

The French Crisis

Likely to Result in President
Carnot's Resignation.His Father and Brother Involved
in the Panama Scandal.Steamship Companies Combine to
Put Up Prices.Bunch of British Bye-Elections Slated
for February.The Murderess of 111 Babies
Gets One Year in Prison.Unmistakable Insanity of the Post
Waterman-Kennan's King Will Re-
sign—A Brooklyn Man Smothered
in a Steamer's Cargo
of Grain.

Earthquake in Greece.

Athens, Dec. 13.—A slight earthquake
shook was felt here to-day. Damage was
slight.

Cholera in Hamburg.

London, Dec. 13.—The Standard's cor-
respondent at Hamburg says that four
cases of cholera have been recorded in that
city since the 12th inst.

Family Murdered by Tramps.

London, Dec. 13.—A dispatch
from Birmingham says that a Jewish inn-keeper
and his wife and three children have been murdered
by tramps.

French Monarchists Jubilant.

Paris, Dec. 13.—The monarchist papers
are jubilant over the fall of M. Rouvier
and hail his resignation as a triumph of
the monarchist cause. A movement look-
ing to the holding of another congress at
Versailles is talked of.

Smothered in Grain.

London, Dec. 13.—The body of Patrick
Mandary, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was found
today in the hold of the steamship Pelicula
which arrived at Glasgow from New York
embodied in the grain. Macaulay was
smothered in the grain when the steamship
was being loaded.

Conservatives Resolve.

London, Dec. 13.—The Conservative
Conference at Sheffield has adjourned. A
resolution was adopted in favor of meas-
ures to remedy the depression in the agri-
cultural industry in Great Britain, provided
such measures should involve no increase
in the general taxation. The conference
exhibited great enthusiasm in denouncing
home rule.

British Bye-Elections.

London, Dec. 13.—The unseating process
is still going on, and renders it certain that
there will be a bunch of elections in February, just at
a time when the Home Rule Bill will be first
before the country. It is possible for the
liberals to make two or three gains out of
the lot, but the contests will all be close
and fought with the greatest bitterness and
determination.

Chasing a Phantom.

London, Dec. 13.—The National Union
of Conservative Associations reaffirmed
a large majority at the meeting yesterday
the motion by Col. Howard Vincent in
favor of a preferential tariff with the
Empire. The Times says the resolution
will prove as futile as the similar motion
five years ago. British imports from Can-
ada reached £10,235,000 for the eleven
months ended November, an increase of
£1,775,000.

Rumania's King to Abdicate.

Bucharest, Dec. 13.—The report that King
Carol of Rumania will abdicate in favor
of Crown Prince Ferdinand is reiterated
here with great positiveness. The king is
said to have decided to renounce the crown
immediately after the marriage of the
Crown Prince with Marie of Edinburgh.
He has been moved to this decision by the
unpleasantness caused between him and
his Ministers by his unstable attitude at
the time when Queen Elizabeth was trying
to marry Prince Ferdinand to his daughter,
Alexandra. A definite reason has been found
in the incurable illness of the queen.

Ocean Raids to Go Up.

London, Dec. 13.—Mr. Peters, secretary
of the North Atlantic Steamship Associa-
tion, states that in view of the American
regulations in regard to immigrants, the
association, at an extraordinary meeting
held yesterday, decided to carry on its
travels only in second-class passenger
ships from Jan. 1 next. It was also de-
cided to materially reduce the number of
sailings during 1893, and to raise the
second and third cabin rates in order to
make up the loss that will be incurred
through abandonment of the steerage traffic.
All special excursion rates for the Chicago
Exposition have been withdrawn
from the association.

President Carnot About to Resign.

London, Dec. 13.—A dispatch from Paris
to the Central News says: The rumors that
President Carnot will resign shortly are
confirmed this evening. At Tuesday's
Cabinet meeting during the heated dispute
between M. Ribot and M. Rouvier, the
President interposed the remark: "The
action of certain Ministers renders my re-
tention of office a most impossible." M.
Rouvier thereupon left the meeting declar-
ing that he would resign. President Car-
not's difficulty is increased by reports that
his father and his brothers are involved in
the Panama Canal Scandal. President
Carnot himself is not M. Ribot was the
one who sent to M. Thiers the dispatch:
"I will upon you as a friend of my family
to resign office. If you do I will re-
sign."

