—This morning's news from Cape Town is again unsatisfactory. Martial law has been proclaimed at Malmesbury, and would have been proclaimed in other districts but that the Cabinet meeting, called Saturday, was unable to agree as to its advisability.

The vagueness of the information concerning the movements and position of the invaders has sent a fresh cold fit over the colonists, and Cape Town calls loudly for strong reinforcements from England, on the ground that the greater part of Lord Kitchener's available force is employed in protecting the lines of communication and the Rand Mines, the latter extending for a distance of 50 miles.

Force Must Be Increased.

It is asserted by one Cape Town correspondent that, unless the forces in Cape Colony are increased, a most undesirable state of affairs may result, as the success in arms of the invaders, however slight, might be the signal for a Dutch rising. As it is, many British residents have had to leave the Dutch villages near Cape Town, their lives being unbearable.

According to a native report, 100 men, either Boers or local farmers, have just passed thru Clan William district in the direction of Malmesbury.

Calls for 40,000 Fresh Troops.

The Cape Town correspondent of The Daily Mail, who calls for 40,000 fresh troops, says:

"Prominent Afrikander Loyalists declare that the rebellious colonists will construe the colonial call to arms as a challenge, and that the ominous silence of the rebels, combined with the fact that the members of the pro-Boer Junta in Cape Town have been touring in the disaffected districts, emphasizes the necessity for martial law. The necessity was never more acute for despatching reinforcements. Already there is proof that colonials are leading one commando."

Leyds Is Still at Work.

The military movements reported are quite unimportant, the Portugal is sending reinforcements to Lorenzo Marquez. Dr. Leyds, according to the Hague correspondent of The Daily Mail, is recruiting in Holland, Belgium, France and Germany, and his recruits will be sent out to Namaqualand, ostensibly as emigrants, each man receiving £50 down on starting.

Coming Home on the Tunisian.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—The following members of the Canadian contingent sailed on the Tunisian on Thursday: Sergt Stayner; 14, Brown; 252, Tunstead; 7380, Robson; 47, Brown; 8141, Purcell; 7711, Wilkins.

NO HOPE OF INTERVENTION.

Gen. Botha Has Told the Boers That Kruger's Mission Has Failed.

New York, Jan. 6.—The Sun's correspondent at Pretoria cables as follows:

Gen. Louis Botha, the Commander-in-Chief of the Boers, has traversed the country with one of his commandos from Ermelo to The Springs. Reports differ as to whether he has been advising the burghers to sue for peace or to continue the struggle. All reports, however, agree that he has told the Boers frankly that Mr. Kruger's mission to Europe has been a failure and that it is useless to hope for foreign intervention.

CAPE TOWN IS PROTECTED.

Enrolment of Volunteers Has Been Taken Up With Enthusiasm.

New York, Jan. 6.—The following is from The Sun's Cape Town correspondent, dated Jan. 5:

Arrangements for the defence of the Cape Peninsula are proceeding. Artillery and mounted men are stationed on the Claremont flats and are guarding the approaches to Cape Town, tho it is highly improbable that a shot will be fired within hearing of the city.

It is estimated that several thousand men will join the newly organized town guards.

Gen. Brabant's appointment as commander of the western colonial division is very popular. The Times (the British organ), in an editorial to-day, emphasizes the duty of one and all to enroll in the guards without further delay.

The Afrikander Bond papers are endeavoring to minimize the importance of this movement and are trying to throw cold water on it.

However, the movement has been taken up enthusiastically by all classes and grades of society here. The employers of labor are doing everything in their power to facilitate the movement of their workmen in joining the various irregular corps. Naturally, the majority of these men would rather enrole in the Town guard than in a regular corps. The mayors of suburban municipalities are throwing themselves heart and soul into the scheme and are acting as recruiting officers. There have been many meetings of athletic and other clubs, as well as county and national associations, at which recruits for separate defence companies have been called for.

The present colonial defence companies are busily engaged in learning the rudiments of military drill preparatory to taking the field. The first contingent will leave for the front this evening.

Cape Town promises soon to present the appearance of a city under arms.

