OPEN LETTER BY W. T. R. PRESTON

CANADIAN COMMISSIONER MAKES POSITION CLEAR

He Explains That He is Interested in Promoting Trade Between Countries.

sioner in Japan, addresses an open letter to Alf. Wolley, secretary of the Kobe foreign chamber of commerce, in reply to a letter from the latter which had been published previously. In the communication Mr. Preston makes his position clear. The controversy arose over an article written by Mr. Preston in the National Review and which was published in the Times during the late published in the Times during the late commission houses."

Japanese and the conditions prevailing | quality had been placed on the Japann Japan took exception to the anti- ese market through New York and San Japanese policy pursued by certain papers printed in English in Japan. The wrath of some of these papers and their

4. To a still more unfortunate situ-

4th November, 1908. about my alleged "animosity to the for-eign mercantile community of Japan." If conclusions of this nature have

I notice it is said that you have ad-dressed your communication to the min-and notwithstanding the natural symister of trade and agriculture of Can-ada. Allow me to say that there is no wards my own kith and kin, I think minister with that title. The head of I can fairly claim that very strong the department in which I hold office is reasons must have prompted this judgthe Right Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright,
G. C. M. G., minister of trade and commerce, Ottawa, who will be pleased to the same of the same of

which you have given to the press, nor have I formed a judgment which in classes, would come to an end.

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Reasonable observers know that the a national calamity in this Empire, as from Newport to the neighborhood of better to address you, in order that

refer to certain matters which may pos- terests should be kept out of this mael-

Steel

for more space?

The crowded stove top-

haven't you often wished

This pipe-hole may be

used if preferred but---

Athis pipe-arrangement leaves

the top of range free for pots,

associated chambers of commerce in business by continually criticizing and Tokio a few weeks ago, I expressed an opinion about the desirability of the Canadian producers and the Japanese tionalities to succeed in Japan exactly consumers being placed in communication with a view of encouraging direct surprise when these reprehensible and trade between Canada and Japan. In unbusinessike methods are questioned one of my monthly reports to the department in the summer, I also pointed independent and powerful Empire on

Japan, and had not been altogether successful. The result was partially due, in my opinion, to the fact that the principal products that Canada had to In a recent number of the Japan principal products that Canada had to liberty of the production of the Japan entered into competition with similar products from other You will pard on You will T. R. Preston, Canadian Trade Commis- countries, and which, under more fa-

supporters has apparently been aroused against Mr. Preston, who in reply to these attacks, has written the letter referred to and which is as follows:

Canadian Government Office,

Canadian

G. C. M. G., minister of trade and commerce, ottawa, who will be pleased to receive anything you may have to write on the subject.

I do not know whether you will consider that I am asking too much, in requesting you to kindly let me have a copy of the official complaint that you have addressed to Ottawa in regard to myself. Your letter will, no doubt, be sent to me by the department in due course, but, in the meantime, if you would kindly favor me with the copy, it is possible that misapprehensions may be more quickly removed.

Allow me, however, to say, in the meantime, that you are labroing under an altogether erroneous view about my attitude towards the foreign comment; and the maintime, that the amil-Japanese foreign pressed any such opinion as I am credited with in the communitation which you have given to the press, nor have I formed a judgment which in any way could be a basis for the ex
It is not beyond the range of possible inquiry. It is that the desire of Japanese merchants to deal direct with Canada, under cretain circumstances, might be overcome. But in the eighteen months that the desire of Japanese might be overcome. But in the eighteen months that the averything to against the untary on the east gale made such a plan impracticulation that the desire of Japanese might be overcome. But in the desire of Japanese strade has been transmitted by me to Ottawa. In fact, I court the fullest possible inquiry. It is my interest you to know that everything that I have said or written on the subject of Japanese trade has been transmitted by me to Ottawa. In fact, I court the fullest possible inquiry. It is my interest you to know that everything the consumations of my appraces against the understances of the subject of Japanese trade has been that the desire of Japanese stails or writing the transmitted by me to Ottawa. In fact, I court the fullest possible inquiry. It is my interest you to know that everything the overcaming to of Japanese stails or writing that I have not not subject of Japanese stails

residents.

