

first of all justify that the scheme is feasible and meritorious, then it would be brought before the minister to whose department it belonged for his consideration, and he in turn would report to his colleagues. and then they would lay the matter before parliament. He himself could not say what his opinion was on the question at issue, but he could say this, that he had not expressed himself as had been reported and had not made any state ment on the matter. He was not sec tional or narrow-minded and having

seen their resources he could only say that he would approach this matter with the needs of railway communication in British Columbia clearly before him and he thought he could promise them that the government would give to their claims for aid reasonable-nay generous consideration.

Mr. Blair is reported as speaking thus at the conference with the Vancouver Board of Trade: He thus thought that the whole of Canada would benefit by the devlopment of the West and under these conditions he hoped and believed they would find in the western provinces a very sympathetic and willing body of people who would assist in every way any proposal to develop British Columbia. When the government had decided on this policy he felt sure that he could say that it would not be a narrow or sectional one and he was certain that in the eastern provinces a liberal spirit prevailed that recognize foreign states and to deterwould permit of the expenditure of nine which of the two contending parmoney in the West. He did not believe ties represents the foreign state is lodgin increasing the burdens of the people ed in the President and senate by virunnecessarily, that was against the tue of treaty power and congress, subprogramme of the Liberal party, but if ject to the veto of the President and the need for the expenditure is a nathe power to regulate commerce with tional one, then he would say spend it foreign nations. Both these powers ne-This province possessed men of energy cessarily involve the right to determine and he felt sure they would turn its which is the law of the foreign state resources to the best advantage. As with whom to treat or carry on comhe had explained to the Council that merce, because both are laws of the afternoon, though he felt greatly tempt United States. By article 2, section 2. ed to give them an assurance in the clause 3, resolutions and votes in which matter at issue, he could no do so, as the concurrence of the senate and house on account of his duty to the Crown are necessary, except on the questions he must give no pledge as to the govof adjournment, must be presented to ernment's policy. He was here to get the President and if approved by him information, and he should report to the or passed over his veto, become laws as government, and it was for them then effectually as in the case of a bill. From to form an opinion and make a declarthe character given to the foregoing ation. It would not be fair or right for laws of the United States, it follows him as a member to make any an. that they take precedence in authornouncement. The most he could do ity over an executive order receiving would be to state that the government's ambassadors, which is the power referpolicy would be a broad one and one red to in the support of the claim that that would deal with the problems of the President has the right to recognize British Columbia in a broad and genforeign states without consulting Conerous spirit. gress. I desire to accompany the fore-At the public meeting in the evening, going opinion with the expression of a

referring to the proposed railway be strong conviction that the proposed actween the coast and Kootenay, Mr. tion on the part of Congress would be Blair said that he had found the populain the highest degree unwise, though tion in British Columbia almost a unit not illegal. as to the need of such an addition to the transportation facilities. The people of Manitoba and the Northwest were also interested in the project, as in years to come when the population of British Columbia would, on account of the mining and other industries greatly increase, this province would be the best market for the products of the above mentioned territories. He would venture to entertain the hope that when the facts were laid before the government they would give their assent to some proposal.

themselves | If the Chicago corn market should adthese valuable goods may be secreted vance sharply the local feeders might fall upon the person of the smuggler makes back on oats. The corn coming here detection very difficult. The fact that from the east is principally of the comthere is no duty on diamonds in Canmon yellow variety. It is cracked here ada has made it on several occasions a before given to the stock." distributing point, whence the stones are smuggled into this country, and the long line of the frontier unprotected at many

CONGRESS MAY RECOGNIZE.

Power of Recognizing Cubans Not Left to the President.

opinion, would be in the interest of the Cincinnati, Dec. 22 .- The Commerrevenue and of the legitimate trade." cial-Tribune having asked by telephone The enforcement of the Chinese ex-Judge George J. Hoadley of New York lusion act has cost the government to give his opinion in regard to the ex-\$86,850.60 for the year, which includes clusive right of the President to acknowledge the independence of Cuba, redeportation expenses. plied as follows:

"GEORGE J. HOADLEY."

