

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Mr. Mulock's Fancy for New Stamps Leads to Another Expensive Blunder.

One Post Office for Atlin District Promised to Be Opened Shortly.

Added Dignity for A. D. C.'s—New Building for Geological Museum.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The new envelope with the two-cent stamp enclosed upon it has been withdrawn. The printing bureau had printed the stamp in purple, and as the Berne postal regulation requires that domestic stamps should be red, the embossed stamp must conform to this color.

Hon. G. A. Cox, of Toronto, W. Y. Soper, of Ottawa, and G. B. Ryckman, of Toronto, have purchased the Canadian and United States rights of the Dunlop Tire Company, and are applying in tomorrow's Gazette for a Dominion charter. The capital of the proposed company is \$500,000, most of which is already subscribed. The company has works at Toronto and Belleville, N. J.

Minor changes in cavalry and infantry drill are announced in today's militia general orders.

An important order is made affecting the status of honorary A. D. C.'s to the Governor-General. It says the desire is to make this office approximate to that of honorary A. D. C. to the Queen. Only officers of the rank of colonel or lieutenant-colonel will be eligible for appointment, but in very exceptional cases they may be appointed from the retired list. The nature of the decoration to be worn by honorary A. D. C.'s is announced. When summoned to duty they will take part in state functions their expenses will be paid.

The bill will ask permission for an appropriation to erect a new geological museum building, which is badly needed.

The post office department will open a post office at Atlin shortly.

LIBRARY FOR WASHINGTON.

Andrew Carnegie Makes Gift to Government to Provide a Suitable Building.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Mr. Andrew Carnegie today offered to the government \$500,000 to erect a building for a public library for Washington. The congress would furnish a site and provide for suitable maintenance not less than \$10,000 per annum. Steps will be taken at once to secure the needed legislation.

BLOWING GREAT GUNS.

Heaviest Gale in Many Years Reported Off British Coast.

London, Jan. 12.—Reports from all parts of the United Kingdom show more or less damage. The heaviest known in many years.

At Reading the spire of the church of St. Lawrence has been blown down. A train has been derailed between Kilrush and Killybeg, Ireland.

At Bromsgrove, twelve miles southwest of Birmingham, a temporary isolation hospital has been destroyed.

A quantity of piles from Dover harbor have been washed ashore at Calais, on the opposite side of the channel.

Heavy snow storms are reported in Scotland, and there have been hail storms in many parts of the United Kingdom.

GERMAN GAMBLING SCANDAL.

A Count Arrested for Forging Bills—Dismissed From Army for His Debts.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—Count Claus von Egloffstein, who was recently obliged to leave the army on account of his debts, has been arrested on the charge of forging bills.

According to the Tagblatt, Count von Egloffstein was director of the notorious gambling den, Der Frohlichen, or the Jovial club, frequented by officers of the Guards cavalry, high government officials, bankers and members of the reichstag, which has existed in Berlin for some years. There was a scandal in connection with the club early in December last, on account of which several officers were dismissed from the army. Count von Egloffstein is heir to an estate at Arkhitten. He was formerly an officer of Ulanen. According to the chief of the Emperor's military cabinet, informed His Majesty daily as to the progress made by the police in their investigation. The Emperor, it further appears, said: "I demand that the whole truth be established."

TURKS HAVE A REBELLION.

Insurgent Operations and Deserting Soldiers a Troublesome Combination.

London, Jan. 12.—A special despatch from Constantinople says that after the battle at Saffra a Turkish army, commanded by Abdullah Pasha, was directed to capture Saabeh, the headquarters of an important insurgent leader 150 miles northwest of Sana. All the commanding positions in that vicinity are occupied by rebels, and as the Turkish troops are deserting the operations are likely to be prolonged and difficult.

The trouble in Yemen, one of old standing, and the rebellion against Turkish rule has spread throughout Hadshin and other districts.

Why don't you try Carter's Little Liver Pills? They are a positive cure for sick headache, and give the product by the ordered liver. Only one pill a dose.

VANCOUVER AFFAIRS.

Members of the New Council and the Vote They Polled.

Vancouver, Jan. 13.—The youngest man in the new council is Mr. Wood, 26 years of age, who is connected with the business office of the News-Advertiser. The oldest member is Mr. McPhaden, 64 years of age. There is said to be a majority for the long term franchise asked for by the tram company, and a very large majority in favor of public improvements and parks.