It will not be out of place for me to to advise, that Canadian mercantile in-

by any means, been the main reason for your action.

presume to go to any other country, or even to any town in his own country, In the course of an address to the and expect to engage successfully in

out the necessity of producers and con- the European continent is frantically mers in Canada and the Orient being annoyed by the pinpricks of certain his turn, rought into closer commercial rela- British journalists, and furnishes a statement to the press which is now The principal reasons that gave occasion for these suggestions were:

1. The fact that Canada had been making efforts for a considerable period any Anglo-Saxons or Teutons, in findto increase the volume of trade with ing everything which they value in the

You will pardon me for directing your

published in the Times during the late election campaign for the purpose of refutng the false representations which were made by the Colonist with respect to it.

Arrenesse and the conditions prevailing the late election campaign for the purpose of refutng the false representations which were made by the Colonist with respect to it.

That Canadian products of inferior call community as to the cause for the late the false sufficiency to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd westerners, who have been here for less than a month, ought to prove a warning to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd westerners, who have been here for less than a month, ought to prove a warning to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd westerners, who have been here for less than a month, ought to prove a warning to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd westerners, who have been so long at seven westerners, who have been for long at seven westerners, who have been for long at seven westerners, who have been for less than a month, ought to prove a warning to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd westerners, who have been for long at warning to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd westerners, who have been for long at warning to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd westerners, who have been for long at warning to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd westerners, who have been for long at warning to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd westerners, who have been for long at warning to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd westerners, who have been for long at warning to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd westerners, who have been for long at warning to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd westerners, who have been for long at warning to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd westerners, who have been for long at warning to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd westerners, who have been for long at warning to the handwriting on the wall by these shrewd we presence of this Nemesis at the gate of their supremacy.

The commercial instinct of these visitors is only discovering the effect of a cause that has long since been only

government or even in private letters. had hoped that the mild reference Dear Sir,—My attention has been ion that the confidence reposed in me that was made in my contribution to directed to a letter in the local press by the mercantile interests of Canada the National Review would have possithat was sent by you to members of the Kobe foreign chamber of commerce, intimating that a memorial had been transmitted to Ottawa complaining that was brought to my atthemselves behind their ink-bottles and paste pots, seem to have succeeded in whipping into line such a representa-tive institution as the Kobe foreign chamber of commerce, and are endea-voring to make this reputable body pull

their chestnuts out of the fire.

sibly have assisted in prompting this strom.

There is not a foreign representative of the anti-Japanese press, as the alleged, or tacitly accepted, exponents of the wisk of the foreign commercial failed, he was to receive \$25,000 as part community. Only ordinary common-sense is needed to see that the inevitable end of such a situation cannot be day the Yankee was floated. Up

> press of the East, during the last few consult with naval officials weeks, if the result will be to direct the plans for saving the vessel. attention of certain of the foreign mer-cantile community of Japan to the unortunate possibilities of the future.
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> Perhaps I may be permitted to say, hat instead of entertaining "considerable animosity" towards the foreign commercial community of Japan, my sentiments are more in the direction of profound regret at their lamentable lack of commercial shrewdness in not publicly repudiating the aggravating

As the official representative Canadian in Japan, I shall enter my protest once."

on this question in the most public

A co nanner, and I shall take good care that Canadian interests in Japan shall not be jeopardized by my apparent acquiescence in an anti-Japanese foreign newspaper policy that is not only stupid out criminal, because it can do no good; and criminal, in the direct injury which it has already brought, and must inevitably continue to bring, upon foreign commercial interests in this

I have the honor to be Sir, Your obedient servant, W. T. R. PRESTON Commissioner of Trade for Canada Alf. Wolley, Esq., Foreign Chamber of Commerce,

CRIME OF JEALOUSY. Lodging House Keeper Kills His Wife After Quarrel.

tally shooting his wife yesterday, John Arten, a lodging house keeper, fired the city case, and sure enough it was here that now the presidential election three revolver bullets into his head, all ready for presentation as soon as is over, the United States may possiinflicting wounds which, physicians the petition against G. H. Barnard's bly lend Holland more effective assistated, will probably prove fatal. The shooting is said to have been the reooting is said to have been the realt of a quarrel due to jealousy. Mrs. Arten died within an hour after the shooting.

Conversation is a good form of exercise the general allegations of irregularifor those afflicted with heart disease.

