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NEWS OF THE DAY.

A good pocket of oil and natural gas has
been tapped at Tilsonburg.

Two car loads of cotton were shipped last
week from Kingston to China.

The Dominion Government have decided
to open Parliament on January 31.

The Judges of the Supreme Court will
announce their opinion in regard to the Mani-
toba railway contract on January 14.

It is rumored that Mr. Laurier is desir-
ous of resigning the leadership of the Op-
position and has notified Mr. Blake to that
effect.

In the recent accident, four miles below
Maberley, seventeen Canadian Pacific freight
cars were wrecked, causing a loss of about
\$50,000.

The immigration returns for November
show 5,444 arrivals in the province of On-
tario, of whom 4,386 passed to the United
States.

While drilling on a farm a short distance
west of St. Catharines on Monday night a
pocket of natural gas was struck at a depth
of 312 feet.

A meeting held in the interests of the Im-
perial Federation at Lindsay on Tuesday night
was addressed by Col. Danison and Mr.
Madill, M. P.

Kingston Retail Grocers' Association will
protest against the Government increasing
the duty on pork, as was asked by the Cana-
dian packers.

Mr. Dewdney favours the acquisition of
Mr. Bedson's buffalo herd for the Rocky
Mountain park, if they can be obtained at a
reasonable figure.

The new Canadian Electric Light Com-
pany undertakes to supply householders in
Montreal with electric light at a less figure
than is now being paid for gas.

The contract for the approaches to the
locks of the proposed Sault canal has been
awarded to Messrs. Ryan & Harvey, as
something over a million dollars.

Mr. Fealy, Dominion Engineer, says
that the dry dock at Kingston, when com-
pleted, will be the finest on the lakes, on
either the American or Canadian side.

The new Canadian Pacific railway line
between Montreal and Mattawankeag, in
Maine, is almost completed, and in about ten
days freight trains will run over the line.

The total receipts of the Hamilton Art
Exposition are \$6,031, and as the expenses
will not exceed \$1,500, there will be a hand-
some balance left to endow the Art school.

The captain of an American schooner
which put into Halifax for repairs and was
refused permission to sell his fish there
had to transport to the States under his
hoose.

Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific share-
holders in London are being asked to sign a
petition asking the directors of the two
companies to cease hostilities and work in
harmony.

The teams sent out from Edmonton to
meet Mr. Ogilvie, of the Geological Survey,
on his return from the Mackenzie River,
failed to meet him, and nothing is known of
his location.

The Supreme Court yesterday delivered
judgment in the Halliday election case,
declaring the election void on account of an
informality on the part of a scrutineer for
Dr. Montague.

The petition for the repeal of the Canada
Temperance Act in the County of Frontenac
has been signed by 2,019 persons, of whom
1,866 are qualified electors. The voting will
take place in April next.

In opening the County Court in Kingston
yesterday Judge Price in his charge to the
grand jury urged in strong terms the neces-
sity of providing profitable work for the con-
victs in the penitentiary.

A man who appeared in the Montreal
Police Court to a charge of disorderly con-
duct and was Jack the Ripper from Whitechapel, and that he wanted to be
hanged for the murders he committed.

The Kingston grand jury very strongly
urged the necessity of providing labour for
the convicts, and suggested that the Govern-
ment should start from smelting works in
connection with the prison, as such would
not conflict with any private enterprise.

Monday afternoon a convict named
Thornton, while working at the gas-house
outside the walls of the Kingston peniten-

tiary, slipped on a pair of overalls, took
a couple of stovepipes under his arms, and
coolly walked away. It was some time be-
fore he was missed.

The temperance people of Frontenac in-
stead holding a convention at Cataragui on
December 27, to devise means to prevent
the repeal of the Scott Act.

The rumored appointment of Mr. Dancon
McIntyre as arbitrator between the Cana-
dian Pacific and Grand Trunk railways has
not reached either Mr. VanKorke or Mr.
Hickson.

Dr. Allen, collector of Customs at Fort
MacLeod, says the Mormons are good set-
tlers, but the people there will not tolerate
the practice of polygamy, even should the
Government feel inclined to close an eye on
their peculiar custom.

