

### EXCURSION TRAIN THROUGH TRESTLE

#### The Collier Special, Carrying Cleveland People Wrecked in Georgia

### ENGINE MEN ARE KILLED

Atlanta, Jan. 7.—Running at a speed of thirty miles an hour, the second section of an excursion train on the Southern railway from Cleveland, known as the Collier special, and bound for the city of Atlanta, plunged through a trestle over a creek about fifty miles north of Atlanta today, and as a result three persons are dead, two fatally injured and 89 passengers so seriously injured as to require medical attention.

Two hundred passengers dropped 25 feet to the bed of the creek with the coaches. The accident was due to derailment of the train as it struck the trestle, but the exact cause of the derailment is not known.

The dead men are Engineer Edwards and two firemen. The Collier special is an annual excursion run from Cleveland to Florida points. The passengers were brought into Atlanta over the Seaboard tracks. Twenty injured were removed to hospitals here.

**Sir Wilfrid's Tablet**  
Quebec, Jan. 8.—An historical tablet presented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier by senators and members of the House of Commons has just been finished by Arthur Talbot of this city.

**Fire in Halifax**  
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 8.—The business premises of John Starr, Son & Company, electrical supplies, and Maxwell & Co., Limited, tailors, Granville street, were gutted by fire this morning.

**Broke His Neck**  
Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—While reading down stairs in the Bell Hotel, Wm. Humphreys slipped and fell to the bottom, a distance of about ten feet, and broke his neck, dying almost instantly.

**Committed Suicide**  
Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 8.—The body of a man supposed to be William S. Achermann, of Buffalo, N.Y., was found this afternoon in a corn field a mile west of the city. It is thought that he committed suicide.

**Montreal Business**  
Montreal, Jan. 8.—For the first time in the history of the port of Montreal, last season not a single sailing vessel arrived from sea. The entire trade of the port has now been captured by steamships. The tonnage of the port decreased last year, 378 steamships arriving as against 396, and the tonnage being 1,348,552 against 1,361,418. The decrease occurred entirely in connection with the gulf ports, the falling off in that trade being 55 vessels and 87,745 tons. Coal imports decreased by 100,000 tons, due to the spring ice blockade.

**FLOATING CITY INDEED**  
New Hamburg-American Steamship Europa to Be Marvellously Fitted Out

New York, Jan. 8.—The Times says among innovations which Herr Balin has planned for the new Hamburg-American line steamship Europa, now being built at Belfast, are a barbershop and a modiste's parlor, which will be under the direction of first class artists, from London and Paris. American tailors will also be on board to please those who like English clothes but not the cut.

Whether women will be spry enough to try on their dresses in mid-ocean is yet to be proved. Herr Balin thinks that the great size of the Europa, 46,000 tons, will preclude the possibility of rolling to an extent that will permit women to keep their feet while being fitted.

There is also to be a jewelry store on board, in which passengers may select diamonds and precious stones at their leisure without the trouble of hawking London, Paris or Berlin for them.

The Europa is to have a Ritz-Carlton restaurant and tanks on deck, in which to bring over live soles from Dover and St. Beaufort, and a barbershop and a modiste's parlor, which will be under the direction of first class artists, from London and Paris.

**Young Duberley's Suicide**  
Niagara Falls, Ont., Jan. 8.—The body of H. Gray Duberley, the young man who committed suicide in New York, leaving a letter addressed to Earl Grey, the Governor-General, and to Miss Hampden of this city, has been identified as that of a Grand Trunk freight clerk, for three years employed in the office here, and who has been missing for the past week, with an alleged shortage in his accounts of about six hundred dollars. He was a refined young fellow, with one failing, tendency to drink, and had a great many friends in this city. The unhappy home life mentioned in his letter to his father was known only to his closest friends, of whom Miss Hampshire was one.

### JAPAN'S HANDS FULL

Interview in Paris Paper Represents Her as Fully Occupied in the Far East

Paris, Jan. 8.—The Echo de Paris prints an interview emanating, it is said, from an "authorized Japanese source," with the object of showing that Japan is so absorbed with the mainland of Asia that war with America is impossible.

"The entire attention of Japan," said the interview, "is occupied with China and Korea, where developments are occurring which are giving Tokyo the gravest concern. China has just dismissed a number of Japanese instructors, who have been replaced with Germans. The Manchurian situation is full of complications. China demands the immediate integral application of the treaty of Portsmouth, which would deprive Japan of the possibility of exercising an efficacious influence in Manchuria."

