

FOREIGNERS ARE IN GRAVE DANGER

Agitation in China Assumes Serious Aspect—Result of Kicking of Coolie.

Hong Kong, Dec. 21.—It is feared the anti-foreign movement at Canton, originally caused by the death of a coolie, who is alleged to have been kicked by a watchman on a Portuguese vessel, will culminate in an outbreak against all foreigners.

So serious is the situation regarded that the British torpedo destroyer Hare has been sent to Canton.

The British steamers Kocchen and Canton, two of the ships which are being boycotted, have been recalled from Wuchow.

All Chinese vessels and their passengers are being closely scrutinized on their arrival by naval officers. The native papers continue to ferment the agitation against the foreigners.

RICH PEDLAR MURDERED.

Montreal Mendicant Killed and Robbed of \$3,000.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 20.—Telephone messages received tonight from Plaster Rock, New Brunswick, report the murder of Patrick Green, a pedlar from Montreal, and the robbery of \$3,000 from him.

It is said to have been committed on Sunday morning by two Italian laborers from the Grand Trunk Pacific construction camp, who lay in wait near Beaver Creek for Green as he came down the track with another pedlar, a Jew, whose name is not known.

A large posse of men are in pursuit, and came upon the value. Green's pocket book and papers, soon after the start. Owing to deep snow it is thought there will be no difficulty in securing the men, as they cannot cover up the tracks.

THEIR APPARENT IS ILL.

Prince Mohammed Rehad Afendi of Turkey Indisposed.

Constantinople, Dec. 21.—Prince Mohammed Rehad Afendi, heir apparent to the throne, is seriously ill at Yedig Kiosk. It is stated that the prince's illness was the reason for his absence of the opening of parliament.

Mihail Pascha, who was appointed a minister by the sultan, has been named by the sultan, has been named by the sultan, has been named by the sultan.

Wheat Shows Increase.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 12.—The annual report of the Soo canals will show a total freight tonnage for the year of 41,418,890, or an increase from last year of 10,399,125 tons.

Wheat is the only item on the list which shows an increase. The total shipments were 106,121,873, compared with 98,135,775 bushels last year.

American Steamer Captured.

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—A dispatch from Prince Rupert received today stated that Captain Newcombe, commander of the Dominion fisheries protection cruiser Keenel recently overhauled and captured the Tacoma fishing steamer Steamer for alleged infraction of the Dominion fisheries regulations. The steamer was released on payment of a fine of \$1,600.

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WRECK ON C. P. R.

Two Trains Collide—Wonderful Escape of Two Men in Caboose.

Manor, Sask., Dec. 21.—A serious wreck occurred at a Canadian Pacific station here at 12:30 on Sunday, when a light engine from Roston crashed into the rear of a westbound freight which stopped on the main track for dinner. Two men were asleep in the caboose and had a wonderful escape.

The fireman and engineer on the light engine had not been for 30 hours and believed the road closed. The caboose was telescoped and the engine climbed the debris, all being more or less damaged by fire. A car of oats was also scorched. The track is now clear.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK BILL

Will be Rejected by the United States Senate.

Washington, Dec. 20.—When the senate reconvenes two weeks from tomorrow, the bill for the establishment of a postal savings bank will be first on the calendar. Of all measures to be considered by the upper branch of congress this one will take precedence, and its fate so far as the sixth congress is concerned, is in doubt.

For the national banks opposing as they do the plan have not considered the bill dangerous. There are no bank lobbyists and none are expected. They are not needed, for its passage is almost out of the realm of possibilities.

Even its warmest advocates concede this. There are 22 senators. More than half of this number will desire to speak on the subject. Between January 4 and March 4, there are about 40 senate working days.

Each senator will likely devote two hours or more to his speech. It will be seen that the bill will not be ready for a vote by the time a new congress comes into existence.

The Republicans will not take a vote on it until it is to death. During the first session of the present congress a monetary committee was appointed. Senator Aldrich is a member from the senate side, and Representative Vreeland, of New York, from the lower house.

During the year the commissioners have gone into the monetary system of the United States. Senator Aldrich spent some time among the financiers of Europe. His report is not ready and Aldrich is not expected to submit it.

