

TWO CENTS ALL ROUND

Mr. Mulock's Imperial Preference Idea Discarded After One Week's Trial.

All Foreign and Canadian Points Included in the Reduced Letter Rate.

To Make Up Deficit M. P. Promised Office.

The Conservative press generally have emphasized the inconsistency of the government's position.

The deficit will be met by increased taxation, a duty of 10 cents per pound on tea now being spoken of.

Consul-General Kleczkowski says the government of France is still prepared to give a subsidy of 400,000 francs for a direct line between Canada and France.

It is said that Mr. McMullen, M. P., has received a positive promise of the lieutenant-governorship of Manitoba when Mr. Patterson's time is up.

Washington Notes—That Exchange of Letters Will Now Be on Even Basis.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The Canadian government in a telegram from Postmaster General Mulock to Postmaster General Smith announces that it has reduced the domestic letter rate from three to two cents per ounce, commencing on January 1.

Under the convention between the United States and Canada, a rate of two cents is to be applied to each country.

Postmaster General Smith at the request of Canadian government calls the attention of all postmasters of the country through the Associated Press to the reduction and to its taking effect on New Year's Day with a view to preventing a rush of mail being charged up as "short paid."

DYNAMITE KILLS TWO.

Besides Wounding Four Others Employed in Soulanges Canal Work.

Cote du Lac, Que., Dec. 30.—(Special)—While a gang of plasterers were at work on No. 1 section, Soulanges canal, this morning, a dynamite cartridge exploded accidentally, killing two drillers, J. Larocque and another man named Kelly, and a man named Kelly, while in addition four Finlanders were injured.

SHIVERS IN MANITOBA.

From Twelve to Thirty-four Degrees Below Zero Throughout the Province.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—(Special)—The weather last night was the coldest that has been experienced this year, and this morning every point in the province and Territories reported temperatures ranging from 12 to 32 degrees below zero.

JEWS BARRED FROM PALESTINE.

Turkish Authorities Object to Presence of Large Bodies of Same Religion.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The department of state recently received from the United States minister at Constantinople information that the minister of foreign affairs of Turkey had informed him that the Turkish government had no intention to prevent American citizens, whether Jews or Christians, coming as individuals and not en masse, from visiting Syria or Palestine as travellers or visitors.

BRAZIL AFFAIRS.

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 30.—Parliament closed today. The budget expenses are 328,000,000 centos. The receipts are estimated at 351,000,000 centos. Extradition with the United States and other republics was approved.

A PAPER COMBINE.

Forty Million Dollars Interested in Proposed Consolidation.

Official Receiver Has an Array of Serious Charges Against the Promoter.

London, Dec. 30.—The official receiver's report of the bankruptcy of Ernest Terah Hooley, the combine promoter, is shortly to be presented.

Mr. Hooley's net loss in the flotation of twenty-six companies was £190,000. Various offences will be charged, including insufficiency of assets to pay ten shillings on the pound, imperfect books, and possibly more serious allegations in connection with missing books and papers.

Satisfactory Finish to a Record Year of United States Exports.

Profits Not Expanding With Volume of Business—Canadian Bank Clearings.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Dun's review of Canadian trade says: Canadian reports this week indicate only a quiet trade, with fair holiday business.

At Quebec wholesale trade is quiet, with collections fair, and retailers are busy.

At Winnipeg jobbers report similar conditions to last year's, with retail trade quiet, but money not much easier.

At Montreal retail business is good, and money is coming in well.

At Toronto reports quiet wholesale trade, but moderate sorting up orders and a good holiday trade.

At Vancouver business has slackened with the holiday season.

At Victoria the Christmas business compares favorably with former years, but wholesale trade is rather quiet, though the outlook is good.

New York, Dec. 30.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: The holiday quiet in general, sustained activity in industrial lines, particularly iron and steel, exceptionally large shipments of goods on orders, bankers' bills, and specially heavy dealings in speculative movements, are features calling for notable mention in the closing week of the year.

Wheat, though showing reaction, is higher for each week, owing to large export clearances and other cereals are in sympathy.

The pig iron demand grows, and prices for this product and steel are higher.

Wool, notwithstanding the low price, is in demand, and prices are higher.

Best reports as to distributive trade naturally come from the grain growing sections of the country, which were the first to feel an improvement resulting from free foreign demand for our cereals.

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BRITISH AND FRENCH

Clashing Interests in China Making Trouble—Tsun-li Yamens Hostility to Britain.

Suggestion of Sale of Rights in Newfoundland, Distasteful to French Government.

Increased Strength of the Protection Fleet on the Fishing Banks—Naval Reserve.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 31.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says: "It is officially asserted here that the protests of Sir Claude Macdonald, the British minister at Peking, China has acceded to the demands for an extension of the exclusive French settlement at Peking, and is likely to hamper the negotiations for the extension of the cosmopolitan settlement, in regard to which the viceroy of Nankin is disposed to meet the views of the British, American and German consuls.