"Japan opposes the extension of the Pekin railway to Fooking by way of Hsin-min-tun on the ground that the Hsin-min-tun agreement of 1905 stipulated that China should not construct any other line injurious to Japanese interests. The Japanese occupation of Korea is also a meeting with much opposition from the Japanese."

"Japan is actively pushing the work of increasing her armaments. The message of the Emperor of Japan clearly indicates that the country is looking to the Far East and not in the direction of America."

**Toronto Indictments**  
Toronto, Jan. 8.—This afternoon the grand jury returned true bills against Jacob Cohen, charged with attempted murder, George Chambers and Thomas Morgan, highway robbery, and George Chambers on two charges of attempted murder.

### BARON TAKAHIRA QUOTE ACCEPTABLE

State Department Ready to Welcome Him as Ambassador From Japan

Tokio, Jan. 8.—In connection with the successor of Viscount Aoki as ambassador at Washington, the Associated Press has been informed that the Japanese embassy at Washington was instructed a week ago to formally notify the State Department of the proposed resignation of the late Japanese ambassador to Tokyo, and to ask if he would be acceptable. No reply has yet been received, and the foreign office attributes the delay to the pressure of business at Washington. It does not believe there will be the slightest hesitation on the part of the American government in accepting Baron Takahira.

Washington, Jan. 8.—While officially nothing has been heard at the Japanese embassy of the decision of the State Department to accept Baron Takahira as ambassador to Washington, it is not doubted that the general belief among the embassy attaches is that the appointment of Baron Aoki will not be announced until the arrival of the latter in Japan, as diplomatic courtesy demands that this consideration be shown to a retiring official.

While the Japanese embassy will yet see fit to announce formally the appointment of Baron Takahira to succeed Ambassador Aoki in Washington, the charge of the embassy, Mr. Miyokata, has at the instance of his government inquired of the State Department whether Baron Takahira would be persona grata to succeed to Viscount Aoki. Secretary Root has replied that the appointment would be received with pleasure by this government. Nothing is yet known as to when the new ambassador will arrive here, but it is presumed that he probably will find it necessary to return from Rome to Japan to receive instructions from his own government before taking up his new duties in Washington.

**Canadian Display at London.**  
Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The Canadian government has in course of erection a large special building for the accommodation of Canadian exhibits at the Franco-British exhibition which opens in London, England, on May first next. The government part of the display will consist of exhibits of the natural resources of Canada, such as agricultural products, minerals, forestry, fish and game, horticulture, dairying and other products. There will be accommodations reserved for the display of Canadian manufactures.

**Bank Clearings in 1907**  
Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—The table of yearly bank clearings for 1907 shows an increase in Vancouver of 44.5 per cent, over 1906, and in Victoria an increase of 21.3. Winnipeg's increase was only 18.85 per cent, and Montreal and Toronto show only a fractional increase.

**Street Railway Trouble**  
Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 8.—John Theaker, president of the street railwaymen's union, was discharged yesterday. The company claims that Theaker was carrying passengers free of charge, but the men are inclined to think the dismissal is due to Theaker's part in the strike a little over a year ago. The mayor and the president of the trades and labor council have been appealed to. There may be trouble.

**Vesuvius at Play**  
Naples, Jan. 8.—Following a number of heavy detonations yesterday, a portion of the cone of Mount Vesuvius sank within the crater, causing great internal eruptions. An enormous column of smoke arose from the crater and spread out for miles. President F. Matteuci, director of the observatory, said that there was no danger of a clash, the present sinking of the cone being merely a geological phenomenon.

London council has a surplus this year of about \$8,000.

### TRADE OF BRITAIN IN THE PAST YEAR

Export Figures Show Large Declines in Manufacturers' Wares

SOLD MORE TO CANADIANS

More Wheat and Flour and Less of Other Produce From Canada

Montreal, Jan. 8.—A special London cable says: The official Board of Trade returns afford striking evidence that the astounding three years' boom in British exports consisted almost entirely of coal. The exports of manufacturers show large declines in iron, steel and other metals. Taking the year 1907 as a whole, the increase in exports was \$25,000,000, of which about half is estimated as due to increased quantities exported, and the rest to increased prices of the raw materials, originally imported. The year's exports also include an increase of \$5,000,000 in coal exports.

