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ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

Government Interviewed by Prominent Shipping Men—Increased Trade With Australia.

The Ministerial Policy With Regard to Impracticable Military Officers.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—Messrs. Torrence, Renard and Thom, Montreal steamship men, had a long interview with Hon. Mr. Laurier on fast Atlantic steamship matters.

Commissioner Larke reports to the trade department that the Huddart line cannot carry all the goods offered, and says that if the trade is to be retained an additional sailing vessel must go from Montreal or Halifax.

Hon. Mr. Laurier will address two meetings in Cornwall next week.

At the Ottawa garrison dinner last night, General Gascoigne intimated that where officers of certain corps could not agree the policy to adopt would be to disband the corps and reorganize it, so that impracticable officers might give way to others who would work in harmony.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—Hon. Mr. Laurier informs me that the government is in frequent communication with the British consul at Rio, regarding the unfortunate Canadians in Brazil.

Lieut.-Governor McLelan's appointment is gazetted to-day.

Parliament is prorogued pro forma until Tuesday, January 26.

The revenue last month decreased $383,000 and the expenditure increased a million and a quarter.

J. A. Forin, of Rossland, is gazetted judge of Kootenay.

The ministers will take the views of the representatives of the farmers' organizations on the tariff after New Year.

Hon. Mr. Tarte says that no public work will hereafter be undertaken in his department unless he has personal knowledge of it.

THE VICE-REGAL PARTY.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 11.—(Special)—Lord and Lady Aberdeen reached Brandon to-day from the West. Lady Aberdeen met the Women's Council at 2 o'clock in the city hall, and at three Lord Aberdeen addressed the children at a presentation of prizes. At four, Lady Aberdeen addressed a public meeting in the council chamber, and afterwards His Excellency enjoyed a game of curling. To-night the vice-regal party dined with Senator Kirchhoffer. They will reach here to-morrow.

C. J. Mickle, the provincial secretary chosen to succeed Hon. J. D. Cameron in the provincial cabinet, was elected by acclamation for the Birtle constituency to-day.

At a convention of Liberals of North Brandon, held to-day, A. C. Fraser was selected without opposition as the party candidate for the vacant seat in the legislature. The election takes place on Saturday of next week.

Nominations for Saskatchewan take place to-morrow at Prince Albert. It is said that Samuel Donaldson will contest the constituency as the Conservative candidate, against Messrs. Davis and McPhail, Liberals.

Charles Holmes, a farmer of Whitewood, Assiniboia, has lost his residence, granary and contents by fire.

COLUMBIA AND WESTERN.

ROSSLAND, Dec. 11.—(Special)—The contract was let yesterday by the Columbia and Western for twenty miles of trail to opposite Robson. Parsons, Winters & Boomer, of Butte, Mont., got it. The road is to be finished by May 1, and the price is nearly $600,000.

Hon. Messrs. Blair and Domville arrived here this afternoon. They spent yesterday evening and the forenoon of to-day as the guests of F. A. Heinze, at Trail, inspecting the smelter, This afternoon they visited the Centre mines; will visit other big mines to-morrow and be entertained at a banquet by the board of trade in the evening.

It is definitely announced that the War Eagle smelter will be located at Northport, Wash. It will have a capacity of 250 tons per day, and will be in operation on May 1. The freight and treatment charges will be low enough to enable the moving of $10 ore at a good profit.

The crosscut tunnel on the Northern Belle has opened up a ledge 20 feet wide at a depth of 80 feet, two feet of clean ore being found on the hanging walls.

The Gold Star, five miles northwest of the town, has tapped four feet of $20 ore in the winze from the tunnel. The property is owned principally in Toronto.

TRADE IN CANADA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Bradstreets' tomorrow will say: "General trade is quiet at Toronto. Collections are fair and prices unchanged. The bad condition of the country roads in Quebec has interfered with business at Montreal. The shipments of lumber from St. John, N.B., to South America have exceeded those of any recent season. Lumbering in New Brunswick has been checked by unfavorable weather. The movement of produce in Prince Edward Island is more active and prices have improved."