England Wants the Linen Duty Off.

London, Dec. 13.—Mr. John Leung, Lib-
eral M. P. for London, wrote to Lord
Salisbury, urging that he should make
representations at Washington with a view

The Political Mill

Not Running as Smoothly as It
Night.Messrs. Thompson and Outimet
at Loggerheads.The Minister of Public Works Rebels
Against His Leader's Dictation.De Boucherville's Resignation Accepted
—General Political News.

(Special to the Advertiser.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—Messrs. Thomp-
son and Outimet are at loggerheads to-day
over the speech of the latter at Stouffville,
when he declared in favor of separate
schools for Manitoba. The Premier sent
for him yesterday and began scolding him
for his indiscreet remarks, when Outimet
fired up and refused to accept such auto-
cratic dictation even from Thompson. They
parted in fighting humor, and Outimet is
now considering whether he will hand in
his resignation or not.

(Associated Press dispatches.)

THE QUEBEC PREMIERSHIP.

QUEBEC, Dec. 13.—Early this morning
Hon. Mr. De Boucherville had a short inter-
view with his Honor Lieut.-Gov. Chapleau,
during which Mr. De Boucherville insisted
on having his resignation accepted. The
Lieutenant-Governor accepted the resigna-
tion, and at once summoned Mr. Taillon to
Quebec. It is expected Mr. Taillon will
accept the Provincial Premiership, but
should he refuse then Mr. Flynn may take
the office.

LEEDS AND GRENVILLE REFORMERS.

BROCKVILLE, Dec. 13.—The Reformers
of Brockville met in convention to-day, and
decided not to place a candidate in the
field in opposition to John F. Wood, who
in consequence of his appointment to the
position of controller of inland revenue,
is seeking re-election.

MR. TAILLON'S PROGRAMME.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—There is the best
authority for saying Mr. Taillon's coming
into office will not entail any considerable
change in the Ministry. All the present
Ministers will be invited to retain their
portfolios, and there is reason to believe
they will do so.

NOTES.

Mr. Wood, M.P.P. for North Hastings,
denies that he is a candidate for the seat
vacated by Hon. Mr. Bowell. The story
was that he would resign his seat in the
Ontario Legislature and run for the Com-
mons.It has been definitely decided that there
will be no opposition to Hon. J. J. Curran,
Solicitor-General, in Montreal Center.

LIQUOR BAR CLOSING.

The City Council Sustained in
Its Decision.Judge Elliot's Injunction Dissolved, and
the Vote on Early Closing Will
Take Place.The London electors will vote on the
question of whether the liquor dealers
shall be closed every night at
7 o'clock instead of at 11 o'clock, as now.Such is the decision of Mr. Justice
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The Open Forum.

Popular Objections to Seven
O'Clock Closing of Bars
Answered.The Rate Question on the London
and Port Stanley Railway.A Modern Burke and Sir Francis Hincks
on Imperial Federation.

Extension of City Limits.

To the Editor of the Advertiser:

Why does not the advertisement for the
new act for city of London include the
power to add to the city from time to time
by proclamation of Lieutenant-Governor
any part of the adjoining townships? The
north of city and south of the river
contains a considerable population. Then
north of Oxford and east of Adelaide is
another district. Then again all along the
eastern limit of No. 5 ward the limit should
be extended, and especially should we be
in shape to include Pottersburg. Here-
after we have had to get a new act for each
new extension of our limits. Why can't
our city solicitor have some foresight, or
rather, why do not the council instruct him
on this point and force him to provide for
the future? It costs money and wastes
time to be constantly patching our act.
Yours, etc. WEST END.The 7 O'Clock Closing Movement—Some
Popular Objections.