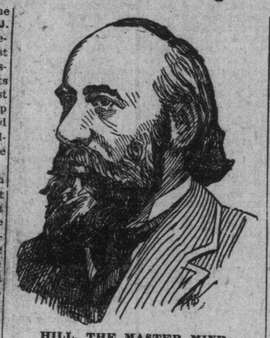
BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE INVOLVED IN JAMES J. HILL'S WORLDWIDE SCHEME

Grip on the Coal Fields of United States Complete, While All Signs Point to the Absorption of the Crow's Nest Coal Mines by the Millionaire Triumvirate: Hill, Morgan and Rockefeller—Toronto Men Coming Home to See Their Directors.

A Canadian, James J. Hill, is one of the millionaire triumvirate, including J. P. Morgan and John D. Rockefeller, who have, within the last two days, consummated a transportation deal that is universal in its scope, and involves the control of five vast railway systems, two great steamship lines, ten thousand million dollars and about 80,000 employes. In short, the Hill-Morgan-Rockefeller enterprises embrace the whole earth.

Stories have been wired to Toronto from St. Paul and Winnipeg during the past week to the effect that the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company had sold out to the same millionaire triumvirate. Major Pellatt has given these stories an emphatic denial, yet he confirms a statement, made by Mr. Jaffray, that Mr. Hill had obtained a contract for 800 tons of coal daily, to supply the Great Northern Railway and its tributaries. He also sanctions the statement that the Great Northern will shortly build its own line to the coal fields.

In face of the fact that the coalfields of the United States are now under the control of Hill, Morgan & Rockefeller, it must give one pause to hear that even so small a concession as 800 tons a day has been given to them by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company. What is to prevent the trio, with billions behind them, from buying out the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, and thereby absorbing the whole coal interests of the continent? That this game is on foot, not a few men acute in commercial affairs believe.



HILL, THE MASTER MIND.

Transaction in Brief.

New York, Jan. 6.—Mr. Rockefeller last week became the largest single holder of Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul stock. Mr. Morgan yesterday bought outright the New Jersey Central Railway for about $23,000,000 cash, thus combining all the coal-carrying railways, and involving $268,832,800. Mr. J. J. Hill and Norman B. Ream, who, since last spring, have been of the Executive Committee managing the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, last week entered Mr. Morgan's Erie Railway Board, and next week will enter the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul's Executive Board.

Mr. Rockefeller's Share.

Mr. Rockefeller, the "silent partner" in these vast operations of massed capital, already controls, thru the Standard Oil Trust, more than a majority of the American Steamship Line Stock, and Mr. Hill is building at New London, Conn., for his Great Northern Railway the two largest steamships in the world (18,000 tons each), to ply between his Pacific Railway termini and China and Japan.

Allied Interests.

It may be added that the American Line, controlled by Standard Oil directors, is looking for a subsidy of $2,800,000 annually from the United States Government, under Senator Hanna's Ship-Subsidy bill, and the National City (Standard Oil) Bank, controlled by the same group of capitalists, had on deposit yesterday $119,670,000, of which $18,000,000 was loaned to the bank by the Government without interest.

Morgan's Move.

At the close of the greatest bull market Wall-street has ever known, there came at noon yesterday the announcement that J. Pierpont Morgan had bought control of the New Jersey Central Railroad. Here was another explanation for the stupendous activity of the street during the past week. In this deal, $268,832,800 is involved. The combination includes the Reading, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Lehigh Valley and the New Jersey Central roads. The deal practically completes Morgan's grip on the anthracite coal regions. It will make him more than ever a money king, more than ever a money baron, more than ever a genius of railroad combinations. It is one of two great combinations which Morgan has effected during the past two months, and which are responsible for the wonderful boom in Wall-street.

$776,492,600 in Deals.

The previous combination was between the St. Paul, Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Erie railroads, involving the sum of $507,659,800. Thus, during the past two months, J. Pierpont Morgan, James J. Hill and John D. Rockefeller have juggled with properties valued at $776,492,600. Mr. Morgan's latest purchase, with the allied roads, will carry half the total output of coal from the anthracite regions. This output, in 1899, amounted to 47,665,203 tons.

These transactions wrought Wall-street brokers up to a high pitch of excitement, and an epoch was marked in their history.

To See the Directors.

Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—A St. Paul despatch says: The Canadian capitalists said to be negotiating with Mr. Hill for the Crow's Nest Coal mines have gone home, but they may have gone there only for the purpose of having meetings of their boards of directors and securing final action, which they themselves had no power to take. In the meanwhile Mr. Hill is saying nothing, evidently being too much engrossed with bigger deals to talk with reporters about this one.