The viceroy is greatly chagrined at the failure of Great Britain to support his determined policy in the matter of the Yan-tse Kiang, at any important crisis. Satisfactory conclusions are not likely to result from British negotiations anywhere in China so long as the personnel of the Duan-ki remains as now, actively hostile to British interests.

RIGHTS IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

London, Dec. 31.—The Paris correspondent of the Mail asserts that there is no reason to believe that the French government contemplates making any proposition regarding French shore rights in Newfoundland. An article in this morning's Mail suggesting that the British government will attempt to renounce all rights along the Newfoundland shore, provided the compensation was large enough, is regarded as a balloon d'essai, and does not please the government.

The Liberte suggests that England should give the whole right bank of the Niger and certain territory toward Lake Tchad as compensation. Meanwhile the St. Malo fishermen are preparing for their annual season in Newfoundland waters.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 31.—Sir Herbert Murray, the governor of Newfoundland, has despatched to England by the British cruiser Pollack for complete charts and data respecting the proposed fortifications here and the establishment of a naval reserve among the fishermen.

The French government, following Great Britain's example, will station its squadron in Newfoundland waters next season, appointing to the command Commodore Henrique, a French chief at the French naval hydrographic office.

A BRUTAL FATHER.

Robbed His Boy's Bank to Buy Whiskey and Killed the Child for Objection.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—Frank Wehr, a moulder, to-day struck his only son Frank, aged 12, on the head with a hammer and crushed the skull. The crime was committed at his home on Pine street. Wehr had been drinking heavily and had robbed his child's bank to procure whiskey.

CONVIC LETTER WRITER.

Alleged Insane Murderer Gets Another Production Into Print.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Brown, the murderer, has written another letter to the minister of justice in which he says: "If you're going to hang me, hang me at once, and quit your fooling."

CHEEKY LITTLE REPUBLIC.

Complains to Nations of the World Because Punished for Petty Insolence.

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RUOTE FORCE IN OHIO.

Railroad Rivals Seek to Settle a Dispute by Its Application.

Wellston, O., Dec. 30.—A railroad war is on here between the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo and Baltimore & Ohio and Southwestern roads. As a result the Hocking has a turn up switch and several ruined cars and the Southwestern has a probable damage suit on it. The Hocking Valley road built a switch on private property along the Southwestern tracks and have held it down with loaded cars. This morning a gang of Southwestern trackmen overpowered the Hocking Valley employees and tore up one rail of the switch, and then a switch engine with a chain completed the work. A lot of cars loaded with pipe iron were backed on the dis-putable track by the Hocking Valley engine, but were dished and smashed, blocking both roads. A large force of Hocking Valley men came in at noon and seized possession of the disputed territory. The Southwestern officials wired for additional men and more trouble is expected to-night.

OPERATOR'S HARDLUCK

Sent to Penitentiary as a Tramp Because Found out of Work in Buffalo.

Had Come From Montreal with a Prospect of Employment in Albany.

Bore an Excellent Character But the Police Did Not Swear—Jury Against Him.

By Associated Press.

Buffalo, Dec. 31.—Judge Emery in the County court to-day granted an order releasing Edward Norman from the penitentiary. He was sent on December 22 to serve sixty days on the charge of being a tramp. The petition for his release was made by attorney John L. Cronin, who asserted that the arrest was unjustifiable and the conviction a gross miscarriage of justice.

MRS. BOTKIN GUILTY

Life Imprisonment for Causing Death of Two Women by Sending Poisoned Candy.

Evidence so Conclusive that the Jury Were out Only Three Hours.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, charged with the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover, Del., has been found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment. When she was arraigned in the police court the day following, Mrs. Jacobs did not appear against him, and the police charged him with being a tramp, and not having any visible means of support. Norman, he said, at the time, had money in his pocket, has recommendations from high officials of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company of Canada and a number of other valuable. He says the recommendation that the money have not yet been returned to him. Judge King committed him to the penitentiary for the term of sixty days on the testimony given by police officials. Mr. Cronin produced an affidavit signed by S. C. Rice, chief operator of the Western Union company at Albany saying Norman was a man of good character and that he was a man of good character and a splendid operator.

After reading the affidavits, Judge Emery would have granted an appeal in the case and would release Norman on \$100 bail. The papers were served on keeper Sloan this afternoon and he released the prisoner. Norman says he is going to Montreal to see his wife and children and will return to prosecute the people responsible for his arrest and incarceration.