The two Montreal police officers who a
couple of weeks ago assembled a private
club at the Bonaventure station because
he had remonstrated with them for ar-
resting an Italian, who could not speak English,
were fined \$5 and \$1 respectively by Judge
Danduraud for an excess of duty.

A London cable despatch states that Mr.
Duncan McIntyre has been invited by the
Joint Committee of the Grand Trunk and
Canadian Pacific shareholders to undertake
the settlement of the difficulties between
the two companies. He has been promised
full powers, and will doubtless accept and
proceed to Canada at once.

At a meeting of the Queen's University
Alma Mater Society, the question of Canada
maintaining a standing army was decided
in the negative. Major Mays, R. E., of
the Royal Military College, was in favour
of an army of four or five thousand to take
the place of the militia system, which he
characterized as inefficient, incapable, and
wholly inadequate.

The application of the liquidators of the
Central Bank for increased remuneration
was discussed before the Master-in-Ordinary.
The Master thought that justice would be
done to both the liquidators and creditors
by adopting two percentages, viz., one and
a quarter per cent., and three per cent., as
a basis of remuneration, and accordingly
ordered the accounts to be re-audited.

AMERICAN.

Buffalo has 1,993 saloons, which yield
\$264,000 in license.

Dr. James Scott, author of the famous
American Scout Honor laws, died in Colum-
bus, Ohio, on Sunday.

It is asserted that an American syndicate,
with a capital of \$500,000, has been formed
to construct a railway in Siberia.

Mr. O'Brien, who was defeated in the
Boston mayoralty election on Tuesday, had
been mayor of the city for four consecutive
years.

Henry Landerfel, of Allegheny City,
Pa., who has seven wives living, quarreled
yesterday with the last of them and then
blew his brains out.

The feeling is growing that the exigencies
of Republican politics will require General
Roosevelt to call an extra session of Congress
soon after his inauguration.

Ida Newman, a young lady well known in
charitable circles in Providence, R. I., has
married a Chinese laundryman, who was one
of her Sunday school scholars.

It is announced that the United States
whiskey trust has determined on a crusade
of extermination against the distillers who
have refused to join the combination.

To provide for the spiritual wants of
poor Italians in America the Congregation
De Propaganda Fide has decided to despatch
priests from Italy to the United
States.

Active steps are being taken in Indian-
apolis to suppress the White Caps, and many
members of that organization have been in-
dicted, with a strong probability of their
conviction.

A woman named Gallagher, on her arrival
at Queenstown on Saturday from the New
York steamer Umbria, was searched, and
fifty dynamite cartridges were found con-
cealed in her dress.

The United States steamer Andes sailed
from New York on Saturday for Port au
Prince with 100,000 cartridges and 1,000
Winchester and Remington rifles for the
Haytian Government.

The excitement in Birmingham, Ala., has
subsided, and there is no fear of another at-
tack being made upon the goal when Hawes,
the alleged murderer of his wife and two
daughters, is confined.

Gen. Legitime, Chief of the Haytian Ex-
ecutive power, says Hayti has international
law on her side in seizing the Haytian Re-
public, which was carrying munitions of
war into a blockaded port.

The United States authorities, who were
advised that a large consignment of opium
was being smuggled through Canada, suc-
ceeded in capturing on Friday night about
\$20,000 worth near Sandbeach, Mich.

Mr. John Henniker Heaton, M. P. for
Canterbury, will visit the United States
next year, and will endeavour to have a bill
submitted to Congress providing for the
adoption of a universal penny postage.

If Lord Salisbury adheres to his idea of
not appointing any Minister to Washington
during President Cleveland's term of office,
it is probable that U. S. Minister Phelps
will ask for leave of absence and go home.

Sheriff Smith, of Birmingham, Ala.,
has been re-arrested in connection with
shooting into the mob which attempted
to lynch Hawes, and the troops have been
ordered to remain as further trouble is
apprehended.

The Paris "Figaro" says that the Cham-
ber of Deputies has played into the hands of
the Americans, who always predicted the
non-completion of the Panama canal, and
the Republic will be the first to suffer for
their blunder.