TWO CHINAMEN MURDERED

In Winnipeg—Robbery Not the Motive—Highbinders Implicated.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Cound Ho, a Chinese laundryman living at 214 Jarvis avenue, and his hired man, were murdered some time Saturday evening. The crime was discovered by a man who called for his washing and found the bodies in a well of blood, the head of one being almost completely severed.

Last spring an almost similar crime was committed near the overhead bridge, when two Chinese laundrymen were murdered. It is believed that the same highbinders arrived from Vancouver only three weeks ago. Cound Ho has been in this country only four weeks. A good deal of speculation has been indulged in as to how the murder could have been committed at that hour, when the laundries of this class are usually busy handling German goods. This is partly explained by the fact that the premises on both sides are vacant. There is no clue to the crime. Money found in the shop indicates that robbery is not the motive, unless the murderers were disturbed. While suspicion as usual points to low-class foreigners, there is more than a small chance that highbinders are implicated.

ENTHUSIASM DAMPENED.

German People Not so Elated Over New German-American Postal Rate.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—There is less enthusiasm over the two-cent German-American letter rate, effective on Jan. 1st, owing to the tardy realization that the new rate is only available for letters going direct to America from Germany, as the people, therefore, to secure its advantage, must keep posted on the sailings, besides holding letters until some German liner departs. This necessitates embarrassing delays, as the bulk of the letters for the United States during the winter go by English and French lines. Pressure will be brought to bear upon the Imperial government to extend the cheaper rates, regardless of the route the letters take.

Killed in French Train Wreck.

Limoges, France, Dec. 16.—Fifteen persons were killed and thirty others injured today in a collision between a freight and a passenger train on the Pouch tunnel, between this city and Drive. After the accident a fire broke out and most of the victims, including the engineer of the passenger train, who were pinned under the wreckage, were burned to death. The intense heat from the burning train that the work of rescue was at times stopped.

Penian Raid Veterans Want Land.

Kingsford, Dec. 16.—Fenian raid veterans are petitioning the Dominion government for grants of land similar to those given to the South African veterans in the west.

2,000,000 POUNDS IS DAIRY OUTPUT

Government Creameries Have the Best Record in Their History in Production and Prices.

Over 2,000,000 pounds of butter have been produced by the creameries of Alberta during the twelve calendar months of the past year, the amount the thirty-one private creameries have produced about 1,100,000 pounds and the government creameries, the balance of 900,000 pounds.

The government creameries have set the pace in the matter of price and have secured for the farmer the highest price of 25 1/2 cents per pound for the year. This is slightly over 2 cents per pound better than the average price of last year and 2 1/2 cents per pound more than the average price of the butter produced in any part of the Dominion.

C. Marker, dairy commissioner of the province, never comes to Edmonton but what has a new surprise in store for the farmer in the way of the price of the dairy products. The above statement, which he made to a Bulletin reporter, is a summary of what he has to say on the work of the creameries of this province during the present year.

Butter Checks \$30,000.

"The year 1905," said Mr. Marker, "far eclipses all previous years in butter production and in the profits accruing to the Alberta farmer. Throughout the year the dairy industry has been a success. The balance checks due to the patrons amount to \$30,000. This is the largest settlement ever made in any year in the history of the government creameries. The highest balance check to an individual farmer is \$108, while many get over \$100. A patron at Penhold has received \$800 in cash for his support of the government creamery this year and many patrons \$500 and over."

"This shows," continued Mr. Marker, "what the creameries mean to the farmer. It also shows that the farmer is not a victim of the dairy industry, as the man who makes the money. The sooner farmers get into larger herds, the more they will benefit. Their profits will be \$100 in the year in the dairy business, looks upon the labor involved in producing a pound of butter, it is halfhearted. When he raises it to the status of an industry and works it on a business basis is when he makes his money."

The Season's Market.

Mr. Marker makes a very important statement regarding the marketing of this season's product. About 450,000 pounds of Alberta creamery butter were bought by jobbing firms in British Columbia and shipped into the Yukon territory.

