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Probable Fruitless Negotiations.

It was a favorite shibboleth with the Grits, when in opposition, that the "Tories" had antagonized the people of the United States and that in consequence no trade concessions could be hoped for from the authorities at Washington until a change of Government took place at Ottawa.

As already announced, the imperial penny postage came into effect on Christmas Day. By this change the letter postage from Canada to Great Britain and all the principal colonies of the Empire, except Australia and India, was reduced to two cents.

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Race for a Mail Contract.

A monster locomotive with 7 ft. drivers owned by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway, was to compete with another monster of the Chicago and Northwestern railway for the fast mail contract between Chicago and Omaha.

At the Cascades, on the Soulanges Canal, on Friday last, J. Larouque and M. Kelly were killed and four Finlanders seriously injured, by an explosion of dynamite.

Mrs. Farr, of St. Catherine's, visiting her daughter at Hamilton, Ont., while bringing in clothes from the backyard, on the 29th ult., fell and broke her neck. Death was instantaneous.

According to a Pekin despatch of the 29th, there has been no settlement of the demand by France for an extension of the concession at Shanghai. China's decision in the matter will depend upon Great Britain.

About twenty-six million dollars will be required to pay off the claims of the United States citizens who sustained damage in Spanish possessions during the late war. The matter will be recommended to congress by the President after the ratification of the treaty of peace.

A Paris despatch says that the Minister of the Interior has called on Cayenne for France, and claims the question of his return can be decided only by the Court of Cassation.

Premier Murray and Attorney-General Longley, of Nova Scotia, arrived at Ottawa on Friday last, to discuss with Sir Louis Davies the Nova Scotia fishery question as affected by the decision of the judicial committee of the privy council. There will be a conference of local premiers on this question.

The following singular case is being investigated by the Montreal police. In that city, a short time ago, the residence of Wm. Horn, in the Mill Road, was entered by three masked men, who forcibly seized and carried him off under pretence of being detectives. Nothing further has been heard of him.

The Patriot, after several weeks absence, has decided to print to touch upon the Wite letter. "We never refused to publish a letter from Mr. Wite," it says, "and hope and trust we will never have to." Perhaps the Patriot will tell us why the letter was not published.

The Paris Matin says: "France would probably be inclined to renounce the right of the New England French shore, but the compensation for renouncing would entail the loss of French sovereignty in the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon."

Mrs. Charles Dewey is dying in New York from injuries sustained as a result of being hugged by Miss Clara Neilson, a sixteen year old girl, as a Postville despatch to an afternoon paper. She is 70 years old. A few minutes after the young girl's enthusiastic greetings the old woman fell to the floor unconscious. It was found that several bones had been broken, and that the cartilage had been torn from the breastbone.

The famous Parlow trial at St. Schastig, P. Q., was ended on the 29th ult. by a verdict of guilty. Samuel Parlow was at once sentenced to be hanged on the same day as his accomplice, Cordelia Vian, March 10th.

Judge Tachereau in pronouncing sentence on Parlow, said that in his association with a woman so depraved as Mrs. Vian. This will be the first hanging in the Province for fifty years.

News of the invasion of the neutral zone, in the Langon Praline, province of Siam, by the Siamese, is confirmed. Mr. Macey, the French commissioner, made representations on the subject to the mandarins, who paid no attention to them and refused to leave the zone. Reports of the acts of aggression by Siamese troops are also confirmed. No one was killed or wounded on the French side, the deaths being entirely of a material nature.

Berlin advises say there is much comment here on the reported arrival of a United States warship at Apia, Samoa, the newspapers regarding it as a sign that President McKinley means to carry out the plan outlined in his recent message to congress. The Vonstsch Zeltung says: "No doubt Great Britain will support America and thus paralyze the slowly acquired German preponderance. There is no longer a chance of Germany securing exclusive control."

The following results of trial shipments of poultry from Ontario to London are reported from Ottawa. Fowls brought 18 cents a lb. in the Liverpool market. The chickens were sent packed but not drawn, and weighed an average of 4 lbs. each. The wholesale price was equal to 18 cents per pair. When put up to fatten they were worth about 50 cents a pair. The food consumed was valued at 21 cents per pair. Cost of packing, case, transportation and selling charges amounted to 10 cents per pair, a total of \$1.05, showing a profit of 70 cents per pair.

Archbishop Bruchet of Montreal has addressed a letter to the directors of La Presse and La Patrie, saying that while he is particularly of opinion that the press should be free, he is also of opinion that the press should be responsible, and that the press should be controlled by the moral welfare of the community. It is stated further that the directors of these papers have insisted to assume the responsibility of their own actions, and that they will do their utmost to conform to his wishes and advice. It will be interesting to see how the undertaking is carried out. It will involve something of a conflict between principle and profit.

According to Washington advices the news of the sinking of the battleship Iowa from Callao to San Francisco, instead of having her accompany the Oregon and distilling ship Iris direct to Manila via Honolulu, as originally intended, is that the Iowa met with a minor accident on her way down the Atlantic coast of South America, when one of her steam cylinders burst. This happened before she got around the Horn, but the fact was concealed from the public until the receipt of private letters a few days ago. A new cylinder has been shipped to San Francisco, and will be put in place upon the Iowa's arrival there.

Life insurance is a good thing but health insurance by keeping the blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla, is still better.

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