RUSSIA VIEWS WITH ALARM

The Construction of Nicaraguan Canal and United States' Appearance as Asiatic Power.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Herald's European edition prints the following: Russia is evidently beginning a campaign against the Nicaraguan canal. The Novo Vremya publishes articles not only warmly advocating the Panama scheme, but filled with bitter dislike of the United States. The writer says the predominance of the United States would have been desirable for Russia a few years ago, but all this has changed since the last war. The writer goes on to say the United States has become a colonial party and Asiatic power. Regarding the Monroe doctrine, America for Americans, implies the other doctrine that American domination must be confined to America. The Yankees are now entering into open competition with Russia in China and Korea and have no scruples over their alliance with their traditional enemy, England, and Japan for this purpose.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S FISH.

Separate Treaty May Be Made by Island Colony Since Canada Has Failed.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 30.—It is generally expected here that the failure of the Canadians to secure a fishery arrangement through the negotiations of the joint high commission at Washington will result in the British government permitting this colony to negotiate a separate arrangement with the United States upon the basis of the Bond-Blaine convention which allowed Newfoundland access to the American market.

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WAR WITH FILIPINOS

American Forces Likely to Give Battle to Take Iloilo From Aguinaldo.

Insurgents Form New Cabinet Pledge to Insist on Independence of Islands.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily Chronicle, editorially discussing the situation at Iloilo, says: "It would be advisable for the insurgents to defy the Americans. The issue would then be squarely raised or settled once for all in one short, sharp action, which would probably bring the crazy Filipinos to their senses. After this the men of peace could proceed with their business."

Washington, Dec. 30.—The war department is expecting hourly definite word from General Otis as to what has occurred at Iloilo. Otis must soon hear from General Miller, in command of the American force sent on this expedition. It is recognized that the situation at Iloilo is one which may bring about a sharp and possibly a decisive issue between the insurgents and the United States forces.

What General Miller will do as to taking possession of the city, either with force or without, is not officially disclosed, and indeed, it is likely that considerable discretion is lodged with the commanding officer as to the steps should be taken. But in the event of a clash between the United States forces and the insurgents war department officials say there could be no doubt as to the outcome. The American force numbers about 2,500 as against an estimated force of some 10,000 insurgents, but no doubt is expressed as to the adequacy of the American forces.

London, Dec. 30.—From a Filipino source, a representative of the Associated Press is informed that the new Filipino cabinet is much stronger from the insurgent point of view than the last. The new ministers are pledged to insist upon the independence of the islands and to refuse to liberate the Spanish prisoners. It is added that the Spanish will never release the prisoners "while thousands of Filipinos are dying in the Spanish convict settlements of Fernando, in the Ladrones and the Caroling Islands."

Mabini, the new president of the cabinet and minister of foreign affairs, is described as a notary living in Manila, of Indian descent and as having no Spanish blood in his veins. He is an old patriot and counsellor of Aguinaldo. Antonio Luna, the new minister of war of the Philippines, was employed by the last cabinet in the war department. He is the editor of the Manila insurgent paper, Independencia, was educated in Europe, and only lately returned to the Philippines from Paris. Rosario is probably of Indian descent and as having no Spanish blood in his veins. He is an old patriot and counsellor of Aguinaldo. Antonio Luna, the new minister of war of the Philippines, was employed by the last cabinet in the war department. He is the editor of the Manila insurgent paper, Independencia, was educated in Europe, and only lately returned to the Philippines from Paris. Rosario is probably of Indian descent and as having no Spanish blood in his veins. He is an old patriot and counsellor of Aguinaldo.

AMERICANS' NEW CAREER.

Debut of United States as a World Power a Memorable Event of the Year.

London, Dec. 31.—By common consent all the annual reviews of the morning papers regard the year 1898 as memorable for the Hispano-American war, and the "manifest destiny" consciousness of the English-speaking peoples. The Daily News, referring to President McKinley's speech at Atlanta, says: "We may approve or disapprove the President's sentiments, but in any case they are one of the most memorable facts of 1898. It is devoutly to be hoped that the United States as a world power will be found working in harmony with Great Britain."

The Standard refers in similar terms to the advent of a new world power and to the mighty change which the war has effected in the aims, policy and public sentiment of the United States.

ROTHSCHILD BEQUESTS.

London, Dec. 30.—The late Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild left £100,000 to the Evening hospital for children, and in memory of his wife. He made also other considerable charitable bequests.

DERVISHES PUNISHED AGAIN.

Anglo-Egyptian Troops Following Up the Remnants of Khalifa's Army. Cairo, Dec. 30.—Information has reached here that the Anglo-Egyptian troops under command of Col. Leads have defeated the dervishes under Emir Fedil Col. Leads has been pursuing Fedil and his followers, who comprise the remnants of the dervish army, up the Blue Nile ever since the defeat and rout of the Khalifa at Omdurman. It is believed that Fedil's defeat is the final stroke.