A fight occurred on Sunday night at
Wahalak, Minn., between negroes and white
men, in which it is reported twelve whites
and one hundred and fifty negroes were
killed. There had been ill feeling between
the two colours for some time.

Congressman Battersworth, on Friday in-
troduced a joint resolution proposing the
appointment of a commission consisting of
English, Canadian, and American repre-
sentatives to consider a basis of union between
Canada and the United States.

Bishop Vladimir, of Sitka, has given some
startling evidence regarding immorality in
Alaska. He says it is usual for the whites
to buy Indian girls from their depraved
parents for immoral purposes, who after a
time are turned loose on the community.

Rev. Mead Holmes, of Rockford, Ill.,
who has been threatened with White
Cap vengeance unless he ceases his
crusade against the liquor traffic, now
sleeps with a brace of revolvers under
his pillow, and promises any White Caps
who attempt to carry out their threats a
warm welcome.

FOREIGN.

Er-Emper Eugene is going to Paris to
receive the chiefs of the Imperialist Com-
mittee. This expedition gives to his views on
political questions a certain weight in excess
of that which belongs to them in virtue of
his character and senatorial position, which
that weight may be. The lengthy deliv-
erance on the relations between Canada and
the United States, ascribed to him in the
New York Sun, will, therefore, be read
with considerable courtesy and interest.

Herr Moroney, chief of the African
Missions, thinks that Emin may have been
captured, but not Stanley.

The Berlin National Zeitung denies that
there is any truth in the sinister rumours re-
garding Emperor William's health.

A band of Chinese pirates in Tonquin has
been dispersed by the French. Eleven of
the pirates were captured and summarily
shot.

It is said that the recent accidents to the
Czar's train was caused by carelessness on
the part of officials, several of whom will be
tried.

The cowardly behaviour of the Egyptian
troops in the recent revolt is assigned as a
reason for the increase of the Imperial troops
at Suakin.

Moroney, who was imprisoned in Kilmain-
ham goal for contempt of court under the
Crimes Act, was released yesterday on the
ground of ill health.

All Spanish Treasury officials have been
imprisoned pending an inquiry into the rob-
bery of \$240,000 from the Government's
deposit bank in Madrid.

The Berlin "National Gazette" says if
Emin has been captured it becomes more
than ever a duty and an honour to send an
expedition to his assistance.

It is understood the Rothschilds have
contracted to construct at Batoum fifteen
reservoirs for storing kerosene, with a capac-
ity of 6,000,000 pounds each.

Emperor William has received a report
from Gen. von Wittich, showing the possi-
bility of Germany sustaining a war against
Russia and France simultaneously.

Mr. Gladstone made a speech in the Lin-
coln house tower hall, London, on Saturday,
in which he declared his belief that the time
had come to grant Ireland Home Rule.

The British and American residents of
Rome are subscribing money for the pur-
chase of an album of Roman views to be pre-
sented to Mr. Gladstone as a souvenir of his
visit.

It is stated that the Pope's object in grant-
ing permission to Italian Catholics to vote is
to create a great Catholic Conservative party
to keep alive the discussion of Vatican
grievances.

Lord Dufferin was given a banquet in
Bombay prior to leaving for England, and in
his speech he said he handed over the coun-
try to Lord Lansdowne with a cloudless
political horizon.

At yesterday's sitting of the Farnell Com-
mission the Court ordered that Mr. William
O'Brien must appear to explain the article in
"United Ireland" reflecting upon the in-
tegrity of the judges.

The French Government announce they
will introduce a bill into the Chamber of
Deputies providing for a postponement for three
months of the payment of the Panama Canal
Company's liabilities.

Miss Weidmann, who was recently non-
sued in her action for breach of promise
against Capt. Walpole, has returned to Lon-
don from Germany with evidence of the
birth of her child, and will apply for a new
trial.

The English Government have not receiv-
ed and news confirmatory of the capture of
Emin Bey and Stanley by the Mahdi, but
the Belgian authorities have despatches

which leave no doubt as to the capture of
the former.