From Sea to Sea.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—The Chronicle to-day says: President Albert Earling of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway yesterday sold his 20,000 shares of stock in the road.

The line has passed into the control of J. J. Hill, J. Pierpont Morgan and John D. Rockefeller.

To-day Mr. Earling enjoys the distinction of being president and general manager of a company in which he does not own a single share of stock.

He has made a profit of $840,000 on his stock, and does not know whether he is to be retained in an official capacity by the new management.

Earling was not the only big Chicagoan to part with his stock. Marshall Field is reported to have disposed of his stock, amounting to $3,000,000. The Alexander Mitchell estate parted with $2,000,000 worth and the heirs of the late George T. Smith are said to have disposed of $5,000,000 more.

Earling's stock was sold for $3,040,000, going off at $152 a share. The other purchases are said to have been at the same price. Earling bought his stock at $110 a share two years ago, shortly before he became president of the road.

The total purchases made yesterday by the Hill interests are reputed to have been in excess of $15,000,000.

The St. Paul line will pass over to the Great Northern under a lease, it is said, whereby the preferred stockholders will be guaranteed 8 per cent. and common stock 6 per cent. for two years and 7 per cent. thereafter.

EIGHT LIVES WERE LOST BY FIRE IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

Blaze Started in Standard Furniture Co.'s Premises and Extended to Harvard Hotel, Which Was Filled With Sleeping Guests —Old Lady Burned to Death in Montreal.

Minneapolis, Jan. 6.—Eight men lost their lives in a fire at 115 South Washington-avenue at 3 o'clock this morning. The fire had its origin in the rear of the Standard Furniture Company. The men were overtaken by an intense volume of smoke in the Harvard Hotel, which occupies the second, third and fourth floors of the building, and death in every instance was due to suffocation. When the men were found in various parts of the house, a man named Erickson was dead and the seven others were unconscious.

Started to Awaken the Lodgers.

When the fire was discovered the night clerk and two men set about to awaken the lodgers. One devoted his attention to the second floor, while another rushed up stairs. The men were all sound asleep, and in several instances it was necessary for O'Connor to break in the doors.

What took place in the diningrooms and narrow dark hallways will never be known. It was a case of every man rushing for his own life. Nineteen of the twenty-seven lodgers were successful, but the others were unable to beat their way thru the smoke and fell in the tracks, where they were found by the firemen. Many of those who escaped came staggering out on the sidewalk like drunken men, barely making their way thru the deadly smoke and heat, and only partially clad. Several had narrow escapes. The loss on the building and contents will not exceed $3000.

The Death Roll.

The dead are:
Nathaniel Perly, 60 years old.
C. J. Skidmore, 45 years old.
J. S. Bentley, 55 years old.
B. Scofield, 45 years old.
George Rudey, 45 years old.
Michael Monahan, 75 years old.
J. N. Erickson of Alexandria, Minn., 25 years old.
— Jacobson, laborer, about 50 years old.

Injured—Harry Cotton, badly cut about the hands.

Quebec Residence Warmed.

Quebec, Jan. 6.—The splendid residence of Mr. W. A. Marsh, the well-known boot and shoe manufacturer, situated on Grand Allee-avenue, was badly damaged by fire, caused by the over-heated pipes of the furnace in the cellar, about 7.30 o'clock this morning. The damage to the build'ng and furniture is estimated at about $4000. Mr. Marsh's residence was only completed three or four months and cost between $35,000 and $40,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Fatal Fire in Montreal.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Shortly after midnight a fire alarm meant tragedy to a home at the corner of Inspector and St. Paul-streets, where Sophie Labres, an old lady of 91 years, was burned to death. No. 4 station staff was the first on the scene, only to find the aged woman burned and scoty beyond the recognition of her daughters, with whom she had lived for years. For over an hour she suffered intense agony, and the ambulance from the General Hospital was waiting to remove the patient. Suspense was broken at 1 o'clock, when Mrs. Labres succumbed.

Serious Blaze at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—Several Winnipeg business firms were burned out this morning. Fire started in the block on Main-street, owned by W. R. Baker, and occupied by the Grundy Music Company, S. R. Barraclough, T. A. Thurman, H. B. Macey and others. The building was badly gutted. The losses are divided as follows: Building, W. R. Baker, $12,000; insurance $5000. Stocks—Barraclough, music, $6000, insurance $2500; H. B. Macey, loss on pianos $3000; T. A. Thurman, jeweler, $3000, insurance $1000; Grundy Music Company, $9000, insurance $6000.