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

Chart Hitchers ways

SUGAR INDUSTRIES. "New York, Dec. 21.-Legislative powers granted by the constitution are The British Commission to Visit: New n accordance with article 1, section 1; York After the West Indies. vested in Congress. Plenary power over the relations of the United States to London, Dec. 21.-It is stated that foreign governments is committed to the special commission of the British gov-Congress by the power granted in secernment, which has been appointed to tion 8, clause 3, to regulate commerce inquire into the sugar industries of the with foreign nations; also to the Presi-West Indies, is not alone to confine itself dent and senate by article 2, section 2, to the British colonies, but is to visit clause 2, to make treaties with the con-New York. The members will arrive currence of two-thirds of the senate prein that city about the middle of April. sent and by like advice and consent to after leaving Jamaica. Their particular appoint ambassadors. By the express inquiry in New York will concern the terms of article six, section two, the manner in which the trade of the United laws of the United States and all treat-States affects the West Indian colonies. ies are the supreme law of the land. It will also embrace the sugar trade in From this it follows that the power to the United States generally.

CROP REPORTS.

points is made available by the smug-

gier for the carrying on of their illegiti-

mate traffic. A return to the rate of

duty provided by the act of 1890, in my

Mark Lane Express Reviews the Situation from a London Standpoint.

London, Dec. 21. The Mark Lane Express, referring to-day to the crop "While wheat is prospects, says: omewhat late in growth, this is no ship has been the recipient of several drawback, for a favorable growth of autumn sown wheat and rye is reported from all districts of Central Europe; but in France matters are not nearly so satisfactory. The weather in Russia is very unsettled, frost and thaw reigning in rapid succession with a bad effect on Autumn sown grain. The Argentine crop is not thought to be very large, but advices conflict. Foreign wheat does not sell well even at a decline, and everybody expects an inert trade un-il after Christmas and a brisk business during the first fortnight of January.

EAST OF THE ROCKIES.

Mr. Davis, the Liberal Candidate, Leads in Saskatchewan.

Owen Sound, Dec. 21 .- Yesterday afernoon George Jones, a butcher of this town, committed suicide at his room in the Grand Central hotel by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He had been drinking a good deal during the day. About ten o'clock in the ev-

side him. Owen Sound, Dec. 21.-Geo. Jones. aged 35, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. He was a butcher by trade. Woodstock, Dec. 21-Frank H. Karn,

SPANISH DEFEATS. Rebels Are More Than Holding Their who would under any circumstances try Own in the Philippines.

San Francisco, Dec. 23 .- Private advices from Manila, Philippine Islands, reached here yesterday and verified the account which appears in the Hongkong press received per the steamer Belgic. The news contained in the communication deals with the attack by the Spanish to dislodge the insurgents at Cavite and Vijo, at the end of the campaign, which lasted until November 14th. The Spanish authorities sent out dispatches evening to discuss the murder. reporting that the attack had been sucressful and the rebel loss very heavy, The Spanish claimed to have lost 35 killed and 100 wounded. It is now learned that the great victory of the Castillians predicted, ended in ignomin ous defeat. The rebels hold Noveleta against warships and troops. The Spaniards retired suffering heavy loss.

TOLD BY CABLE

Earl Russell's Residence Destroyed by Fire Last Night.

London, Dec. 23 .- It is officially stated that the plague is increasing at Bombay and Karachi. The seaport of Sinde also declared to be infected. The manager of the London-Brazilian bank at Para, Brazil, committed suicide at the Central railway station. In ministerial circles at Madrid it denied that the government intends to call out a fresh contingent of troops. Earl Russell's Riverside residence was destroyed by fire last night. It is rumored that the fire was of an incendiary origin. Since the trial of the Earl's suit against his mother-in-law, Lady Selina Scott, and three others, his lordthreatening letters. Paris Dec. 23 .- Le Figaro to-day intimates that owing to difficulties between France and Great Britain in regard to Egypt and Turkey, the post of Baron de Courcel, French ambassador to the court of St. James, may be left

vacant for a while. A "OUEER" MEMBER.