ABERDEEN AND HIS MINISTERS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 11. — (Special)—Le Monde says it has it from a very excellent source that Lord Aberdeen, acting upon superior instructions, has refused to sanction certain nominations, notably that of Hon. Mr. Smart, whom the government wished to make deputy minister of the interior at the price of a partizan dismissal. Lord Aberdeen, according to Le Monde, is absenting himself from the Capital for the purpose of rendering the situation less strained.

SEIZURE OF OPIUM.

HONOLULU, Dec. 1. — (Per steamer China to San Francisco, Dec. 11.)—About 480 half-pound tins of opium were captured by the customs house authorities December 1. They were found concealed in tins of soda crackers, in a shipment of 174 cases per the Mount Lebanon, by the Portland Cracker Co. to the Washington Feed Co., and Morris & Lowden, of the latter company, are under arrest.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—The local federal officials are much stirred up over the above story. The seizure is the largest since the capture of the schooner Henrietta. The freight from the Mount Lebanon was discharged at Honolulu on the Pacific Mail wharf at 7 o'clock in the morning. The vessel sailed that afternoon for Yokohama, leaving 174 cases of crackers on the wharf, shipped by the Portland Cracker Company and by the Washington Feed Company to A. L. Morris. Besides these there were 100 cases of salmon, which were also inspected as soon as the opium was discovered. The first case of crackers opened was found to contain fifteen tins of opium. The salmon and cracker cases were immediately removed to the custom house, where eight out of forty cases were found to contain 480 tins of the drug. At Honolulu, it is said, people believe that three prominent islanders are implicated in the smuggling scheme. All the cases found to contain opium were marked "sodas" in black letters, and had the words "Washington Feed Company" marked on them, with the name of a prominent island firm beneath.

STARTLING SUICIDE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Sarah Cooper and her daughter Harriet Cooper, were found dead in their home in this city, this morning, with the gas turned on and every evidence of suicide. Mrs. Cooper was president of the Kindergarten association, and her daughter was deputy superintendent. Mrs. Cooper had lived here for thirty years and was widely known as an educator, philanthropist, and writer. In her will written yesterday, she requested that the bodies of herself and daughter be not taken to the morgue.

The Coopers had lived entirely alone, except for a Chinese cook who had been in their employ for twenty years. He has not yet been found. It is expected that he can throw some light on the tragedy. When the scandal concerning Dr. Brown, of the First Congregational church, was first talked about, Mrs. Cooper stood by her pastor and expressed confidence in him. Later developments caused her to change her mind and she and her daughter became his most prominent opponents and accusers. Much bitterness in church circles was engendered by this action and estranged many of their friends and the suicide of mother and daughter is ascribed to their brooding over the coldness and snubs of former friends. No woman on the Pacific Coast has been so prominent for a generation as Mrs. Cooper, who had often preached in Congregational pulpits and has been engaged in all departments of Christian work. She formerly resided in New Orleans and acted as a nurse during the war.

THE SHARKEY CONSPIRACY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The legal contest between Sharkey and Fitzsimmons for the possession of the $10,000 purse has commenced before the superior court. Excitement was intense when the proceedings began in the crowded court room and Manager Julian brought out his witnesses to prove the conspiracy which he stated had deprived Fitzsimmons of the purse.

"Australian Billy" Smith, one of Sharkey's trainers, detailed his work in connection with preparing Sharkey for the ring, and said when the question of selecting a referee was mooted in Sharkeys training quarters he was asked to suggest some one. Witness suggested Hiram Cook, and Lynch then asked him if he knew Cook well enough "to talk business with him." Afterwards witness said Lynch characterized Cook as "no good," because he would not favor his own brother in a fight. On the evening of the fight Sharkey told witness that Earp had been fixed as referee, and that "Earp was all right." Witness described the uproar over the preliminaries to the fight, and said that when Fitzsimmons objected to the bandages on Sharkey's wrists Earp went over to Sharkey's corner and said: "Take off those cloths, it will be all right anyway."

