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Major Commissioner to Be Stationed at Victoria to Superintend Yukon Parties.

Immigration Commissioner to Investigate the Case of Crow's Nest Pass Laborers.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The unanimous award of the Behring Sea sealing commissioners, Judges King and Putnam, has been handed to Sir Julian Pauncefote and Secretary Sherman. The amount is not stated.

Sir William Van Horne was here today and had an interview with several ministers on the subject, it is said, of the C.P.R. getting entrance into Roseland.

Major Perry, of the Northwest Mounted Police, will be sent to Skagway immediately with a large supply of provisions and dogs, and after seeing them over the passes he will return to Victoria, where he will be stationed to superintend Yukon parties at that point.

Frank Pedley, commissioner of immigration, has been instructed by Mr. Sifton to go to Crow's Nest Pass and investigate the alleged grievances of a number of workmen against the construction of that road and the Canadian Pacific railway company.

The postal revenue continues to grow, the November returns showing an increase of \$70,000 over the same month last year.

A big demand has set in for sets of old issue of postage stamps, and several denominations are already disposed of. The Government has been closing up private affairs here, left for Toronto this morning. Many friends were present at the station to see him leave.

The new minister of justice has set himself a somewhat arduous task. He proposes to personally examine into each capital case before the Privy Council whether or not the law should take its course. Heretofore the chief clerk of the department has reviewed the evidence and judges' reports on capital cases.

F. A. Helms and Carlos Wardfield were here today, but did not meet Sir William Van Horne. Mr. Helms is married to Miss Whitney, a Prescottville and famous vocalist.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The cabinet was in session today, but before the first meeting of any importance held for some days. The Premier returned from Quebec at noon, but whether he succeeded in securing peace is doubtful. The date of the meeting of parliament was not settled, Behring sea matters and some treasury board work keeping the ministers busy to-day.

Official advice has been received from Victoria that the owners of the sealing vessels Ariel and Willie McGowan, seized by a Russian cruiser in 1892, have signified their readiness to accept the offer of the Russian government in settlement of their claims. The amount tendered by the government at St. Petersburg as compensation was \$40,000. This is somewhat below the sum of the two claims, nevertheless the owners have notified the government of their acceptance of the amount tendered, and also that they agree to accept the sum of the amount to be made by Sir Louis Davies, minister of marine.

Eight laborers from Hull and Ottawa, who had been working on the Crow's Nest Pass railroad returned home to-day and entered suit for damages against the Canadian Pacific railway company, after signing off all claims against the company and its contractors. The men say they were actually forced to sign off their claims. They hold that as an agreement made by a man in prison is not valid, so also is their agreement not to sue the C.P.R. not valid, as they were actually prisoners while at Crow's Nest Pass. There was no other way for them to come except over the C.P.R. line and they had no money.

Fifty-six applications for private bills have already been made. Of these 23 are for charters either to build railroads, or to trading or transportation work in the Yukon.

Mr. Tarte returned to town to-day. Speaking of the mooted Liberal round robin the prime minister to get rid of him, he stated that if three Brit members of parliament can be got to sign such a document, he will retire from the cabinet.

Robert Stevenson, president of the Granite Creek Mining Co., appeared in the police court this morning charged with obtaining a diamond ring valued at \$120 from Miss Christie, under false pretences. It is alleged that Stevenson gave seven shares in the Granite mine for the ring.

WINNIPEG ELECTIONS. Contests for the Municipal Board Absorbing the Citizens' Attention.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The Winnipeg civic elections occupied the entire attention of citizens to-day. A. J. Andrews was elected mayor by 604 majority over E. F. Hochstetler. E. D. Martin, brother of Joseph Martin, was elected alderman for Ward 4 by 125 majority, in a triangular contest. The other results were: Ward 1, A. C. N. V. Kennedy; Ward 2, A. D. G. Mather; and Ward 5, H. Fry.

Federation of Labor. NASHVILLE, Dec. 21.—The American Federation of Labor ended its seventh annual session to-day. Thomas A. Kidd, of Chicago, was elected national delegate to the Canadian Labor Congress.

