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## British News By Cable

### Statist Fears Canada's Production of Wheat Is Not Equal to Demands.

### Bounty Fed Iron Adds to Present Glut in the British Market.

### U. S. Fortifications on Alaskan Islands Would Cause Irritation.

London, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The Statist says: "During the past thirty years the imports of wheat to Great Britain from abroad have increased by sixteen million quarters annually, so that it is evident that the increased production of Canada will be quite inadequate to supply even the increased needs of Great Britain."

The Economist says: "The price of pig iron on the market during the past week reached the lowest point for the year. To make matters worse, arrangements have been concluded to resume the importation of Canadian iron, which gets a bounty. As this bounty decreases year by year, it is to the interest of the Canadian miners to force the pace and "dump" as much as possible."

The Saturday Review thinks that the fortification by the United States of the two Alaskan islands given that country by the recent award, would be another cause of irritation.

Charles Allen, the well-known American criminal, who has just completed a term of imprisonment, was rearrested on an extradition warrant at the governor's office in Pentonville prison the moment the governor handed his release. He was charged with a post office robbery at Springfield, Ill., in 1895. Accompanied by two Scotland Yard detectives, Allen was driven to Bow street police court, where Deputy United States Marshal Watts, of Springfield, was waiting with representatives of the United States embassy. Upon arraignment of the prisoner, the case was postponed until later in the day.

FLOODS AT ROME.

Rome, Dec. 5.—The rise in the Tiber has flooded the country near Rome so that it is impossible to get to St. Paul's, tow miles out of the city as the districts surrounding Rome are now covered by four feet of water.

NEGRO LYNCHED.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 5.—Lewis Jackson, a negro charged with having attempted assault last Monday has been lynched near Tampa by a mob of white men. Jackson was brought here pending an investigation. It was found that owing to the peculiarity of the crime there was no law under which the negro could be convicted and he was ordered released. The negro had barely reached the outskirts of the town when he was apprehended by two white men who placed him in a cab and carried him to a spot near the city where a mob of white men lanced him.

HUGE FOREST FIRES.

San Bernardino, Dec. 5.—Forest fires in the mountains northeast of this city have proved to be the most destructive in the history of this end of the range. The fire is by no means under control. All the lumber belonging to the Brookings Lumber Co., between 4,000,000 and 6,000,000 feet, has been destroyed, but as yet the flames have been kept away from the mills. Brookings' loss will reach $100,000. The fire reached Fredalbe Park, a summer resort not far from Brookings' mill, and destroyed all the cottages there. Many thousands of acres have been burned. The fire started from a donkey engine. The fire is twenty miles from this city, and the sky is overcast by smoke.

## ROBBER REGIME ON THE CONGO

### British Consul Reports Revolting Cruelties Practiced Upon the Natives.

London, Dec. 5.—Roger Casement, British consul in the Congo State, has just completed a tour of investigation undertaken under the orders of the British government, and he fully confirms the worst reports of outrages perpetrated on natives of that part of Africa. Mr. Casement's tour was to have lasted six months, but, after the scenes he witnessed and the information he had obtained in the first two months time, the consul decided that further evidence was unnecessary.

The report which Mr. Casement is now preparing for the Foreign Office will show that horrible outrages are still being perpetrated under the robber regime, and that slavery and barbarism in their most revolting forms still exist. The Casement party traveled over a good thousand miles from the coast along the Congo and its tributaries, visiting the Abir and Lulonga rubber zones. Pending the delivery of the report to the Foreign Office, the investigators refuse to furnish any details, but a member of the mission summed up the situation by saying: "The most terrible slavery exists; the administration is atrocious and if there is not speedy intervention it will be too late."

BREACH OF ETIQUETTE.

Viceroy Curzon Refuses to Meet Shah's Representative Owing to Slight.

London, Dec. 5.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Bushire says that Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, now on a tour of the Persian gulf, left the Bay of Bushire without landing, owing to having been slighted by the Persian authorities on a point of etiquette, although the governor of Fars had traveled from Shelaz for the purpose of receiving the Viceroy on behalf of the Shah.

DUTCH TURN PROTECTIONISTS.