BOLD TRAIN ROBBERY.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—The Iron Mountain fast express train outgoing, was held up one mile from the Union station, within the city limits, last night at 9:30 by six masked men. The door of the express car was blown off with dynamite, but no plunder was secured.

One of the men stood in the centre of the track and waved a red lantern, signifying that danger was ahead. The engineer stopped the train and no sooner had he done so than two masked men jumped upon the engine cab and, presenting their revolvers, told him to hold the engine still on pain of death. Two other robbers made for the express car, while the remaining two stood guard outside. In less than fifteen minutes the whole thing was over and the conductor hastened to the nearest telephone and notified the police.

LONG DRAWN OUT REPORT.

FORT COLLINS, Colo., Dec. 9.—Hon. John Murray, special agent of the United States treasury department, having charge of the sea fisheries of Alaska, is at his home here. Mr. Murray was accompanied from Alaska by the British commissioners, who are on their way to London to make their report to their government. Mr. Murray has forwarded a 3,000 page report to the authorities at Washington, covering the sealing question in the minutest details and will start in a few days to personally consult the treasury officials.

WINDSOR, Dec. 12.—A. L. Kirby, dry goods, has assigned on demand of Gault Bros., of Montreal, who had a chattel mortgage on his stock for $3,000.

MACEO REALLY DEAD.

News Confirmed by His Personal Physician—Did Not Cross the Trocha.

The Spaniards Narrowly Escaped a Severe Defeat—Another Insurgent Leader Killed.

HAVANA, Dec. 11.—Dr. Zertucha, the personal physician of Antonio Maceo, who after surrendering to Colonel Tor at San Felipe, furnished the confirmation of the reported death of the Cuban leader, has given to the press an interview containing additional facts in connection with the case. It seems that Maceo and his companions did not cross the trocha or military line of Pinar del Rio in the sense generally understood. They passed from Pinar del Rio into Havana province, and may be said to have crossed the military line. But they went to sea in an open boat, which required five trips to take the whole party of insurgents from Pinar del Rio to near Banes, in this Province, and as the boat would only hold eight men in addition to its handlers, it will be seen that Maceo's party was composed of forty men all told.

Dr. Zertucha also states that Major Cirujeda narrowly escaped severe defeat and possible capture at the hands of the insurgents. He also says that the insurgents in the vicinity of Melena have deserted the Cuban cause and have surrendered to the Spanish authorities. The Doctor adds that Bermudez, one of the surviving insurgent leaders, was wounded fatally in the abdomen on Dec. 3. Dispatches received from the latter confirms this statement, and it is officially stated here to-day that Miroa, the insurgent leader who accompanied Antonio Maceo out of Pinar del Rio, was also wounded by the side of the great Cuban soldier.

Finally it is stated that Alberto Nodarez, Alfredo Gustao, Ramon Humada and Gordon, all staff officers of Maceo, were wounded in the fight during which their leader fell. Dr. Zertucha, who has been placed at liberty, has asked permission to leave Cuba for Spain and there is little doubt that his request will be granted. Business on the Bourse has been suspended in order that the members may indulge in many manifestations at joy at the death of Maceo.

A despatch from Matanzas says that local guerillas there killed an insurgent leader, and advices from Palma, province of Santa Clara, state that a local guerilla force there has killed another noted insurgent leader, Nestor Palma.

It is claimed by the Cubans that the things alleged to have been found by the Spanish soldiers did not belong to Maceo, or if they did they were placed on the body as a ruse, and in order to throw dust in the eyes of the Spanish while Maceo pushed on eastward and communicated with Maximo Gomez. While this is a hopeful view of the case, the Spaniards seem to have absolutely no doubt that Antonio Maceo was killed in the manner and at the time described.

RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

PEKIN, Dec. 11.—Wuting Fang, the newly appointed Chinese minister to Washington, started on Wednesday for his post. Sheng Taotai has engaged three American engineers for the proposed railway work. It is proposed to expend thirteen million taels of the imperial grant in order to construct a portion of the railroad, which will then be mortgaged. The mortgage will be made to an American syndicate, which will advance the sum of 20,000,000 taels to complete the line. This syndicate urges that Americans, unlike Europeans, are not likely to be involved in political complications. Sheng is the avowed enemy of Great Britain and the people here are now asking if Great Britain under the circumstances will agree to an increase of the Chinese tariff.

The Chinese government has issued instructions to the viceroys and governors throughout the empire to establish schools for teaching the English language and sciences in all the principal cities. The reason assigned is that China desires to keep herself on terms of equality and in touch with the great powers of Europe.

THE WRECKED "SALIER."

CORUNNA, Dec. 11.—The whole coast in the vicinity of the scene of the wreck is being searched for survivors of the Salier, and all hope is not yet given up of picking up some person who may be able to give further details of the terrible calamity. The agents of the North German Lloyd Co. here have been instructed from Bremen to spare no expense in searching for the missing passengers and crew of the sunken steamer. The Salier had a pilot on board when she struck. The weather which the steamer experienced is described as being in the nature of a hurricane, and another theory of the cause of the disaster is that the Salier's steering gear was carried away while she was heading around the rocks for Villa Cancia, and that she thus became unmanageable and was driven upon the reef, which is about two and a half miles from land. Some of the bodies of those on the ill-fated Salier, including that of the captain, have been washed ashore. The captain's watch had stopped at 5:30 o'clock, presumably on Tuesday morning, December 8.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Daily Mail has a dispatch from Vigo, Spain, which says that the Salier struck at 8 o'clock on the evening of Dec. 7. She was apparently driven on a lee shore by a gale from the Westward. This dispatch says that there were 281 persons on board and 28 bodies were washed ashore and tenderly cared for by the inhabitants.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 10.—Margaret McKenzie, housekeeper for Jonathan Matheson, of Dundee, died last night from injuries inflicted on her on Saturday last by Archibald McGowan, a lunatic. McGowan is now in the hospital for the insane here.

A GUEST OF THE CZAR.

President Faure to Visit Russia—Funds of the Hamburg Dockers Expended.

U.S. Impartiality Questioned—Starvation in Russia—Fresh Victories Over Cubans.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A Paris despatch to the Daily Mail says that President Faure has received a direct invitation from the Czar to visit Russia, and has decided to go.

According to a Hamburg despatch to the Chronicle, the circles there in sympathy with the dockers' strike believe that the battle has been lost, and the funds are becoming exhausted.

The Daily News Rome correspondent says it is asserted that Spain has asked the Pope to sound the European nations as to whether they would support Spain in a war with the United States.

El Diario de la Marina, of Havana, in commenting on President Cleveland's message, says: "The President, if he is sincere in his expressions as to his impartial conduct towards Spain, should have expelled the Cubans filibustering on American territory, long since. The paper also disputes President Cleveland's assertion that the insurgents hold two-thirds of the island. It says that the U. S. should attend to the solution of its own international affairs and leave Spain to settle hers."

An Odessa dispatch to the Daily News says that there are reports of famine in the Amur district and that 10,000 people are starving there.

Dispatches to Madrid from Havana chronicle fresh victories over the insurgents. The Queen will receive the wife of Major Cirujedas, who commanded the troops which killed Maceo. Major Cirujedas will be promoted to Colonel. Many towns in Spain are offering swords in his honor.

Ex-minister Baihut, who was released a few months ago from the prison where he was undergoing sentence for connection with the Panama canal frauds, was rearrested to-day in order that he may serve two years in prison for not paying the fine of 891,000 francs which was imposed upon him in addition to his sentence of imprisonment.

The government of Queensland has abandoned the federation bill owing to the opposition shown to the measure.