MR. STEVENSON ARRESTED. His Promise to Miss Christie Dates from Three Years Ago.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Robert Stevenson, a prominent mining promoter, was arrested here to-day by Detective Heston of Ottawa, on a charge of obtaining \$1,200 under false pretences. The complainant is Miss Christie of Ottawa. The alleged fraudulent deal occurred in connection with a sale of certain mining stock three years ago.

MORGAN OVER-MATCHED. The Doughty Sergeant-Major Vanquished by a Highlander's Bayonet.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—(Special)—A. Massey had last night, before a large audience, Private Stewart of the 48th Highlanders, defeated Sergeant-Major Morgan of the Royal Military College, at a bayonet vs. bayonet contest. It was to be three engagements at 9 points each, and Stewart won in two straight. In the first he was by 3 to 2, and the second it was 4 all, when Stewart got in the deciding point.

TORONTO QUITE AT EASE. Government Organ Has No Apprehension About Any Famine in the Klondyke.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent, who accompanied Mr. Sifton to the Yukon, says the United States should not be alarmed about a Klondyke famine. There is probably an ulterior motive behind the appropriation of \$200,000 by congress for relief in Alaska. Congress knows very well that the people said to be in danger are in Klondyke, in Canadian territory, and the Canadian authorities are quite able and willing to take care of them. Any shortage of food up there will not occur, if at all, until March or April, and the shortage even then would not apply to more than one-tenth of the population. Major Walsh will attend to these effectively in good time. There will be no food famine. At the same time no one can object to congress sending a relief expedition into their own territory, except to offer a remark that it looks very peculiar when there are very few persons on the American side of the boundary.

The Pope's Instructions. MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—(Special)—It is said that on the return of the Archbishop of Montreal, a council of Canadian Catholic bishops will be held to deal with the Pope's instructions regarding his settlement of the Manitoba school question.

A Klondyke Mare. SHELBYVILLE, Ky., Dec. 22.—Samuel, a dog, sold to E. J. Tipple, of Lexington, Lady Reel, the dam of the two-year-old Hamburg, for \$15,000 each. Mr. Tipple, it is said, has placed the mare for sale to Lady Reel in foil to Hanover, the sire of Hamburg.

Fire at Moncton. MONCTON, N.B., Dec. 21.—(Special)—Five brooks in the business centre of the city shortly after midnight, and before it could be got under control had destroyed ten or a dozen buildings and caused a loss of \$40,000.

THE HUNGARIAN POLICY. Premier Banffy Holds That It Should Be For Continued Union With Austria.

BUDA PESTH, Dec. 21.—In the lower house of the Hungarian parliament today Baron Banffy, the premier, speaking of the bill providing for a provisional prolongation of the Ausgleich, decided that he could not accept the Austrian resolution demanding the establishment of an independent Hungarian regime on the 1st of January 1. He would, however, accept a motion to publish as soon as possible the data necessary for the establishment of such regime or for the conclusion of a commercial treaty with Austria, the draft of a customs tariff, and to arrange to ascertain the views of business men. He pointed out that Hungary had the right to establish an independent customs immediately if it should be in her interest to do so, but she considered the compromise arrangement it could be arranged with due regard for Hungary's interests. That, however, was doubtful.

The government, nevertheless, the premier continued, desired to give Austria time to recover herself and did not wish to cause a state of confusion, the baneful consequences of which were insupportable. The present bill did not infringe upon Hungary's rights and interests, and he added, the government would act vigorously against any attempts to prevent it becoming law. These remarks caused an uproar, after which the premier concluded with an appeal to the house not to create difficulties. Hungary's interest, he pointed out, far from requiring her to loosen her relationship with Austria, required that her ties with that country be more closer and stronger. This statement was greeted with applause from the rightists, but it caused an uproar among the leftists.

Federated Labor Preferred. LINDENTON, Mich., Dec. 21.—The Flint & Pere Marquette railway officials to-day signed a contract under which no labor except that of members of the American Federation of Labor will be employed on the big transfer freight depot here. The company intends to guard against further winter strikes.

