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ECONOMY AND NOT FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WILL BE BRITISH POLICY

Campbell - Bannerman's First Speech Outlines Government Course, But Avoids Home Rule—Importation of Coolies to South Africa is Cancelled—He's For People.

London, Dec. 21.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's first speech since he accepted the premiership was delivered at Albert Hall to-night before a mass meeting. The premier was supported on the platform by 15 members of his cabinet. Next to the premier, John Burns was the hero of the evening, being acclaimed by continuous applause and musical honors until the picturesque representative of labor in the British cabinet was palpably embarrassed.

The premier avoided the question of home rule for Ireland. He said that the fiscal question was the prime issue of the campaign against a government whose minister "made a midnight flitting on a murky December evening."

A feature of Sir Henry's speech was the announcement that the government had decided to stop the importation of coolies into South Africa until such time as the question for or against such importation could be decided by a South African parliament, elected by popular vote. This was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm.

Foreign Relations.

Speaking of foreign relations, Sir Henry first expressed his kindly feeling toward Russia in the present trial thru which that country was passing.

In the case of Germany, he said, he saw no reason whatsoever for estrangement, and welcomed the unofficial demonstrations of friendship which recently had passed between the two countries. Regarding the United States, France and Japan the premier accepted the existing conditions, and approved everything which tended towards peace.

Sir Henry upheld this announcement with another which elicited applause. He said that the growth of armaments was a great danger, that force was not the only remedy and that economy must be adopted. The government would oppose aggression, and would be animated by a desire to remain on the best terms with all nationalities and to cooperate in the common work of civilization. He rejoiced that the principle of arbitration had made great strides.

Bring Colonies Closer.

"It is surely unnecessary," he said, "for us Liberals to make public protestation of our affection for the colonies and of our desire to bring them closer and closer to ourselves. The relations between the colonies and the mother country have never been settled on lines of party politics, but if they were to be so conducted surely the democratic and progressive instincts and institutions of these great communities would find more affinity among us than among our opponents.

"I have heard with relief and pleasure from Lord Elgin that he finds no trace of any tendency towards the disruption of which we were told but a month ago. No sign of tension or friction exists, everything is smooth, save the one ruffled spot of South Africa.

On the fiscal question he declared for free trade. He did not believe they would have been confronted with the spectre of protection, but for the South African war.

The premier advocated colonizing their own land at home, making it less a pleasure ground for the rich and more a treasure house for the nation. Protection would be death to the desired reforms peace abroad and economy at home would be their policy.

For the People.

In general terms the premier outlined his policy for retrenchment, and for a complete system of government by the people "for the good of the greatest number."

In equally general terms he gave notice that most of the domestic acts of the late government would be traversed by the incoming Liberal government, and he made a powerful bid for the popular vote.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE.

Prominent Columbians in Plot to Kill President Reyes.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The state department has received information by cable that an attempt was made in Bogota yesterday to dispose of President Reyes, as an incident to a plot for overturning the government.

In consequence there were many arrests of prominent men, who were to be tried by court martial to-day.

Among them was a former minister of the cabinet and five leaders of the opposition.

No details are given out or the reasons for the attempt upon Gen. Reyes.

COLONIAL DEFENCE.

Australian Correspondence With Home Office Made Public.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable)

London, Dec. 21.—Colonial defence is again being discussed here on the publication of the correspondence between the Australian government and the colonial office. Premier Deakin of Australia informed the imperial government of his desire to submit to parliament a scheme for the defence of the ports of the commonwealth. The colonial secretary replied, gladly consenting to undertake a general scheme of local defence. Commenting on this The Morning Post says the colonies cannot expect to make their voice felt in the empire councils if they are unable to assist the empire in war. The case of Canada is not less significant than Australia. While she prefers not to place herself in a dependent position by a cash subsidy she was aroused by the Alaskan difficulty.

Note for Englishmen.

A feature of Christmas dinners at Albert Williams' branch cafe, 31 Yonge-street, just north of King-street, will be real English plum pudding. This will be a treat for Canadians as well as Englishmen.

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You may wish to remember someone who has done you a turn. Ten cigars in a box xis just the thing. We have good ones, ten in a box, at 75c, $1, $1.25 and $1.50. A. Clubb & Sons, 49 West King-street, "just east of Bay-street."