Premier Announces New Customs Tariff for the New Year.

The Hague, Dec. 4.—During the debate on the budget in the second chamber of the States General today, the Premier announced that it was the intention of the government to impose a new customs tariff beginning January 1st. The Premier gave no details, but it is believed that the new duties will have a protectionist tendency.

HOTEL RATES ADVANCE.

London, Dec. 5.—Western Ontario hotel keepers have decided to increase the rates from $1 to $1.50 a day.

CZARINA HAS RECOVERED.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 5.—The Czar and Czarina arrived here today from Skiernewice, Russian Poland. Her Majesty has completely recovered her health.

NEW SPANISH CABINET.

Madrid, Dec. 5.—The new cabinet is constituted as follows: Senor Maura, premier; Senor San Pedro, minister of foreign affairs; Senor Tera, minister of justice; General Linares, minister of war; Senor Fernandez, minister of marine; Senor Osma, minister of finance; Senor Sanchez Guarra, minister of the interior; Senor Dominque Y Parschal, minister of public instruction; Conde de Allende Salazar, minister of public works.

ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON.

Paris, Dec. 5.—Fearing that the sale of the colony of St. Pierre, Miquelon, to the United States might lead to the transfer of the island of Guadeloupe, M. Gerville-Reache, who represents Guadeloupe in the Chamber of Deputies, has addressed a letter to the foreign office asking what truth there is in therepert that St. Pierre Miquelon was to be transferred and urging that no such action be taken. The foreign office has already denied the report regarding the sale of the islands off the Newfoundland coast.

## NEWS OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL

### Pope Sends Sympathy to Archbishop.--Cabinet Meeting Postponed.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The Pope has cabled Archbishop Duschamel his sympathy over the burning of the Ottawa University.

William Popham, injured by fire in the laboratory of the inland revenue department, died this morning.

Doctor Haanel, superintendent of mines, will be sent to Europe by the government to report on the electric method of smelting iron ores.

A cabinet council which was to have been held today to make judicial appointments, was postponed until the middle of next week.

YALE DEFEATED.

New York, Dec. 5.—The Yale Hockey Club was defeated by the New York Hockey Club at St. Nicholas Rink tonight by a score of 18 goals to 1. Yale was outplayed at every point.

## Rumored Miners' Strike Denied

### Report of Prospective Trouble at Nanaimo Contradicted By Authority.

### Accident to Flora Results In Broken Slumbers of Nanaimoites.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Dec. 5.—The Ladysmith Recorder today publishes a story to the effect "that the Western Fuel Company made certain proposals to the Nanaimo men, which they rejected and that a strike will be declared at a mass meeting here today." The facts as ascertained both from the company and the men are that when President Howard was here last week he made certain suggestions, the principal one of which was the abolition of the Saturday half holiday for the benefit of both the company and the men. These suggestions were declined by the men and the matter dropped right there. The company did not present anything in the nature of an ultimatum, and while Mr. Howard was disappointed that they did not accede to his wishes, the company will not press the matter and risk a breach of the friendly relations at present existing with the employees. No meeting of any kind was held today.

The sale of land for taxes unpaid to the provincial government took place at noon yesterday at the Provincial Court house. Several choice lots were sold, and the sale was continued today. Lands in Alberni district will be sold on Monday at Alberni.

Ashlar Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M. has elected officers for next year as follows: J. Warwick, W. M.; John Shaw, S. W.; J. W. Teague, J. W.; Mark Bate (P. M.), treasurer; J. M. Brown (P. M.), secretary; E. C. Barnes, tyler.

The new creamery erected here several months ago has issued a statement showing the amount of butter it has turned out. This is as follows: September, 19 days only, 500 pounds; October, 1,133 pounds; November, 1,446 pounds. The butter takes the top price in the market, and there is a bigger demand for it than supply. Much more could be turned out, but unfortunately the farmers have not lived up to their promises in the matter of sending cream as well as they should have done.