In Ward One Robert Grant, brother of John Grant of Victoria, headed the polls with 510 votes, while Mr. H. B. Gilmore with 285 beat Mr. Townley for second place by 475 votes. In Ward Two Robert B. Skinner with 383 headed the polls by one vote over his elected colleague, J. McQueen. Mr. Skinner has only recently located in Vancouver, but the business house of Skinner & Co. under the able management of Mr. Buscombe is a pioneer in Vancouver. Mr. Skinner is a progressive citizen, has a great many friends and no political enemies, hence his splendid run. Ald. McQueen is the father of the moral reform movement.

In Wards Three and Four last year's aldermen were returned—McGuigan, McPhaden, Brown and Foreman. The largest number of votes received was 208 in Ward Three and 346 in Ward Four.

In Ward Five A. Bruce, a carpenter of Mount Pleasant, headed the poll with 188. W. H. Wood being second with 173. Messrs. Bruce and Wood are both very popular in the ward.

The school trustees elected were W. D. Brydon-Jack, 1172; C. W. Murray, 900, and W. J. McGuigan, 942.

The two citizens named for the license board were Messrs. H. H. Loyfield, 976, and A. McAllister, 855, the next in order being W. Clubb, 643.

Mr. G. MacLean was returned as reeve of South Vancouver.

Ex-Alderman Hobson is reported dangerously ill.

Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, Baptist, has received a call to Rossland and will accept.

LUMBERMEN REBUFFED.

Canadians Who Went to Washington Found the Conference Barren of Results.

United States Must Have All the Benefits of Any Bargain Made.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The joint high commissioners held another session today, but only routine matters considered, after which an adjournment was taken until Monday.

During the afternoon session the American and Canadian positions were considered separately, the Americans paying particular attention to those relating to the North-eastern fisheries, and canal and bonding privileges.

The lumber conference yesterday came to an end with no further results than, as one of the Americans said, "to have had an exchange of views and pleasant social experience." Nearly all those present had some observation to make in behalf of the contention of their respective sides, the Canadians wanting the \$2 tax per thousand feet now imposed by the Dingley tariff bill removed and lumber admitted free, and the Americans refusing to make any concessions.

Mr. Charlton and William C. Edwards made the principal statements for the Canadians and Representative Tawney that for the Americans. The latter presented data showing why in the opinion of the home manufacturers the \$2 rate was needed to put American lumber products on the same basis as the imported products. The tariff on Canadian lumber, it was asserted, was more than subject to the charges the Americans were levied upon for lumber, transportation and general expenses in delivering and transporting their product to the market.

There was expressed a willingness to hope that some agreeable understanding might be arrived at between the conflicting interests, but the Americans were not willing to make any concessions that would jeopardize their business to the benefit of the imported products.

After the conference closed the Americans held a meeting and it was practically decided to make no representations in the lumber reciprocity matter before the joint high commission sitting here but Representative Tawney was requested and will act in the interest of the home manufacturers in any question pertaining to lumber that may come up in that connection.

It is evident that the Canadians are not a little disappointed at the outcome of the conference, though they maintain they did not come here for the purpose of endeavoring to have the tariff removed. Their real object, they declare, was to show that the actual cost of producing lumber in Canada was higher in Canada than in the states of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. They do not regard as fair ones the charges which are levied on American lumber, and think that the Americans did not make the thorough inquiry into the cost which the importance of the subject demands, preferring to cite isolated cases rather than have a general average arrived at which would bear out the contention that the cost of American lumber is higher.

It is 255,000 has been the result of the reduction of the duty on the imported product.

London, Jan. 13.—Mr. Richard Gowing, secretary of the Cobden Club and the journalist who for the last ten years has written united with Lord Foster in the preparation of the Cobden Club manifesto, died in London today in his 68th year.

MANILA IN A FERMENT

Filipinos Make Hostile Demonstration and Threaten to Attack the City.

Firm in Their Demand for Independence and Resistance of American Control.

Reported Withdrawal From Iloilo to Concentrate Forces at Manila.

By Associated Press.

Manila, Jan. 13.—The situation here is undoubtedly critical. Major General Otis has it well in hand, and there is no such certainty of trouble as many believe. The rebels are on the outskirts of the town; but their leaders have issued strict orders that Filipinos are to act only on the defensive. An accident might precipitate trouble, but the idea of rebels attacking Manila is ridiculous.

Aguinaldo has republished the second manifesto in reply to the proclamation of General Otis, which was recalled on its first appearance, but it has proved ineffectual.