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TOOK FIGURES FOR THE TRUTH SOLVENCY ONLY WAS SOUGHT

State Supt. of Insurance Hendricks Relates the Mode of Examination Into the Affairs of the Big Companies.

NEVER PROBED BENEATH SURFACE

Consequently There Were Lots of Things He Didn't Know Until Inquiry Began—His Remedy for Prevention.

New York, Dec. 21.—Francis Hendrick, state superintendent of insurance, testifying to-day before the legislative committee of insurance investigation, said that the examination of insurance companies by his department are made to ascertain only the solvency of the companies, and that no investigation is made into the extravagance of the management of a company, or into the salaries paid to officers, so long as the company is able to pay its obligations. No investigation is made into the commissions paid to agents, the system of loaning on the premiums or the advancing of loans to agents or directors. The employment of kinspeople as officers in high positions is not inquired into. This has long been the custom of the department, Mr. Hendricks said, and he declared personally he knew little or nothing about the various examinations made, as they were entrusted to Isaac Vanderpool, the chief examiner of the department.

While Mr. Hendricks' memory failed him as to any legislation which he suggested as a remedy to any defects in the laws governing insurance companies, he stated that no measure that he had ever presented had ever been opposed in either house of the legislature. Neither had any bill been passed against his recommendation. Mr. Hendricks said that his department spent last year about $137,000, and received in fees and payments $287,726, which was paid into the state treasury. To make examinations that would bring out such information as has been gathered by the legislative committee, the witness said, would require ten more examiners and an additional appropriation of from $50,000 to $60,000. He thought, however, he could get the appropriation if he asked for it.

Didn't Dig.

Mr. Hendricks said that in making the examination of the Equitable last spring he did not have his attention called to the existence of a memorandum in lieu of cash kept by the cashier, and he was asked:

"What examination was made under your instructions to verify the cash returns of the cashier as to cash on hand?"

"Mr. Vanderpool made it. I did not give any instructions."

"You are in the position of a superintendent who relied upon your subordinates, but in looking over your reports, or the reports furnished you from time to time, was not your attention attracted to the very large amount expended by the Equitable by the Mutual, and by the New York Life for expenses?"

"I thought they were large. I did not know what they had hid away in them."

"You have not examined the Provident Savings Society during the time that you have been superintendent, why is that?"

"I can't tell; I supposed it had been until I looked at that list."

"Has it ever been brought to your attention that their gains were increased by marking up the values of their real estate?"

"No, I never examined it."

Work of Ten Years.

At the request of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hendricks first detailed the practical duties of his office. He said the necessity of an examination of a company is determined by the company's report. In the ten years from Jan. 1, 1895, there have been 46 examinations of life insurance companies. In this time the Equitable has been examined four times, New York Life twice, Mutual three times, Mutual Reserve five times, Metropolitan once, Washington Life three, Home Life two, Bankers' Life three, Life Association of America

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BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS COLLEGE PRINCIPALS CONFER

The use of the Bible in the public schools formed the subject of a private conference held last night in Victoria College, Principal Miller of Ridley College, St. Catharines, being in the chair.

Reports were presented, but the meeting decided that no further action could be taken until conference was obtained with the Ontario Education Association.

The question is as to whether the Bible should be made a special study, somewhat on the lines of the department for Bible study as literature established last year in the university, and for which four scholarships have recently been given.

BARGE IS BURNED.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 21.—The barge Baker, bound from New York for Philadelphia in tow, was burned to the water's edge off her to-day. It is presumed the crew was taken off by the tug Sea King, which was towing the Baker.

East's Suit Cases.

East & Co. report the biggest Christmas trade they have ever had in leather suit cases, ranging from $1.75 up to $25. Hundreds of them go for gifts every Christmas, and the fitted suit cases at $8.50 upwards are specially desirable for gentlemen. Almost nobody buys leather goods of any sort without seeing first what East & Co. have to offer.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Civic nominations: For mayor, city hall, 10 a.m.; for aldermen, Ward 1, Dingman's Hall; Ward 2, Prospect Hall; Ward 3, Victoria Hall; Ward 4, Broadway Hall; Ward 5, West Y.M.C.A.; Ward 6, MacMath's Hall; 7.30 p.m.

Normal School kindergarten closing, 10.30.

North Toronto Conservatives' smoker, Douglas Hall, 8.

Lancashire Association, Williams' Cafe, 8.