To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation, and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time, by invigorating every organ, nerve, and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

GREAT HOST OF FAKERS. Half a Million Persons Still Claiming for Place on United States Pension Rolls.

Bounty Jumpers, Deserters, Cheats and Swindlers Sharing the Soldiers' Rewards.

New York, Dec. 21.—The San prints, under a sensational headline, unqualified charges of the grossest pension frauds. Statistics are given to show that not only are the pension rolls padded beyond belief, but that 500,000 applicants are still claiming for admission, and congressional schemes for "fearless robbery" are proposed at every session, while the government's generosity is likely to be still further burdened.

"Bounty jumpers and deserters, fake widows and orphans, and cheats and swindlers of all classes" are said to be represented on the pension rolls.

With a pension roll aggregating the enormous total of 976,014, the Sun says "there are still 575,099 clamoring for pensions or increases in pensions already being paid, and the crowd was increasing at the rate of 9,000 a week at the time of the last report of the commissioner of pensions."

Last year, thirty-two years after the close of the war, 54,072 of these claimants gained admission.

FIFTY CARS WRECKED. Freight Train Runs Away and the Men Aboard Miraculously Escape.

ALTONA, Pa., Dec. 21.—A freight train of thirty-one loaded cars, travelling down the mountain to this city last night, became unmanageable in consequence of the slippery condition of the tracks, made the twelve miles from Galhain to Altona in some minutes, and crashed into a freight train, and the engine, here, directly in front of the passenger station.

About fifty cars were completely broken up, and the Hotel passenger train, which was standing on the track outside the passenger shed, was thrown over on its side.

The engineer and fireman of the runaway train were helped from the cab of the wrecked locomotive, and both were able to walk away. Their escape was almost miraculous. Other trainmen were taken to the hospital. One of them is said to be fatally injured.

THE WHAT CORNER. Mr. Letter Places His Millions Upon His in the Contest with Armour.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Interest in the big December wheat deal has been greatly increased by the arrival from Washington of L. Z. Leiter, the millionaire merchant of Chicago, and the substantial admission by him that his millions are at the disposal of the British, in exchange for other interests. My son has plenty of money to pay for what he has purchased," said Mr. Letter. "The quality of the wheat which he has purchased is of the highest, and I am sure it will be in demand at a higher price than he paid for it. I am well pleased with the situation."

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The Post prints the following concerning the present situation on December wheat: "Settling day" on the board of trade, will witness the culmination of the gigantic Leiter-Armour deadlock. The trade will not be surprised then to learn that Armour will lose a clear \$1,000,000 on the December deal. True, he has performed the marvellous feat of bringing six million bushels of high grade cash wheat to this city in defiance of all settled rules of commerce, but he has not yet made a cent. He has not yet made any result in nothing more substantial than glory. It is a growing belief on Chicago that Mr. Armour had to pay dearly for bringing this big volume of wheat to this city, and that his short selling will cost him about 18 or 20 cents a bushel. By settlement day deal he will have been bought out, and the only formalities will remain to be observed.

FALL RIVER OPERATIVES. Manufacturers Resolved That Their Wages Must Be Reduced.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 21.—After an informal discussion lasting nearly all morning a formal meeting of the manufacturers' committee was held this afternoon, and the answer to the operatives' proposition was framed. It recites the conditions affecting the industry in Fall River and the reasons for the proposed reduction of wages, and concludes as follows: "The committee of the manufacturers feel that the situation is such that they must adhere to the decision that it is absolutely necessary to reduce wages in the Fall River mills 1 1/4 per cent., said reduction to go into effect on the 3rd day of January, 1898, as voted by the manufacturers at a meeting held on the 8th day of December, 1897. The sentiment among the operatives appears to be in favor of opposition."

FRENCH RETALIATION. Duty on Hog Products Raised as a Tax on Imports from the United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The action of the French chamber of deputies yesterday in passing a government bill increasing the duty on hogs, hog produce, lard, etc., is regarded as retaliatory against the United States. The figures of the agricultural department show that the American shipments to France of the one article of lard reached 31,778,243 pounds last year.