On Wednesday a false alarm, due to trivial incidents occurring simultaneously in opposite parts of the city, led to a general call to the United States forces. In fifteen minutes the city was covered. The promptitude of the Americans, while it created a scare for the moment, restored confidence and dispelled the excitement due to passing fear on the part of citizens that an outbreak was imminent.

It is possible that the Filipinos, after the diplomatic conferences that have been had between the representatives of the United States and Aguinaldo, have finally come to understand that the conservative policy of the Americans is not due to fear, and that they will accept the inevitable with good grace. It is evident that at present they are unable to appreciate the full meaning of the independence demanded, and that when they do understand its extent the American propositions will be acceptable.

Madrid, Jan. 13.—The newspapers allege that the Americans have requested the Spaniards not to withdraw the Spanish troops from Mindanao, the southernmost island of the Philippines, before the arrival of the American forces, to prevent an insurrection breaking out.

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COLUMBIA SALMON COMBINE.

Canners Moving in This Direction but Offering Better Contracts to Fishermen.

Astoria, Jan. 11.—It is with difficulty that the facts concerning the cannery combine can be learned. That the trust is in process of formation is certain, but the native troops in the vicinity of Manila are being ordered to return to Manila. All the American troops have been ordered to concentrate here, the situation being of the gravest character.

New York, Jan. 13.—A despatch to the Herald from Manila via Hongkong says: "The situation here becomes hourly more grave. The Herald correspondent visited General Aguirre yesterday. The round Manila on Saturday and Sunday. The native troops seemed enthusiastic at the idea of attacking Manila. On all houses are displayed flaming posters bearing this inscription: "Independence or death." It is said that the native troops in the vicinity of Manila are being ordered to return to Manila. All the American troops have been ordered to concentrate here, the situation being of the gravest character.

The other canneries are not in yet and may not be started for some time. The figure at which he would go is, but it was considered too high, by the others, so he is out of it. A very flattering offer was made to the Fishermen's Co-operative society, but it was refused with the reply that the cannery was not for sale.

The Fishermen's Co-operative company is now under consideration, and this concern will probably enter the combine. The only thing that is joining the combine from beginning operations is the same old organization in the past.

During the last few days, representatives of the combine have been among the fishermen trying to make contracts for their services for next season. Better terms are offered than for years, which would hardly show that the cannery is not in a very strong position. The annual scramble for fish.

ORDERS FOR BATTLESHIPS.

One Million Pounds Worth Placed With Thames Iron Works Co.

London, Jan. 13.—The government has just distributed orders to various British firms for the remaining battleships under the naval programme and also, it is said, for two extra battleships, thus anticipating the announcement which the first lord of the admiralty, Mr. Goschen, is expected to make on presenting the next naval estimates.

The admiralty has placed orders for the two battleships of the first class of 14,000 tons each to cost £1,000,000 with expenditure on railways. This system is unparalleled development calls for immense expenditure in coming year.

London, Jan. 13.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says: "The Russian budget for 1899, like its predecessor, is remarkable for its enormous size. This amounts to 99,000,000 roubles, and is a glaring proof of Russia's unparalleled efforts to improve her railway system. This system is almost entirely due to the practical railway experience of her two remarkable financiers, Mr. Demidoff and Mr. von Shtrom, who use to power through railway management at home, and Prince Michael Khilkoff, minister of war and communications, who is one of the best railway men in the world. The deceased passed the greater part of his life in Australia."

A TOO PREVIOUS VICEBOY.

Given to Understand That Old Fashions Are Good Enough for China.

Peking, Jan. 12.—The viceroys of Nankin, Lo Koun Yi, has memorialized the throne, recommending the proper training of the military of the island and the discarding of ancient weapons and drill in favor of modern methods. As a result, an edict has been issued, severely traversing the memorial and censuring the presumption of the viceroys.

NEW SENATOR OF EIGHTY.

Mr. Carmichael Has Decided to Accept the Nova Scotia Vacancy.

Halifax, Jan. 13.—The New Glasgow Eastern Chronicle, which is a strong supporter of Mr. Carmichael, has announced authoritatively that Mr. Carmichael has decided to accept the senatorial office here by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in succession to the late Senator Macfarlane, of Amherst. Mr. Carmichael at first felt disposed to decline the offer, but on the solicitation of political friends will take his seat in the senate. He is now 80 years of age.

BANK CLERK ATTACHED.

Civil Proceedings to Recover Large Sum Which Strayed From His Charge.

Protégé of the General Manager and Member of Wealthy Montreal Family.