HADDON HALL ARRIVES TO-DAY

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penter and practically everyone ha When once they got clear they had

was very changeable and delayed then a good deal. When they arrived with in sight of Cape Flattery they were becalmed for no less than five days, unable to move. That perhaps was the most trying time of all for the inactivity when right within sight of land attention to the subjects that are now was most galling. On the fifth day they

Surely this unexpected deciphering of the handwriting on the wall by these to the men who had been so long at

SALVED U. S. CRUISER

SINKS AT ANCHORAGE

Warship Yankee, Floated From Reef, Meets With Worse

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 5.-The United States cruiser Yankee, which been aground on a reef at the western entrance to Duzzardo Bay, several weeks ago, sank early to-day off Penikez Island. The 150 members of the crew were landed safely.

The Yankee was proceeding under tow to this city, accompanied by the naval collier Lebanon and two tugs. You will perhaps allow me to say, it was intended, as soon as the cruises with perfect candor, that I entertain no her to New York, but a nasty south-east gale made such a plan impracti-

pression which appears in your letter.

I have no hesitation in giving a distinct and unqualified denial to the charge which you have formulated about my views; and I have considered it he this prospects of the foreign residents.

A latitude of this billiple, as increased in the submired indirect effects upon the western commercial world.

The danger of such a possibility cannot but be regarded in the same light varies and the submired from Newport to the neighborhood of martine facilities and indirect effects upon the western commercial world.

The danger of such a possibility cannot but be regarded in the same light varies and the same light varies and the submired for a supply of coal, the business prospects of the foreign residents. by the most astute statesmen and financiers in Japan. But adverse curduring a thick fog on September 23rd. you may be prepared for a request which must inevitably be made, both by the department of trade and comberce of Canada and myself, that you shall produce evidence justifying such an expression.

Looking at the question as to how future Canadian interests might be affected by such conduct on the part of those who presume to speak for the an expression.

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Western entrance to Buzzard's bay during a thick fog on September 23rd. After persistent efforts by the government of trade and myself, that you shall produce evidence justifying such an expression. commercial disasters.

One of these is the unexpressed and determined resentment of a Japanese was made between Mr. Arbuckle and Only ordinary common- payment for his services. A long difficult task was presented, but yesterregarded with indifference.

I shall have no reason to find fault to-day, Commander Charles Marsh with the publicity that has been forced had left her deck but once, and on upon me by the anti-Japanese foreign that occasion he went to Newport to consult with naval officials on the

How She Sank. Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.-Commander Marsh, in command of the Yankee, to-day advised the navy department of the sinking of the vesse route from the Hen and Chickens

reef, to New Bedford.
"After floating," he says, "the ship DUTCH WARSHIPS had a list to starboard which increas until a broken berth deck air port policy of the anti-Japanese foreign flooded the compressor room and fire press, which is persisted in without room. The ship listed steadily and protest, must inevitably result in the commercial future of the foreign population of Japan being hopelessly entling in 62 feet of water. The wrecking company will renew operations at

> establish the responsibility of Com-mander Marsh or other officers of the Yankee, for the accident.

PETITION FILED IN NANAIMO ELECTION

Ralph Smith's Election Has Been Protested by Conservatives.

A petition has been filed with the registrar of the supreme court against the election of Ralph Smith, M. P., for has been known for some time that

yers acting in the case and the papers were filed by H. B. Robertson, who put up the customary deposit. The peti-tioner is F. M. Rattenbury, and makes

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Said Not to Be a Naval Demonstration.

The Hague, Dec. 5.-The government of the Netherlands has declined to dignify the movement of three Dutch warships, the battleship Jacob Van Heemskerk and the cruisers Gelderland and Friessland, along the coast of Venezuela from Puerto Gabello to La Guyra, as a naval demonstration. It asserts that this manoeuvre was only an ordinary exercise cruise.

Officials to-day point out that anything in the nature of a blockade must be duly notified to the powers before being undertaken. They say that no such notification has yet been sent, nor has the necessary notice been given to parliament of any proposed warlike action. The government has received the Dominion riding of Nanaimo. It no information concerning the statement that four American warships are this step was contemplated by the Conservatives if any protest was filed in ginning of January, but it is thought

> -Wednesday next will be guest day at the Alexandra Club. There will be a charming musical programme, and a very pleasing function in connection Mess, James Leigh, W. J. Pendray, H. night, and will proceed to New West-Smith, W. E. Staneland, J. J. Lemon, minster.