The Athenaeum announces to-day that Lord Acton has undertaken to edit for the Cambridge University press a twelve volume history of modern times, beginning with the Renaissance. Each subject is to be arranged by a competent specialist. For example, W. E. H. Leckey is to write on the reign of George IV, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley on Napoleon in Egypt, Payne on the Discovery of America; Prof. Sir Frederick Pollock on the Results of International Law, etc. The contributors are to include James Bryce, Prof. F. Flint, John Morley, Professors Creighton, R. Gardiner, Hutton, Jebb and others.

PROTECTION IN BRITAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The conference at St. James' hall, open to all favorable to the reform of the fiscal policy of Great Britain on protection lines and called by James Lowther, M. P., who presided, was thinly attended. Those present included Lord Marschall and Messrs. Howarth, Disraeli, Sands and Selon Kerr, members of parliament.

Mr. Lowther, in a long speech, stated that there is a rapidly increasing sentiment in Great Britain that the nation's financial policy is radically wrong. The Sultan of Turkey, he added, is the only ruler under heaven who has adopted the principles of the Cobden club. Continuing, Mr. Lowther remarked that within a year the two greatest republics of the world had gone through remarkable changes. The speaker then referred to the high character and great ability of President-elect McKinley, saying: "He would never have occupied his prominent position had not his name been associated with the most radical protective tariff ever framed in the United States, and the same can be said of M. Meline, the French premier." The speaker stated that he favored a 5 per cent. duty on wheat, which would produce £15,000,000 ($62,500,000) of revenue.

Joseph Howarth moved resolutions in favor of changing the policy of the country so as to secure unfailing food supplies, with secure markets for the manufacturers, by means of preferential trading relations with all parts of the empire. He said preaching to English free traders is like preaching to men in Saturn, and urged a meeting in the future to make it desperately uncomfortable for them, adding:

"So long as the working man is under free trade there is nothing left for an Englishman but to dig his own grave with a foreign spade, and to be buried in a foreign coffin."

Several resolutions urging preferential trade and the founding of protection leagues in every British constituency were adopted unanimously.

DURRANT DELAYED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—The Durrant murder case came up again in the supreme court Monday on a motion to dismiss the order of submission made at Los Angeles several weeks ago. As was expected, delay resulted, the matter going over for two weeks. It will be remembered that the court threw a bomb shell into the camp of Messrs. Dickinson and Deuprey, attorneys for Durrant, by declaring that the case was submitted without the briefs of the defendants having been filed. The attorneys claimed they did not have time to prepare the briefs, and immediately asked that an order be issued and that Durrant be given another opportunity to file his briefs. This matter came up on Monday for settlement. On this occasion the delay was caused by Attorney-General Fitzgerald. When the calender was called he arose and moved for a continuance, saying that he had exercised due diligence, but nevertheless was unable to prepare the briefs to be submitted by the people in the case. The desired continuance was granted.

NO MORE CHEAP MEALS.

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—The Seattle restaurant keepers have organized a trust or a union, and are preparing to make an elevation in prices. The recent rise in prices of all kinds of meats and produce, and the prospect of still further advances have gone far to wipe out their slender margin of profits. They assert that under existing conditions they have been losing money, and it became necessary to either raise prices or go out of business. Some thirty of the restaurant keepers of Seattle met last evening. An informal discussion followed, from which it appeared that the sentiment was unanimous in favor of raising the prices, and a tentative agreement, not to take effect until after the next meeting, was reached to add 5 cents to the price of all meals. Thus when the agreement is finally signed, the price of meals in the 10-cent restaurants will be raised to 15 cents, in the 15-cent restaurants to 20 cents and in the 20-cent restaurants to 25 cents.

VENEZUELAN SETTLEMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—A special to the Journal from Caracas, Venezuela, says: "The cabinet held a protracted session yesterday. It was devoted exclusively to the consideration of the treaty which has been agreed upon by Secretary Olney and Lord Salisbury for the arbitration of the Guiana boundary dispute. At the close of the meeting it was announced that the cabinet has formally accepted the treaty, subject to ratification by congress. That body does not meet in regular session until next February, but it is not improbable that it will be specially called to act on this matter of rejection reposed in it by constitutional prerogative. But the action of the cabinet renders it all but certain that the agreement will be ratified. The press and public generally are adverse to the treaty. The main objection is that no provision is made for the direct representation of Venezuela on the arbitration.