The local lady hockey players are making big preparations for their New Year's trip to Victoria. The team proper has infused enough enthusiasm into other young ladies that a second has been formed, the Hiawathas, with whom it is possible to have plenty of practice games. On the other hand Rugby football seems to have run to seed completely. There is little practice and less enthusiasm. Association footfall is being played with diligence and when the supremacy among the local teams is decided by the survival of the fittest, that eleven will give Victoria a tight struggle for the championship.

Indirectly the accident to H. M. S. Flora caused many Nanaimo business men to lose much sleep. The Joan on her return from Denman island with the admiral and party found herself about 4 o'clock is the morning off the townsite where dwell the local vendors of merchandise. She also found herself in a dense fog and wisely stopped her engines. For three hours she lay under the windows of the residents blowing her whistle and destroying all chances of sleep. In spite of the hard frost and the fog and the generally uncomfortable weather many merchants were in their stores yesterday morning at an hour so early as to take their clerks quite by surprise.

## Salvage Of Cruiser Flora

### Attempt Will Be Made to Float the Stranded Warship Today.

### Big Wrecking Pumps From Esquimalt Free After Part of Water.

### Officers Behaved With Coolness During the Trying Experiences.

Union Bay, B. C., Dec. 5, 10 p.m.—Preparations are being rushed tonight for the attempt to be made tomorrow to float the Flora. People on the spot anticipate success. The ship's position remains unchanged. Nobody from her has crossed to Union Bay tonight, and the latest details of the work are consequently unobtainable.

Salvage operations are now on in earnest at the wrecked cruiser Flora, and the chances of the vessel being floated are bright. The work, however, is difficult. Divers have patched many of the holes torn in the plates of the cruiser by contact with the rocks, and the big centrifugal pumps—four, each with a capacity of many tons of water a minute, have been placed in the cruiser and are freeing the after part of the vessel aid buoying it from its resting place on the shelving rock. Divers had closed the scuppers, and the cruiser had been stripped of her guns and ammunition and lightened of her stores and cargo, and when the pumps were started working at low water yesterday the warship began to rise and lose that steep angle at which she had been lying. A number of pontoons and scows are chained together to buoy up the after part, and at the next ebb it is expected that the cruiser will be raised att and in a good position for the effort to float her, which will take place at high water today. Big anchors have been thrown out astern with strong cables attached to the warship, and the Grafton and Egeria will also assist by placing lines aboard and hauling astern.

There is now quite a fleet of vessels aiding the cruiser. H. M. S. Grafton arrived at the scene of the wreck yesterday morning with the barge Isabel and two navy barges with the big pumps and wrecking gear of the B. C. Salvage Company of Esquimalt, and the steamer Maude of that company, which has been engaged in salving the Vancouver, the Dauntless in Euclataw narrows, has also arrived. H. M. S. Egeria has been assisting the cruiser since her arrival on Friday morning. The hulk Japan has been moored close by for use as a storeship, and it is said that the steam launches Beryl and Topaz, recently built for the submarine engineers by the Victoria Machinery Depot, are also to assist.

The position of the stranded warship was little changed yesterday other than the raising of the stern portion. She still lies settled in a natural basin in the shelving rock at Village point, and has a list of eight degrees or thereabouts to starboard. She is well protected from the weather where she lies, and operations seeking to salve her will not be badly hampered by stormy weather. No damage was done to the vessel's engines or machinery and the electric light equipment of the cruiser is in use nightly as she lies stranded.

According to one of those on board the Flora there was not a great deal of excitement after the wreck other than for the scramble of the watch below from the officers' quarters, and, as stated yesterday, some of the officers who were below had a trying time. The moment she struck officers and men ran to their stations, and none became unduly excited. Capt. Baker gave his orders very quietly and without excitement, speaking as though he was talking across the dinner table. The after part of the ship was quickly under water, but two-thirds of the vessel was dry. Officers and men worked quietly without flurry, and the "middies" when not required for duty were busy in the gunroom writing graphic accounts of the accident to their parents and friends at home. The Colonist's informant said it is unjust to the officers and men to have the impression go abroad that there was any symptom of panic or undue excitement, as all behaved as British officers and men are accustomed to behave under the most trying circumstances.