A letter has been received at Suakin
from Osman Digma stating that both Emin
Pasha and Stanley are in the hands of the
Mahdi, and it is rumored that both cap-
tives will be killed unless Suakin is aban-
doned by Egypt.

The latest news from Zanzibar represents
the German to be in a dangerous plight.
Business, with 2,500 men, is entrenched with-
in 800 yards of the German company's
stronghold, cutting off retreat to the sea and
preventing the landing of supplies.

A correspondent in a despatch from Lon-
don gives what purports to be the inner his-
tory of the Farnell letters in the possession
of the Times. He says they were forged by
Richard Pigott, a Fenian formerly connected
with the Dublin Franchise, and that this fact
can be legally established.

Great importance is attached to the fac-
ility with which Russia placed her loan on
the Paris Bourse. It not only enables her
to redeem her old loan, but gives her free-
dom from the dictation of Berlin financiers,
who at times brought pressure to bear upon
her as the dictation of Prince Bismarck.

On Sir Charles Russell complaining yester-
day at the Farnell Commission of the
wide area being covered by Sir Richard
Webster for the "Times," Judge Hannan
said the counsel to do their utmost to com-
press the enquiry, and to avoid wasting
years of the life of those engaged in the
case.

Senator Sherman on Annexation.

Senator Sherman is by many regarded as
the coming Secretary of State for the United
States. This position gives to his views on
political questions a certain weight in excess
of that which belongs to them in virtue of
his character and senatorial position, which
that weight may be. The lengthy deliv-
erance on the relations between Canada and
the United States, ascribed to him in the
New York Sun, will, therefore, be read
with considerable courtesy and interest.

Amusing the gentleman to be brought
about, are not at all complimentary to Cana-
dian spirit. The wonder is that he, or any
patriotic American, would be willing to re-
ceive into the bosom of the Great Republic
a people so devoid of manliness as to en-
deavour to be transferred in the manner he
indicates. He admits, in effect, that the
Maritime Provinces would "welcome politi-
cal union" only if it comes "without shock
to their loyal sensibilities"; that they are
"not as loyal" as the Eastern Provinces;
and that Quebec, for reasons peculiar to it-
self, "will be the last fortress of resistance
to consolidation." The three sections which
contain all but a few hundred thousands of
the population of the Dominion being thus
unprepared for what can be more inconceiv-
able than the transfer of a loyal people from
one flag to another without "shock to their
loyal sensibilities"—the manner in which
Senator Sherman is proceeding in the
debate becomes peculiarly interesting. He
would have the President or Senate open
communication with the British Govern-
ment, "and proceed thenceforth by the or-
dinary diplomatic methods of treaty mak-
ing." Can it be that a Senator of the United
States is so obtuse as not to perceive that
such a proposal would be a flagrant
insult to both the parties concerned? Where
in all the history of England's dealings
with her colonies can anything be found to
encourage the supposition that she would
not resent deeply an invitation to dispose
of an important colony? And what more
intolerable offence could be given to a free
and essentially self-relying people like the
Canadians, than to assume that they and
their country could be made the subject of
barter between the Mother Country and
another nation? If Senator Sherman un-
derstood anything of the spirit of the people
of whom he learned so much in the course
of a trip from Montreal to Victoria, he
would perceive that when they wish to be
more absorbed in the United States they
will ask for it, and that in the absence of
such request, any negotiations were such
commissions, between the United States and
British Government, with that end in view,
would arouse their fiercest indignation.—
"Toronto Week"

Seed Wheat Sharps.

WHEREBY, Dec. 15.—The two men from
Barnard's Bay yesterday on charges of
perjury and fraud in connection with the
trial of actions for the recovery of the value
of notes secured from farmers in Pickering,
Markham and Brock townships by the no-
torious seed wheat sharp, A. Hope, were
committed by Justice Magistrate Hayer, on
the evidence of Mr. Charles J. Hodgson, his
wife and a young farm help of Whitvale,
in Pickering, in support of the charge of per-
jury against Joseph James, and of a Mr. St.
John of Brock township, against J. W. Ry-
mond. James put up a marked cheque for
\$400 and got a local barrister to become se-
curity for \$200, when he was liberated; but
Rymal has not yet succeeded in raising bail
money.

