

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Thanksgiving Day May Yet Be Relocated on Account of Many Protests.

Ontario Salutes an Even Richer Province—Still Seeking a Mail Service.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Oct. 21.—The order-in-council fixing Thanksgiving day for November 25 is not yet passed, the government being urged on all hands to make it two weeks earlier, and not to act upon the assumption that Canada is under an obligation to follow the lead of the United States in this matter.

Dr. Borden and Mr. Tarte will represent the government at the formal opening of the Drummond County railway to-morrow.

It is said that Judge Routhier, whose place on the bench Mr. F. Langelier will occupy, is to be appointed lieutenant-governor of the Northwest.

The Globe under the caption "The Westward Movement" has an editorial very complimentary to British Columbia, taking for the text Sir C. H. Tupper and Mr. Peters' removal to that province.

In view of complications which have arisen in connection with the Atlantic mail service, it is announced that the government is disposed to receive further propositions for performing this service for the coming year.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Grain Exchange Defeats an Anti-Combination Motion—Outcome of the Mining Convention.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 21.—(Special)—The grain exchange yesterday discussed a resolution introduced by J. K. McLennan, that in order to prevent grain combines the Canadian Pacific Railway Company should be prohibited from acquiring any other railway lines which would prohibit farmers and others from loading direct cars at elevator points, was voted down by 30 to 9.

The news of the death at Halifax of D. A. Stewart, civil engineer, of the Western division of the C.P.R., was received here to-day with great regret.

The Golden Coin mining property, near Bat Portage, has been sold for a good figure to Mr. Rickard, of London, England.

The Archbishop of St. Boniface is recovering fast, and is now in condition to walk around.

DENOUNCES SKAGWAY TRAIL.

An American Mountain Climber Who is Very Positive in His Denunciation.

NANAIMO, Oct. 21.—(Special)—The steamer Willamette, Capt. Hunter, arrived at Departure Bay this morning from the North, but owing to her calling at several ports on the way down her passengers were transferred to the City of Toronto. No news of any importance was brought down by the steamer.

The only passengers aboard were Mr. S. J. Entrikin and wife, Mr. Entrikin, who hails from Westchester, Pa., was a member of the famous Bryant mountain climbing party which was overtaken on Mount St. Elias by Prince Rupert and his party last September.

He is loud in his denunciation of the Skagway trail, and says the men who would recommend it are a set of fellows who should be placed in an insane asylum.

KNAPP'S ROLLER BOAT.

Its Constructor Hazards a Revolution and a Half and Tenders Delivery.

TORONTO, Oct. 21.—(Special)—Knapp's roller boat was given a trial on the bay this afternoon with fairly satisfactory results. The boat made one and a half revolutions successfully as she lay at her moorings in the dock, and Mr. Polson, the contractor, on the strength of this, asks that the boat be accepted by the inventor Knapp and his backer, Mr. Goodwin of Ottawa; but Knapp objected, unless the boat were proved able to go out from the bay.

Mr. Polson objected to sending the boat into the bay unless inured or accepted, and this point will have to be settled before the boat does any more rolling. A great crowd of people were watching the curious craft.

ST. LAWRENCE NAVIGATION.

The Water So Low That Steamers May Have to Discharge Cargo at Quebec.

QUEBEC, Oct. 21.—(Special)—The steamer Lake Superior, of the Beaver Line, due here yesterday from Montreal for Liverpool, ran aground off Champlain in a mid-channel. The ship's position is not dangerous.

The water at Three Rivers, in the St. Lawrence, has fallen 15 inches within 24 hours, and from the wharves there rises a visible white which has been seen for seventeen years. It is said that large steamers will hereafter discharge and load cargoes here owing to the condition of the channel to Montreal.

IRISH LEADERS SAFE.

Mr. Devlin of Ottawa Has No Idea of Displacing Them.

KINGSTON, Oct. 21.—(Special)—The Canadian Freeman, a Catholic journal published here, has been authorized to make the following contradiction: "O. R. Devlin, ex-M.P., at present in Dublin, has never contemplated contesting an Irish constituency. It is absurd. The idea never entered his head, nor has he ever interfered with Redmond or Healy. He has kept himself entirely free from Irish politics. The story that Mr. Devlin would return to Canada and contest North Renfrew for the Ontario legislature is also another absurd rumour."