Canada's purchase of British manufactures has undergone a remarkable expansion during the year. The cotton piece goods Canada bought in 1907, \$2,750,000 worth, or 50 per cent more than in 1906, and in quantity just double what was bought in 1905. The increase for the year in woolen piece goods is \$900,000, though in December worsteds showed a decrease.

Exports of pig iron show an increase of 57,000 tons during the year, and of \$100,000 in value. The iron galvanized sheets increased nearly \$500,000. Steel bars and sections declined 17 per cent in quantity, while the exports of tin plates remained practically stationary.

A startling item in British imports from Canada is the decline of the butter trade almost to the vanishing point. The whole year's butter imports from Canada were 35,000 hundredweight, or one-sixth of the total imports for 1906 and one-ninth of the total in 1905. What Canada has lost in the butter trade, however, she has gained. Cheese imported from Canada also declined a quarter million hundredweight and \$3,000,000 in value. The British cheese market appears to be in a state of depression, and other exporters lost. Eggs and tinned salmon were only about one-half the amount imported in 1906. The importation of bacon was stationary.

As for the three years past, the trade in cattle has declined considerably, namely, by \$5,000 head, valued at \$3,000,000. The importation of cattle from the United States also declined by 50,000 head. The British are apparently eating more mutton and pork and less beef than previously.

On the other hand, Canada overtops her wheat record. Britain last year imported 23,500,000 bushels of Canadian wheat, or 2,500,000 bushels more than she imported in 1906, which was in itself a record year. The average price at British ports in 1907 was over \$1 per bushel, compared with 87 cents in 1906. Imports of Canadian flour increased by 14,000 barrels. The Canadian sawn timber decline in British markets was 25 per cent in value and 40 per cent in quantity. Sawm split timber declined by 20 per cent in value and quantity.

**Frisco Firm Fails**  
San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 8.—The big department store on Market street, known as Kragen's, yesterday was placed in the hands of C. H. Havens. The concern is said to be heavily in debt. The principal creditors are in the East.

**Women and Feathers**  
New York, Jan. 8.—Pledges not to wear the plumage of birds other than crows were signed yesterday by women representing thirteen organizations in the federation of women's clubs, being occasioned by the meeting of the seventh district of the official body. The pledges exclude domestic fowls.

**Railway Hands Laid Off**  
New Orleans, La., Jan. 8.—Between 2,000 and 4,000 Illinois Central Railroad company employees have been dropped from the payroll because of the financial situation. This was the announcement made here last night by J. T. Harahan, President of the Illinois Central railway, who said if he could possibly prevent it, no men would be laid off.

### STILL TALK WAR

French Papers Refuse to Let Go the Idea of a Fight of Fleets on the Pacific

Paris, Jan. 8.—The sensational section of the French press continues to dwell upon the probabilities of a clash between Japan and the United States. La Presse today publishes a long interview with Jacques Flach, the historian and professor in the college of France, who declares his belief that a conflict is certain for the reason that Japan seeks war. He advises the American fleet to be on the watch for a sudden Japanese descent, and asks: "Who knows if the attack made by the Japanese on the Russian ships at Chemulpo will not be repeated upon the American ships tomorrow?"

Concluding, Flach advises Great Britain and France to intervene and put an end to the trouble before it is too late. The Journal Des Debats, a more conservative paper, prefixes a long editorial article with the remark that a conflict is improbable, but it then proceeds to outline the circumstances which appear to favor a rupture. In the event of a clash, this paper believes that Japan would try to seize Hawaii as the territorial key to the situation.

### WRECKED IN STORM

Two Schooners Lost on Atlantic Coast—Five Members of One Crew Drowned

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 8.—A broken message received here today from Cape Hatteras on the North Carolina seaboard reports the stranding and loss in the treacherous Diamond shoals yesterday of an unknown schooner, out of whose crew of seven men five perished and two were saved. The message which fails to give the name of the lost vessel, reports her to have been a schooner bound from Long Point, Maine, to Charleston, S. C., laden with fish scrap. The captain of the vessel was among those who were lost.

**Provincetown, Mass., Jan. 8.**—The Boston fishing schooner Bount, which grounded in the harbor, began to go to pieces at dawn today under the hammering of the heavy seas. Her crew, taken off last night, though difficult by the life-liners from Race Point and Wood End. The schooner was engaged in trading.

**Nova Scotia Storm**  
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 8.—A tremendous wind and rain storm has swept over Nova Scotia. The gale was very severe on the Bay of Fundy, and the tides were the highest in years.

