

NO CABINET MINISTER!!!

Government Members Concede That a Controller Cannot be a Cabinet Minister.

Dr. Bourinot Puts the Idea Down as Unconstitutional and Highly Improper.

Premier Bowell Gets His Press to Do the Dirty Work of Backing Down.

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Ottawa, Dec. 19. (Via Seattle)—Premier Bowell's anti-cabinet telegram to Col. Prior is ridiculed here, but it shows the desperate course the government is taking to carry the election.

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The controllers, while members of the government, are not members of the cabinet, who alone are responsible for the policy of the government on every public question.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—At the annual meeting of the Conservatives of West York, held yesterday, Clarke Wallace took advantage of the occasion to declare his position to his constituents.

Mr. Wallace said he hoped an agreement would have been effected by which Manitoba, without making a concession in principle, would make an arrangement by which an hour, say from three to four, would be set apart for the Catholics, and that the children could be instructed by their own ministers during that hour.

A resolution was passed endorsing the government's fiscal policy and warmly approving of the course of Mr. Clarke Wallace on the school question.

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ROTTEN WILDCAT BANKING.

Condition of First National and Columbia National Banks; Whatcom.

Whatcom, Dec. 20.—The recent examination, by a committee of the depositors, of the affairs of the suspended First National Bank, which has been in the hands of a receiver for nearly two years and a half, has revealed a condition of loose management and utter rottenness that probably has no parallel in all the history of wildcat banking in this state.

The assets were carefully checked over with the result that out of \$1,600,000 Mr. Lynch was advised that if the bank should be sold and expenses limited to \$35 a month, \$9,000 might be realized in six months.

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PIPING TIME OF PEACE.

The Little War Steam Has Cooled Off—The Commission Bill Will Pass.

The United States Jingo Senators Were Howling Over Their Gold Mines.

Ambassador at Paris Indulges in a Little Nonsense—European Opinions.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Just before noon the foreign relations committee of the senate, which has under consideration the commission bill suggested by the President, adjourned and a virtual agreement was reached as to what should be done.

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GRATIFYING-INTELLIGENCE.

New South Wales Renews the Subsidy to the Australian Line.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The gratifying intelligence has been received by the premier that the parliament of New South Wales has renewed for three years the subsidy to the direct Canadian Australian steamship line, of which Mr. Hiddart is manager.

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U. S. BATTLE SHIP STRENGTH. Shipbuilder Cramp Compares the President's Message and the Navy.

New York, Dec. 20.—A local paper prints an interview from Washington with Charles H. Cramp, the head of the ship building firm, on the subject of a war with Great Britain, growing out of the President's attitude on the Venezuelan question.

When asked how long it would take to build a battle ship, he said: "The President's message is just as strong as it represents the national strength on sea."

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REBELLION IN HAWAII.

Authorities Arrest Some Persons for Conspiracy Against the Government.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Steamer Alameda, from Honolulu, brings news that on December 12 that three days earlier W. J. Sherrill and Dr. James Underwood were arrested; charged with conspiring to overthrow the government, and the authorities claim that these men came to Hawaii for the purpose of inciting revolt.

BENNETT BANK IN BUSINESS. After a Six Weeks' Rest, Under Favorable Prospects—Securities Safe.

Whatcom, Dec. 20.—The Bennett National Bank, which was forced by a sudden run to suspend on November 5, with aggregate liabilities of \$31,000, will re-open for business to-morrow, with nearly 70 per cent. of the liabilities deposited to-day.

New York, Dec. 20.—The stock market was widely excited to-day. The break-away came to meet people in the street as a surprise, as nothing was in sight or sign to portend any extraordinary developments.

EXPECTED ASSASSINATION. Christians in Jerusalem Would Face Badly in a War with Turkey.

New York, Dec. 19.—Salama de Ghan, an Arabian of Brooklyn, has just received a letter from his sister in Jerusalem, telling of a threatened wholesale massacre in that place by the Turkish government.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The restoration by the Southern Pacific of passenger rates between San Francisco and Portland will have no effect upon the freight rates.

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