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VICTORIA, B. C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1895.

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.

Mr. Laurier, in Good Company, is Preaching Conciliation and no Coercion.

Ottawa, Dec. 19. (Via Seattle)-Premier Bowell's bold campaign telegram to Col. Prior is ridiculed here, but it shows the desperate course the government is the desperate course the system and some given and would be extaking to carry the election. In to-day's acted to the last letter.

Citizen Premier Bowell contradicts his A resolution was passed endorsing the own telegram by saying that Col. Prior is to have a controller's salary, if he were to be a cabinet minister he would have a cabinet minister is salary. A minister of the Crown when spoken to by the Times correspondent regarding Bowell's dispatch, laughed, and said there was an election on in Victoria. The school dispatch is spoke endorsing Mr. Wallace's course. Mr. Tyrwhitt protest against any attempt to read Mr. Wallace out of the party. He also attacked Mr. Onimet there was an election on in Victoria. have a cabinet minister's salary. A there was an election on in Victoria. Following is the official announcement given out by Premier Bowell himself at

rom the World, Toronto: "By creating Mr. Wood and Col. Prior "By creating Mr. Wood and Col. Prior office, spoke approving members of the privy council, when matters affecting their departments come up at cabinet meetings they may come up at cabinet meeting the come up at cabinet meeting the cabinet meeting t

Col. Prior's appointment on the same and only probably, a bill will be introday as the World, says: "Besides being duced next session abolishing the portcontroller of inland revenue, Col. Prior will be sworn in as a privy councillor." The Mall and Empire of the same date has exactly the same dispatch; in fact every newspaper in the Dominion that announced the appointment next morning stated that Col. Prior was a controller and not a cabinet minister, al-though he was to be made a privy coun-The government's tactics now are the work of desperate men.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.-Prenner Bowel! says that Messrs. Prior and Wood at: e controllers. No one disputes the fact that they are to be big deputy ministers. The controllers are not appointed, like cabinet ministers, by the premier, but by the order-in-council, and they can be dismissed by an order-inour eil. How could a man accept a seat in a cabinet which could at pleasure dismiss him from office? How could a mere officer of the government, appointed in exactly the same way as any clerk, and placed by law under a cabinet minister, be made a cabinet minister himself? Certain duties are assigned to anything. A small matter, like doing, fo controllers by law, and their salaries are fixed at \$5000 a year.

when controllers were appointed the deputy heads of the departments were abclished and the controllers took their places. Section 4 of the act of 1887. assigns their duties. During the discussion of the bill Sir Richard Cartwright, commenting on section 4, said: "The ontrollers will be, therefore, practically n the position of inferior others, sub rdinate officers, under-secretaries, or what you will, to the minister of trade and commerce. Is that the intention of he government?" Sir John Macdonald

Sir John Macdonald therefore passed he law creating controllers as inferior fficers under a cabinet minister. That is the official status of a controller by law. Neither the governor-general nor us, even by calling Col. Prior a cabinet classes of cabinet ministers, one inferior to the other and liable to be dismissed

permit of his being a cabinet minister. Minister Ives says he will have full who are his officers, and that they will eport to him, and not to the cabinet, and that they will not nave any say or course. vote on such reports at tabinet meetings. Until such a time as the position of minster of trade and commerce is abolish-

ed this must continue. Premier Bowell's campaign telegram to Col. Prior, in which Governor Dewd eading papers here, and are to the effect hat Col. Prior must be in desperate