Brandon Loses Heavily.

Brandon, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Fire here today destroyed Currie's fruit store, Reesor's jewelry store, Todd's ticket office, Hall's real estate office and Botting's barber shop. The loss is about $20,000, with partial insurance.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF MONTREAL GETS AFTER TWO FRENCH PAPERS

Les Debats and L'Avenir Have Offended, and Mgr. Bruchesi Demands Retraction on Pain of Interdiction—The Offending Articles Criticised the Decisions in Marriage Cases.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—There was quite a sensational incident to-day in St. James' Cathedral, His Grace the Archbishop having denounced in a most public manner two Sunday papers printed in the French language. Mgr. Bruchesi, in preaching at high mass, said he had a painful duty to perform, and, continuing, His Grace referred to the recent articles on marriage in Les Debats and L'Avenir, two French and Catholic newspapers, as sapping in its base the legislation of the Church on that question. These articles, His Grace said, not only manifested gross disrespect towards the religious authority, but they were heretical in their nature, and as the head of the diocese it was his duty to protect the morals of the people and defend the dogmas of the Church. This he would do, even if he had to give up his life in the act which God had imposed upon him. "I denounce these articles," concluded the Archbishop, "and if the proprietors of these two papers do not publish a retraction, which must first be submitted to me, I will interdict them in the archdiocese and forbid my people to read them."

The articles referred to by His Grace criticized the findings of the ecclesiastical court in the Delpit and Masson marriage cases. Apart from this Les Debats and L'Avenir have been most conspicuous by their pro-Boer and anti-British attitude.

VICTORIA CROSS FOR OFFICERS WHO SERVED WITH COL. LESSARD

Lieut. Cockburn, Son of Mr. George R. R. Cockburn, This City, is Going to London, Presumably to be Decorated by the Queen—Three Others to Get It.

Quebec, Jan. 6.—According to a letter just received from South Africa, no fewer than four of Colonel Lessard's officers and men have been recommended for the Victoria Cross, while Lieut.-Col. Lessard himself is deservingly mentioned for special distinction for bravery and splendid work during the last fight in which the Royal Canadian Dragoons were engaged. The men who were recommended for the Victoria Cross on account of heroic deeds in the field are:

Lieut. R. E. W. Turner, Q.O.C.H., Quebec.

Lieut. H. Z. C. Cockburn, Governor-General's Body Guards, Toronto.

Sergt. E. J. Holland, Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, Ottawa.

Pte. W. A. Hinsley, 37th Haldimand Rifles.

Lieutenant Called Home.

In connection with the above there appears to be no doubt that Lieut. Cockburn will be decorated with the Victoria Cross. Instead of accompanying his regiment home, he was ordered to England, and this in itself is significant. In cases where several men of the same corps earn this coveted distinction it is usual for the authorities to single out one of them only, and present him with the cross, and it is not at all improbable that Lieut. Cockburn is, in this instance, the lucky man. Mr. George R. R. Cockburn has not heard from his son regarding the matter, and it was not until he read The Sunday World that he knew that his son had been recommended for the honor. Mr. John Ross Robertson, at Mr. Cockburn's request, cabled to England last night for particulars.

A PROTEST FROM MONTREAL

Against the New York Produce Exchange Proposal to Blacklist Canadian Ports.

PORTLAND ALSO WOULD BE HIT.

Grain, Railway and Shipping Men of Montreal Are Moving Against the Proposal.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the grain, railway and shipping interests of this port, held here Saturday, it was decided to protest against the proposed action of the New York Produce Exchange in blacklisting all Canadian ports and Portland, Maine, from the list of ports in grain contracts, calling for shipment from "Atlantic port or ports." The adoption of this rule would mean that Canadian ports and Portland would only secure business so specially routed at the time of making the contract. The New York Produce Exchange was to be asked for the reasons dictating its policy, and the commercial bodies of Chicago, Duluth and Minneapolis are to be petitioned to use their influence against it being brought into effect.

COMMANDANT OF R.M.C.

Col. Otter Not the Lucky Man—It Goes to Major Reade of the Shropshire Light Infantry.