THE DIVISION OF CHINA. Great Britain to Make a Demonstration as a Warning to Other Powers.

Russia's Temptation of China—Japanese and British Acting in Concert.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—According to special despatches received from Shanghai, the British squadron will make a demonstration at Chee Foo, on the north coast of Shang Tzu promontory, as a warning. It is supposed that Great Britain intends to oppose the division of China without consulting her. It is reported that Russia has offered China a loan to pay off the war indemnity.

It is believed, says the despatch, that Japan and England are acting in concert to reserve China from disintegration, favoring the idea of a protectorate over Central China with a capital at Nanking. A German-Chinese commission has been arranged, according to a despatch from Shanghai to the Daily Mail, to settle the boundary of the occupied district at Kiao Chau, and it is evident, therefore, that the occupation will be permanent. The same despatch says it is rumored in Shanghai that the British intend to occupy Taitienwan, south of Port Arthur, in order to guard the gulf of Pechili.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Tokio says there is no excitement there over the news from Port Arthur. The press is calm and the public is indifferent. Other papers have expressed opinion that a large Russian military force has come overland from Siberia.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The Cologne Gazette embarrased the government to-day by declaring that the other powers would soon follow the example of Germany and Russia now that the partition of China had actually commenced. Other papers have expressed opinion that a similar strain. It has been hinted that Prince Henry's destination is another point than Kiao Chau and that he will be believed to have sailed for the China seas. The Nord Deutscher Allgemeine Zeitung hastened to issue a denial of these assumptions, declaring that they were not warranted by facts.

RUSSIA AT PORT ARTHUR. Reasserted to Have Been Caused by Chinese Reports of British Operations.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The Cologne Gazette maintains the accuracy of its statement yesterday that the Russian occupation of Port Arthur was connected with the Russian blockade of the Japanese fleet. It therefore, will recall that the reinforcement of the German squadron in the Pacific permits Russia, France and Great Britain to effectively prevent the disturbance of the balance of power between the three powers on the one hand and Great Britain and Japan on the other, such as might be produced by violent seizures of territory."

In conclusion the Novosti expresses the hope that the isolation of Great Britain in regard to the other great powers will paralyze her action sufficiently to permit the preservation of peace from the dangers threatening at the present moment.

AN UNLUCKY PHOTOGRAPHER. Makes Havoc in a Church in Attempt to Reproduce Its Beauties.

New York, Dec. 22.—An explosion occurred to-day in the vestry of Grace church, as a result of a premature mixing of chemicals by a photographer who was about to take a flash-light picture of the interior of the church. Every pane of glass in the vestry was broken and the room became filled with smoke, but no fire resulted and the damage was not extensive. Grace church is one of the most beautiful in the city.

THE EXCLUSION POLICY. Preparations to Enforce the Discrimination Against Canadian Sealskins.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A number of New York manufacturers of furbargments and importers of furs called at the treasury department and had a conference with assistant secretary Howell in regard to the regulations which will be necessary to carry out the provisions of the bill recently passed by congress, should it receive the approval of the President, prohibiting the importation of seal skins from the pelagic sealskins. The New York importers, who favor the bill, asked that every possible precaution be taken by the department to prevent the bringing into the United States of the prescribed skins. Mr. John W. Foster, who accompanied the delegation, stated that all skins taken on the seal islands were numbered, so that United States' consular officials would have little or no difficulty in determining which were contraband skins before issuing his certificate. The department's regulations will be issued as soon as possible after the bill has received the signature of the President.

ANNIHILATED. Two Railway Laborers Warning a Quantity of Dynamite.

UTICA, N.Y., Dec. 22.—Burt Scraftford, of Westbore, Albany county, and Charles Clifford were blown into fragments by an explosion of twenty-five pounds of dynamite at one o'clock this afternoon. They were employed in the construction of a branch railway at Clearwater, and were warning the dynamite before a fire when it exploded.