Chartered Accountants' Association, 27 East Wellington-street, 8.

Princess, "The County Chairman," 8.

Grand, "Running for Office," 8.

Majestic, "Lighthouse by the Sea," 2 and 8.

Star, Avenue Girls' burlesquers, 2 and 8.

BARRED OUT

THE COUNTRY: You've got the right saw by the ear this time, farmer Fisher.

EPIDEMIC OF SMALLPOX MENACES THE PROVINCE

Dr. Sheard Appears in role of Alarmist — Predicts Serious Situation and Advocates House-to-House Vaccination, Especially in City.

"I am quite certain we are going to have an epidemic of smallpox throut the province. I don't care who the medical health officer may be, he will have to meet the situation. We are going to have a large number of cases, and the situation will become serious. It is a question whether we should not have everybody vaccinated."

This was the emphatic declaration made by Dr. Sheard at the final meeting of the local board of health yesterday afternoon. The doctor, continuing, referred to the serious outbreak of smallpox that occurred some years ago in certain parts of the United States, when, it being found that the disease could not be stamped out, resort was had to a system of house to house vaccination.

"That is certainly the only thing that will meet the case, in my judgment at all," was the doctor's emphatic assertion.

Dr. Sheard when asked afterwards if he thought house to house vaccination should be enforced at once, replied: "It will come to that, not to Toronto alone, but to the whole province." He said also that it was idle to expect that the city was going to continue escaping smallpox so well as had been the case up to date.

"I really expect quite a smart outbreak here," said Dr. Sheard. "The cold weather will have the probable effect of increasing the spread. There will be a greater tendency for people to be closely housed and brought into more intimate contact, while traveling about with doors and windows closed will make for greater dissemination of contagion."

Asked what he believed should be done at once, the medical health officer said the local boards of health should urge upon the government that a policy of compulsory vaccination be carried out all over Ontario.

Dr. Sheard replying to Dr. Noble's suggestion that anti-vaccinationists claimed illness and death were sometimes due to the practice, said that of the four or five thousand people vaccinated at the city hall last year, he only knew of four cases of "sore arm." As to the efficacy of the treatment he stated that of the last 54 cases of smallpox treated, only two patients had been previously vaccinated, in both instances early in life. Ald. Noble proposed memorializing the government, but the matter stands for the present.

Art Sale This Day.

C. J. Townsend & Co. will sell to-day at 1.30 p.m., a number of good English and Canadian water color drawings, also at the same time a large quantity of Satsuma Cloissonne vases, carved ivory figures, Indian and Japanese vases, bowls, placques, a quantity of cut glass tumblers, dishes, salad bowls, etc.

Campbell's English Chop House, 30 King-street West. Ladies' and Gents' Grill open 7 a.m. till 11 p.m. Sundays 8 a.m. 2 p.m., 5.30 p.m., 8 p.m. ed

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Smoke Tayler's 'Maple Leaf' Cigar.

BREAKS LEG TO SAVE LIFE LAY FOUR HOURS IN RAIN

Pittsburg Man Caught in Track at Foot of West Market Street.

An example of nerve seldom duplicated was shown last night, if the story of Hugh Patten of Pittsburg, Pa., is true.

While crossing the track at the foot of West Market-street, Patten's foot was caught in the guard. A train was shunting on the track at the time, and Patten deliberately broke his leg and extricated it to save his life.

He lay for four hours in the rain and cold calling for assistance, which was finally tendered by P. C. Kennedy, who heard his cries and hastened to his assistance.

When taken to the Emergency Hospital it was found that the leg had been broken in two places, which makes the man's story rather inconsistent.

East's Shopping Bags.

A gentleman never goes very far wrong at Christmas time in giving a nice shopping bag to a lady, and the best assortment in town at popular prices is at 300 Yonge-street. A wide range to select from ranging from $1 to $12, with East & Co.'s usual guarantee as to quality.

Sense, Sentiment, Et Al.

London, Dec. 21.—(C.A.P.)—In the twenty-ninth match of their tour the New Zealand football team defeated Galomrgan by nine points to nothing.

East's Umbrellas.

If you are at all particular what you give for Christmas, try one of East's Umbrellas. Nothing cheap or flimsy about them, but made to last and give good satisfaction. East & Co. are large manufacturers and sell the finest umbrellas, at $1.50 to $25, according to the handle.