Special to the Colonist.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—A writ of attachment before judgment has been issued against Albert Mussen, the Merchants' bank clerk mentioned last night as being under a cloud. The attachment is for \$10,000. The assistant local manager, Mr. Ramsay, has sworn that Mussen is indebted to the bank to an amount exceeding that sum, and is about to secrete his property with intent to defraud his creditors.

Mussen's defalcations are placed, on the street, as high as \$40,000. He had sole charge of the savings department, but about a week ago he had an attack of grippe. At this juncture a depositor arrived to check for a large part of \$5,000, which he had on deposit. There were no funds, and investigation being started, resulted in Mussen admitting his receipt of the check for a large part of \$5,000, which he had on deposit.

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CANADIAN NEWS NOTES.

New Minister for the Territories—Hamilton Judge Dead—Three Small Fires.

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IN PERIL ON ATLANTIC

British Steamer Makes Boston Leaving After Narrow Escape From Foundering.

Terrific Storms Cripple the Pumps and Make Situation More Critical.

Cold Wave Met Four Days From Port—Six Inches of Ice on Main Deck.

By Associated Press.

Boston, Jan. 14.—The British steamer Melecz arrived here today from Barry, Scotland, after a most tremendous trip, during which she narrowly escaped foundering in mid-ocean, owing to a leak in one of her ballast tanks. As it was the steamer came into port with all her pumps working and three inches of water in her hold. The ship leaked about six inches an hour and will be docked here for repairs.

The Melecz left Barry on December 23 and three days later it was found that she was making water in No. 1 hold through the ballast tank. Her bilge pump was started and for a time it kept the water down, but the increasing westerly gales, with fearful sea, gradually opened the plates, for the leak increased until January 11, when there was six feet of water over the tank. Matters were very decidedly alarming, and it became a question whether the pumps, the ballast and hand pumps having been brought into action, could free the vessel or at least keep the water from gaining.

The situation became still more threatening when at midnight on the 11th a terrific sea boarded the steamer and stove in the fore main hold doors, disabling the air pumps and hand pumps. The steamer stopped, falling off into the trough of the sea and rolling fearfully until she shipped four heavy stanchions, which broke boards in the ceilings. The water poured in, and the ship was sinking. A few repairs were, however, effected and although leaking over eight inches an hour the pumps were begun to gain on the water and the Melecz reached port in safety.

The steamer on the 10th met the severe cold wave which passed another country on the 11th and 12th and great masses of ice formed on the rigging. Frequently the sea was so high that the crew had narrow escapes from being struck, which no doubt would have severely injured the vessel. There were six inches of ice on the main deck when she arrived, while the rigging was heavily loaded.

ENGLISH TOWNS SUFFER GREAT DAMAGE FROM WIND AND FLOODING OF RIVERS.

Channel Steamers Have Terrible Experience—Severe Losses at Continental Ports.

By Associated Press.

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STEAMERS LONG OVERDUE.

Many Transatlantic Liners Anxiously Looked for at Boston and Other Ports.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 13.—No tidings come to-day from the fleet of the overdue steamers and as time passes other vessels are constantly added to the list. To-night there are thirteen trans-Atlantic liners due or overdue. The names of the different steamers are the Roman from Liverpool December 18; Scandinavian from Glasgow December 30; Sagmore from Liverpool December 31; Armenian from Liverpool January 1; Anglian from London December 23 via St. John's; Gloiana from Manchester December 31 via St. John's; Olaf Kyrre from Dantzic December 19; and Melrose from London December 25. The delay in the arrival of these liners has made it necessary to change their onward schedules.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 13.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Bulgaria, 15 days out from Hamburg for New York, arrived here this afternoon for coal. The Bulgaria is the seventh belated steamer to seek refuge here within a week. She reports that three other steamers are making for this coast.

COWICHAN AFFAIRS.

Chemists Offers No Candidate for the Council—The Lindleys' Engagement.

Duncan, Jan. 13.—Nomination day for the municipality of North Cowichan resulted in returning by acclamation the late reeve, Mr. Thomas A. Wood, and the nominees as councillors in each ward except Chemains, where no candidate was nominated. Reeve, T. A. Wood; Quamichan ward, W. C. Duncan; Somers ward, John Bell; Chemains and Cowichan ward, F. S. Leather; Chemains ward, vacant.

The Lindley company left here this morning, after playing an engagement of two nights to good audience at Agricultural hall. The pieces played were "Queenie" and "Divorce."

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