Ottawa, Dec. 20 .- Dr. Bourinot, the

of the government, are not members of the cabinet, who alone are responsible for the policy of the government on every public question. When once the policy of the government has been declared on any public question, it is the duty of the controllers, like all public The controllers occupy the same position as do the political under secretaries in England, and are bound by any thoroughly looted. When A. D. Lyuch,

meeting of the Conservatives of West York, held yesterday, Clarke Wallace took advantage of the occasion to declare his position to his constituents. He \$35 a month, \$9,000 might be realized briefly traversed the ground covered by his previous speeches. He condemned the government for capitulating to the French ministers when the latter went on strike, and he said it caused unprecedented scenes in parliament by comcedented scenes in parliament by compelling the premier to make a public pledge in parliament. Mr. Wallace re- and so on, and there are a lot of notes ferred to his utterance in his 12th of given by men who were never good for July speech, and said he had shown Premier Bowell what he had proposed saving, offering to resign if Sir Mackenzie Bowell had any objection, but the latter said it was not necessary, and did not object to the utterances.

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, but the bond of the government had ben given and would be ex-

government's fiscal policy and warmly approving of the course of Mr. Clarke Wallace on the school question. E. E. rather warmly and spoke disparagingly of his course in the Northwest during the time of the appointment, and taken the rebellion, Dr. Beatty Nesbitt, a prominent Conservative worker in Toronto, spoke approvingly of Mr. Wal-

Col. Prior knows, and so does the Col-onist, that the World correspondent en-joys the confidence of the premier more

than any other newspaper correspondent give a controller a cabinet seat, and now the premier has caused his reptile press The Gazette, Montreal, in announcing in the far west to say that probably, folio of trade and commerce and restor ing the customs and inland revenue to their old positions. Stories of that kind are not published

except within six days' travel of Ottawa, but such a bill would only come into force, even if passed, after the parliamentary term had expired, and the general elections would be on. To-day's trade figures in the official

Gazette show that the exports have declined during the last month about one million and a half dollars over the same figures of November last year, and last year's figures were very low. So much for trade restriction. If British Columbia wants cabinet

epresentation, it will be Mr. Laurier who will have to give it. Whatever the bye-election may do, Mr. Laurier's return at the general election is certain.

The Herald, Montreal, has a leading article on cheap labor in reference to the story that controllers can be cabine ministers. It says: "As for Col. Prior, nobody expected him to take a stand or-\$5000 a year, the work for which Mr. Costigan used to get \$7000, would not trouble him at all. A Chinaman even

would object to take \$5000 for the same work which his companion got \$7000. Mr. Laurier is preaching the doctrine of conciliation and no coercion before the Irish electors of Montreal Centre and the French-Canadians of Jacques Cartier. He is supported by Hon. Mr. Ross, of the Ontario government; Hon. Mr. Fielding, premier of Nova Scotia, and Hon. Mr. Emerson, of the New Brunswick government. If possible, Hon, Mr. Peters, premier of Prince El ward Island, will join the Liberal forces. Toronto, Dec. 21.-A mass meeting of Orangemen, called by the county lodge, was held last evening to endorse the course taken by Clarke Wallace. About one thousand attended, all evidently in speakers were Mr. Wallace himself,

the prime minister can change that stat- sympathy with the ex-controller. The minister. A controller cannot be a cabi- Thos. Crawford, Conservative M.P.P., net minister, because there are not two | Major Hughes, M.P., and E. E. Sheppard. All spoke strongly denouncing the attitude of the Ottawa government from office by the other, and in receipt on the remedial legislation question save of less salary than the other. Just as Major Sam Hughes. He, while conlong as Premier Bowell says that Col. gratulating Mr. Wallace on the pluck Prior is a controller, he places him in t shown in resigning, which reflected credposition under the law which will not it on the order, expressed doubt whether the course of the government, after all, would not prove to be such as would entrol over Messrs. Prior and Wood, have allowed Mr. Wallace to remain a meeting thereof. Resolutions were passed warmly endorsing Mr. Wallace's

As Abraham Lincoln called them, do not care to argue about their allments. What they want is a medicine that will cure them. The simple, honest statement, "I ney's name figures, is published in the know that Hood's Sarsaparilla cured me, is the best argument in favor of this medicine and this is what many thousands voluntarily say.