SALISBURY ON SILVER.

He Asks for More Information but Indicates That Action is Not Probable.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The United States bi-metallic commissioners recognize that their mission has been unsuccessful, though they will not admit it, as the answer of Great Britain says that country will be glad to receive other propositions, and the commissioners have decided as a matter of form to return to Paris.

The Marquis of Salisbury in his note to the United States ambassador and the French ambassador, Baron de Courcel, says that by far the most important proposal submitted is that concerning the re-opening of the India mints, adding:

"The government of India point out that they have to be expected to give up the policy which for four years they have been endeavoring to make effective, in the absence of substantial security for the system to be substituted for it, is practically certain to be stable. If owing to the relative smallness of the area over which the bi-metallic system is to be established, to the great divergence between the proposed ratio and the present gold price of silver, or to any other cause, the legal ratio of silver were modified by more than before and the financial embarrassments of the government of India greater than any with which they have yet had to contend."

The report concludes: "Her Majesty's government is therefore desirous to ascertain how far the views of the French and American governments have been modified by the decision arrived at and whether they desire to proceed further with the negotiations at the present moment. It is possible that the time which has elapsed since the proposals were put forward in July last may enable the representatives of the two governments concerned to form a more accurate opinion as to the practicability of the amount of assistance they may expect from other powers and of the success their scheme is likely to attain."

The only thing that might be placed in a position to consider the subject with fuller knowledge than they now possess of many of the circumstances materially affecting the proposals before them."

A CUNNING MURDERER.

The Insane French Shepherd Has Been Successfully Operating for Two Years.

PARIS, Oct. 21.—Ten mysterious murders and four attempts at murder that have occurred within the past two years in various parts of France, are now ascribed to the shepherd Vacher, who was arrested a few days ago at Bellefleur, department of Aix. Vacher, who fancies himself a hero, describes facts in connection with the crimes with evident relish. At the time of his arrest he confessed that he had killed three young girls, two women and three shepherd boys. The murders were of a character similar to those committed by Jack-the-Ripper in the Whitechapel district of London some years ago. Vacher is doubtless insane.

GERMANY BRACING UP.

To Increase the Army as Well as the Navy and Make a Great Demolition.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The German government, according to a special despatch from Berlin published to-day, in addition to the sums of money which will be asked for to increase the strength of the army, will shortly ask for a large increase in the army estimates. While at Wiesbaden, the despatch adds, Emperor William struck the names of many officers of the active list of the army in pursuance of his policy of placing younger men in the most important posts. It has already been decided that the German army manoeuvres of 1898 will be held in Alsace-Lorraine, and that they will be on an unprecedentedly large scale.

THE SAUSAGE MAN'S CASE.

One Juror Not Yet Convinced That He Boiled Down His Wife.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—It is the firm determination of Judge Tullih to keep the Lockport jury until Saturday night, or late Saturday afternoon, before he permits them to go with a disagreement. At one time to-day the juror sent Judge Tullih to know, among other things, if eleven men could compel one man to vote with them, or if a verdict would be valid if but eleven men signed it. This incident gives to the State the idea that there is but one man standing between Luetger and a death sentence. Judge Tullih refused to answer the question.

Luetger was astir early again this morning, and, as usual, ate a hearty breakfast. The suspense concerning his fate does not affect the appetite of the big sausage maker.

SWEPT BY TIDAL WAVE.

Villages Engulfed and Several Thousand Natives of the Philippines Perish.

MADRID, Oct. 21.—Advices from Manila say a cyclone occurred on October 12 wiping out Carigara and Burgo, on the eastern coast of Leyte, an immense wave having swept inland, engulfing the villages. Several thousand natives perished at Tagbore. The cyclone also swept the island of Samar. The full extent of the catastrophe is not yet known. The town of Leyte sustained but little damage, contrary to the first report received.

Ontario Gold Mines.

HAMILTON, Oct. 21.—Three chunks of gold, valued at \$96,000, arrived in the city to-day from the Sawbill mine, near Port Arthur.