WHO'S WHO IN MAYORALTY TO-DAY WILL END ALL DOUBT

But It Looks as Tho, After All, It's to Be a Three-Corner Contest.

"If I decide to become a candidate for the mayoralty I will let you know before midnight," said Controller Spence to a World man last night.

Knowing Mr. Spence's record for veracity, The World man left it that way—and did not hear from Mr. Spence before midnight.

So Controller Spence will not be a candidate for mayor.

At the Albany Club last night there was just a little bunch of regulars. They were simply spending the evening. One of them who is in municipal politics soon after midnight said that Mr. Gooderham would not be in the field.

But a member of Mr. Gaderham's family is quoted as having said last evening that Mr. Gooderham "was going to make a fight for it."

However, the game of blind man's buff, which is what all but one prospective mayoralty candidate have been indulging in up to the present, and of which the public have grown thoroly weary, must perforce come to an end this morning when the city hall clock strikes eleven. For this is nomination day, and with the city hall assembly room as the place, and City Clerk Littlejohn as the clerk of scales, the contestants must weigh in and take their corners between the hours of 10 a. m. and 11 a. m. This applies only, to the aspirants for the mayor's chair, the board of control and the board of education. The ward nominations for aldermen are to be held in the evening at 7.30 in representative halls thruout the city.

They'll Ask for Votes.

As with the morning affair, the time limit set for receiving nominations will be an hour, after which the floodgates of oratory will be let loose. Then will it be that the would-be holders of office will throw the pitiless searchlight upon defects in civic administration, which require men of force and ability such as the candidate to remedy. It will be also for controllers, school trustees and aldermen to fight down their natural feelings and with a sence of public duty call attention to the fact that the citizens would be standing altogether in their own light, should the speakers be left at home.

Orders C. P. R. to Explain Part Played in Election

Calgary Libel Case Assumes Sensational Phase — Vice-President Whyte is Summoned to Appear in Court.

Calgary, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—An exciting climax of the criminal libel proceedings against Editor Edwards of The Eye-Opener was an order issued by Chief Justice Sifton for the immediate appearance of William Whyte, second vice-president of the C.P.R.

This order requires all books and papers of the company, pertaining to the late election, to be brought into court. The subpoena requested for Dennis, assistant to the second vice-president, was not granted. The petition to the chief justice stated that Dennis had left the city immediately upon the filing of the charge, and the defence could not learn where he was or when he would return to the city.

The C.P.R. lawyers defended and strenuously opposed the introduction of testimony at this time by the defence, and the bringing of Whyte to Calgary. In the meantime the case has been adjourned before Magistrate Smith until the arrival of the eastern witnesses.

The case is now assuming extraordinary proportions and promises to reveal some features of the Alberta political contest previously veiled in mystery.

A part of the article complained of related to the activity of J. S. Dennis during the election.

CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

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A Line to Scotchmen.

A fine grandfather's clock, a contemporary of Burns, made in Mauchline in 1765, where Burns lived.

After he left his native place it was removed to Cumnock, where the poet also lived, and then was brought to Ayr—"Wha na tou surpasses for honest men and bonnie lasses." The clock, which is still willing to tell the time in Canada as well as in bonnie Scotland, will be sold by auction at C. J. Townsend & Co.'s rooms, 68 East King-street, on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 2.30 p.m.

Experienced traveller going to Northwest Territories, December 31st, wants side line. Apply Box 105, World

Security for Costs.

Concerning the action brought by William Duncan against Police Sergt. Geddes, a motion was made before the master in chambers at Osgoode Hall yesterday on behalf of the defendant to give security for costs. The master decided that the order should be given and stayed proceedings in the meantime.

Edwards, Morgan & Company, Chartered Accountants, 26 Wellington st. East. Phone Main 1163.

MANY LEADING CITIZENS ARE AGAINST REDUCTION

Representative Committee, Which Includes Two of Late License Commissioners, Declares Proposal "Unnecessary, Uncalled for and Inadvisable."

The citizens' committee against license reduction was organized yesterday afternoon at the Temple Building. A. R. Boswell, K.C., was elected permanent chairman; Noel Marshall, secretary, and W. J. Hambly, treasurer.

It was decided that the following address should be issued to the citizens.:

On the day of the municipal election you are being asked for an expression of opinion, for the guidance of the incoming city council, as to whether the number of hotel licenses ought to be reduced from 158 to 120, and the number of shop licenses from 50 to 40.