**Died of Heart Failure**  
Bowmanville, Jan. 8.—Elgin Kennerly, aged 52, died of heart failure after having had some teeth extracted at the dentist's. No anaesthetics were administered, but the shock brought on heart failure.

**Toronto, Jan. 8.**—Mrs. McQuillan was awarded \$900 by a jury today for the death of her husband, who died for injuries received in a collision.

### MANCHURIA AFFAIRS ARE COMPLICATED

Japan's New Postal Proposals Stands Firm on Railway Question

Peking, Jan. 8.—The proposals made by Count Hayashi, the Japanese minister of foreign affairs, for a settlement of the postal question in Manchuria have reached Peking, but they have not been presented to the foreign board. It has been learned, though, that Japan contemplates the construction of a postal line for the settlement of the telegraph difficulty.

China fears, however, that the proposal will be in the nature of a compromise, and that the Japanese will be unacceptable. The Japanese it would appear, have yielded to the wishes of Great Britain and the United States in the postal matter. Her attitude is based on the verbal promise given by China, which was incorporated in the minutes of the negotiations preceding the Komura treaty of 1904, namely, not to construct a competing railroad parallel to the existing South Manchurian line.

In an authoritative quarter it was declared today that Japan would forbid the construction of parallel or other lines unless in conjunction with the Japanese line. She fears the erection of a barrier between her sphere of influence and Mongolia, and desires that all new railroads be branches of the South Manchurian line. At the present time China is opposed to any further extension of the railway into Manchuria.

Following the exception taken by Great Britain to Japan's protest against the extension by China of the Hsin-min-tun railroad to the north, the Japanese government has taken the matter. Her attitude is based on the verbal promise given by China, which was incorporated in the minutes of the negotiations preceding the Komura treaty of 1904, namely, not to construct a competing railroad parallel to the existing South Manchurian line.

**Endorsement For Taft**  
Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 8.—The Republican state committee here today endorsed Secretary Wm. H. Taft for president.

**Windsor Man's Death**  
Canton, Ohio, Jan. 8.—Wm. Harris, a marble cutter of Windsor, Canada, was found dead in his room here today. He was asphyxiated by fumes from a gas stove.

**Murder of Mrs. Whitmore**  
Boston, Jan. 8.—Fred W. Elliot, was arrested today for the murder of Mrs. Whitmore, who was killed in the murder of Mrs. Whitmore.

**Robbers Loot Bank**  
Ottawa, Kansas, Jan. 8.—Robbers today wrecked the safe in the Bank of Quenemo, at Quenemo, Kansas, near here, and escaped with between seven and eight thousand dollars.

**Garrison Rumor Denied**  
Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The militia authorities deny the Halifax report that a British regiment is being brought over for garrison duty at that place. No such change is contemplated.

**Miss Vanderbilt's Wedding**  
London, Jan. 8.—Count Anton Sigsbee, on the steamer Kron Princess Cecilie today for New York. He will act as best man at the wedding in New York on January 27 of Count Laszlo Széchenyi and Miss Gladys Vanderbilt. The mother and sister of Count Laszlo and other members of his family are on their way. Lt.-Commander William Howard, until recently German naval attaché at Berlin, is also a passenger.

**FRANCE WANTS HELP**  
Anxious to Secure Spain's Co-Operation in Carrying on Energetic Policy in Morocco

Madrid, Jan. 8.—M. Pichon, the French foreign minister, who is now here, has been in conference with King Alfonso, Premier Maura and other members of the government with the idea of securing the co-operation of Spain in the carrying out of the more energetic policy in Morocco upon which France has decided. It is understood that Germany is ready to give France and Spain a free hand in Morocco provided the "open door" there is not disturbed.

**Broker's Suicide**  
New York, Jan. 8.—Charles W. Whitney, a member of the stock exchange firm of H. M. Whitney & Sons, committed suicide at his home in West 72nd street by shooting. The cause for his act has not yet been learned. Mr. Whitney was 33 years old.

### LOSES CONTROL OF MERCANTILE

F. A. Heinze Obligated to Hand Bank Stock Back to the Gould Interest

UNABLE TO PAY UP PRICE

Answers to Indictment of the Grand Jury in U. S. Circuit Court

New York, Jan. 8.—Unable to meet payments due on his stock in the institution, F. Augustus Heinze today lost control of the Mercantile National bank, the conduct of which, as its president, earlier in the day, had bragged about his arrangement in the United States Circuit court, on charges of over-certification.