Archbishop Macbray.

MONTECAL, Oct. 21.—Inaccurate telegrams sent out from here stated that Archbishop Macbray, of Rupert's Land, was seriously ill in England. A private cable to-day shows that there was little foundation for the rumor. The Archbishop has been building up his health in the country resorts of England, and looks forward to returning to Canada in the spring.

THE ENGINEERS' STRIKE AT POINT OF BAYONET.

British Board of Trade Formally Intervenes and Suggests a Conference.

German Assistance to the Strikers and an Appeal to the United States.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—A new and most important element has been introduced into the great engineering dispute by the official intervention of the board of trade. The Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie, ministerial letter addressed to the masters and the men a conference based upon the following suggested arrangement of their business:

1. The trades union on their part, while maintaining the right of combination, will disavow any intention of interfering with the management of the business of the employers.

2. The demand for a forty-eight hour week made by the men's joint committee upon the federated employers of London will be dropped.

3. A conference between the representatives of the federated employers and the engineering unions shall be held forthwith to discuss and settle the hours of labor.

4. The executive committee of the amalgamated society of engineers is about to send to the leading labor organizations in the United States a statement giving details of the strike of the engineers now in progress and declaring that the sum of \$100,000 is required weekly to pay the men on strike and meet other expenses.

This amount, the statement says, can only be raised by subscription. The committee appeals to the liberality of the American friends of labor to assist the engineers to defeat the employers' attempt to crush their organization.

The society has received 50,000 marks from German unions, which sympathize with the British engineers in their efforts to secure a shorter working day.

The news of the massing of Afridis in Samapaga Pass, and the report that they are erecting strong fortifications there is being seized upon by the strikers as a movement in sympathy with the amalgamated association of engineers, whose members are on strike in England.

The international machinists' union, the international represents the same class of workmen as the amalgamated engineers of England, and it was said yesterday that "G. M. W. W. W. is a vice-president of the American federation of labor, is in communication with President Goemans with a view to sending financial aid to the strikers in England. There were rumors also that co-operation with the strikers in another way was contemplated.

The Times in this morning in an editorial on the engineering dispute says: "It would be a very paying business for German or American artisans to supply funds to prolong the struggle which would drive their engineering business from Great Britain to foreign competitors."

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Members of the board of trade in the engineering dispute on the lines suggested by the identical letter of the board will be accepted.

THE SOAP TARIFF EFFECTIVE.

Because of Its Protection an English Manufacturer is Coming to Canada.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Because of the new tariff laws of the United States and Canada, Mr. W. H. Lever, the big English soap manufacturer, has come to the United States to establish a factory, and he will go to Canada with the same project for that country. Mr. Lever, with his three daughters, arrives here to-day on the White Star line steamer Majestic. He has a monster \$10,000 soap factory at Port Sunlight, in England, where he employs 3,000 persons. From that place he has heretofore supplied the trade of foreign countries. The prohibitive tariff against foreign soaps, he says, forces him to erect factories in these countries. He has already started new works on eleven acres of land in Switzerland. When he finds a suitable location in this country he will also build a factory, and he is already planning to establish a branch soap works there. He expects to go as far west as Chicago.

A PESSIMISTIC PARSON.

He Says the W. C. T. U. and the Y. M. C. A. Have Altogether Become Abominable.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Oct. 21.—A sensational address was delivered by the Rev. S. Sherin of Chicago at the closing session of the Inter-civic Philanthropic conference to-night. His topic was "How to Drain the Social Swamp." He said:

"Despite adverse criticism no church is doing so great philanthropic work to-day as the Catholic, yet masses, social sermons will never accomplish what is needed. "Interference is thriving, despite the efforts of the church. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized and sent a thrill through the land, but it has gone into political trickery and will never put down the traffic. The Young Men's Association meant to do good, but is worldly. It ought to be buried; it is but a corpse. As a philanthropic movement it is a fraud, though as a club it is entertaining."

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Grants to Presbyteries.

