

The Weekly Colonist.

HEBREW PERSECUTIONS.

The Tyranny of Czar Alexander More Galling Than That of King Pharaoh.

Well To Do Merchants Driven From Their Homes To Beg and to Starve.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The latest advices from St. Petersburg and other parts of Russia show that the persecution of the Jews and the inhumanity of the Czar's officials toward the unhappy race are greater than ever before. Six edicts have been issued aiming to disperse the Jewish subjects of Russia, weaken their position and trading centers, and crush out their religion. The Moscow papers boast that since the beginning of 1891 twenty thousand Jews have been converted to orthodoxy. The unhappy converts who have been driven to a pretended denial of their religious faith, in order to escape intolerable persecution, are rigorously governed by priests of the Russian orthodox church, who require them to attend the services of that church and to comply with its barbarous rules, watching narrowly for any signs of evasion or repentance. A Jew who has conducted an important mercantile establishment for thirty years near the central post-office, has been compelled to close up his business and leave on twenty-four hours' notice. No money is shown any Jews, no matter how meritorious, who can be brought within the scope of the cruel edicts. Thousands of Jewish working people have been driven from their employment to become beggars and wanderers. Merchants of the best standing are driven out like the poorest laborer, and not only deprived of their business, but robbed of their money that is owing them from their debtors, who, encouraged by the unjust course of the authorities, refuse to pay their debts, well aware that their Jewish creditors are virtually without remedy. The condition of the Jews, except in Lodz and other places, is becoming steadily worse, particularly in the case of those who have no means to bribe Russian officials.

THE CHURCH IN AMERICA.

Decisive Action Will Be Taken If Necessary To Enforce Obedience to the Sovereign Pontiff.

ROME, Dec. 29.—Le Moniteur, organ of the Vatican, says that the recent reports in regard to the mission of Mgr. Salotti to the United States are overdrawn, and promises to give the public light on the subject. Cabled reports from the United States in regard to the mission of Mgr. Salotti, which were given as being untrue, are now being given as being true. The Vatican organ says that the mission of Mgr. Salotti is not a mere diplomatic mission, but a mission of the highest importance. It is a mission to enforce obedience to the Sovereign Pontiff, and to see that the laws of the Vatican are observed in America. Should this be shown to the satisfaction of the Vatican, decisive action will be taken. The condition of the Jews, except in Lodz and other places, is becoming steadily worse, particularly in the case of those who have no means to bribe Russian officials.

THE PARIS EXPLOSIONS.

They are Undoubtedly the Work of Anarchists—A Lively Campaign for the Detectives.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—An investigation of the scene of today's explosions by experts has led to the discovery that the affair was undoubtedly the work of Anarchists who had placed in the entree a bomb heavily charged with chlorate powder. The result of the investigation has caused considerable excitement in official circles where it is believed that the Anarchists are taking advantage of the confusion attendant on the revelations of the Panama canal inquiry, and have started to inaugurate a reign of terror similar to that which prevailed when Ravachole and his colleagues caused the explosions here, when many of the wealthy residents of the city hastily packed their household effects and took refuge in the country. The best detectives in Paris have been detailed on the case and the arrests of Anarchists, who are the real culprits, are certain to follow.

FORMIDABLE CONSPIRACY.

Detectives Detailed to Protect Hon. Messrs. Gladstone and Asquith Against Organized Hymanistic and Socialistic Attacks.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The authorities appear to be so strongly convinced that the Dublin explosion, by which Detective Synnot lost his life, was part of the work of a band of conspirators, that they have sent a detective to Biarritz, to keep guard over Mr. Gladstone and protect him from outrage. Mr. Gladstone has not been made aware of the precaution taken as it is known that he would resent any protection of the kind should he be aware of it. Home Secretary Asquith is also protected when he goes out in public by a detective in civilian attire who keeps near enough to interfere in the event of an attack upon him. In view of all the precautions taken, the opinion prevails that the authorities are in possession of definite and important information as to the existence of a formidable dynamic conspiracy.