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HELD CONFERENCE.

esentatives of Canadian Manufacturers' Association Meet Local Members.

(From Saturday's Daily). J. E. Walsh, manager of transportation, and R. W. Breadner, manager of ments of the association, setting forth the traffic department of the Canadian what advantages the community as a Manufacturers' Association, Toronto, whole, and the members individually, yesterday afternoon met the members gained through a central organization of the local branch of the association watching the interests of merchants here and held an informal talk in the through Canada, and other countries board of trade rooms. There were Similar conferences have been held present E. A. Pauline, the vice-chair-man of the B. C. branch, in the chair; traveled. Messrs, Walsh, Breadner Messrs. H. J. Scott, D. R. Ker, B. C. and Alexander left for Vancouver last

H. B. Thomson, M. P. P., and W. Trewartha James, of the Tyee Copper Company. R. H. H. Alexander, secretary of the

B. C. branch, was also present, in company with the eastern visitors. The visitors addressed the members

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CASTRO LANDS ON FRENCH S

HOPES TO SMOOTH OVE MATTERS WITH EU

Dislikes Diplomatic Cerem So Will Settle Dispute in Person.

Bordeaux, Dec. 10.-Presiden of Venezuela, disembarked her from the French steamer Guad on which he sailed from La Gu November 20th. The landing president and his party was

without incident. A representative of Foreign I Pichon boarded the steamer an interview with President after which the president and the bers of his party came up to on a private car. The president greeted at the railway station Venezuelan colony. The party into autos and were driven to The landing of Castro at T was surrounded with a certa mystery. As soon as the presi docked a French commis board and insisted on speaking Venezuelan president alone, Af an hour during which he left th commissary departed. He had to come only to inquire on the government concerning Castentien and as Castro had repl he had come to Europe for tr he would be allowed to land.

A member of the president's age expressed the opinion y that the various government very much surprised when ocuments in the possession dent Castro were shown to then at Castro has every reason lieve that things will go soom! ing his absence from home. left matters in excellent sha Acting President Gomez is reg fully competent to handle th

When one of his aides was of the reported revolutionary tion under Generals Rolande nandez, that is said to be nov cess of organization at Curs ment would be utterly abort sident Castro was informed Dutch naval demonstration coast of Venezuela, but he wo no comment. All the passe no comment. All the passe board the Guadaloupe who ta President Castro on the trip o greatly impressed with his re intelligence and his strong pe The allegations that Castro in an interview once that proud of the fact that his go was on bad terms with mos powers of Europe is not be those who know the presiden nor is it thought that he is create a confederation of the North and South America. North and South America Europe and the United State explained by one of his ai President Castro regarded tional relations as business t be attended to in large me consuls, and the president patience with diplomatic and "protocols." He had bee by the character of some o considering the section to a slight upon the dignity of The president was represen tirely confident that there no attempt at revolution in

during his absence. French Attitude. Paris, Dec., 10.—The Frence ment apparently is reconsid towards Presider Foreign Minister Pichon wa with the question of his France the entire morning. statement probably will be i

7 YEARS FOR COUNTER

in the day.

Milton, Ont., Dec. 10.-Thos ton Crozier pleaded guilty raigned before Judge Magee sizes here yesterday for the trial on charges of counters were sentenced, the father years in Kingston penitent the son to one year in the prison. Six weeks ago Thom was sentenced to nine year penitentiary and Milton Cro years. These sentences we on a technicality and a

STILL NO VERDICT IN RUE

Jury Out Since Yester ternoon Has Not R Agreement.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. in the trial of Abe Ruef, on thaving bribed Supervisor For United Railways in securin head trolley franchise, was 1 o'clock this morning, hav reach a verdict after having since 3.30 in the afternoon. Various reports as to the stajury. The best opinion is the ten for guilty and two for ac Juror Murphy frankly adm court when the jury came i to listen to the reading of testimony, that they could to how much weight should the evidence of an accompl the testimony on which the relies to secure the convictithat given by the supervise

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