Eastern butter was supplied to this market but the entire trade was lost by the shipment of very inferior butter. The consequence was that the United States creameries in California and Washington captured the trade and held it until Alberta butter made a bid for it. So satisfactory did the British Columbia jobbers find the Alberta product that they have entirely supplies the Yukon trade and has a hold on that market for many years in the future.

"The British Columbia market as a whole," said Mr. Marker, "is a competitive one, as every province in Canada ships butter, and the United States across the border into Alberta. The Yukon market which the government creameries of Alberta have secured for themselves, so you see, leaves a splendid opening in the province which they would not otherwise have. In this way the system of government creameries in the Dominion can not only benefit the farmer who patronize them, but it also benefits the patrons of the private creameries in Alberta by leaving the British Columbia market practically open to them. More than this, with all the creamery butter going to an export market the farmers of the province who have no access to a creamery and make dairy butter have the local market much to themselves. So you see, the operation of the government creameries has far reaching effects."

The Local Market.

What is now being left returned to us that the export butter is the best and that conditions are right. Mr. Marker points out that the local situation can be much improved. At the present time about 40 cars of home-made dairy butter are shipped east and sold on the Montreal market. The Montreal market is a very hot one and the butter is sold at a price which is a direct loss of \$1,000 to somebody when it is taken from the province. A car load comes west for every one that goes east and the incoming car brings double the price of the outgoing car load.

The Yukon Trade.

Reverting to the Yukon trade Mr. Marker said that this market has been

FARMERS ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY

System of Co-operation in Vogue in Denmark in Connection With Pork Packing Industry.

The pork commission, which met in board of trade rooms Monday morning was fortunate in securing the evidence of N. H. Sorensen, late of Denmark, who has also been held up as an example of the success of co-operation and yet the principle of co-operation is generally understood. The evidence of Mr. Sorensen is valuable as it shows wherein Alberta farmers must have the foundation for any co-operative scheme that they may promote if they wish to follow the example of Denmark.

1.—The farmers assume full financial obligation for the plant. They assume separately and jointly the liabilities of the concern by signing bonds. These bonds are the basis on which the concern is conducted as they enable the money required to be borrowed from the farmers' banks throughout Denmark. The business is carried on from year to year on borrowed capital. The farmers sign the bonds on the principle of each for all and all for each. They know one another and have perfect confidence in each other. Circumstances beyond their control forced them to spontaneously assume this attitude. The Danish government has no hand in the co-operative principle but assists materially in securing and safeguarding the market facilities for the finished product.

2.—The farmers guarantee to supply the hogs to the co-operative concern in their districts. This they have done in spite of attempts made by competitive private plants to secure the hogs.

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24 YEARS AGO TODAY

Taken From the Files of the Edmonton Bulletin, Saturday, December 20th, 1884.

Cold and calm all week.

The bridge across the Blind river is completed.

Stock duties were seen at Lac La Biche on December last.

Monday was the first really cold day of the season.

Children's Christmas tree festival in the Methodist church on Thursday.

Beautiful mirages noticeable from town on Thursday morning on the Fort Saskatchewan trail, south side.

The walls of a house intended as a stopping place are erected on the bank of the Pipestone creek, on the Bow river.

Mr. Parada, of Fort Saskatchewan, has rented Lauder's building on the Hudson Bay Company's lot as a wagon shop.

A second black rabbit has been killed at Edmonton. R. D. Wilson, of the Hudson Bay Company, has the skin. Still another has been killed at Victoria.

The skating rink has been cleared off on the job of the river in front of Ross's hotel. Owing to the cold weather, it has not been much patronized as yet.

A throat disease resembling quinsy has been prevalent among the children at Fort Saskatchewan for some time and has caused several deaths. It is abating.

Alex. Fraser, of Clover Bar, shot two ptarmigan last week. The birds are smaller than a prairie chicken, pure white except two black feathers in the tail, and the legs partly feathered.

Travelers for Calgary require to load up well with cash before starting. The usual price for feeding for a team all night is \$1. Barkers, at Battle River, is said to be the only exception.

The proposed school district at Fort Saskatchewan will have an area of about 32 square miles, adult population 245, children of school age 33, total population 102, taxable property \$71,250. Voting on Wednesday, January 24th, in R. B. Wilson's house.