MUST STAND TRIAL.

The Panama Canal Directors to Appear at the Assize—M. de Freycinet's Hands Clean.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily News says the reports of M. de Freycinet being involved in the Panama scandal are melting away for lack of evidence. All that can be said against him is that he wrote amiable letters seeking assistance from Dr. Herz in his candidature for the presidency to succeed M. Grévy. The investigating committee has demanded that incrimination with the Panama Canal directors are still confident of acquittal. They will probably be

BRITAIN'S POOR.

The Prince of Wales Will Sit as a Member of the Royal Commission.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Prince of Wales has consented to act as a member of the Royal Commission on the aged poor, of which Lord Aberdeen is chairman. Among the other members of the commission are Baron Brassey, Sir Lyon Playfair, Joseph Arch, M.P., and Henry Bradburn, M.P. John Burns was invited to become a member, but could not accept the invitation.

THE OCEANIC'S OPIUM.

It Is Supposed to Have Been Intended for the Hawaiian Islands.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—From information gathered to-day the opinion is strongly expressed in the Custom House that the large quantity of opium seized by Inspector McGinnis yesterday, on the Oceanic, was destined for Honolulu. At that port the opportunities for smuggling the drug ashore are much more favorable to persons engaged in the business. The Oceanic, on her return trip to the Orient, will stop at Honolulu, and there is every indication that the smugglers could have made considerable money out of the deal. But for the energy displayed by Inspector McGinnis. The report is current that Whaley, who was interested in the movements of several smugglers on this coast, was no doubt interested in the shipment of the drug consigned on the steamer Oceanic. Whaley and his confederates, it will be remembered, disputed over the division of the proceeds made out of the shipment of the drug consigned on the steamer Oceanic. Whaley went to Honolulu, thence to Yokohama or Hongkong, and it was at one of these places before the Oceanic arrived there on her last trip. He remained behind after her departure. All things considered, the report that the opium was intended for Honolulu seems well-founded.

CABLE NEWS.

German Textile Manufacturers Boycott Strikers—Latest Cholera Discovery—Carnot's Denial.

Suez Canal Retains de Lesseps—Herz Runs Away to Avoid Extradition.

DELHI, Dec. 28.—The funeral of Detective Smet, killed in the explosion of Saturday, was held to-day. It was one of the largest held in Delhi in many years, and was attended by all the available police officials and the lord-mayor. The entire route to the cemetery was lined with people. There are no new developments in the case and it now looks as if the author of the outrage will go unpunished.

SWISS DISCRIMINATION.

The Little Republic Claps on Its Retaliatory Duties Against France.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Swiss tariff on cycles, nickel-plated articles, baskets, cigars, and cigarettes imported from France, has been doubled, while the tariff on many French articles, such as cotton and silk goods, clothing and cheese, has been trebled and in some cases quadrupled.

CANADIAN NEWS.

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HAMILTON, Dec. 29.—John Arnold, who is confined in the Cleveland jail on the charge of murdering his wife in Wellington, was formerly a resident of Hamilton. He was an eccentric individual, and did a great deal of street corner preaching on many occasions. He disappeared suddenly in the spring of 1891, when a woman who claimed to be his wife arrived in this city. He has married here.

KINGSTON, Dec. 29.—John Butler and Emma Shea, were drowned while skating on the lake near the penitentiary. Both were about eighteen years old.

TORONTO, Dec. 29.—The private banking firm of W. W. Trust & Co., has suspended; liabilities, \$20,000.

BELLEFLEUR, Dec. 29.—The Dominion election contest in North Hastings excited a great deal of interest.

HAMILTON, Dec. 29.—Walter H. Hanson, employed in Murray & Co.'s dry goods establishment and a prominent member of the thirteenth battalion, disappeared three weeks ago and his case has been given to the press. No motive is known for his absence.

ST. JEAN PORT JOLIE, Que., Dec. 29.—Messrs. Joseph Israel Tarte, journalist of Montreal, and J. A. Dionne, advocate of Quebec, candidates to fill the vacant seat in the Dominion Parliament for a Montreal county, have been nominated here.