A Perjurating Witness.

Thomas O'Connor, who testified on the 4th
inst., concerning the alleged doings of the
Inner Circle of the League, was re-called and
cross examined by Sir Charles Russell for
the Farnellites. O'Connor adhered to the
statement that he had received seven pounds
in payment for moonlighting. The money
was in one pound notes, and two of them
were cashed by the National Bank. He had
decided, he said, to give evidence simply
with the object of putting an end to the hell
upon earth in Ireland. Sir Charles Russell
asked: "Were you asked, in order to crim-
inate the Farnellites, to tell queer things?"
Witness evaded the question, but Sir Charles
pressed him hard, remarking that he used
the term "queer things" advisedly. Wit-
ness at last admitted that a Mr. Walker, in
behalf of the "Times," had strongly urged
him to give evidence. Sir Charles Russell
here produced a letter and handed it to wit-
ness, who admitted that he wrote it. It was
addressed to his brother, and said he (wit-
ness) had got himself summoned by the
"Times," thinking he could make a few
pounds, but he found that he could not unless
he would swear to queer things. On the re-
direct examination, witness, in reply to At-
torney-General Webster, said that since he
first gave evidence his family had telegraphed
to him to the effect that they would die of
shame unless when he was cross-examined
he denied the evidence he had already given
before the court. Later in the day Mr.
Reid stated that Mr. O'Brien was in Dublin,
and would probably be unable to attend to-
morrow. The court was therefore adjourned
to January 15.

The Seed-Strindle Must Go.

The New York Tribune recently gave an
interview with Mr. Barnet Landreth, one of
the largest seed-merchants of the United
States, in relation to his evidence, before a
Senate Finance Committee, which, if cor-
rectly quoted, would seem to show rotten-
ness in the Agricultural Department's
method of doing business at Washington.

The Chairman: Do you sell the Agricul-
tural Department any seeds at all? Mr.
Landreth: No, sir; we do not. The Chair-
man: They do not apply to you for seed?
Mr. Landreth: They ask us, as they do
everybody else, for quotations, but it is a
waste of time to give them quotations. We
quoted them turnip seed at 14 cents a pound,
The Tribune & Co. quoted the turnip seed at
13 cents a pound, and Henderson & Co.
quoted them turnip seed at 13 cents a pound.
The Commissioner (agent?) bought other
seed at 28 cents.

This seed, according to the testimony as
given in another portion of the report, was
sold to a seed merchant by a reputable firm
at 4 cents per pound for the reason that it
was, as stated, "nearly dead." The De-
partment paid 28 cents for it.

An Elephantine Exoneration.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 17.—Chief,
the most vicious elephant in America and the
murderer of seven men, was executed yester-
day afternoon in the winter quarters of
Forpaugh's circus. By hard work a noose
was pulled over his trunk and placed behind
his ears, with the knot directly under his
throat. Then Basil and Bismarck, the most
powerful elephants owned by Forpaugh,
were fastened to an end of the rope on either
side of their murderous comrade. At the
signal the elephants pulled with all their
might strength in opposite directions.
Chief began to totter. In twenty seconds
he dropped to the ground a dead elephant.
Bismarck and Basil had strangled him. At
seven o'clock this morning a big force of
men loaded the body on a catamaran with
the aid of a derrick. Ten horses hauled the
body to the University of Pennsylvania,
where it will be skinned and stuffed, while
the bones will be set up by D. Joseph Leedy,
the zoologist of the university.

Extradition and Riddleberger.

The New York "Times," December 13,
says:—Senator Riddleberger yesterday gave
notice that he should renew at each morning
hour for an indefinite period his motion to
consider in open session the English extradi-
tion treaty. There is very little prospect
that he will succeed in this motion, and it is
a pity that a reform so salutary and so pres-
singly should, for the time, be connected solely
with a senator so deprived of common sense
as he. His motive for desiring in public
session to air his views upon extradition with
England is by no means a creditable one, but
it is not the first time in our political history
that a grave abuse has been attacked from
an unworthy motive, and it may well be
that Mr. Riddleberger's stolid persistence
may yet have some good result. The justice
of the cause for which the "much importun-
ity" obtained a hearing is not recorded in
Scripture as having anything to do with the
achievement.