As citizens not in any way connected with or interested in the liquor trade, and having no personal concern in the proposed measure except as we, in common with the rest of the people, are interested financially and otherwise in the welfare and industrial progress of our city, we have felt it to be our duty to urge upon our fellow-citizens not to vote in favor of the proposed reduction, at any rate until they shall have carefully and dispassionately considered whether the measure be needed, and whether any good end will be served by it.

In the consideration of such a measure arguments based upon prejudice and sentimental appeals are out of place and serve no purpose except to becloud the issue and confuse the voters.

The Three Questions.

There are only three questions pertinent to the discussion of the proposed measure.

1. Has Toronto more hotel accommodation than its citizens and the traveling public need?

2. Is the proposed reduction rendered necessary by the prevalence and increase of drunkenness and of vice traceable to the indiscriminate use of intoxicants?

3. Would the proposed reduction be in the interests of the true temperance, and calculated to uplift the moral tone of our people?

Unless these questions can be answered in the affirmative, we submit that the proposal to reduce the number of licenses ought not to be endorsed.

Hotel Accommodation.

It cannot be disputed that there are times when, instead of being excessive, the hotel accommodation of Toronto is entirely inadequate, and with our rapidly increasing population, more rather than less accommodation will be needed in the future. The first question must therefore be answered in the negative.

That Toronto is a drunken city and that vice due to excessive use of liquor is prevalent, cannot be truthfully said. Indeed, the contrary is so evidently the case that visitors have frequently expressed gratified surprise at the comparative absence of these evils. In proof of this a few statements made by visiting American clergymen last June, and published in The Evening News, may be given.

"I do not see any drunkenness here on Sunday, or for that matter, any day," was the testimony of the Rev. E. B.

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GROCERS' DEPUTATION COMPLAIN TO GOVERNMENT

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—A deputation of wholesale grocers, chiefly from Montreal is here to protest against the increase in bonded warehouse charges. It is claimed present rates are excessive. Mr. MacDougald, commissioner of customs, will hear the deputation.

MONTREAL WILL INVESTIGATE INTO YORK COUNTY LOAN

Montreal, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—There was a meeting of 200 citizens this afternoon, presided over by ex-Mayor Laghthall of Westmount, to consider the York County Loan matter.

After some discussion a committee was appointed to investigate the Montreal end of the difficulty.

A PRESENTATION.

The employes of A. Miles, proprietor of the planing mills on Dundas-street, as a Xmas acknowledgment of favors received during the year, last evening presented Mr. and Mrs. Miles with an illuminated address and a "Comfort" cutter, with pole and shafts and two strings of bells.

The recipients entertained royally during the evening.

Vanderbilt is Commodore.

New York, Dec. 21.—Cornelius Vanderbilt to-night was elected commodore of the New York Yacht Club, to succeed Frederick G. Bourne, who retired after three consecutive years of service.

Sense, Sentiment, Et Al.

Sense can chum with sentiment in this Santa Claus idea.

You can make a pretty present of furs to any one in the family, and when Christmas joys are past the furs will still be handy.

Dineen's is headquarters for furs that will make your wife look even prettier, make your mother envied for her comfortable appearance and make your daughter able to vie with the other young ladies in fashion.

There are men's furs, too. Dineen's at Yonge and Temperance-streets has the finest stock of furs in Canada.

Xmas Presents. Geddes, 431 Spadina

MAY BE COLDER.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 21.—(8 p.m.)—The storm which came from the southwest states is now dispersing over the great lakes and gales will not be very heavy in the maritime provinces. Colder weather is setting in over the western portion of the continent, but is unlikely to become pronounced in Ontario until another disturbance has moved up from the southwest states.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 32—40; Vancouver, 32—40; Kamloops, 20—26; Calgary, 12—32; Edmonton, 24—32; Qu'Appelle, 4—24; Winnipeg, 14—20; Port Arthur, 20—36; Toronto, 34—44; Ottawa, 22—26; Quebec, 14—20; St. John, 12—32; Halifax, 20—34.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Westerly and northerly winds; becoming colder with light local snowfalls.