Monday next is the shortest day. Coal mines are booming this week.

H. S. Young, of the Hudson Bay Company, left for Lac La Biche on Friday morning.

W. Walker and family removed to the farm on the south side on Monday last.

C. Stewart, of Jarvis & Stewart, arrived from Calgary on Friday evening.

W. McKay purchased two lots on the Robertson and McGinn estate this week for \$1500.

E. B. Wilson, of the Hudson Bay Company, left for Prince Albert. He will be absent for a month or two.

THE CONSUMERS' CRY WAS HEARD

Editor of London Economist Says There Will be no Rise in the Tariff.

Canadian Associated Press. London, Dec. 21.—F. W. Hirst, editor of the Economist, who returned from Canada today, when interviewed, said: "I gathered from members of the Canadian government that the pressure of the Protectionist interests, during the recent discussions, was weak, and that the revolt of the consumer was much stronger. Therefore, there is not much fear of any rise in the tariff. On the contrary if reduction could be made with advantage, or without loss to the revenue, there would probably be a reduction."

"Lord Milner during his visit to Canada himself warned Canadians against becoming too 'free traders' and seemed to be quite alarmed at the prospects of the Canadian tariff being reduced. Personally, I thought the motive underlying this observation was more obvious than patriotic."

"As regards the British preference for one I must seem to think it reasonable to demand from the mother country more than Canada already got, namely, a free market, a free navy and a free trade, for the moment, especially interested in the facilities for borrowing large sums of money at a reasonable rate of interest."

Apart from all this what is, perhaps, most important for Canada is a commercial understanding with the United States, which would lead to a reciprocal agreement and great mutual advantage. So far as the Mother country is concerned, it may be sure that any thing which makes Canada more prosperous will indirectly benefit us."

Castro Orders Directly.

The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says that President Castro, of Venezuela, has ordered 50,000 Mannlicher rifles from the Long company of Berlin, and is negotiating with three German builders for two battleships and four fast cruisers, but the arms have not yet been ordered. President Castro offered half payment in advance and the remainder upon the delivery of the rifles. The German builders, in view of the unsettled condition of Venezuela, insist upon advance payment of the remaining balance. President Castro, according to the correspondent, contemplates ordering artillery from the Krupp.

Defrauded State Out of \$19,306 in Furniture Contract.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—Four men, one a contractor, and three former officials of the state of Pennsylvania, who were convicted of grafting in connection with a contract for furnishing the new capitol, were today sentenced to terms in the Eastern penitentiary at a fine of \$500 each. The men are John Saunders, the contractor, for the capitol furnishings, Wm. P. Snider, of Spring City, former auditor of the state, James M. Mathus, of Media, former state treasurer, James M. Shurmaker, of Johnstown, former superintendent of public grounds and buildings.

Immediately after sentence was pronounced, the defendants were remanded to the custody of the sheriff and taken to a side room pending application for a supersedeas, which was made in the superior court at Philadelphia. As soon as it is granted, the defendants will offer bail pending an appeal to the superior court.

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Two Blown to Pieces.

By Dynamite Explosion in Northern Ontario Mine—Third Fatally Injured.

Cobalt, Dec. 21.—A terrible explosion occurred in the Temiskaming Gold Roofs Mine several days ago, information of which has just been received. The dead are Michael Doherty, North Bay; Alfred Rigou, Sudbury; both young men and unmarried; William Brennan, middle-aged, married, of Cache Bay, near North Bay, fatally injured. The bodies of the victims were sent to North Bay. Brennan is in the New Liskard Hospital. Eli Lalonde, mine foreman, and Miller, both men, escaped with their lives. Doherty and Rigou were blown to pieces. Brennan's skull was shattered. The explosion is believed to have been caused by the accidental discharge of a portion of a stick of dynamite which remained in the drill after the original firing had taken place. The bottom of the shaft is 75 feet below the surface.

Almost Suffocated By Coal Gas.

Kingston, Dec. 21.—Harold Nicholson, of Portsmouth, wife and baby and brother came within an ace of being suffocated by coal gas. When the balance is divided according to the patronage of each farmer, \$5000 is the price figured that the final payment is only about one cent per pound.

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