It is probable that a court-martial will be held at Esquimalt is the near future on the commander, navigating officer and officer of the watch of the stranded Flora, to investigate the accident. As a result of the accident Rear Admiral Bickford, who leaves for the wreck again this morning, going to Nanaimo by train and thence by one of the naval launches, may be detained on this station long that was intended. He had expected to leave for home on the 14th. During the Admiral's first visit to the wreck on Thursday on the steamer Joan, one of the naval launches which met the steamer to report the stranding of the Flora had a narrow escape. A correspondent who was on board the Joan says: "The launch belonging to the Flora came out to meet us and while we were going at a good rate of speed attached herself to the Joan by lines. One of the ropes, however, failed to catch and the other pulled the launch around so that it must have upset had it not been for the quickness of one of the bluejackets who cut the line with his sheathknife."

MUNITIONS OF WAR.

Ships Carry Unusually Large Cargoes of Ammunition to Far East.

Copenhagen, Dec. 5.—The ships of the Danish Asiatic Company, which has a number of vessels under the Russian flag and is connected with the French East Asiatic Company, are carrying unusually large cargoes of ammunition and other war supplies to Russian ports in Asia. The last steamer of this line leaving Russian Baltic ports prior to the close of navigation has just sailed, loaded to her fullest capacity. Hereafter the shipping will be from Odessa, from which port the Danish company is prepared to transport troops. Every effort has been made to maintain secrecy regarding these war shipments. Exceptionally well informed persons here believe that despite the warlike activity the measures taken are chiefly precautionary and they express little doubt of an ultimate amicable settlement unless hostilities are precipitated in some unexpected more on the part of Japan.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGED.

Parry Sound, Ont., Dec. 5.—Thos. Styley, the young man who recently shot two men in mistake for deer, has been committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter.

JOHN DOWIE'S CREDITORS.

Failure to Force Petitioners to Give an Indemnifying Bond.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—The attempt of some of the creditors of John Alexander Dowie to force the original petitioners to give an indemnifying bond, met with at least a temporary failure in the United States District court today. Judge Kohlsaat postponed action until Monday, by which time some unsecured creditors will, it is expected, renew the application. Objections to the bankruptcy proceedings were filed in the Federal court today by a number of additional creditors.

LANDER WINS MOTOR RACE.

Commencement of Season at Madison Square Gardens, New York.

New York, Dec. 5.—With a fifteen-mile race in which Geo. Lander, of Chicago, the world's long-distance champion, defeated Jimmy Mitchell, of Wales, the motor season was begun at Madison Square Garden tonight. Lander won easily by two and a half laps, and at no stage of the contest had Mitchell a chance of winning. Most of the riders who have entered for the six days' race during the coming week took part in an international ten-mile event, which was won easily by Frank Kramer, the national champion.

## IS ENDORSED AT DAWSON CITY

### Coast-Yukon Railway Project Meets With the Approval of the Council.

Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 4.—At a recent meeting of the city council of Dawson a resolution was unanimously passed favoring the granting of aid by the Dominion government to the proposed Coast-Yukon railway.

The resolution was moved by Ald. Murphy, seconded by Ald. Ryan, as follows:

"Resolved that we view with great dissatisfaction the result of the Alaskan boundary arbitration commission, as it affects the future of this territory, cutting off as it does all possibilities of a Canadian port of entry for this part of the Canadian Northwest, and making as it does direct trade with the rest of the Dominion difficult, if not doubtful, by the present method of transportation.

"And be it further resolved that the municipal council of the city of Dawson strongly urges the necessity of the federal authorities subsidizing and in every way possible encouraging the building of an all-Canadian railway into the Yukon territory, and to that end the municipal council of the city of Dawson does hereby heartily support the project known as the Coast-Yukon Railway.

"And be it further resolved that the following telegram be sent to the minister of railways and canals:

"'The result of arbitration precluding the possibility of a seaport, this municipality strongly urges government aid to Coast-Yukon Railway.'"

## RE-ORGANIZING CHINESE ARMY

### Edict Issued to Re-arm and Equip the Warriors of Empress.

Pekin, Dec. 5.—An edict issued today appoints Prince Ching, the Grand Secretary Yuan Shik Kai, governor Chi-Li province and a Manchurian official to be a committee to reorganize the armies of all the Chinese provinces on a national basis with similar arms, equipments and organizations.

