

CONQUEST OF TONGKIN.

M. FERRY MAKES A DECLARATION IN THE CHAMBERS.

A vigorous policy to be inaugurated... Paris, Jan. 14.—In the chamber of deputies this afternoon Ferry made an official declaration of the government's intention in regard to Tongkin.

A MINISTER'S "BOOKKEEPING."

Trouble Between Rev. A. D. Keane and the Standard Publishing Company.

The Standard Publishing Company (publishers of the Canadian Baptist) and their former business manager, Rev. A. D. Keane, pastor of College street baptist church, have been engaged in a series of "differences" over money matters.

COLDFORD INSURANCE CO.'S

A SERIES OF DISASTROUS FIRES REPORTED YESTERDAY.

The largest blaze of the season was reported at Coldford—Extensive Conflagration at Tara. Tara, Jan. 14.—A disastrous fire occurred here at 2 a.m., resulting in the destruction of Vandusen & Shannon's block.

ASSASSINATED BY ANARCHISTS.

Police Condemned at Frankfurt-on-Main.

Frankfurt, Jan. 14.—A profound sensation was created by the announcement that Police Condemnator Rumpf had been murdered at Frankfurt-on-Main.

ON THE HOME STRETCH.

THE CITY COMMITTEES WINDING UP THE YEAR'S BUSINESS.

The Markets and Health, Works and Waterworks Committees in Session—Last Meeting of the Executive. The executive committee will meet this afternoon and revise the reports of the last meetings of the committees of the city council.

UNIVERSITY FEDERATION.

The Declaration of Toronto University and Queen's Thereon.

The senate of the university of Toronto met last night. Present: Dr. Wilson, Justices Cameron and Patterson, Senator McMaster, Dr. Larntz Smith, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Oliphant, Rev. Principal Caven, Rev. Father Vincent, Principal Buchanan, Rev. Principal Wolverson, Prof. Ross, Wright, London and Gilchrist, and Messrs. Kingford, McMurphy, King, Mos, Coyne, Houston, O'Sullivan, Falconbridge.

E. P. RODEN GETS THERE.

ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD.

The Power of Party Preference—Meeting the Standing Committee—A lively fight between two factions. By casual reading and a report to party tactics E. P. Roden has triumphed in the contest for the chairmanship of the public school board.

AFRONS AMONG THE RUINS.

The Spanish King Makes a Well-Timed Bid for Popularity.

MADRID, Jan. 14.—In spite of the terrible snowstorm, the king yesterday visited several villages afflicted by the earthquake. At one village, where three persons had died of starvation, the king sternly rebuked the authorities because they had prepared him a sumptuous breakfast.

THE DOUBLE HEADER STRIKE.

Freight Train at a Standstill—Engineers the Object.

PORT WATNE, Jan. 14.—The brakemen's strike on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago railroad against the "double header" system is unchanged. The yards are blocked with freight trains. No mail, express, or passenger trains have yet been molested.

INSOLVENT ESTATE DISTRIBUTION.

The Montreal Board of Trade Explains Their Views to Sir John.

MONTREAL, Jan. 14.—The council of the board of trade waited upon Sir John Macdonald and Sir Leonard Tilley at the Windsor this morning regarding a new bankruptcy law. Mr. Clifton, who was the spokesman, said they were there to explain the passing of legislation for the equitable distribution of insolvent traders' estates.

WRECKED BY DYNAMITE.

The Town Hall at Warrimour Nearly Destroyed at Southwester.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The town hall at Warrimour in Wiltshire was partially wrecked by an explosion of dynamite last night. Several houses in the neighborhood were badly shaken, many windows were broken, and a number of persons were thrown to the ground by the shock.

AN IMPROBABLE STORY.

El Mahdi Said to Have Accepted Lord Wellesley's Terms of Compromise.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—The Cairo correspondent of the Temps says the mahdi has accepted the conditions proposed by Wolseley. London, Jan. 14.—English officials long at the story published today in the Temps, Paris, to the effect that El Mahdi has accepted the terms of compromise offered him by Wolseley and that the expedition to relieve Gordon had been suspended.

THE WATERWORKS COMMITTEE.

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The waterworks committee disposed of its remaining business. The contract for the necessary pumping engine valves was awarded to Alex. Dohg, the lowest bidder, at \$2400. The annual statement of the department was read. The number of water meters in the city in 1884 was 81,500. The total revenue for the year was \$80,000.