KLONDYKE BRIG SEIZED. Interruption to the Plans of a Company to Sail From New York.

New York, Dec. 21.—Deputy Sheriff Lipey received an attachment to-day against the Copper River Mining and Development Company, which has offices in the Arbuckle building, Brooklyn, for \$50,000 in favor of Thomas Webb Taylor on a claim for damages. The company is a Klondyke enterprise and has been fitting up the brig Agate for a trip to the gold regions. The sheriff's assistant went over to Brooklyn and made a levy on the vessel, which is at the foot of Clinton street.

A CLERGYMAN'S LITTLE FAITH. He Declares That Three-Fourths of Those Now in Klondyke Must Perish Before July.

New York, Dec. 21.—Klondyke was mentioned by the Rev. Egerton R. Young, of Toronto, Ont., a noted missionary to the Indians, in a talk to-day at a meeting of the Baptist mission society. He has travelled for weeks in the dead of winter, sleeping out of doors with the thermometer often at 50 degrees below zero. He said: "If any of your friends have the Klondyke fever try to cure them of it. Three-fourths of the men up there now must perish before next July. Dogs are all right but they cannot save those men. The journey would take 40 days, and four dogs can haul only 600 pounds. But each dog must have ten pounds of food a day. In only ten days, therefore, the dogs would eat 100 pounds and the driver would eat the rest."

A DISAFFECTED ARMY. Racial Quarrels Result in Encounters Between Austrian Regiments.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Vienna records incidents showing that racial animosity has extended to the army. A racial quarrel in the Ferdinand infantry barracks at Prague resulted in a fight with sidearms between the 102nd Bohemian and 18th German regiments. One soldier was killed, and several were dangerously wounded. The Bohemian regiment has since been transferred to another place. The 28th Infantry regiment, which was recruited entirely in Prague, suddenly refused to do duty on the streets during the recent rioting in that city. Since then the regiment has been confined to its barracks.

SLEET IN TEXAS. A Three Days' Storm Has Caused Great Mortality Among Cattle.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 22.—The sleet storm which has prevailed for the past three days in Texas, has proved to be more disastrous in its effect on the stock interests of the west and northwest portions of that state than at first expected. Reports from the districts 200 miles west and north of Fort Worth, state that the death rate among cattle will be unprecedented, the fatality being pronounced among recent importations from Mexico and the cattle taken to the Big Plains country in Louisiana. In the latter section fully 35 per cent. of the Mexican cattle have perished.

PLUMBERS AT WAR. Those of Cincinnati to Give Unfriendly Notice to Their Masters.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.—The journeyman plumbers of this city will go on strike on January 1, and the fight between them and the master plumbers promises to be long and bitter. This year's contract provides that no help be given employment to new plumbers and tending to reduce the future number, thus raising wages. The journeymen demand that on January 1 the master plumbers sign a five years' contract to the same effect. The masters not only refuse to do this, but demand that the journeymen sign a similar contract to the help they want. Both sides are preparing for the struggle.

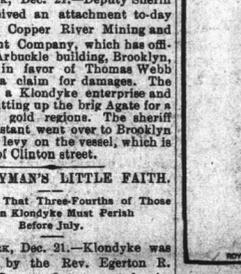
SIR CHARLES TUPPER. Speaks in New York of Capital and Population Attracted to Canada.

New York, Dec. 22.—Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., former Premier of the Dominion, was a passenger on the White Star line steamer Majestic, which arrived here to-day. Sir Charles said he found the feeling abroad regarding the Dingley law increasing, and he thought the effects of that measure were drawing Canada and the mother country closer together every day. The Klondyke and British Columbia gold fields, he thought, would draw a great deal of British and other capital into Canada, which would receive a corresponding increase in population.

THREE WEEKS IN AGONY. Inflammatory Rheumatism as Acute He Could Not Attend to His Daily Duties—Lived Three Weeks in Agonizing Pain When That "Good Samaritan" of All Cures, South American Rheumatic Cure, Passed His Way—It Helped in a Few Hours, and Speedily Cured—Cost 75 Cents.