TORONTO, Oct. 21.—The augmentation committee of the Presbyterian general assembly met to-day, and ordered the following amounts paid for services rendered during the past six months in several Presbyteries, including for Kamloops \$216, Westminster \$100, and Victoria \$157.50.

AT POINT OF BAYONET AN INCENDIARY DID IT.

Windsor's Great Fire No Accident but Set to Secure Insurance Money.

A Citizen Under Arrest Charged With Igniting His Own and Other Houses.

WINDSOR, Oct. 21.—(Special)—John McIntyre, a well known Windsor citizen, has been arrested on the charge of arson. Mayor Smith claims he has evidence to prove that McIntyre willfully set fire to his own and other houses during the big fire on Sunday to defraud the insurance companies. The arrest of McIntyre created a sensation, intensified by the news that McIntyre and Fletcher, a colored man first suspected and arrested as the cause of the big fire, had been seen together on Fletcher's ranch just before the conflagration broke out. It is now believed that Windsor was willfully fired, and that McIntyre and Fletcher worked together.

Lady Tilly and other ladies from St. John's arrived here to-day to help the Windsor ladies in the work of relief. Col. Irving, D. O. C., arrived this morning to organize a local militia force with a view to preventing any outbreak of disorder.

GROCERS WHO SELL LIQUOR. The Women's Convention Divided as to Whether They Should Be Dealt With.

TORONTO, Oct. 21.—At this morning's session of the Dominion W. C. T. U., the report on temperance grocery work caused a slight flutter of excitement. Miss Douglis, who read the report, commented adversely upon the practice of dealing with grocers who have liquor stores. Some of these women say it is profitable to buy in such places. One delegate protested that any woman who did such a thing was a disgrace to the White Ribbon. Another delegate said she would not buy groceries from a man who applied for a license. She believed in adhering to principle.

Mrs. Yeomans, reporting on the work of the missions and jail department, advocated a home for boys who are not yet criminals. Such a home, she said, is a pressing need in Manitoba to-day. In-bribe homes for confirmed drunkards, the appointment of police matrons in cities, women to travel with women prisoners, women doctors to attend to their sex in asylums, the establishment of a hospital for the aged poor, and the grading of prisoners were Mrs. Yeomans' recommendations.

Miss Willard addressed a large W. C. T. U. meeting in Massey hall to-night. New Brunswick now holds the banner for the greatest percentage of gain in membership.

SLAIN AT DARGAI RIDGE.

Some of the Victims of the Brave Assault on the Tribesmen.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—According to a special from Simla the casualties during the fighting yesterday which resulted in the storming of Dargai ridge by the second division of the British troops under General Sir Yeatman-Biggs, included these officers among the killed: Capt. Charles Judge, of the Second Gurkhas; Lieut. Alexander Lamont, of the Gordon Highlanders; and Capt. Smith, of the Derbyshire Regiment.

The wounded officers are Lieutenant Robinson, of the Second Gurkhas, who is dangerously hurt; Major Forbes Maclean, of the Gordon Highlanders, and three others.

Of the rank and file 116 were killed and wounded, the Gordon Highlanders having 38 casualties, the Dorsetshire Regiment 32, and the remainder being equally divided between the Gurkhas and the Derbyshire Regiment.

BILL NYE'S FAMILY.

Investments Having Gone Wrung They Are Very Marc'ed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The World's Asheville, N. C., special says: Always happy, Bill Nye's only serious thought was to provide for his wife and children after he should be taken from them. Now his widow is almost in penury, having scarcely \$10 a week, derived from royalty on her husband's works. Mrs. Nye went to Europe in June, 1886, to place her children in school in Germany. On July 1, 1897, the First National Bank of Asheville closed its doors and about \$7,000, every dollar of ready money she possessed, was swept away. Thursday last she returned to Asheville on money borrowed from relatives. Property valued at about \$45,000 on Staten Island, N. Y., was lost by foreclosure of a mortgage for \$27,000. There are five children—three boys and two girls—the eldest, Miss Bessie Nye, aged 19, and the youngest, Douglas Nye, about 18 months.

THE CREEK'S TURN NOW.

To Sue the Dominion Bank for the Serious Charge Made Against Him.