London, Jan. 5.—(Telegram Cable.)—Major Reade of the Shropshire Light Infantry has been selected to succeed Col. Kitson, C.M.G., as commandant of the Royal Military College at Kingston, Canada. He is a well-known officer. Col. Kitson goes to Washington, U.S., as a member of the Diplomatic Corps.

COL. OTTER AT OTTAWA.

And Report Says His Appointment is as Good as Made.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Col. Otter was in the city yesterday and spent the morning in conference with the officials at the Militia Department. It was stated officially that his visit had no special significance, but his appointment to the Kingston Military College is said to be as good as made.

VICTORIA-MONTREAL INS. CO.

Will Be Put in Liquidation, Provided Creditors Consent.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the shareholders of the Victoria-Montreal Fire Insurance Company, it was decided that, should the creditors consent, the company will be put in liquidation. It will be remembered that Messrs. T. A. Temple & Sons of St. John, N.B., were the managers of this institution.

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A Letter to His Friend.

Dear Jim,—Wait till you get your "lamps" on me—I'm a high roller—a regular "bloated aristocrat!" I told you I was going to spread myself on a fur-lined overcoat! Well; I found the real thing in Toronto, at Dineen's—fifty dollars. You won't need to flag the train—it's all right, I look like the president of the N.Y.C.

Yours, Frank.

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A FORCE OF 15,000 CHINESE

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ALLIED TROOPS NOT TO OPERATE

In Certain Sections of the Province of Chili, According to Arrangement.

Shanghai, Jan. 6.—It is reported from Sian Fu that the Empress-Dowager has ordered General Feng Tse Tsai, commander in the Province of Yunnan, to proceed with his army to the Yangtse Valley, and, from that section, to move northward. His force is said to consist of 15,000 men, armed with modern weapons.

Count Von Waldersee, it is asserted, has arranged with Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang that the allied troops are not to operate in the prefectures of Shunte, Huan Ping and Taming, in the Province of Chili.

Chinese Troops Mutinied.

London, Jan. 7.—"Reports have been received here from Sianfu," says the Shanghai correspondent of The Standard, "that General Tung Fuh Hsiang's 14,000 troops have mutinied at Ku Yuen Chou, in the Province of Kansu, and that Gen. Feng Tse Tsai's army has been sent from the Province of Yunnan to suppress the rebellion."

THE POPE, FRANCE AND CHINA.

Archbishop Favier Has Arrived From China With News.

Marseilles, Jan. 5.—Archbishop Favier, the head of the French mission in North China, and Vicar Apostolic of Pekin, arrived here to-day from the Chinese capital after a short visit to Rome, where he discussed with the Pope the situation in China.

In an interview regarding the conversation had with the Pope Dec. 3 by a correspondent of The Matin, in the course of which His Holiness made a highly important statement of the Vatican's policy toward the French Republic, apropos of the intention of the Waldeck-Rousseau Ministry to introduce a bill against the religious orders, and also in relation to the letter from the Pope to Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, dealing with the proposed bill, Archbishop Favier said:

"I can affirm that Pope Leo XIII. is amicably disposed toward France, and has not the slightest intention of resorting to the severe measures which have been mooted, and that there is no question of a diplomatic rupture. His Holiness said to me: 'I love France with all my soul.'"

Mgr. Favier added that the Pope would never withdraw his protectorate over the Christians in China from France, and that any effort of Germany to this end would remain fruitless.

The Archbishop is an optimist regarding the Chinese situation, and expresses the conviction that a settlement of the difficulty will shortly be reached. He proceeded for Paris, where he will confer with M. Delcasse, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Li Hung Chang is Worse.

Pekin, Jan. 5.—Li Hung Chang has suffered a relapse, and because of serious effects of this and his great age, it is feared he will be unable to act as plenipotentiary in arranging a settlement of the troubles in China, and that the difficulty and delay in securing a successor may cause the postponement for a time of the negotiations.

Russo-Chinese Treaty Arranged.

London, Jan. 6.—A special despatch from Pekin, under yesterday's date, says: "According to an official Chinese source, Russia has arranged to make a treaty with China at St. Petersburg. The Chinese Minister there has been appointed to act for China."

Russia to Defend China.

London, Jan. 7.—The Vienna correspondent of The Daily Chronicle asserts that Russia, in her agreement with China, undertakes to defend the latter against any attack on her forts.

ALL CUT AND DRIED IN 1899.

Russia Had the Gobbling Up of Manchuria Securely Fixed.