ELEVATOR BURNED.

Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—Elevator X, on the Dakota division of the Great Northern C. M. & St. P. railway at Eleventh avenue south, was burned to-day. The main elevator with its annex and 200,000 bushels of wheat were consumed, and the loss will be at least \$200,000. This is the second elevator to burn within five days. The cause of the fire is a mystery.

JULIA ARTHUR DELINQUENT.

Wallack's Theatre Makes Claim Against Her Company for Breach of Contract.

New York, Dec. 30.—The failure of Miss Julia Arthur to appear at Wallack's theatre since Monday afternoon has resulted in the issuance of an attachment against the property of Benjamin P. Cheney, the husband of the actress and the proprietor of the Julia Arthur company. The attachment was obtained by Theodore Moss, the proprietor of Wallack's theatre. Mr. Moss claims \$10,000 damages for breach of contract.

ENTOMBER IN A MINE.

Eight Men Caught by Cave-in of a Shaft—Five Rescued Alive.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 30.—Eight men were entombed by a cave-in of a shaft of the Wilkesbarre Coal Company at Wanamie this afternoon. After a heroic rescue, five of the men were taken out alive. The other three are still shut in, but it is expected they will be reached in a few hours. There is more than a possibility that they may be alive.

BARTHOLOMEW PRICE DEAD.

London, Dec. 29.—The Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Price, master of Pembroke college, Oxford, and Canon of Gloucester, died to-day in his 81st year.

GLENAVON A WRECK.

On a Rock Near Hongkong—Captain and Several Others Missing. Hongkong, Dec. 30.—The British steamer Glenavon, Capt. Ritchie, which sailed for London from here last evening, has been wrecked on a rock. Part of her crew have been saved and landed here. Captain Ritchie, the first officer and second and fourth engineers are missing. The British steamer Glenavon sailed from Glasgow, and was 1,912 tons register.

WILL NOT BURN JAMESON.

President Kruger Forbids the Proposed Offensive Demonstration. Pretoria, Dec. 30.—Strong representations have been made to President Kruger, urging him to forbid the proposed celebration on January 2 of the defeat of the Jameson raid, when, at the suggestion of the Pretoria Volkstein, the project was to burn Dr. Jameson in effigy. Owing to the President's objection, there is no doubt that such an observance of Jameson day as had been planned would have been a serious riot.

AN IMPERIAL FLYER.

Fast Transcontinental Train Promised by C.P.R. for Next Year. Montreal, Dec. 30.—(Special)—The Canadian Pacific Railway is planning to build a fast train making great preparations for next year's traffic. They will run a rapid train across the continent calling it the "Imperial Flyer." The company have just turned out two new dining cars named the Merrimac and Miller. They are also completing ten large compound consolidated engines weighing 150,000 pounds each, besides ten tenders, and also a large number of cars.

THREE RING EVENTS.

Green Worst Creedon—Barry and Leon Draw in Twenty Rounds—Date For Heavyweights. San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Green got the decision over Dan Creedon in their fight here to-night. Jim Jeffries, the heavyweight fighter, has been matched to box 20 rounds with Joe Kennedy of this city, under the auspices of the National club, on January 27. The purse will consist of 60 per cent of the gate receipts.

POSTAL CARD EXCHANGE.

United States and Canada Make Arrangements for Convenience of Travellers. Washington, Dec. 29.—The postmaster general to-day signed an order accepting the private mailing cards both Canadian mailing cards bearing United States stamps and mailed on this side of the line, and United States cards mailed in Canada, with Canadian postage. This is the result of a reciprocal arrangement between this and the Canadian government looking to avoid considerable annoyance in refusing postal transmission where travellers both ways write home on cards of their own country.

ON TWO CHARGES.

W. H. Pennock, the Yates Street Jeweller, Arrested Yesterday Afternoon. Early yesterday afternoon W. H. Pennock, the Yates street jeweller, was arrested on two charges, one of stealing a diamond ring of the value of \$80, and the other of having in his possession three opal rings, one carbuncle ring, and an Elgin watch, the property of R. W. Stoddard, who also keeps a jewellery store on Yates street. Mr. Pennock was arrested on a warrant issued by Magistrate Hall at the request of Mr. Stoddard. There were a number of gentlemen who were willing to give bonds for any amount for his appearance in court this morning, but through the failure of the bondsmen and the magistrate to come together, it was necessary for Mr. Pennock to spend the night in the lock-up, or rather he decided to take that course rather than put his friends to any further trouble. First the bondsmen, but they left before he had arrived and before their return the magistrate had gone home. Mr. Pennock did not appear to be at all put over his arrest, and although he declined to say anything his friends say that he will be able to prove that the goods found in his store and which Mr. Stoddard claims, were purchased by him.