While the edict indicates that the Dowager Empress has some appreciation of her country's needs, there is no reason to anticipate any greater results than from the recent similar decrees relative to financial education and other reforms. Yuan Shi Kai is the only member of the commission who is competent to undertake the work, but he, like Prince Ching, is overburdened with other offices.

Prince Ching continues to be optimistic on the subject of the restoration of Manchuria. He tells the officials here that the Czar favors its evacuation, and although Viceroy Alexieff desires its annexation the Czar, according to Prince Ching, will rule over him. Ching, with other Chinese officials, is apprenensive of the results of the British advance in Thibet. The native press fears it is a step towards partition which the other powers may imitate.

Reports from Mukden say numbers of Russian civilians are settling there. The new Taotai of Mukden, who was appointed to succeed the Taotai who was withdrawn after the recent reoccupation of that city by the Russians remains at Pekin, fearing to go to his post.

PRESS CENSORSHIP.

American Officer Puts a Gag on Colorado Paper.

Victor, Colo., Dec. 5.—A censorship of the press has been established here. Major Naylor called at the office of the Victor Daily Record, the only daily in Victor and informed its editor and proprietor that a censorship had been placed upon the columns of the Record. Editor Kyner was told he must not publish anything but ordinary news matter and compelled him to show his proofs. Major Naylor prohibited publishing of the leading editorial Kyner had written commenting on the strike situation. He likewise forbade the editor to print the official statement of the miner's executive committee.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Dec. 5.—The declaration of martial law has paralyzed business in this city. Heavily armed pickets of the National Guards are stationed on all street corners, and many residents of the city do not venture upon the streets. Provost Marshal Thomas E. McLelland is occupying the mayor's office. He has caused the arrest of several persons, but no important arrests have yet been made. Following the suppression of an editorial in the Victor Record, Provost Marshal Thos. McClelland threatened to cut off Cripple Creek from the outside world by locking up correspondence of the Denver papers, and to censor all matter to be sent to the Denver papers.

Major Naylor, comnanding officer in the absence of Colonel Verdeckberg, stated today that a news censor from the city of Denver would arrive in the district and take charge of all news to be published in the future.

## Great Rich Of Bullion

### One Hundred and Seventy Locations Have Been Made on Seven Creeks.

### Stampeders Return From the New Klondike to Northwest of White Horse.

### Tell of the Formation of the New Meccas of the Miner.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Advices from White Horse tell of increasing excitement there over the Bullion creek gold fields. Stampeders are now returning to White Horse from the mines, and report a rough journey, lasting sixteen days for the round trip. The mining recorders, Messrs Miller and Burwash, are being kept busy recording properties staked by the stampeders. Locations have been made on seven creeks, namely, Bullion, Mettaline, a pup which enters Bullion at the canyon, Sheep, two miles up from the mouth of Bullion, Cinnabar, Clue, Stick and Patsy. Up to November 20th, eighty locations had been made on Bullion, 40 on Sheep, 40 on Mettaline, 2 on Cinnabar, 3 on Kloo, 4 on Stick and 2 on Patsy.

Arrivals from Bullion creek say it is most unique in formation. Seemingly all the geological formations are to be seen there from marble to granite. The creek is of a V shape, there being a gradual rise, from creek bed to rim rock, which is within two or three feet from the creek level. One arrival says: "It would remind a person of a room, the floor being the bed of the creek, and the walls the banks."

About six miles above the mouth of Bullion and immediately above discovery is a canyon, which seems to divide the creek into two halves. There is very little difference between these parts other than the gravel deposit above the canyon is not as deep as that to be found below. As all the gold lies in the creek bed and the rise to the surrounding hills there should not be much difference in the two as regards their gold-bearing qualities.