London, Jan. 7.—"The outlines of the Russo-Chinese agreement regarding Manchuria were settled with Li Hung Chang in December, 1899," says the Vienna correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, "and prior to that Russia had concluded treaties with the Emirs of Bokhara and Khiva, and the Shah of Persia, arranged for neutrality or for military assistance in the event of difficulties arising between Russia and any Asiatic power. In fact, all the steps toward the practical acquisition of Manchuria had been carefully prepared."

MILLENNIUM LONG WAY OFF

So Opines Cardinal Gibbons in a Review From His Pulpit of the Dead Century.

NATIONS ARMED TO THE TEETH

And Instead of the Armaments Decreasing the Tendency is the Other Way.

Baltimore, Jan. 6.—Cardinal Gibbons today delivered a sermon at high mass in the Cathedral, in which he reviewed briefly the events of the century just closed with special reference to the wars which have been waged during that period as a preface to an urgent plea for universal peace. Cardinal Gibbons spoke in part as follows:

"Altho wars are less frequent and less inhuman in the Christian dispensation than in pagan times, it must be confessed that we are, as yet, far removed from the millennium of universal peace.

"The nineteenth century from its dawn to its sunset has witnessed an almost continuous scene of sanguinary struggles between the nations of Christian Europe.

Europe a Huge Military Camp.

"It is a subject of great concern to the friends of the gospel of peace that Christian Europe presents to-day the spectacle of a huge military camp. All the nations of the continent, as well as England, are armed to the teeth, and are living in mutual dread and distrust of each other. They are devoured by an insatiable ambition of conquest and dominion, or by a fear of invasion. When you see heavy clouds, charged with the electricity of war hanging over those nations, you may expect the thunder-clap of battle to resound at any moment. Armed nations, like armed individuals, are a constant menace to one another and are easily provoked to fight.

And They Are Increasing.

"And these military forces, instead of diminishing, are unhappily increasing every year. As soon as one nation augments its armament, its neighbor feels impelled to do likewise in self-protection. According to a report compiled and published in 1887, from official sources, the army list of Europe on a war footing comprised nearly fourteen millions of men, and the annual cost of maintaining the military establishments, even in time of peace, exceeded six hundred millions of dollars. At the present time the cost would probably amount to one thousand millions.

"The teachings of the gospel form the only basis of peace for the rulers of the earth. All the arts and resources of diplomacy will be in vain; all the courts of arbitration and peace conferences that ever shall assemble, will avail but little, as experience demonstrates. All their deliberations will be so much waste paper, unless their decisions are guarded and framed under the invocation of the Lord of Peace, who sits enthroned on the cross."

PICTOU COAL STRIKE OVER.

Increases Asked by the Miners Have Been Granted and Work Will Be Resumed.

New Glasgow, N.S., Jan. 6.—The Pictou coal strike has been finally settled, the increase asked for by the men having been granted by both managers of the Drummond and Acadia mines, and all the men will return to work. The increase granted includes 12 per cent. advance in schedule rate of wages to miners, 80 cents a day raise to mechanics and 25 cents a day to their assistants.

Start the week well. Vote for Alderman Asher in Ward Six.

Pember's Turkish Baths, excellent sleeping accommodation, 127 Yonge.

To-day's Program.

Municipal elections—Voting from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Y.W.C.G. Board meets at 3 p.m.

Underwriters' Association meets in Lancashire Building, 3 p.m.

Grand Opera House, Modjeska in "King John," 8 p.m.

Toronto Opera House, "The Female Drummer," 8 p.m.

Princess Theatre, "Fanchon the Cricket," 8 p.m.

Shea's Theatre, Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

Be sure to Vote for Cox in No. 2

Princess of Wales' violets are the best at this season; long stems, sweet fragrance and brightly colored. See them at Dunlop's, 5 King West and 445 Yonge-street.

No. 2 Ward Electors, Vote for Cox.

THE RACE FOR THE MAYORALTY.