EX-QUEEN LILIUOKALANI

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Among the passengers on the steamer China, from Honolulu to-day, was ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii. Much speculation was indulged in by the passengers regarding her destination, about which she herself was uncommunicative. It was freely said that she was en route to Washington City to plead with President Cleveland and certain congressmen for American intervention in Hawaiian affairs, looking to her restoration to the Hawaiian throne. On the part of the ex-Queen, it was said that she was merely on a pleasure trip through the United States and that she would extend her trip to Europe, and that the trip was taken with the full consent of her government at Honolulu, which recently granted her full pardon for her complicity in the native uprising of one year ago.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—The Dominion government have decided to appoint a commission to inquire into the condition and working of the industrial schools in Manitoba, the Northwest and British Columbia. It is considered that for the large amount of money expended on the schools an adequate return is not received. Hon. Messrs. Tarte and Sifton will be appointed a committee of the cabinet to prepare the mode of inquiry.

TORONTO, Dec. 10. — (Special) — The Globe's Ottawa correspondent quotes Sir Henry Strong as declaring that he would not regard the dual position of Chief Justice of Canada and member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council as inconsistent. Sir Henry declined, however, to say anything more, as he thought too much already had been said of matters, which were not understood.

MONTREAL, Dec. 10. — The petition against Mr. Boisvert, M.P. for Nicolet, was dismissed.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 10.—James Carpenter was found guilty of wife murder after the jury had been out four hours.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 10.—Jacob Hill was found guilty at the assizes here of the manslaughter of his step-son, A. B. Claus. The jury have recommended the prisoner to mercy.

KINGSTON, Dec. 11. — McDonald and Welsh, the convicts who broke from the penitentiary on Wednesday, are still at large.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—Mr. Hyle, reeve of Cannington, was nominated by the Conservatives of North Ontario for the local legislature.

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—The remains of Dr. James Wood, formerly of this city, who died in British Columbia a week ago, were interred yesterday in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

MONTREAL, Dec. 12.—Hon. J. E. Robidoux, ex-attorney-general, who has been in the field for some time as the Liberal candidate for Hochelaga, has been nominated for Chateauguay, his old county.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 12.—Thomas Cummings, charged with the robbery of an express package from Manitou station, was to-day sentenced to nine months imprisonment.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen arrived here from the West to-day. This afternoon His Excellency took part in a curling match, but the weather was too mild for good curling.

The Conservatives are preparing for a general Western convention to be held here about January 20.

Horace Buley, aged 17, fell down an elevator shaft of about 40 feet to-day. He escaped with a broked arm.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The budget committee of the chamber of deputies to-day heard the Premier, M. Melin, as well as M. Cocherie, minister of finance, and Admiral Bernard, minister of marine, on the subject of M. Lockroy's amendment, demanding a credit of 200,000,000 francs for the navy. The minister of marine declared that the condition of the navy was not so unfavorable as was generally believed. The government had been studying a programme for increasing the strength of the fleet and it would soon be decided to ask parliament for money to carry it out.

IN THE FATHERLAND.

Consequences of the Revelations in the Recent Political Trials—Hostile to Hohenlohe.

Bebel Promises Interesting Developments—Trade Relations With the United States.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The revelations of the Luetzow trial and the arrest of Baron von Tausche, are having unimagined consequences, one of which is that the whole police spy system as organized under von Puttkamer, will be either modified or abolished. The Emperor, since his return from Hanover and Buckenberg, has conferred with Count Zu Eulenberg, Police Chief Windeihm, Prince von Hohenlohe and von Bieberstein and it is reported that he is in no way satisfied with the bold public way in which Prince von Hohenlohe and Mareschall unearthed the police espionage system. A scene between the Emperor and von Bieberstein at the new palace is reported to have been very animated. It is claimed that the minister of foreign affair tendered his resignation, which was refused. It is certain that the court clique hostile to the Baron and Prince Hohenlohe, with Count Zu Eulenberg at its head, is again in the ascendant. It is significant that His Majesty conferred with many persons on the recent events before he conferred with Prince Hohenlohe and Baron von Bieberstein. Von Tausche had powerful and influential backers. His trial has been fixed for three weeks hence, and it is not doubted that it will develop new and sensational facts.