NAPANEE, Oct. 21.—It is said on good authority that W. P. Ponton will sue the Dominion Bank for \$50,000, on account of the charge of complicity in the robbery, upon which he has been acquitted. A. Pepler, of Guelph, succeeds Ponton at the bank here.

ANNOYED AT THE STATES.

A Madrid Newspaper Complains of Continuance of the Filibusters.

MADRID, Oct. 20.—Senator Sagasta, the premier, has been ill and confined to his bed. El Herald, referring to the departure of suspected filibuster from New York, says: "The Americans continue to play with Spain, as they had ample time to prevent their departure."

La Plata a Free Port.

BUENOS AYRES, Oct. 20.—It is proposed to declare La Plata a free port.

PROSPECTIVE C.P.R. EXEMPTION.

Merchants Favor a Concession of This Kind While the Workmen are Divided.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 21.—(Special)—A canvass of leading merchants shows that a majority favor semi-remission of the exemption of the proposed new C.P.R. buildings and improvements. Most of them are averse to any exemption on the present property of the company.

Inquiries in influential labor quarters indicate that a considerable labor vote may be cast against any exemption of C.P.R. property. One argument strongly urged is that the C.P.R. has too long held unimproved and undeveloped a large area of land at Fairview and other parts of the city, awaiting better times and higher realty values. Many labor men urge that, as an outcome of this, daily workers have been compelled to build and reside outside the outer limits of the city, at great cost and inconvenience in getting in and out and obtaining domestic supplies. Another argument is that if there is to be tax exemption of improvements it should go all round, and apply not solely to C. P. R. property, but to other property that may be under comparatively unimproved private ownership. This position is taken by many who are in the theory single taxers, and who otherwise welcome any step in that direction. The present city council has, however, by a large majority, vetoed the single tax policy as altogether impracticable. The labor party in Vancouver, however, is by no means solid, and the single tax men, who are resolved to back their theory on each and every occasion by their votes, are more conspicuous for their activity than for their numbers. The workers vote will therefore in all probability be divided, not a few supporting some further exemption of C. P. R. property on the material ground, that the big improvements proposed by Sir William Van Horne will cause the spending of a very large sum in wages and the employment of much local labor; while there is the further inducement offered, that Vancouver may by the great cost of further exemption of C. P. R. property be enabled to capture much of the trade of the Yukon.

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SONS OF THE EMPIRE.

A Society to Secure Preference for Britishers Against All Others.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 21.—(Special)—A new fraternal organization has been established here under the presidency of Mr. John Mellon and vice-presidency of Mr. A. H. B. Macgowan, with the title of the Sons of the British Empire. Its object is to form a society of workers among the Sons of England, Scotland, Ireland or St. George's societies and embrace all loyal subjects by birth of the British Empire. Some 200 members have already been enrolled in the new Vancouver lodge of the society, which therefore seems likely to attain large dimensions. It is stated to be intended to make the society active in social and moral immigration, both Chinese and Japanese, as also a promoter of a sentiment in favor of preferring British labor to imported American and other alien employment. It will also seek to cultivate the best of feeling between all nationalities of British subjects resident in British Columbia.

MINERAL IN DISPUTE.

Two Roseland Companies Go to Law to Decide Possession of a Lode.

ROSELAND, Oct. 18.—The controversy between the Centre Star and the Iron Mask over the possession of a lead has reached a climax, and the dispute has been brought into court at Nelson. Both the claims were located under the old law, which gives to the owner of a mine all the mineral contained within that portion of a ledge outcropping on the claim, whether or not the vein dips outside the side lines of the property. Several days ago the Iron Mask, in sinking a winze on its vein near the Centre Star side line, dropped into a crosscut driven by the Centre Star people to tap the same lead. The point where the workings of the two companies met was about 150 feet inside of the Iron Mask's side line.

Both companies claimed possession of the ledge in question, and as the Iron Mask people refused to abdicate the Centre Star secured a temporary injunction restraining them from working in the disputed ground. The Iron Mask Company claim that the ledge in dispute is undoubtedly theirs, as its outcrop can be distinctly traced at a distance of 100 feet inside their side line. They further support their right to it by showing that they were sinking on it at the time they dropped into the Centre Star's workings. The contention of the Centre Star is that the true apex of the lead is in their ground, and that only a spur outcrops into the Iron Mask's territory, and it claims the whole ledge with the exception of the small spur outcropping on the Iron Mask ground.