John Shaw is still in the field, but out of the running. Spence is in the running, but out of the winning. Macdonald is so close to Spence that he hopes to finish second. Howland will be first in a gallop. All this change in the race has been brought about by the voting citizens opening their eyes to the deals and the trickeries that a little knot of race-track fakirs were trying to work on them. These men resorted to the usual ways of their kind; kept one horse in the race to make the running for his stable mate and doped a second. (Whether the present Mayor even yet knows that the stable's trainer got the needle under his hide cannot here be stated, but his eye is red and glary, his coat all in a wash, and every sign of its influence is noticed in his going.) In a word, the fakirs want Mr. Spence to be Mayor, and they hope to make him Mayor by keeping John Shaw in the race. Even John may be innocent of their real scheme; but anyone with half an eye can see that these professed backers of his have been playing fast and loose with him. They first gave out that Mr. Shaw would hold no meetings; they told the workers who offered that canvassers and scrutineers would not be needed. Then they changed their plans; they announced a big rally meeting for Saturday night at Massey Hall, with the Highlanders' Band as a savory; the public discovered that the hall was already engaged to a lecturer, and that the Kilties were off on a toot—abroad! No explanation of this trick has yet been offered by Mr. Shaw or by Mr. Millar. The nearest explanation The Globe reporter could give was that when he interviewed Mr. Shaw in bed, he put out from under the clothes "a feverish hand." And even that fine old master of the English tongue, the Seer of the Grange, was unable to explain it in the letter he sent forth Saturday. The professor should keep away from the municipal race track or he'll undergo the remarkable experience of being "warned off" as a dangerous tout. A nice ending for an Oxford Man!

Outside of his prejudices and his intolerance of the right of the people to manage their own lives and conduct, Mr. Spence has a fair knowledge of city business. But he has placed himself in the hands of Mr. Fleming, and thru Mr. Fleming he is in the hands of the gentry aforementioned. Were he elected he would be asked to sanction another Shaw-Fleming deal of some years ago in respect of city offices, and to put thru another sale like that of the Athletic Club of a few weeks ago. And he would have to take orders, as certain officials have now to take orders, in regard to the administration of the law. Mr. Fleming would tell him what he should do as police commissioner.

The Globe and The Star want Spence to win to help Mr. Ross. The Telegram wants Spence to win because it thinks he's fit for the job. But all three papers think that in order that Spence may win the Conservatives of the city should split on Shaw and Howland. As a matter of fact they'll unite on Howland. And why shouldn't they? Yes, why shouldn't they? Shaw can't win; if he can help it he won't let Howland win; do his worst he can't make Spence win.

Macdonald can't win.

Howland can and will win.

New Century, New City Hall, New Alderman. Ward 2 vote for T. W. Barber.

DIED IN DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

Lethbridge Man Taken Off Suddenly by Heart Failure.

Lethbridge, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—W. H. Saunders, brother of the proprietor of The Lethbridge News, died suddenly this afternoon while waiting in Dr. Deveber's office. His death was due to heart failure.

Vote for Cox in No 2

Cook's Turkish & steam baths, 204 King W., cures colds, coughs and rheumatism

Death of Baron Leconfield.

London, Jan. 6.—Henry Windham, Baron Leconfield, formerly captain of the First Life Guards and member of Parliament for West Sussex in the Conservative interest from 1854 to 1869, is dead. He was born July 31, 1830.

New Century, New City Hall, New Alderman. Ward 2 vote for T. W. Barber.

SCHOOL QUESTION UP AGAIN

Protestant Ministers of Winnipeg Are Now Agitating for Religious Teaching in Schools.

CATHOLICS NOT TAKING PART.

Creed Question Crops Up in a Protest Against Mr. Bernier in St. Boniface.

Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The question of religious teaching in the Public Schools is likely in the near future to become a live topic once more. A well-known city pastor, discussing the matter, said: "I believe there is a growing feeling in the city and thruout the country that the religious training in our Public Schools has been too much curtailed, and that there should be more time given to this matter. I understand that the heads of the respective churches have been seriously considering the question and that at least one meeting had been held for this purpose."

When questioned for further details as to the meeting, the city pastor said he could not give any particulars, not having been invited. He, however, understood that the Anglicans, the Presbyterians and the Methodists had been represented by leading representatives of their respective churches.

"Were not the Catholics represented?"

"The Catholics only wish for religious instructions to be by the priests or officers of the churches, and I do not think this would be agreeable to the other body, but I could not say whether they were represented or not."

A meeting is called for next Wednesday to further discuss the question. Catholics are taking no part in the movement.

Protest on Creed Question.

Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—A protest has been entered against the return of Jos. Bernier for St. Boniface. The petition alleges a story, given little credence, that Bernier procured R. P. Roblin, a member of the Legislature for Manitoba, and president of the Executive Council, and C. H. Campbell, the Attorney-General of the Province, to enter into an arrangement with Archbishop Langevin that if he would, as archbishop, and by the clergy under him, exert spiritual influence on behalf of Bernier to induce the electors to vote against Victor Mager and in favor of Bernier, they, Roblin and Campbell, would endeavor to procure legislation to be enacted by the Legislative Assembly in favor of and advantageous to the Catholic minority and members of the Catholic Church within the province relating to the support and maintenance of Separate Schools.

Your vote recorded for Alderman Asher won't be lost in Ward Six.

Vote for J. G. Ramsden—Alderman Ward Three.

BIRTHS.

MEYERS—On Sunday, Jan. 6, 1901, the wife of Campbell Meyers, M.D., of a daughter.

THOMPSON—At Montreal, on Jan. 5, 1901, the wife of F. W. Thompson (nee Summerhayes) of the Intercolonial Railway, of a son.

DEATHS.

FLIGHT—At her late residence, 2 Palmerston-avenue, on the 5th inst., Annie, the beloved wife of William McGregor Flight of the City Engineer's Department, aged 33.

Funeral on Tuesday, the 8th, at 2 p.m.

SHEEDY—At Montreal, Jan. 6, Mary, beloved wife of Mathew Sheedy.

Funeral from her father's residence, Mr. John O'Neill, 250 Queen-street, on Tuesday morning, to St. Michael's Cemetery; private.

SWIFT—At 53 Huntley-street, Toronto, on Sunday, Jan. 6, 1901, Teresa, wife of James Swift, in her 56th year.

Funeral strictly private.

TYLER—On Sunday, Jan. 6, at her late residence, 89 Amelia-street, Fannie L., beloved wife of Morgan C. Tyler, third daughter of John Hirst, and sister of J. W. Hirst, Elliott House, in her 38th year.

Funeral will take place Tuesday, Jan. 8th, at 3 o'clock.

OSHAWA IS UNIQUE.

Oshawa, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The municipal elections here to-morrow will be unique in the history of Canadian affairs. The town is placarded with the following self-explanatory legend: Our Town Council having by bylaw decided to use The Imperial Automatic Voting Machine instead of ballots at the forthcoming elections, it is to be hoped that every elector will call either at the postoffice or the Town Hall and familiarize himself with the machine.

PREACHES AT EIGHTY-TWO.

Probably the oldest Anglican minister in Canada to-day is Rev. Canon Sanson, the rector of Trinity Church, East King-street. Yesterday Rev. Mr. Sanson celebrated his 82nd birthday and at the morning service occupied the pulpit. He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and in 1851 became the incumbent of Trinity Church. He is still hale and hearty and preaches every Sunday morning.

They Have Imitators.

To be individual in your selection of goods and original and honest in your advertising is the secret of good business success. Unfortunately, when a firm finds success through these channels, it is industriously—not to say honestly—imitated by some aspiring mercantile venturers. The Dineen Company have always bought their fur skins direct from the merchant sealers, and from "the hunter back from the kill." When it was found advisable, they have purchased Parisian garments—"ready-made" for oft times such goods have great individual style and finish. Likewise have they been original in their advertising—recording their own stock, not that of some other firm. To-day they are showing an immense shipment of new jackets, just arrived in Toronto. Every one is the newest Parisian design; every one guaranteed high class in each particular. You are welcome to call and look through their showrooms any day.

Election in No. 2—Vote for Cox.

Turning Colder.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 6.—(8 p.m.)—The weather continues fine and very cold in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, but from the lake region to the Atlantic, during to-day, it has been a little milder, and to-night light snow is falling in Western Ontario. No very pronounced changes are indicated by this evening's weather chart.

Minimum and maximum temperatures—Calgary, 20 below—2; Prince Albert, 34 below—10 below; Qu'Appelle, 18 below—14 below; Winnipeg, 20 below—4 below; Port Arthur, 10 below—18; Parry Sound, 22—28; Toronto, 10—33; Ottawa, 4—24; Montreal, 8—24; Quebec, zero—20; Halifax, 10—22.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Westerly to northwesterly winds; clearing and turning colder.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Light snow or sleet at first, followed by westerly winds, and turning colder tonight.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Moderately cold, with light snow.

Maritime—Westerly and southwesterly winds; milder; light snow or rain to-night.

Lake Superior—Northwesterly winds; fair and colder.

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