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STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Dec. 21	At	From
Hamburg	New York	Genoa
La Lorraine	Cape Race	Havre
Caronia	Cape Race	Liverpool
New York	Cape Race	Southampton
Baltic	Liverpool	New York
Haverford	Liverpool	Philadelphia
La Savoie	Havre	New York
Philadelphia	London	Boston
Cretic	Naples	New York
La Campanie	New York	Havre
Hamburg	New York	Genoa

THOUSANDS ON STRIKE MOSCOW EXPECTS A CLASH

Mass Meeting of 12,000 People Surrounded by Troops and a Conflict is Probable.

ST. PETERSBURG FILLED WITH TROOPS

Government Sends Train Out From Warsaw Under Strong Guard —Czar and Suffrage.

Moscow, Dec. 21.—(Night.)—Twelve thousand persons are holding a meeting in the Aquarium. The building is surrounded by military and police, whose object is to prevent the exit of persons supposed to be armed unless the arms are delivered up. A conflict is expected.

Fifty thousand facory hands are idle. The troops are confined to their barracks and every possible military preparation for eventualities has been made.

AT ST. PETERSBURG.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—The streets are filled with troops, especially those in the industrial sections. The railroad stations are in possession of the military.

Wholesale arrests of the leaders of the workmen were made last night. It is reported that the police included in their capture the members of the second workmen's council who were placed in the fortresses of St. Peter and St. Paul, with the members of the first council, who were arrested Saturday night. A third council, however, promptly took the place of the second.

Moscow is already cut off from St. Petersburg and with the provinces generally there is no communication this morning.

The Lithuanian insurrection was extended into Vitebsk. At Kokuhusen the chief of police and his assistants were tried by a revolutionary tribunal and executed.

A 12-Hour Battle.

It turns out that Tuhum in Courland, only surrendered after a severe fight which lasted 12 hours. The insurrectionists had fortified the town by throwing up intrenchments before which they dug pits. They also had in position the machine guns recently captured by them. The trenches were taken by storm, both sides losing heavily.

The latest information from Kharkoff says that 10,000 revolutionists are under arms, and that troops are being concentrated to recapture the city.

A Tame Beginning.

The strike here at noon started tamely. In the center of the city the shops were not closed. There was an impressive demonstration in the industrial sections. The main interest in the strike of railroad men centered in the Warsaw station, where the government was to make a test of its ability by moving a train for Berlin. The depot was packed with troops.

Promptly at noon there was a wild hurrah accompanied by the roar of escaping steam and a few minutes later the railroad men left the yards. The authorities, however, were prepared and a locomotive manned by soldiers backed into the station, and was coupled to the waiting train, which was crowded with persons seeking to depart from the unhappy country.

After being searched carefully the train left the station under strong guard.

Thousands Go Out.

In the manufacturing districts beyond the Warsaw and Narva gates in the Schussenberg district and in the sections on both sides of the Neva, the workmen generally obeyed the summons to strike and promptly at 12 o'clock thousands of them emerged to the streets.

Police, Cossacks, soldiers of the guard regiments and other patrols were everywhere, but so far as reported no collision occurred.

Czar Refuses Suffrage.

London, Dec. 22.—The correspondent of The Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg says that a majority of those present at the council held at the Sarskoe-Selo voted for the granting of a system of universal suffrage. The emperor, however, after listening to all the arguments deliberately and decisively refused to bide by the decision of the majority and declared against universal suffrage.

HIS MUCH PRIZED GIFT BOX.

How Essential It is That the Right Name is on the Box.

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BIRTHS.

McMAHON—At 343 Brunswick-avenue, on Tuesday, Dec. 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. F. McMahon, a son.

DEATHS.

HORNIBROOK—At her residence, 61 Czar-street, Toronto, on Thursday, Dec. 21, 1905, Lizzie Burns, beloved wife of John T. Hornibrook, and sister of the late Rev. Alexander Burns, LL.D., and John Burns of Nerlich & Co., in her 55th year.

Funeral from above address on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at 3 o'clock. Interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

MAHON—John Mahon, aged 75, at his son's residence, 245 Christie-street.

Funeral notice later.

TAYLOR—At Toronto, on Thursday, the 21st December, 1905, Eliza J., widow of the late F. P. G. Taylor, and mother of Mrs. J. W. Scales, 54 Wellington-place, Toronto.

Service private, at above address, at 4 p.m. Friday, the 22nd. Interment at Ithaca, N.Y., on Saturday, the 23rd.

The F. W. Mathews Co. Undertakers