The stratas of gravel which are found lying above the river are about seven feet in depth. These prospect about the same as bedrock, going from a few cents to three dollars to the pan. Many pans have been taken out and none of them have been blanks. One fortunate miner has seemingly struck a claim on which there are many precious metals, for a late arrival reports that a pan taken on this claim gave two dollars in gold, three silver nuggets, two pieces of platinum and a copper slug. Work was being carried on at discocery claim by Smith, but little was done, only the crudest appliances being used. The ground now has to be thawed, for winter is on in earnest, and panning is too slow and arduous for the majority of those who have staked, and they will wait until the spring before commencing work.

Bullion creek flows from a glacial lake in the range which runs northeast and southeast at that point and is quite high. There is a considerable amount of water, but lumber is scarce. The diggings seem to be a summer proposition, but the pay streak could easily be located in winter by cross-cutting the bed of the creek. Sheep creek, which empties into Slinis river two miles above Bullion, runs parallel to the new eldorado and apparently all the sinuosities of Bullion are followed by Sheep creek. The formation is practically the same, although there is more quartz to be seen on Sheep creek.

A great many miners are preparing to go from White Horse this winter. They will go in over the snow, as it is much cheaper to pack supplies overland in the winter than in the summer.

It would not be at all surprising if the White Pass & Yukon put a stage line in operation between White Horse and the Shakwak—a distance of about 150 or 160 miles.

## BRITISH COTTON SPINNERS ALARMED

### Rise in Prices Emphasizes the Necessity of Seeking Colonial Supplies.

London, Dec. 5.—All the morning papers print editorials concerning the serious effect which the cotton shortage in the United States will have on the Lancashire trade, and the dangers arising from the fact that one market is able to control the price of cotton. Belief is generally held that the United States department of agriculture underestimated the crop, but the editors avail themselves of the crisis and point out the necessity of using the utmost exertions to foster the cultivation of cotton in the British colonies so as to broaden the area of supply. In Manchester excitement was more manifested than in Liverpool, mainly because it is believed that the crop will ultimately prove to yield 11,000,000 bales. Manufacturers and spinners, therefore, are prepared to hold out for better reports of the crops. Leaders in the trade also point out that the present crop is likely to be a good one, while last year's crop was notoriously bad, and as a result there will be less waste.

HERBERT SPENCER ILL.

London, Dec. 5.—A bulletin issued here tonight states that the condition of Herbert Spencer, the famous writer, who has been ill for some time is causing great anxiety.

TRANSVAAL BANK ROBBERY.

Gang of Masked Men Gag Manager and Secure $15,000.

Johannesburg, Dec. 4.—The Robinson Bank of Randfontein was attacked today by a gang of masked men, who, after gagging the manager and his assistants, secured $15,000. The robbers escaped.

MONTREAL STREET CARS.

Council Refuse Twenty Year Franchise —Victory Over Municipality.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—The Montreal city council refused to extend the street railway franchise for twenty years on the same terms as the company recently offered for thirty years. The street railway company has won a decisive victory over the Westmount council, which has agreed to kill the objectionable speed by-law.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

Norwood, Ont., Dec. 4.—J. A. Smith, Belmont, has been chosen by East Peterboro Liberals as candidate for the Dominion House at the next general elections.

ANTI-DREYFUSARDS.

Paris, Dec. 4.—A manifesto has been issued, signed jointly by the League Des Patriots. The Patrie Francais recites that the declarations of five ministers of war prove their belief in the guilt of Dreyfus, and warns the public that attempts will be made to tamper with the documents to suborn or suppress witnesses and intimidate the judges. In conclusion the manifesto appeals to the public to frustrate the efforts of "the occult secretaries of internationalities and the powers of capital."

DOWIE NOT BANKRUPT.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Stronger proof of the fact that all John Alexander Dowie's creditors are not a unit in the desire to have his estate administered by the bankruptcy court, was given this afternoon. Several creditors representing claims of more than $10,000 filed an answer in the United States court in which they denied that the head of Zion City is insolvent, or that he was in that condition when the bankruptcy proceedings were begun against him. The lawyers who represent these seven creditors, declare that additional claims amounting to close to $100,000 will be united in the contest against the bankruptcy proceedings.

