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MARITIME PROVINCES
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HOW PUGSLEY RAN THE PARAGUAYAN CAPITAL HAS BEEN RECAPTURED BY PRESIDENT'S TROOPS

POST OFFICE GRANT DEBATE WAS HOT

First Day of Probing Reveals a Funny Dam Contract Awarded Without Proper Tender.

Procedure was to Award Contract for a Comparatively Small Job and Then Change It Without New Tenders.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The public service commission today examined its first witness on oath and so made a start at the public side of its work of investigating the business methods of the government departments.

MONCTON TO TAKE UP FRUIT GROWING PLAN

A. G. Turney Induces Moncton Board of Trade Men to Part with \$1000 for Demonstration Orchard.

F. W. SUMNER HEADED THE LIST WITH \$200

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Jan. 19.—After hearing Provincial Horticulturist Turney on the subject of demonstration orchards, members of the Moncton Board of Trade tonight subscribed the thousand dollars asked for the purpose.



A VIEW OF ASSUNCION, CAPITAL OF PARAGUAY—WOMEN HANDLING FREIGHT.

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Jan. 19.—Telegrams from Assuncion, the capital of Paraguay, confirm the report that the supporters of President Rojas have recaptured the capital.

After desperate street fighting the revolutionaries fled from the city. The casualties during the fighting totalled 200 killed and wounded.

A Brazilian gunboat is reported to be on the way from Corrientes to assist President Rojas to re-assess his authority.

KEENOR HAS A SERIOUS FIRE

Much Damage Done and One Man Burned to Death as Result of Blaze in Ontario Town.

Kenora, Ont., Jan. 19.—Charles Nelson, a fireman in the service of the C. P. R., was burned to death this morning in a conflagration here which completely destroyed the local fire department, four in number, were burned and the occupants of the building, all of whom were asleep when the conflagration began, had a narrow escape.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The Standard understands that the government has under consideration the establishment of a department of public health. The creation of such a department has been discussed more than once in Parliament and has found much demand from members on both sides of the House.

U. S. STEEL TRUST HEAD KEEPS CLEAR OF POLITICS. New York, Jan. 19.—Referring to recent reports that the U. S. Steel Corporation is supporting a movement to defeat the renomination of President Taft, Chairman Cary said today:

THINK DUKE SHOULD PAY RESPECTS TO PRESIDENT TAFT

London, Jan. 19.—The fact that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught with their daughter, the Princess Patricia, are not to visit Washington while they are in the United States, is causing some comment here, although it is believed there must be some good explanation for their decision.

ITALIANS SEIZE ANOTHER STEAMER UNDER FRENCH FLAG

Tunis, Jan. 19.—Some Italian destroyers today seized and took to Cagliari, Sardinia, the French steamer Manoubra, from Marseilles to Tunis, carrying 90 passengers, including 25 Turkish nurses of the company of the Red Crescent.

FIRE IN A NUNNERY DID \$50,000 DAMAGE; NO LIVES WERE LOST

Montreal, Jan. 19.—Fire broke out at St. Ann's nunnery, at St. Jacques L'Acadue near here, this morning, which not only destroyed the institution, but threatened the village as well. The 20 nuns and 100 children being educated at the nunnery were at breakfast when the fire was discovered.

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YUAN SHI KAI GETS FIAT OF REPUBLICANS

"China Must Remain Republic" Declares President Sun Yat Sen—If Yuan Objects, Fight Will Follow.

TROOPS MAY MARCH INTO NORTH CHINA.

Nanking, Jan. 19.—An ultimatum telegraphed to Premier Yuan Shi Kai by the republican government today contains according to the republican leaders, the last word of the republicans.

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I.C.R. SUPT. DISMISSED FOR GRAFT

Mr. Dube Had Pretty Plan to Get Rich Out of Government Job—How He Worked the Game.

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS TAKES PROMPT ACTION

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The Minister of Railways and Canals has dispensed with the services of W. A. Dube, district superintendent on the Intercolonial at Levis. This is the result of an investigation held by Mr. Emile Gelly who was appointed for that purpose by the Minister.

CANADIAN BANKS SHOW AN INCREASE IN CIRCULATION

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The Canadian bank statement for December, issued today, shows a substantial increase in circulation.

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Hon. Mr. Hazen Rakes H. R. Emmerson Fore and Aft Amid Enthusiastic Ministerial Cheers.

Hon. Mr. Monk the Subject of Bitter Attack from Liberals But Shows He is Well Able to Handle Them.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The Hon. F. W. Monk, minister of public works, was under fire tonight on his estimate. The attack of the opposition took the form of holding up before the House the number of dismissals made in the public works department. Hon. Mr. Monk withstood the onslaught with all his accustomed dignity and strength.

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COTTON MILLS DECLARE DIVIDEND AT 12 PER CENT.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 19.—The Pacific mills capitalised \$3,000,000, today declared a dividend of 20 per cent. annually and was necessitated by a change in the time of declaration.