To the Editor of the Advertiser:

I have frequently met with the following
objections to the early closing movement:
1. That it is not right to grant a license
and then deny the holder thereof privileges
for which he has paid? Or course it is not,
and no one contemplates anything of the
kind. The present license year will not
expire until May, and no change whatever
will take effect until after that date.
2. It is sometimes urged that the temper-
ance people are going too fast. Sir, in my
opinion, it is impossible to go too fast while
a fragment of the evil thing remains. I
speak as a Christian pastor of what I see
and know. Only last week, the very night
on which we appealed to the council, the
following case occurred: A drunken hus-
band returned to his desolate home on Col-
borne street, and because he could not ex-
tract money from the already empty purse,
with which to drink again, he took his
wife and three children to spend the
whole night in a garden shed! That mis-
erable man is now in the Central Prison, but
those who sold him liquor and took his
money are still at large, while those who
favored the temperance movement are in the
jail, as if nothing had happened!
3. It is frequently urged that the "poor
tavern-keeper" should have a "chance."
Sir, rightly considered, this man is poor
enough, God knows, and for one pity him
from the very depths of my heart. But,
sir, the tavern-keeper has had his "chance,"
and he has certainly not missed it; and now
we propose to give the boys and young men
of this city a "chance" to become intelli-
gent, prosperous Christian gentlemen,
before they are ruined by the liquor traffic.
Yours truly, ROBT. AYLMER.

Dec. 13, 1892.

Fares on the London and Port Stanley.

To the Editor of the Advertiser:

In the issue of the London and Port
Stanley Railway, I would prefer to see the
aidermen provide definitely the exact
amount of cash needed for round trips, etc.,
and not take any chances as to meaning of
any mileage rates. The agreement might
well provide for:
1. Fifty-trip tickets, either May 15 to
Oct. 15, 17½ cents per trip either way.
2. Ten-trip tickets, 20 cents per trip
either way, good during same season.
3. Return ticket, good for two weeks, 50
cents.
4. Excursion, May 24 to Sept. 15, 30
cents every week day, return same day.
5. Market day rates to London, 1 cent
per mile each way.
6. Trains to stop at Burwell street, Lon-
don, and south of Talbot street in St.
Thomas.
The feasibility of observation cars and
smoke consuming engines might be dis-
cussed, and, if possible, arranged for.
If London compels lessees to let other
roads have running powers, the lessees
should be enabled to include in such agree-
ment the right to have freight trains, by
any road over the London and Port Stanley
Railway delivered on any tracks of the
railway seeking such running powers.
The question as to proper hours for
trains can probably be left with lessees,
although the recent excursion trains leaving
here at 10 a.m. were too late, and the
return at 5 p.m. too early, for the citizens
arrived in the hottest part of the day, and
were compelled to leave before the power
of the sun was over. Yours, WEST END.

Imperial Federation Discussed.

To the Editor of the Advertiser:

The plan of a confederation of the British
Empire with all its colonies was recently
discussed by Prof. Parkin and others in
the Grand Opera House. Much was there
said of the glories of such a scheme, but
its basis and conditions were in no wise
indicated. All that was left in a beautiful
and poetical haze.I can conceive how desirable it might be
for England, in view of certain emergencies
that may arise and press upon her from
the approaches of Russia toward India;
from the complications of a protectorate
over Egypt in spite of the jealousies and
interests of such nations as France, Italy,
Austria, Germany, Greece and even the
Sick Man of Turkey; from the new ambi-
tion of the now powerful German Empire
as well as of France for the acquisition
of colonies in Asia and Africa;—to
look around to her own colonial
possessions for help and succor.
Under the present circumstances she might
consent to admit to the House of Com-
mons, even into the sanctum of the
House of Lords, a few representatives from
each group of her dominions—say half a
dozen or ten from Canada; nearly as many
from Australia; a lesser number from the
West India Islands, among whom should
figure a descendant of their negro slaves;
a few pale or yellow noddies from Hinda-
stan; one Celestial, at least, from Hong
Kong; and perhaps one from Newfoundland.
The nobility and gentry of the House of Lords
would, of course, be bestowed to the
colonial lights who by their patriotic and
disinterested efforts had persuaded their
inferior fellow-colonists to admire the
grand scheme, and to content to it after itsfull achievement and promulgation had
taken place.The colonies thus federated with the
British Empire might have, perhaps, by a
liberal allowance on the part of the Home
Government, a representation approaching
in numbers the present one of Ireland in
the Commons—something like one-sixth or
one-fifth of the entire federated parlia-
ment.This respectable colonial minority, as
motley and discordant as may be, would
have the high privilege of discussing and
voting upon all the matters of free trade or
protection, of peace or war, of offensive or
defensive alliances, and of commercial
treaties, that it would please the Home
Government with its home majority to pro-
pound and decree. On the other hand, their
presence and co-operation would, of
course, sanction any amount of taxation
that would please the Home Ministry to re-
quire from the colonies as their quota for
the glorification or extension or main-
tenance of the Empire upon which the sun
never does nor never shall set.
This would be one phase of the new
Roman Empire; but let us ponder well the
history of the old Roman Empire in all its
phases. I would say no more on this pro-
ject than echo the words of one of Canada's
greatest statesmen, Sir Francis Hincks:
"Of all the schemes, the most im-
practicable is Imperial Federation."
It would deprive representatives of the
Canadian people of the regulation of
their own fiscal policy, and which Great
Britain has almost incessantly engaged,
not only in Europe, but in other
divisions of the globe. It would add largely
to the public burdens, as it is the main
feature of the scheme that the Imperial
Federal authority should not only determine
the mode of raising the common revenue,
but likewise the military, naval and
diplomatic expenditure.That grand and glorious scheme disposed
of, what is to be the future of Canada?
I would divide the question. What is our
near future? and What is our ultimate
future? I would say in the first place if
we can obtain from the United States a
zollverein treaty, that is, mutual free trade
in all productions, then maintain the
present political status quo. Let Canada
enjoy all the benefits of commercial annexa-
tion without changing her political consti-
tution. The United States care nothing
for our political powers and agencies, but
like to get our lumber and minerals, and
to want their boundless market. And as
to England, let her be content with the
prestige of her suzerainty, the nominal glory
of calling her Dominion while she
loaves the substance of our own National
Policy and the freedom of our self-interest
government. These rights and liberties
which have required a century of efforts
and of struggles to secure, can never again
be willingly surrendered and lost.
Should I not stop here, Mr. Editor, and
spare you for the present the exposition of
what I consider the ultimate and distinct
future of Canada? I would speak of that
another time. Yours truly, L. W. BURKE.

Mr. Smallman's Reply to Mr. Cronyn.

To the Editor of the Advertiser:

In your issue of this evening I noticed
a laborer effort on the part of Mr. V. Cronyn
to justify his recent street railway deal,
and to throw discredit on the statements of
Mr. Bowman and myself.I consider Mr. Bowman well able to
defend himself in this matter, and shall
confine myself to a plain and concise ex-
planation of facts as I understand them.With any ordinary joint stock company,
whose stocks are regularly quoted on the
market, Mr. Cronyn's action would be
perfectly justifiable, but it must be remem-
bered the London street railway was not
such a company, but a close corporation,
more on the lines of a partnership, and has
always been so considered, and as Mr. V.
Cronyn and his relations held a large por-
tion of the stock, he always assumed to
himself the position of managing partner,
and although myself and others often
thought a more liberal management would
be for the best interests of the road, we
were powerless in the matter.Mr. Cronyn says: "On several occasions
recently I had informed Mr. Smallman
(though under no obligation to do so) that
it was my intention to sell my shares
whenever a satisfactory price was offered."
This is true, but he might have gone fur-
ther and stated the reason he gave for such
reserve. It was as follows: That the
worry and annoyance of dealing with coun-
cils and such matters as the Ivey propos-
al were too much for him, and that he
should have more time to devote to his
other business. He also stated that he had
many conversations on the subject of the
Ivey proposal and