Stop that Cough.

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simple cold, which, if not checked in time,
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The Latest Customs Case.

The unjust methods of the Customs De-
partment have again called forth the con-
demnation of the highest tribunal in the
land. The former case in which the Su-
preme Court expressed itself strongly with
regard to the Customs policy was that of
Ayer & Co., who, after importing the raw
material for their medicines and paying
upon it the amount of duty assessed by the
officials, were subjected to the seizure of
their entire plant on the charge of under-
valuation. It is, we think, unfair to im-
porters that such huge rewards should be
offered for proofs of violation of the Cu-
stoms law. The officials may be honest
enough; nevertheless they should not be
subject to the temptation the rewards hold
out to them.

That there is a necessity for a change is ap-
parent from the claims which the depart-
ment sets up. Let us see what these claims
are. In the first place, no transaction with
the Customs department is closed. It may
be re-opened within a given time with a view
to the collection of further duties. In the
second place, the Customs department does
not hold itself responsible for its own valua-
tions. An article is imported, and the im-
porter declares its cost. The department
may place a higher value on it for duty.
After the importer has paid the duty and
has sold the article, the department, on the
ground that its appraisement was too low,
may seize the importer's books and his stock
and call upon him to prove himself inno-
cent of an unexpected charge of fraud in
the value of his goods. The importer, if
article the Customs officers have themselves
valued. The firm is put to heavy loss, and
suffers, of course, by the suspension of
its business. But this is not the only
trouble. The rule with respect to testi-
mony is reversed to its disadvantage. In-
stead of the department having to prove
the alleged offender guilty, the offender has
to prove himself innocent, and that without
the aid of his books, invoices, and letters,
these having been seized by the department.
If he prove himself innocent the importer
may pay the costs of his defence and resume
business. But if he cannot he forfeits a
large sum of money in addition to the
further duty demanded from him. This
money does not go to the public treasury.
By far the large proportion goes to the
Customs officers who made the seizure.
Any official may make such a seizure. The
very officer who passed the goods may re-
call them and subject the importer to a fine
on the ground of fraudulent under-valua-
tion, receiving as his reward a large share
of the extra sum the unfortunate importer
is compelled to pay. There is no recourse
in law against an officer who has made an
improper seizure. The system, it will be
observed, is based on the theory that im-
porters are necessarily given to the perpet-
ration of fraud. It gives the Government
official every chance to make a good haul
out of the merchants and affords the mer-
chants practically no protection against
injustice. In no other civilized coun-
try is such a grotesque law allowed
to disfigure the statute book. There
should be an amendment, and that without
delay.—[Toronto Mail.]

A Gigantic Trust.

Last week copper sold in the New York
market for 17 1/2 cents a pound, whereas a
year and a half ago, when the visible supply
of the metal was only one-third what it is
now, the price was 9 1/2 cents. The cause of
this anomalous and outrageous state of affairs
is to be found in the simple fact that a
"trust" has cornered the copper supply of
the world, and is selling to consumers
at whatever price it chooses to dictate. The
headquarters of this gigantic "ring" are in
Paris, and the capital invested is said to be
\$80,000,000. Among the members of the
combination are a number of French specu-
lators and several well-known European cap-
italists, including the Rothschilds.

Gowardly Egyptian Troops.

It is rumored in military circles that the
Egyptian troops behaved badly in the re-
cent sortie that their almost absolute worth-
lessness was confirmed, and this is held to be
an ample explanation of the Government's
sudden resolve to reinforce the garrison. It
is well remembered that the disastrous de-
feat of Baker Pasha in the former Sudan
campaign was wholly due to the cowardice
of the Egyptian troops under his command;
and the British military officer of to-day who
places any reliance whatsoever on the brav-
ery of the Egyptian soldiery must be regard-
ed as totally inexperienced.