HALIFAX, Dec. 29.—Theodore H. Norman, from Grand Pre, King's county, committed suicide this morning by jumping into a well. For some time past he has been suffering from neuralgia. He was called this morning for breakfast, and got up immediately, going out and drowning himself.

QUEBEC, Dec. 29.—About 4 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the large four-story brick building on Paul street, occupied by Reid, Craig & Co., paper manufacturers. The fire spread with great rapidity, burning through to St. Andrew's street, and damaging adjoining properties to more or less extent. The losses will be heavy.

HALIFAX, Dec. 30.—The officers of the Leicester regiment tell how Lieut. Stockwell, of that regiment, stands a good chance to become a millionaire. Two weeks ago he went to the far West on a trip with Dr. Clayton, of Chicago. There they met a settler, who told them of the existence of a mine of great wealth that had been discovered by prospectors. These prospectors were returning home with specimens, but were waylaid and two of them killed. The third found refuge in the house of his

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Government Has Not Reached Any Conclusion as to Tariff Reform.

Grits Working up Religious Prejudice in North Hastings—Increased Note Issue.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—At the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America here, Lord Stanley attended the opening session and delivered a short address of welcome. He was pleased, he said, to see an important body in session at the Dominion Capital. He believed their proceedings would result in great good to science. Sir William Dawson of Montreal, was elected president.

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Before he died, out of gratitude to his benefactor, he told him of the whereabouts of the great mine. Lieut. Stockwell's body was found in the locality, and to him was imparted the secret. The officer went to the spot, found the place even richer than had been stated, obtained specimens, and has returned to Chicago, where large offers to buy have been refused. Lieut. Stockwell has sent in his resignation to the war office and it has been accepted.

BOWMANVILLE, Dec. 29.—John E. Horsey, one of the best shots in Canada, and who has been on the Wimbledon and Biele teams on four occasions, is dead here, aged 37.

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TIME TO REFLECT.

What Will Be the Effect of the Panama Canal Campaign?

Artisan Manifesto—"Sweep Out Accused and Accusers Together"—Socialism Organizing.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Specially called from Paris as follows: The period of political calm, though less agreeable to newspapers, and, perhaps, to newspaper readers, has its advantages. People can reflect. Even the French sometimes reflect. This useful process of mind is going on now, and the first result of it may be seen in some very striking expressions of doubt as to the expected political effects of the Panama campaign. Whom will that campaign ultimately profit? Is the question now asked, and it is answered in various tones. Those who began it, and it is admitted, for a political motive, the Radicals, Royalists and Bonapartists, all the different wings and sections of the great party of the disintegrated, each expected a distinct political gain. It is not clear that any of them will gain.

Boulangism without Boulanger does not impress the French imagination. No more does royalism without any good candidate for king, or Coasian without Coar. The chief effect thus far of all this Panama business is, in the opinion of many cool observers, to recruit the socialist party. The fundamental idea of socialism, as of anarchism, is the rottenness of society. The Panama scandal proves it to be rather more rotten than anybody knew. This is a country in which logic is applied to politics, and when the argument for socialism is logically strengthened by the disclosure of all this corruption the party of socialism is also strengthened. This rather abstract view has its practical side and its practical bearing on the politics of to-day. The socialists are shaking themselves free from all entangling alliances. They are appealing to their own programme and organizing their own campaign.

The latest manifesto of the Artisan party begins: "Citizens: Sweep out the sewers that sicken men from Rostov, as of anarchy. They are accomplices in the same iniquity, the despoliation of the laborers for the gratification of their appetites."

The only Conservatives who now deserve the name are in France, if not elsewhere, those who would conserve not merely the republican society, and who see that an attack on society is one that must be met. And this is the only party that is not a party in the French republic. He has never uttered a word in public which shows that he has any true conception of the ideas of the American republic, as of anarchy, or of the political principles and methods which give effect to those ideas. He, like too many others who have d