HOOD'S PILLS are the best after-dinner

well known constitutional authority. pills, assist digestion, cure headache. 25c.

ROTTEN, WILDCAT BANKING. Condition of First National and Colum-

bia National Banks, Whatcom. Whatcom, Dec. 20.-The recent examination, by a committe of the depositors, of the affairs of the suspended neither directly nor indirectly to place First National Bank, which has been in officers, to support that policy, and the hands of a receiver for nearly two any obstacle in the way of its being years and a half, has revealed a concarried out. If they have any objection of loose management and utter tion to that policy, it is their duty to rottenness that probably has no parallel immediately place their resignations in in all the history of wildcat banking in the hands of the head of their depart this state. It seems almost incredible ment namely, the minister of trade and that a national bank, subject to federal commerce, under the Canadian system. examination twice a year, at least, and course of action upon which the government may decide." the confidential as of the comptroller, was here recently, Toronto, Dec. 20.-At the annual the assets were carefully checked over sistant cashier each got several thousand the amounts even in boom times. Since the failure of the bank 20 per cent. of the claims have been paid and it is bare-

> to pay 10 per cent. more. Mr. Lynch has also made an examination of the affairs of the Columbia National, with a committee of the depositors, and its condition is said to be but little better than that of the First Nat-ional. Only one dividend of 15 per cent. has been paid, and the stockholders have been released from 82 per cent. of theirliability by an assessment of only 18 per cent. on the stock. It is possible that an effort will be made to wind up the affairs of the Columbia by next August, when the depositors may possibly receive 10 or 15 per cent. more of their claims. Not unnaturally, they simply feel as if they had been held up and robbed.

ly possible that enough may be realized

GUNNING WITHOUT A LICENSE. Opinion of International Law by Proffessor Wolsey, of Yale.

New Haven, Dec. 20 .- Prof. Theo-

everybody knows to be ridiculous. The pass. President emphasizes unduly a single are else free to reject his decision. In Great Britain, for it could not but agthis case neither party made the Presi- gravate the present situation. dent a mediator, and he announces his New York, Dec. 20.-A number and northeast boundary dispute."

take. Referring to the message of the President, he said: "The President has gone gunning without taking out a gui

THE NEW ENGLISH PENNY. Ship and Lighthouse.

Ever since the bronze coinage was issued in England its design has remained the same. For thirty-five years the meantime there have been two changes in the coins struck in the nobler metals. That adopted in the jubilee year, which, on account of its ugliness was discarded in 1893, and that which superseded it, with a much more beautiful obverse. It is this obverse that has been adopted all the coins of Great Britain the same in design. The reverse is much the same as that of the old penny, except that the figure Britannia is much more spirited in execution, and the ship and lighthouse in the distance are wanting, which were ever present on the old to remind the true Briton that Britannia still rules the waves.

Canadian News.

Toronto, Dec. 20.-The firm of Samthe balance of the year. Markham, Dec. 20.-Mrs. Nancy Ma. one was burned to death in her home

by the upsetting of a lamp. BOY MURDERER CONVICTED. Lloyd Montgomery Returned Guilty of Mader in the First Degree.

Albany, Or., Dec. 19.—The jury in the trial of Lloyd Montgomery, the 18-year-old boy, for the murder of his father and mother, and Daniel McKercher, near Brownsville, to-night returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree.