## FISHERMEN WILL SUE THE CANNERS

### Fraser River Men Make Claim For a Large Amount.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 1.—Monday next the fishermen of the Fraser river bring suit at the civil assizes against the British Columbia Packers' Association, controlling most of the canneries on the Fraser river for $44,000. The fishermen were to receive sixteen and half cents a fish if over 250,000 cases were put up on the river during the season and eighteen cents if under that number of cases were packed. The fishermen accuse the cannerymen of deceiving them by declaring that over 250,000 cases were put up when as, they allege, under that number of cases were packed.

LATEST CRISIS RUMOR.

London, Dec. 5.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Tokio says that the telegrams received from Pekin shy there are persistent rumors that a settlement of the Far Eastern situation has been reached by the governments of Japan and Russia.

## Fear Outbreak In the Balkans

### Uprising in Macedonia and War Between Turkey and Bulgaria Expected.

### Joint Government By All the Powers Now Practically Agreed To.

London, Dec. 4.—The Associated Press learns that in order to prevent another Macedonian uprising in the spring, attended by unspeakable horrors and the danger of a war between Turkey and Bulgaria, as a consequence Russia and Austria have proposed that immediate steps be taken to put into operation a plan which, in its general outline resembles that now enforced in Crete. This proposal is the result of the acceptance by the Sultan three days ago of the Russo-Austrian note concerning reforms in Macedonia, which was submitted to the Porte after the recent conference between Czar Nicholas and Emperor Francis Joseph. To what extent each power will participate in the organization of an international gendarmerie to be formed for the preservation of order, and which power will be placed in supreme command of the gendarmerie as well as other details, must be settled by the negotiations before the powers. This proposal of the two powers dissipates the apprehension which has prevailed in diplomatic circles on the continent that Russia and Austria were arranging a settlement of the Macedonian question in a way to assure their interests.

According to information obtained by the Associated Press, the powers will this time unite in the appointment of a governor of Macedonia. While it is added that the Christians shall be protected, there is also a determination that equal protection shall be accorded to the Mussulmans.

All the powers concerned are anxious to settle the difficulties in the Balkans, so that they can no longer menace the peace of Europe. It is believed that results identical with those obtained in Crete are likely to follow from the enforcement of a similar policy in Macedonia. At first a large force was sent to Crete, but at present there are not more than 16,000 men there, and represent the governments of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy. How the Russo-Austrian proposal will be received by the powers is not known, as its presentation only occurred today. It is believed, however, that it will be acceptable to France, Italy and Great Britain, but that it is likely to be opposed by Germany. Though this proposed action will be another step towards the separation of Macedonia and Turkey, there is nothing in the proposal to indicate that the powers have any intention of weakening the Turkish ownership of the territory. As the Sultan accepted the principle of the Russo-Austrian note, it follows as a natural consequence that he will not be likely to oppose the enforcement of the reforms which that note contemplated.

CHAIR OF RAILROADING.

McGill University is About to Establish a New Professorship.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—McGill University is to establish a department of railroading. Principal Peterson had an interview with President Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R., today, with the result that practical assurance was given that the project will be carried out. The course will probably be much the same as that of Perdue University, which has brought about very good results.

## Intermediates At Vancouver

### Victoria Team Badly Outclassed In the Match at Brockton Point.

### Ten Thousand Dollar Package Stolen From Mail From Winnipeg.

### Search Party Organized to Hunt For a Missing Prospector.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 5.—The result of the intermediate football match between Victoria and Vancouver this afternoon was 14 to nothing in favor of Vancouver. The forwards of both teams were good and equally matched, but the Victoria backs were sadly deficient, and owing to the superiority of the local backs, the visitors were not in the game at any time. Three hundred spectators were in attendance.

Ten thousand dollars in bank bills belonging to the Bank of Hamilton have disappeared in the mails somewhere between here and Winnipeg. The fact of the theft did not come to light until the delivery in Vancouver to the Bank of Hamilton's address a dummy package. The money was insured for the full amount before it left Winnipeg.

Woo Wai, another Chinese witness in the Charlie Sing murder case, has been arrested on a charge of perjury. There are now two Chinamen in the toils for perjury in this case. The suspicion is growing that the Chinese highbinders accused the Japanese of the murder to cover the tracks of the real culprits.