Count Herbert Bismarck visited his father this week, and the next day the Hamburger Nachrichten came out with an urgent denial that the backers and patrons of von Tausche would be unearthed and punished.

Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader, has announced that at a mass meeting next Tuesday he is going to make interesting developments regarding the supporters of von Tausche. The Socialists intend to move in the reichstag to eliminate from the criminal code the so-called spy paragraph. One of the sensational articles this week appeared in the Vorwaerts, the Socialist organ. It was entitled "Signs of the Times," and in it the rottenness of German political life was exposed and compared with anti-revolutionary times in France.

Zu Eulenberg, Count von Waldersee and the Bismarcks are openly charged with having prompted von Tausche in his past doings.

Five hundred thousand copies of the "Vorwaerts" were sold on Tuesday before the editor was arrested, and the copies were confiscated. The Vorwaerts will be prosecuted for slander.

Nearly all the German papers strongly condemn the police spy system, and agree that further disclosures are imminent.

President Cleveland's proclamation restoring the tonnage dues has caused a great stir in government circles; but it is thought here that Germany's remonstrance will lead to their withdrawal.

The Kreutz Zeitung says: "As a matter of fact we have many more grudges against the Americans than they have against us, for it is an established fact that German sugar pays America more than the treaty regulations fix. This is not even denied by the Americans, and that alone would enable us to retaliate by some measure. If the United States loads our ships with extra burdens, such as are not imposed by European countries, cereals, cotton, petroleum, butter, apples and especially meats are all open to retaliatory treatment on our side. The Americans need us more than we need them, though we do not deny that they are good customers of our manufacturers, but if what is said of McKinley's intentions proves true, the Yankees themselves will rid us of any remaining scruples, as McKinley is only the tool of the great monopolists we may know what to expect." The other agrarian and conservative newspapers, such as the Tagliche Rundschan and Deutsche Zeitung, print similar editorials.

Collections have been made here on behalf of the Hamburg strikers. The sum of 163,000 marks was collected in one day in Berlin for their use. The Socialists have called six huge mass meetings for Tuesday, in order to express sympathy with the strikers, and the audiences will be addressed by Socialist members of the reichstag.

CHOLERA HAS DISAPPEARED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—A dispatch to the Herald from Singapore says: Since the rains set in the amount of sickness has diminished, cholera has disappeared and there have been no cases of plague. An increase of sickness has been experienced all over the East, but the health of the town has much improved. The sanitary state of Singapore has not been good during the last two years. In the middle of last year an outbreak of cholera occurred involving the deaths of over 400 persons. In October of this year a similar outbreak of cholera occurred. It is confined, however, entirely to Asiatics, and especially Chinese coolies, only one or two Europeans or Eurasians being attacked. The dryness of the seasons has doubtless much to do with the prevalence of cholera, remittent and intermittent fevers.

ELECTION IN CORNWALL.

CORNWALL, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Rev. Father Corbett prints a letter in a local paper, replying to Mr. Tarte in Le Cultivateur. He says: To be attacked by a man who could breathe a black insinuation of treachery against the late Archbishop Tache is a certificate of character for honesty, uprightness and courage which any man might well covet.

Reports from all parts of Cornwall and Stormount are eminently satisfactory to Mr. Leitch, the Conservative candidate. The government is making a desperate effort to capture the constituency, and the country is overrun with paid organizers. The importance attached to the result of this election is shown in the fact that no less than nine members of the cabinet have spoken or are announced to speak in different parts of the riding.