HUGE DOCK FOR BRISTOL.

And Negotiations With Boston Capital for a Steamship Line to Use It.

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Too Much of a Good Thing.

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A GREAT FIGHT COMING.

Two Columns of British Troops Facing the Enemy Massed on Kharappa Heights.

Plan of Campaign Being Successfully Worked Out—Additional Casualties.

SIMLA, Oct. 22.—Despatches received to-day from Kharappa announce that the plan of campaign against the insurgents has been so far successfully carried out that a junction has been effected near Kharappa, between the British forces under General Sir Yeatman-Biggs and General Sir William Lockhart. After the storming and capture of Dargai ridge, on the Samana range, by the troops of General Biggs, on Wednesday afternoon, the plan was for the latter to push on so as to hold the frontal hills, and then the column advanced to Kharappa, where he was to join forces with the column under Sir William Lockhart. This has been done, and the two columns are now in the hills around Kharappa. The British troops met with only slight resistance, but the enemy are massed on the hills around Kharappa, and despatched to the front.

Capt. Arnold, of the Dorsetshire Regiment, Lieut. Dingwall, of the Gordon Highlanders, and Lieut. White, of the 10th Buffs, were severely wounded in addition to those previously recalled.

TRADE CONTINUES GOOD.

Satisfactory Reports from Business Centres in Eastern Canada.

TORONTO, Oct. 21.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: "The trade distribution at Montreal taken as a whole is of a very fair reasonable character with most houses, the volume of trade being a good deal ahead of last year's. In general dry goods and about two lines business may be called good. In pig iron and other heavy metals there is no great activity, but for hardware, paints, oil, glass, etc., a steady demand is reported. There is a general tendency is towards a strengthening in prices. Cements are moving freely and prices are firmer, owing to an advance in Europe and the scarcity of freight space, so that some shortness of supply is anticipated.

Boot and shoe manufacturers have completed the bulk of the fall shipments and will be shortly preparing for the usual stock-taking, so that no very heavy buying of leather is expected. Wholesale grocery reports satisfactory business for dried fruits. Cheese and butter values show some slight weakening, but the outward movement from this port continues brisk, cheese shipments alone exceeding 100,000 boxes last week.

The general report regarding remittances is that the improvement noted of late is maintained. The market is a shade firmer and the few banks who were quoting 3 1/2 per cent. for call funds have now made the rate 4 per cent. in conformity with the majority. The discount rate remains at 6 to 7 per cent. General wholesale trade at Toronto is fairly satisfactory. Prices continue very firm with an upward tendency. Business is active in hardware and metals, and prices are firm. Groceries are in fair demand with prospects bright. The tone of the leather and hide markets is firmer. Large quantities of wheat have gone for export of late and prices are steady around 80 cents at Ontario points. Coarse grains, however, are inclined to be heavy. Hogs are lower, while cured meats, which are in limited supply, are firm.

Money markets are unchanged, with prime commercial paper discounted at 6 per cent and call loans 4 per cent. The rate for the week are 36 against 54 for the same week of last year.

WHO WILL BE SENATOR?

Mainfield Liberals Look for a Vacancy and Produce Rural Candidates.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 21.—(Special)—Mr. J. C. McLagan and Dr. Milne and their respective friends are said to be working like beavers to secure influence in support of their rival claims to the Senatorship for Westminister district expected to be vacant by the appointment of Senator McInnes to be Lieutenant-Governor. Even Conservatives who happen to be considered "persons grata" with Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Senator McInnes, it is said, rather favors Dr. Milne's candidature. Mr. McLagan has put in some very energetic work for himself.

Local Liberals are divided upon this as most other issues, and quite a few members of the party here and far more in New Westminster, favor the submission of the name of Mr. D. J. Munn of New Westminster as a compromise candidate. Mr. Munn it is said takes kindly to the idea, though after his work he is not very obtusive in his methods.

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