Mr. E. A. Norton, a well known citizen of Grimsby, Ont., was severely attacked by inflammatory rheumatism some 20 years ago—after a time he recovered, but five or six weeks ago the dread disease returned so violently that he had to give up work. For nearly three weeks he lay in bed suffering terrible agony. Another resident of the town who had been cured of South American Rheumatic Cure persuaded him to try it, and, to his great surprise, after using it only once, his pain was so far removed as to go about town. From the first dose taken he felt marked improvement, and to-day he is the most enthusiastic in singing its praises. No case so severe for South American Rheumatic Cure checked in six hours, and cured permanently. For sale by Dean & Hisecks and Hall & Co.

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IN BOND FOR ALASKA.

Canadian Authorities Will Make No Difficulty About Passing United States Goods.

The Utmost Facility Promised to Be Afforded to the Northern Traffic.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—(Special)—After correspondence between the customs department here and the treasury department at Washington, regarding bonding through the Yukon of American goods destined for Alaska, it has been decided that for the present duty shall be paid on United States goods for Alaska going by way of Lakes Bennett and Tagish, and the Canadian collector of customs at Tagish, who will give a receipt and certificate to the traveller which, upon presentation to the Canadian collector of customs at Fort Cudahy, will entitle the traveller to a refund of the amount of the duty upon the Cudahy collector, seeing that the goods are passed out of Canadian territory.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A response has been received to a recent letter from Secretary Gage to the Canadian Commissioner of Customs, requesting information as to the bonding of miners' outfits through Canadian territory, en route from Juneau, Alaska, by way of the Chilkoot pass and the Yukon river to Circle City, Alaska. The commissioner says that the following regulations have been prepared to meet the case.

Imported goods, as above described, shall be reported to the Canadian customs house, Lake Tagish, and may be entered for exportation there in the usual form "in transit" in duplicate. The goods may then be delivered without payment of duty to be carried to their destination out of Canada by any transportation company which has duly executed a bond in the form prescribed by the Minister of Customs for the due and faithful delivery of all packages carried by such company and which are in general compliance with the customs laws and regulations governing such traffic.

A duplicate of the entry in transit, duly signed and marked with the proper customs stamp, shall accompany each shipment of goods conveyed by a bonded carrier, so that when the goods are returned to the custom house at Fort Cudahy, with a certificate thereon as to the landing of the goods in the United States, or of their having passed outwards from Canada within six months from date of entry.

If the goods when entered in transit for exportation are not delivered, to be reformed by a bonded carrier, for the purpose of the entry in transit, the duty thereon is to be deposited with the customs officer at Lake Tagish, subject to a refund of the same facilities for the Fort Cudahy, when the goods pass outwards thereat, or upon the certificate of an officer of the United States or of the Canadian customs house, as to the goods having been landed in the United States within six months from the date of entry. The duty deposited on such date is to be endorsed on the entry and certified by the customs officer in charge, and the duplicate of the entry, duly certified and marked with the customs stamps, is to be delivered to the person making the deposit of duty. A report of such entry in transit shall be forwarded by mail without delay by the customs officer at the sending port to the collector of customs at Fort Cudahy for the collection of duties on the goods entered in transit and not duly exported.

The articles usually classified as travellers' baggage are to be passed free without entry. Commissioner McDonough, in a letter accompanying these regulations, says that they are framed with a desire to afford the utmost facilities for the traffic in question, compatible with security to the revenue. He further says: "Responsible transportation companies will be soon in operation for the conveyance of goods over the Chilkoot and other passes down the Yukon river and its tributaries, in which case United States goods may be forwarded into Alaska without payment of duties."

Distillery Men Killed. LONDON, Dec. 22.—The manager of a Major's distillery at Hall, and four men, were killed by an explosion in the works this evening.

Disabled Steamer. LONDON, Dec. 21.—The British steamer Virginian passed Kinsale to-day, having in tow the British steamer Appomattox, before reported disabled at sea, with a broken shaft.