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and intentions of German furnishes food for thought in the Japanese press. The Japanese are practically monopolized by Japanese journalism. The Empress of India, who is believed to be gathered from some of the press organs upon which press agents of these published in the Asiatic being to the Asia has access to the information of Kiao-Chow on that Germany refrain from interference with Russian in Korea. It is asserted in the same press that Germany will before Jan-Feb. Arthur, while Germany same time take possession of strategic position. The Jiji Shinbun, remountpiece of Japanese through the German shadow by the Germans is aimed as a step towards the murder of missionaries. E. E. Sheppard, trade commissioner to South America, writing to the department of trade and commerce, states that he does not believe there is any possibility of trade between Canada and Brazil, owing to the depressed condition of the finances of Brazil. Mr. Sheppard says he believes a crisis is impending in Brazil both politically and commercially. Municipal ownership has become a live issue in Ottawa owing to the desire of a new electric lighting company to do business in this city. It is proposed that the city should acquire the franchise of the existing electric and gas companies. Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Special)—The negotiations which have been going on between the Minister of Customs and the Secretary of the United States Treasury looking to an amicable arrangement for the transport of goods in bond over Canadian and Alaskan territory into the Klondyke and Alaskan gold fields, respectively, have resulted in an understanding being reached, which will obviate friction at the customs ports. Under this arrangement Americans will be allowed to transport goods destined for Circle City in bond over the Canadian and Alaskan territory, while goods destined for the Canadian gold fields will be bonded through to the boundary from Dyea and Skagway. Postmaster-General, in order to prevent newspapers sent free to subscribers, or sample copies, being made the vehicle of advertising matter, has issued a circular, etc. Any addition of a paper found to contain illegal enclosures is to be detained until postage at the rate of one cent per copy has been paid on the whole.

YPHOON'S PATH.
It is to conceive how utter devastation was wrought upon that on the 12th of the Philippine blotted out of existence a entire town and village. Hernani, in Samar according to letters by the Empress of India, taking to the destruction of more than six in Leyte and Samar. Not only buildings of wood escaped destruction, but the houses of Tannan, Tolos, Dulag, Ylang, S. Miguel, Carig, Dagami, Tabontabon, Pastrana have been completely wrecked. At Panalaron destruction was perhaps the most complete. The town and its remains, go down, merris, government quarters has been swept away. A new island has since appeared on the Leyte the steamer Eolis and the Julia and Pasis have been all hands.

MARRIED.
The Rev. J. W. Bates, minister of the Episcopalian church, officiated at the wedding of Mr. Frank Kowin, both of this city.

DIED.
The 10th instant, by drowning of James Ray, William James and John J. Company, 5th Canadian Light Infantry, County Armagh, Ireland. The family residence, No. 46 Kensington, on the 12th inst. Mahan Keane, 61 years, beloved wife of George A. Keane, a native of North Carolina, died.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The publication of the correspondence between Canada and the States relating to the negotiations now in progress occasioned great surprise to members of the government. They cannot divine what Mr. Foster expects to gain by it, especially as it is not complete. The original offer made by Mr. Foster on November 16, was first for complete suspension of sealing for one year, both on sea and land; and second, for the appointment of a joint commission to dispose of the sealing question, the prohibition of immigration, commercial reciprocity or other unsettled questions between the States and Canada which either government might see fit to bring forward. No reply to Mr. Foster's communication of December 17 has yet been sent. A draft has been submitted to Mr. Chamberlain for his consideration.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—(Special)—The results of the last civil service examinations were announced to-day. Passed preliminary, at Vancouver: J. W. Caloney, W. A. Templeton, J. S. Macdonald, J. D. Daval, S. P. Shaw; at Vancouver: Ellen Bloomfield, Erena Daniels, Helena Desbray, Mary George, W. H. D. Ladner, T. C. Mercer, Florence Noble.

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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

THE PREMIER IS EXPECTED BACK ON Monday, when the date of the meeting of parliament will be finally determined. The deposit at the government savings bank at Victoria exceeded the withdrawals last month by \$4,000.

OTTAWA WAKING UP.
Provisions of the Sealing Bill Now Being Known to the Government.
OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—(Special)—A copy of the bill now before congress prohibiting the sale by citizens of the United States of seals caught in the Pacific north of the 53rd parallel of latitude has been received here. This closes Behring Sea, the Russian and Japanese waters to American subjects. The bill does not apply to Canadians nor to the sealing grounds of the Pribiloff Islands. Seal-skins, whether raw or dressed, from prohibited waters, cannot be imported into the States by any person.

TARTE IN THIS TOO.
The Premier's Realistic Lieutenant Casting About For New Associates.
TORONTO, Dec. 18.—(Special)—The Montreal correspondent of the World says that he is shortly published in a famous letter dealing with a coalition proposition beside which the Langelier incident will pale into insignificance. The letter, he says, was written by Governor Chapleau to Mr. Tarte and gives away the whole scheme. He mentioned Mr. Blair's name and shows that there was a conspiracy all through to get rid of old Liberals and get the support of Conservatives.

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SPAIN FACING REVOLUTION.
General Weyler's Name Associated With a Prospective Popular Rising.
LONDON, Dec. 17.—According to the St. James Gazette private letters received here from Madrid say that Gen. Weyler's reception there was most significant, and the government is so alarmed by the menacing attitude of the populace that artillery have been stationed at concealed points commanding the main thoroughfares. The gunners, however, cannot be relied upon.

SPANISH OFFICERS KICKING.
Twenty Generals Come to the Conclusion To Protest Against a Slight by President McKinley.
BIARRITZ, France, Dec. 15.—Mail advices received from Madrid, telegrams and telephone messages on this subject being forbidden, say the Spanish military journals declare that twenty generals have come to an agreement to enter a protest against President McKinley's message to congress, which is considered insulting to the Spanish army. It is added that a certain number of the army officers have been ordered to enter a protest against the message, which is considered insulting to the Spanish army. It is added that a certain number of the army officers have been ordered to enter a protest against the message, which is considered insulting to the Spanish army.

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