OF PEACE

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

The United States Jingo Senators Were Howling Over Their

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

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.-Just be fore 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. The bill, with some The time limit suggested by Senator by the house. An amendment is also be to ascertain the facts, not to determine the boundary line, as the bill now provides. The committee also agreed in the caucus yesterday that there was in the caucus yesterday that there was in the house resolution no limitation as that the section of the revised statutes. Should report, and this was felt to be an oversight which should be remedied. shall not apply to these appointments. This last amendment is intended to permit the appointment of persons now holding positions under the government as members of the commission.

phrase of the Monroe doctrine, without largely to the excited state of public taking into account the special circum-stances which the Monroe doctrine was in the house by Mr. Barrett, that the rentended to meet. In the whole matter call of Ambassador Bayard was immin the Monroe doctrine should be kept out ent. Private Secretary Thurber, when of sight as inapplicable and the question asked about them, made an absolute deshould be argued on the grounds of na- nial, adding that recall was not anticitional policy. The President finds his pated. At the British embassy the beoffer of arbitration declined. He now lief was expressed that the rumors announces himself as a mediator. But were untrue. It is believed here than the mediator known to international law the President would not at this time must be accepted by both parties, who make any change in the embassy to

intention to enforce a decision. He is business men, said to be opposed to Mr. therefore not a mediator, but a dictator. Cleveland's Venezuelan position, are cir-Compulsory mediation in this case is as culating the following, addressed to the much out of place as would have been president of the New York chamber of a similar proposition in our northwest commerce: "The undersigned members of the chamber of commerce respectfully Prof. Wolsey said he regarded Eng. request you to call a special meeting of land's refusal of arbitration as a mis- the chamber at an early date for the purpose of considering the Venezuelan

London, Dec. 20.-The Vienna corres pondent of the Chronicle says that the Neue Freie Presse learns that an American syndicate, comprising all the leading senators and financiers, obtained in Feb-Abandonment of the Old Face With the ruary a valuable concession of gold mining lands in Venezuela.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.-The Russian papers generally discuss the Venezuelan question and express the belief that it will have a pacific issue. The Novosti considers the position assumed by the routhful bust has been reproduced on United States is in conflict with the in each successive coinage, although the terests of the whole of Europe and that Queen continued to grow old. In the the mediation of certain European powers and a peaceful settlement would

therefore be opportune. Paris, Dec. 20.—The secretary of the United States embassy here, Mr. Henry Vignaud, in an interview to-day is quot ed as saving: "The United States cannot permit any nation to forcibly annex any Aremican territory. It is certain on the penny, making the obverses on that the United States will yield nothing, and Great Britain has everything to lose in case of war, for war means that Canada will enter the federation of the United States, and that English trade will be destroyed within a month after the outbreak of hostilities. A few shells thrown into an open port will cost England dear, and would be the

ruin of her colonial empire." Sir Charles Dilke, the well known English member of parliament, now in this city, is quoted as approving of the attison, Kennedy & Co. has formally assigned to F. B. C. Clarksan. A president question, and considers arbitration ent of the council will be appointed for impossible. He is said, however, to have dared. If we attempted to move from stated that an outbreak would be too deplorable to consider, and added that while the conquest of Canada by the Mr. De Gh The fire is supopsed to have been caused United States is possible, it would be at

the war of secession. Washington, D. C., Dec. 20,-Senator Morgan has obtained unanimous consent for the consideration of the Venezuelan commission bill, and it was read to-day. It provides that a sum of moth, Gilead and when four yea \$1000,000, or as much more tuereof as his parents moved to Jerusalem. Do not dispair of curing your sick head-ache when you can easily obtain Carter's Little Liver Pills. They will effect a prompt and permanent cure. Their action is mild and natural. Their action

GRATIFYING INTELLIGENCE. New South Wales Renews the Subsidy to the Australian Line.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The gratifying in telligence has been received by the premier that the parliament of New Huddart is manager. The government fully recognize the royal co-operation which the sister colony has given to this service. Canada desires to give permanence to it, and this action of New South Wales certainly tends in that di-

THE COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY. The Senate Is Opposed to the House Venezuela Resolution.

tation it will not be passed by that body. In addition to this the resolution prapared by the house for adjournment for the holiday recess to begin next Friday will not be agreed to by the senate. Congress will be in session until Tuesday, at the present outlook, and it may be until even a day later. The reasons amendments, will probably pass to-day given for its failing to pass promptly are that the Republican senators and Lodge will not be acceptable to the house, and will not be pressed. An amendment providing in effect for the would be invested in him by the resolu confirmation of the commission by the tion. It will be insisted, says the Post, senate, will be agreed to and accepted that the committee shall be nominated and confirmed by the senate, instead of to be made that the investigation shall having them named by the President without any check upon his selection.