Dr. Grenier Elected a Member of the

French Chamber of Deputies. Paris, Dec. 22 .- The Paris newspa-

pers are full of gossip about Dr. Grenier, who has been elected deputy for Pontarlier as a Radical. Dr. Grenier is a rigid Mussulman, and intends to wear the turban and burnous in the and children may demand their punishchamber of deputies. His election was ment. Sofia, March 19, 1895.' due to bad management by the Republi-

with the title of "The Prophet of God." He is highly educated, a skilful debater and is a medical doctor. He never refuses a consultation and never takes a

bull-dog of large calibre, was lying be river. The newspapers jocularly ask if he will do the same in Paris.

Do not allow your system to get weak and debilitated. It is easy to keep well and strong by taking Hood's Sarsaparilminister to the republic, is confirmed here.

Club has elected Sir Charles Tupper from Samakow and informed me that Natchewitch and Tuffetkchieff had form-red a band of from ten to fifteen men honorary president, Hon. A. W. Atwater and Premier Flynn honorary vice-presidents, and John A Boyd honorary secretary. to murder me. These robbers are shel-Quebec, Dec. 22 .- Le Courier du Can-

tered in the hotel of the brothers Iwanowi and in the establishment of Robtscheada calls upon Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick to resign his seat in parliament in acler. Natchewitzch has promised the ordance with a pledge signed by him murderers, in the event of their capture, and printed in Le Courier, in which he that they will not be condemned to bound himself to resign or to withdraw. death, and that after they have ben under arrest for a year in prison, they will his support from Mr. Laurier if the procure their pardon. Natchewitzch latter did not settle the Manitoba school gave Tuffetkchieff money for the mainquestion conformably with the mande tenance of the robbers. Natchewitzch ment of the bishops.

Woodstock, Dec. 22 .- George Strachand Tuffetkchieff meet almost every an, B.A., at one time one of the best Ch. Zachariew declares that letters have alknown educationists of Ontario, died ready been sent to confidants in the ere yesterday, aged 84.

Kingston, Dec. 22 .- Samuel Weese, provinces informing them of the prowho with Mrs. Weese was struck by a jected murder of Stambuloff and in-Grand Trunk engine while crossing the structing them as soon as it has taken place to send to Sofia telegrams extrack at Collins' Bay on Saturday pressing gratitude that the country has evening, is dead. His wife will recover. Toronto, Dec. 22 .- Capt. A. G. Gilbeen freed of a tyrant. The object of these telegrams is to lessen the horror nour, formerly of this city, died yesterday of yellow fever in Guayaquil, inspired by the vile murder and the ef-Ecuador, aged 26. Capt. Gilmour was fect it might cause. The abettors of the to have married a young Montreal lady murder are the brothers Minko and Tascho Iwanowi. Both these criminals are shortly.

St. Catharines, Dec. 22.-Francis very cunning and I ask now that they be seized by the judicial authorities. As Robinson, son of a farmer who arrived here last August, inserted matrimonial intermediates they are employing Gatewa, Garibew and Kalpaktschiew. The advertisements in the local papers and papers in Toledo and Chicago. He had brothers T. and M. Iwanowi urge a retwo sets of photographs, one of a preconciliation to take place as soon as posssessing young girl and the other of sible, because, apparently, the time for handsome young man, which, after the execution of the conspiracy has come. Ch. Zachariew further communicated some communications he sent to his corto Stambuloff that a conspiracy was alrespondents, male and female. On various occasions he obtained sums so on foot against the prince, in which varying from \$1 to \$15. He was armany officers of Sofia are implicated. rested last night charged with using Awran Stanischew informed M. Lukathe mails for unlawful purposes. This now that one of the secret police agents told him of the plan to murder M. Stammorning he pleaded guilty, saying that buloff by means of one of N. Tuffetkhe was not strong enough to work and that he did not think he was doing chiew's band. He also told him that the police of the capital were helping the wrong. He secured about \$600 which band by communicating with them when he deposited in a local bank. Stambuloff goes out. Old Stanischew Winnipeg, Dec. 22 .- Justice Bain ac-