PERSONAL.

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CAMBODIA'S COMPLAINT.

King Norodom Protests that he has Been Roughly Used.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—Quietness has been restored in Cambodia. A letter from King Norodom submitted to the committee of enquiry on the Indo-China treaty complains that the French government of Cochinchina usurped the functions of the sovereign of Cambodia without awaiting the ratification of the treaty, and that the committee ministers to sign decrees they do not understand.

TERRIFIC DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Two Men Blown Fifty Rods and Burned to a Crisp.

SOMERSET, Pa., Jan. 14.—A terrible dynamite explosion occurred this afternoon at the Somerset chemical works. Dynamite was being packed when it ignited from a red hot poker with which one of the men was boring a hole in the door. In a second the entire building was in flames, and five men employed there started to run with their clothing on fire. When a short distance from the burning 600 pounds of dynamite lying outside exploded with terrific force. Two of the men were blown fifty rods and burned to a crisp.

THE IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Jan. 4.—Four large tobacco manufacturers commenced work today. Others are preparing to start. Two factories employ over 200 colored laborers.

CUT IN FREIGHT RATES.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—It is reported that cut-bound grain rates have been cut 25 cents from Buffalo to New York, the cut being from Chicago east over the Lackawanna.

DICTATED ORANGE LODGE, CENTRE TORONTO.

This lodge held its annual meeting in the Yonge street hall Tuesday night. The annual reports of the twenty primary lodges in the district showed the membership in good standing to be 980.

JUMPED FROM A FLYING TRAIN.

A Young Man Charged with Forgery Escapes from His Keeper.

Constable G. L. Soneberg of the village of Brighton, down on the Grand Trunk, in a snowstorm last evening, left for the station. Hart, who was handcuffed to the constable, said he wanted to go to the constable's office and called "tickets." The constable was badly engaged settling his fare, when Hart took advantage of his diversion, rushed to the platform, jumped from the train, and disappeared in the darkness toward the city. The constable quickly followed, but in jumping from the step stumbled and went sprawling all over the track. He injured his knee severely and lost his pants in twain. Hart made good his escape. He is aged 20, 5 ft. 5 in. in height, smooth-faced, black hair, eyes blue, with a high forehead, a gray nose, black mustache, and a black lambskin cap. The handcuffs were attached to his left hand.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, JAN. 15.

A depression is approaching over the lower Mississippi valley, where it is expected to cross the Great Lakes. It will bring snow and rain with a strong north wind. The mercury will fall to 10 below zero. A heavy snowfall is expected.

A Franco-German Alliance.

Paris, Jan. 14.—Figaro and Gaulois state that France and Germany have come to a complete agreement on the Egyptian, Chinese and Congo questions. France engages to protect German commerce in the French colonies, and Germany promises to support France in her colonial enterprises.

THE SITUATION IN THE HOCKING VALLEY.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 14.—Reports from the Hocking valley this evening indicate that everything is quiet. A general fear exists that trouble may occur at any moment. The assembly this afternoon discussed the Hocking valley situation on the introduction by Representative Welby of a bill making it penal to intimidate any person who enters into the employ of another engaged in legal business. The bill referred especially to the alleged intimidation of foreign labor in Hocking valley. The bill was admitted by 82 to 18, and will go through the regular course.

CUTTING A GAME COCK'S COMB.

A Reverend Brother of Evils Charged with Wanting to Intimidate. With reference to a comb, a case of more than ordinary interest was heard here today before the police magistrate, Rev. Mr. Cooke, a baptist minister, who has gained some fame for his fowling, was charged with the murder of a cock, and cutting off its comb. The cock had been sold and returned by the buyer to the church organist, who was executed for the murder of the cock. The organist had the cock, and the magistrate received his decision for a week.

BEFORE JUDGE GALT, WITHOUT A JURY.

Forfeited to the State, an action to recover the value of eight horses which the plaintiff forfeited to the state. Plaintiff was charged with the murder of a horse, and the judge ordered the horses to be returned to the plaintiff.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES ON THE RAMPAGE.

QUEBEC, Jan. 14.—St. Simeon was the scene of a municipal election disturbance yesterday afternoon. Some men who had been placed on duty as special constables went to the scene of the disturbance, and were rough handled, but they got the worst of the disturbance.

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