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

dore S. Wolsey, who holds the chair of international law in the Yale law college, speaking to-day on the President's message on the Venezuelan dispute, said:

"The President has been ill advised. When he says the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela is danger."

Senator Gorman, chairman of the Democratic cancus, says there seems to be ho doubt now that the bill for the Venezuelan of the Democratic cancus, says there seems to be ho doubt now that the bill for the Venezuelan with Charles H. Cramp, the head of the ship building firm, on the subject of a war with Great Britain growing out of the liabilities of \$81,000, will reopen for business to morrow, with nearly 70 per cent. of the liabilities of \$81,000, will reopen for business to morrow, with nearly 70 per cent. of the liabilities of the subject of a war with Great Britain growing out of the President's actitude on the Venezuelan design and exchange, nearly all of which has been in charge of the President's actitude on the Venezuelan design. Mr. Cramp does not think there will we any immediate order the subject of a subject of a war with Great Britain growing out of the liabilities of \$81,000, will reopen for business to support the subject of a war with Great Britain growing out of the President's actitude on the Venezuelan described by the subject of a subject of a subject of a subject of a war with Great Britain growing out of the liabilities of \$81,000, will reopen for business to support of the subject of a subject of a subject of a subject of a su

strength on sea. Without a single battleship it would be week and beneath notice: with one such vessel it would demand some attention, and so on until the number increases until, if backed up by twenty, it would be unanswerable Now what is the United States' strength as to battle ships? There are available or will be in a few months, four of the firs: class-the Indiana, Massachusetts Iowa and Oregon, and there are the Texas and the Maine, of the second class, the Monterey, which has demonstrated her ability to go on sea cruises; the Miantomah, which is smaller than the Monterey, and the Amphitrite, of monitor class. There are the Terror, the Puritan, and the Monadnock. With this showing, it can be seen what strength the President's message has." When asked how long it would take to transfer those greyhounds of America to war vessels, as stipulated in the mail contract, Mr. Cramp said they could be made ready in a couple of weeks, but that he does not think they would be much use in a naval battle, but would be of service as commerce destroyers. the Cramps have now in their yard the Massachusetts, a first class battle ship, which was reported to the navy yard on December 1 as 95 per cent. near comple tion, so it would not take long to finish her; the Iowa, a first class battle ship, reported as 50 per cent. near completion, and the Brooklyn, an armoured cruiser, 64 per cent. near completion.

EXPECTED ASSASSINATION.

Christians in Jerusalem Would Fare Badly in a War with Turkey.

United States is possible, it would be at on expeditions through the Holy Land the cost of sacrifices similar to those of and Egypt. He has become an Ameriat intervals amounting in all to a period of sixteen years. He was born in Ramoth, Gilead and when four years old may necessary, be appropriated for ex- was educated at Mount Zion in one of penses. The commission will consent to the English schools. He took a party three members, to be nominated by the through Palestine a few years ago. Mr. President, to investigate and report to de Ghan declared he would take a party him the facts in regard to the divisional to the Holy Land the first part of Janu

Chicago, Dec. 18.-Benonio Tekiran, a

prominent Armenian of this city, has received a telegram from a leading Armenian of Indianapolis saying that a young man claiming to be an Armenian is there delivering addresses and collecting money on behalf of the Armenian cause, and inquiring whether he is authorized to do so. President T. B. Khungian, of the Chicago branch of the Armenian South Wales has renewed for three Union, desires the Associated Press to years the subsidy to the direct Canadian say for him that no authority has been Australian steamship line, of which Mr given for such collections, and that all Huddart is manager. The government funds for that purpose should be sent to Miss Clara Barton, president of the Red Cross Society at Washington City, or to Spencer Trask, treasurer of the Armenian relief fund committee, No. 27 Pine street, New York City.