toM Lukanow that he too was aware epted to-day the resignation of liquithat a band had been formed to murder dator Ferguson of the Commercial Stambuleff, and begged that the fact Bank, but declined to sanction the apmight be made known to Stambuloff. pointment of a new liquidator, decree-Men have been specially appointed to this ing that Messrs. Ewart and Hespeler, departmental section of the Central the co-liquidators with Mr. Ferguson, Railway so that they may be in Sofia should wind up the estate. with nothing to do and may be able to Next Saturday has been proclaimed a

occupy themselves with the direction of public holiday by Mayor Jameson, folthe band. As soon as the affair is well lowing the precedent set by Toronto's arranged I will leave Sofia in order not chief magistrate. to be here on the day of the murder. Antoine Chatelain, a trader of Battle-

This projected murder was also known ford, was fatally shot in the back of to Hitchow Hetrow. These statements his neck by his son while shooting. have written in order that it may be

DISGUISED AS AN OFFICER. known that the plan of murder is known to me and sooner or later my friends

A Rochester Minister Gets Himself into Trouble in the Slums.

Rochester, Dec. 22 .- Rev. David Kirkpatrick, pastor of the Second Universal-Everything is Quiet, But a Rebellion ist church of this city, was arrested today on the charge of, without authority, attempting to exercise the functions of a police officer. He is accused of accosting a woman on the street and asking permission to accompany her. She refused, whereupon he threatened to aris bound to come later. The report that rest her. Kirkpatrick acknowledges the French government has refused the talking with the woman, but states that it was a method adopted by him for recognition of Managat, as Haytian the purpose of explaining the material If he should return to Hayti for a series of sermons on the ten com-

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vana to the Times, da dwells upon the fact that ment now predominate rebel ranks. It says t the sympathy of nearly "The trut ed Cubans. correspondent continues, number of persons prisoners in the last siz Spanish penal settlemen elements of the rebel peared. The independe ment, if weak, would hands of educated men. HERMANN'S

dependence of Cuba

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The Republican pre

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New York, Dec. 21.-

World from Havana

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Navarro on Saturday

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London, Dec. 21.-A

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United States.

Very Littl New York, Dec. 21.death of Prof. Herman there has been a great tion as to the amount left to his widow. It is receipts of his tours f have been enormous, 1 instances as high as \$80 season. This led man spite his extravagant wa he must have accumul quarter of a million however, more intimat fairs, asserted that he sa Mme: Hermann throug Mr. A. H. Hummell, Surrogate Weller yester for letters of administra husband's estate; she d perty left by the magic \$2000, in fact, his debts amount of the assets of "Prof. Hermann lived penny he earned during said Mr. Hummell last fited to the extent of \$60. every season, but he w and saved nothing. The Fra Diavolo, with a c neer, firemen, sailing man absorbed a small fortun raft of carriages, over a town house and though rented were full of Jermann is left practic His insurance was h noneys advanced to nagical apparatus intact by his nephew, who is

can committees. He stood for election fee, and gives away his whole fortune ening he was discovered lying across his. He advocates free marriage and poly bed with a large bullet wound in his gamy, and practices all the Mussulman right temple. A revolver, a British rites, including naked bathing in the

from Paris, Managat may make trouble. mandments relating to social and moral Politics in Hayti are in abeyance on questions.

is Bound to Come. New York, Dec. 23 .- A special to the Herald from Kingston, Jamaica, says: "Matters are tranquil at Hayti at present, but it is stated that the revolution

AFFAIRS IN HAYTI