Just one year ago Heinze bought a controlling interest from the Goulds, with whom he pledged his holdings as security for his promise to pay for the same in full within one year. This loan of \$1,200,000 was given today to Edwin Gould and Wm. Nelson Cromwell, who was a member of the Gould party in the bank before the Heinze takeover.

Heinze fought to meet his obligations before the Heinze takeover. His failure was chronicled in the following statement, issued by Mr. Cromwell, after an afternoon conference of the parties concerned:

"The Heinze stock in the Mercantile National bank has been acquired by Mr. Gould in a satisfactory arrangement before Mr. Heinze was given every possible chance to pay for the stock, but because of his inability to do so in the time agreed upon, we have been obliged to take it over."

Later Mr. Cromwell added that the Gould interests would assume their proper place on the bank board at the meeting on January 14. This implies, of course, that the so-called Heinze directors will then retire.

This morning Heinze under bail following the indictment by the federal grand jury on a charge of over-certifying checks of his brothers' brokerage firm involving \$400,000, was arrested before Mr. Heinze was given permission to alter or withdraw it or to make any desired motions later.

It was reported today that other men equally as prominent as Heinze in Wall street operations were to be called before the federal authorities to plead to similar indictments. Who they are, however, is not yet known, but it is expected could not be learned at the district attorney's office. It is known that the grand jury is not yet through with its action on the banking conditions exposed by the recent financial troubles.

**Mount Royal's Passengers.**  
Queenstown, Jan. 8.—The steamship Mount Rose, of the C.P.R. Atlantic service, will take on board the passengers for the winter ship Mount Royal, which put back to this port after being disabled at sea while on her way to St. John, N.B. The steamer Manitoba will tow the Mount Royal to Liverpool.

**Notes Were Forged.**  
Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The action of the Banque Nationale against Alphonse Valiquette for \$16,000, the amount of notes held by the bank against him, was dismissed by Judge Hildel in the high court today. It was thrown out on the ground that the name of Alphonse Valiquette on the notes disappeared by the action of the bank, who absconded last spring, and the son of the man whose name he forged. The judge pointed out that the officers should make every effort to bring the forger to justice.

**Manitoba Telephones**  
Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—At yesterday's afternoon sitting of the provincial legislature Hon. C. J. Mickle, leader of the opposition, continued the debate on the address in reply to the speech of the Hon. C. J. Mickle, reporting the policy of public ownership of telephones, he argued that the purchase of the Bell telephone system by the government before the assembly before it was concluded. The premier in reply said he couldn't tell whether more had been paid for the plant than it was worth, but if it had, the public interest justified the transaction.

**Saskatchewan University.**  
Regina, Sask., Jan. 8.—The senate of Saskatchewan university held a secret session today to nominate five candidates for the board of governors of the university. Those elected were: John Dixon, Maple Creek; A. F. Angus, Regina; James Clinksill, Saskatoon; Arthur Hildebrand, Moose Jaw, and A. McDonald, Prince Albert. The president of the university is also to be appointed. Among the prominent men here for consideration are Principal Peterson, McGill university, Montreal; Prof. Hutton, University college, Toronto; and Prof. Bland, Wesley college, Winnipeg.

**Affairs of Kelly Brothers.**  
Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—In chambers, before Mr. Justice Mathers, this morning, the application in the matter of the Kellys, for a receiver to deal with the assets and property of the firm, came on for argument. The plaintiffs in the case are Michael and Arthur Kelly, and the defendant is Thomas Kelly, all well known contractors in the city. A dispute having arisen between the brothers, the partnership agreement was terminated and the defendant is ready to give judgment. Kelly brothers were contractors for the post offices at Vancouver and Winnipeg and other large buildings in western Canada.

### SKELETON COMPANIES

United States War Department Finds it Impossible to Keep Up the Army's Strength

Washington, Jan. 8.—The hard times in the industrial world that have driven into the U. S. marine corps and the navy nearly all of the men needed to fill the authorized quota, have not helped the arm so far in the matter of recruitment. Reports still flow in upon the war department of failure to secure recruits, of privates buying their discharges, of non-commissioned officers refusing to re-enlist, and of resulting skeleton organizations that are little more than travesties upon fighting forces.

A typical report just at hand is one from Fort Macintosh, Texas, in which the commanding officer of a battalion of the Nineteenth Infantry says: "I have present today in the four companies 56 men, and 23 of these are to be discharged this month. At the end of the month, if we get no new recruits, one company will have three men and another four. The other two companies will have eleven and twelve men respectively."