COAL MINERS ON STRIKE.

5000 Men Ont-A Coal Famine Almost In-evitable in Texas.

Venezuela Resolution.

Washington. Dec. 19—The Post to-day says: The resolution which the house passed yesterday with unanimity, providing for the committee to Venezue is in view of the recommendation of the President, will be laid before the senate to-day. Contrary to the general expectation it will not be passed by that body.

REBELLION IN HAWAII.

Authorities Arrest Some Persons for Con-spiracy Against the Government.

Spiracy Against the Government.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Steamer Alameda, from Honolulu, brings news dated December 12, that three days earlier W. J. Sheridan 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. They visited different islands of the group stirring up trouble and inciting feelings against the government. They were laying plans which it is believed would have proved serious, but for their detection. Several local parties were believed to be in the conspiracy. It was arranged to make the government guns useless by bribing the soldiers. Underwood is believed to be the man who advertised in San Francisco papers for fighting men. It is believed the rebellion has been quashed by the arrest of the ringleaders. Richard F. Bickrton, associate justice of the supreme court is dead. Wm. R. Castle, ex-minister to Washington City, is named as his successor. A son and daughter of Judge Bickerton reside in Seattle.

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 ed now would hardly be available if needed soon, as it takes at least two years to build a battle ship. He said:

"The President's message is just as strong as it represents the national strength on sea. Without a single battle special representatives."

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"The president's message is just as strong as it represents the national strength on sea. Without a single battle special representatives." dent McKenzie and Mr. Blackwood being the special representatives of Mr. Bennett's large interest.

Much credit is due Mr. Bennett for having paid to the bank about \$10,000, for loans which had been made upon his recommendation, but for which he was only morally responsible, though he had voluntarily secured them. This includes \$5,000 borrowed by the late Paul Schulze. Receiver Flynn will leave to morrow for Spokane.

> A SLUMP AMONG STOCKS. The Stock Market Unexpectedly and Wild-ly Excited-Several Failures.

New York, Dec. 20.—The stock market was wildly excited to-day. The break-away came to meet people in the street as a total surprise, as nothing was in sight over night to portend any extraordinary developments. Before opening this morning, however, matters began to assume questionable shape in the judgment of Wall street veterans. The first quotations received for American securities from London created a sensation, and prepared bankers and brokers for a stormy day. Prices recorded show declines extending five per cent., and the London market was reported decidedly "ragged." Each succeeding cable indicated still lower prices, and it was finally reported that many jobbers on the London stock exchange had refused to accept orders.

London, Dec. 20.—Holders of American securities did not cease their endeavors to realize for a minute all day long. War between Great Britain and the United States is not expected, but on the stock exchange if is regarded as certain that the message of President Cleveland to congress on the Venezuelan question will cause disastrous disorganization of the money market in America, All lines were affected in sympathy, and the market closed very heavy. Several large American stock brokers went down in the crash.

FREIGHT RATES REMAIN.

Christians in Jerusalem Would Fare

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. The letter says:

"If England goes to war with the Turks Christians here will be murdered by the Mohammedans. America is the best place in the world, but we cannot go there now as it is too late. We may all be killed in a few weeks. We are willing to die, though, for God's holy will. I am glad you are safe in America. Take care and don't come back here, as you will surely be killed. Mr. Wallace, the American consul, will soon go to the United States, and he would gladly take some of us along if he only dared. If we attempted to move from here the Turks would become snspicious and kill us."

Mr. De Ghan frequently takes parties on expeditions through the Holy Land and Egypt. He has become an American citizen, and for that reason fears he may lose his life if he returns to his native land. He has been in American at intervals amounting in all to a period.

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