Henry Moeys and John McIntosh, 19 and 22 years old, respectively, went prospecting at Seymour Narrows this morning. McIntosh returned tonight, saying Moeys had fallen over a cliff. Moeys' father, brother, McIntosh and two policemen left tonight as a search party in the hopes of finding the boy alive in the morning.

English bay improvements were discussed at a joint meeting of the Tourist Association and the Trades and Labor Council last night. It was decided to write the city council asking for an interview on Monday evening next. The carrying out of the improvements at any event will have to remain largely in the hands of the Park Commissioners.

E. H. Hines recently appointed electrical engineer of the C. P. R., is registered at the Hotel Vancouver. Mr. Hines has supervision over all electrical matters including power and lighting circuits, generators, motors, arc and incandescent lamps and other electrical machinery and apparatus.

The city voters' list for 1904 has been issued. It contains for the first time six wards. Wards 1, 2 and 4 have over 2,000 names each. Ward 5 leads with 2,336; Ward 2 has 2,177 and Ward 1, 2,049.

The Christie conspiracy case came up for hearing in the police court yesterday afternoon. Mr. J. A. Christie was put in the witness box. He told the story already published that Messrs. Hunter and Fox, of the Erie Lumber Company had sold him certain claims which had turned out not as represented, the timber being so poor that a contract to deliver logs to the Pacific Coast Lumber Company was not transferred from the Erie Company to him because the Pacific Coast Lumber Company said the logs were not as represeuted. In brief Mr. Christie charges a man named Fraser, to whom he said he was introduced by the Hunters, and the Hunters themselves of conspiring to defraud him.

Th ecase promises to be a long one. It was adjourned until today at 11 a. m. Mr. Cane is acting for the prosecution and Mr. Kapelle for the derence. A counter charge is also to be heard, the Hunters charging Mr. Christie with perjury in taking affidavit that Fraser was introduced to him by them.

ROSSLAND SHIPMENTS.

Rossland, Dec. 5.—Shipments for the week were: Le Roi, 5,375; Le Roi, No. 2 (milled), 250; Le Roi, No. 2, 390; Centre Star, 1,470; War Eagle, 1,230; Jumbo, 140. Total, 8,955 tons. Year to date, 376,095 tons.

CHILDREN'S EXPOSITION.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 5.—A children's international exposition was today opened in the Tauride Palace with great ceremonies. The opening was a brilliant function attended by state ministers, members of the diplomatic corps, military officers and high government functionaries in full uniform. The ceremony was followed by a grand ball.

MACHIN ADVISES PEACE.

Belgrade, Dec. 4.—Colonel Machin, commanding the Belgrade division of the army, and brother-in-law of the late Queen Draga, and one of the leading participants in the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga, summoned a meeting of all the officers in Belgrade November 28, and made a speech, requesting them to forget the past. He said the dissatisfaction was unjustified as the assassinations were in the interests of the country. The speech has had little effect, as those who disapproved of the assassinations, while the other officers concerned in the assassinations are now dissatisfied with Colonel Machin's action. They insist that all Servian officers should be given to understand that the assassinations were for the benefit of the nation, and, therefore, anybody disapproving of them must leave the army. They also demand vigorous treatment of anti-regicides.

NOT FOR SALE.

Paris, Dec. 4.—An authoritative denial is made to the report circulated in the United States that negotiations are in progress for the sale of the colony of St. Pierre and Miquelon, off the south coast of Newfoundland, by France to the United States. It is added that the islands are quiet, in spite of the excitement there last summer caused by the expulsion of the clericals.

TOLEDO CATHEDRAL.

Madrid, Dec. 5.—Some plaster has fallen from an arch spanning the central nave of the famous Cathedral of Toledo, disclosing several gaps in the stonework. Beyond showing the necessity for immediate repairs, the injuries are unimportant. The authorities have ordered a thorough inspection of the edifice, for which the governor has granted $24,000. The cathedral is one of the most famous in the world. Its construction was begun in the 13th century and was not completed until the end of the 16th century.

John D. Wing, of Millsbrook, N. Y., has a herd of 70 sheep, each as black as ink. He is the only collector of black sheep in the world.