The report is one of a number being sent to the enlightenment of congress in dealing with the great question, "What is wrong with the army?"

**Fiendish Negroes**  
Lawrenceville, Ga., Jan. 8.—Two negroes, Jos. Hudson and H. Campbell, are in jail here charged with having murdered Hudson's wife and then setting the house of fire in an attempt to hide the crime. When the neighbors arrived they found the remains of Mrs. Hudson and her 3-months' old child.

After the fire had been removed it was found that the woman had been stabbed to death, while the child was left to perish in the flames.

### WINNIPEG JOBBERS FIGHTING TARIFFS

Argue That New Rates Would Handicap Them in Western Country

Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—C. E. Carpenter, secretary of the Winnipeg Jobbers and Shippers' Association, being asked his opinion as to the evidence taken yesterday with regard to the proposed new tariffs on the C. P. R. and the G. N. R., spoke as follows: "In his evidence yesterday, Mr. Ashdown showed conclusively the disadvantage in favor of the Kootenay and to the Winnipeg Jobbers. Mr. Ashdown showed plainly the large discrimination against Winnipeg in favor of the centers. The strong case presented by him should certainly influence the railway commission to give a decision placing the different business centers on an equality, so far as the Kootenay is concerned. When the other features of the protest are gone into, we expect to make a case equally as strong."

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### HON. MR. LEMIEUX ON HIS WAY EAST

Ridicules Statement of Associated Press That Mission Was Failure

TALK OF WAR SENSELESS

Japanese People Take Keen Interest in Immigration Question

Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, postmaster-general, who has been in Japan conducting negotiations in regard to the question of Japanese immigration to this country, passed through the city this morning on his way to Ottawa. His private car, the Ottawa, was attached to the Overseas Limited, which remained at the station only about ten minutes. While here, however, he was interviewed by Postmaster McIntyre and other Winnipeg citizens.

When seen by a reporter Mr. Lemieux was questioned regarding to the mission which had taken him to the Orient. "The Associated Press of America has stated," said Mr. Lemieux, "that my mission to the Orient was a failure. The reason they gave for the failure was that I had not called upon the American minister at Tokyo. I had nothing whatever to do with the American minister. My business was a serious one with the Japanese government, and I was not responsible in any degree to the representative of a foreign power. It is to be judged by the people and the press of my own country, and not by the Associated Press of America."

"How about the talk of war between the United States and Japan?" he was asked.

"In Japan it is not taken seriously, especially since the last message of President Roosevelt. Economically they are in a very poor condition, and the late war has drained their resources, and they are all for peace. You hear no talk of war, and no one even thinks of it."

"The great question at the present time is that of immigration. It is a most important one, and why the Canadian government will have to be very careful. Fortunately Count Hayashi is the brains of the Japanese government today. He is the man who will negotiate the treaty with Great Britain before the late war, and that is a sample of his ability. He is an eminently safe man, and is to be trusted to settle this question of immigration satisfactorily. This question, however, is interesting the people of Japan very greatly today. There are about fifty daily papers in Tokyo, and the people are kept thoroughly informed in regard to it."

"The Japanese are most progressive in every way. I do not judge merely by their army, which is probably the most efficient in the world today, nor by their navy, which is second only to that of Great Britain, but I judge by their universities, their schools and by their public institutions and government."

"As regards the actual result of my mission, I cannot speak at the present time."

### AMERICAN TOBACCO

Company Official Says it Makes Up Most of Trade in China and Other Countries

New York, Jan. 8.—The tobacco products sold in China and other parts of the Orient, and also in the majority of the countries of Europe, are made from American leaf, according to the testimony of Wm. R. Harris, one of the vice-presidents of the American Tobacco company, at today's session of the investigation of the company's affairs. Mr. Harris said the American Tobacco company's business in China is carried on through the British-American Tobacco company, a subsidiary corporation. He denied the charge that the company controlled the tobacco trade of China, but said he wished it did. He named the Japanese tobacco government assembly before it was concluded. The premier in reply said he couldn't tell whether more had been paid for the plant than it was worth, but if it had, the public interest justified the transaction.

**MINING DISPUTE**  
Suit in Montana Court Over Kimberly Mining Company Involves Large Interests

Helena, Mont., Jan. 8.—Thirty-seven stockholders of the Kimberly Montana Mining Co., have filed an answer in the Federal court to the petition of the Montana Consolidated Mining Co., that the Kimberly company be adjudged bankrupt. The stockholders represent 4