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GOOD NEWS FOR CUBA.

Probability That General Weyler Will Be Recalled and Autonomy Established.

MADRID, Sept. 22.—The Duke of Tetuan, the Spanish minister of foreign affairs, in the course of an interview to-day with the correspondent of the Associated Press, denied that the government had received an ultimatum from Cuba, and said he had received a cablegram from Senor de Lome, the Spanish minister to the United States, to the same effect, also denying the existence of an ultimatum.

La Correspondencia de Espana asserts that four parliars are proceeding between the United States and Spain for the friendly settlement of affairs in Cuba. La Epoca, after denouncing as "sensational" the theory of an ultimatum, points out that no war is possible against Spain without the moral and material co-operation of the American people. There is a great deal of comment as to the origin of the ultimatum. It has been attributed to a foreign ambassador, but all the ambassadors deny responsibility. The people do not think war is inevitable. It is asserted that the liberals will soon form a cabinet, and that on the return of the Queen from San Sebastian to Madrid Captain-General Weyler will be recalled from Cuba and autonomy established in the island, thus leaving no pretext for the intervention of the United States.

PINCHING THE SWELLS.

They Must Now Pay Duty on Their London Made Clothing.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—London tailors have been hard hit by the Dingley tariff. Travellers find the \$100 limit leaves room only for two cheap suits. Many orders have been countermanded since the new tariff came into operation and the tailors are in despair at the loss of so much trade. Some big houses have been accustomed in the past to send travellers with samples to take orders in America, but their business has not been killed. It is the smaller London tailors who are in a bad way. They are devising all sorts of schemes to evade the provisions. Every American going back with light luggage is being implored to carry clothes to friends to the hundred dollar limit. One guest at the Hotel Cecil has distributed in this way \$500 worth of clothes among half a dozen friends. Another scheme is to bring in enough clothing for a suit in the guise of a travelling rug. The London tailors' association will debate the Dingley bill at the next meeting. Some Americans before leaving are giving away clothes bought early in the season. Inquiries are being made on every hand as to the enforcement of the Dingley law, ladies being especially interested about gloves.

Denied by Weyler.

MADRID, Sept. 22.—The government has received a despatch from Captain-General Weyler stating that the New York story about the capture of Managua (a town situated about three miles from Havana) is untrue. He says: "I am in constant communication with Managua, which is well defended."

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THAT DELUSIVE TARIFF.

British Merchants Realizing that the Boasted Preference is Small Help to Them.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—The Montreal Star cable says: "In view of the uncertainty in the minds of English shippers respecting the Canadian tariff, the London chamber of commerce is issuing tomorrow an explanatory circular. Mr. Kenrie Murray, secretary of the chamber, tells me that the expectations of traders have undoubtedly been disappointed by the extension to practically all countries except the United States of what was previously supposed to be an exclusive British preference. This has tended to check the expected diversion into purely British channels of the trade now done through Great Britain with France, Germany, etc. Another retarding influence is the absence of exact official information as to the intentions of Canada after August next. Will the preference be extended to the United States? Still much is hoped for the tariff. At least half a dozen good houses have sent representatives to Canada with a view of establishing branches.

FRANCE AND SILVER.

Politics at the Bottom of the Recent Change in Her Attitude.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—The Times in a special article dealing with the causes which led France to propose the free coinage of silver, says that the French ambassador proposes 15 1/2 to 1 as the ratio at which France would open her mints, and then proceeds to review to bimetallic movement in France. It points out that in spite of protection to the price of wheat continued to fall in France until Melme, in 1885, in view of the immense agricultural vote, changed front and decided that as protection had failed, and a high price for wheat was necessary, bimetallicism was tried. The Times continues: "At the conference in May, in the presence of M. Loubet and of M. Magasin, (M. Melme) said to Senator Walcott: 'Our support will not be wanting.' It must be said that the Times hints is absolutely correct. Politics lie at the bottom of all this. It is stated in the city that France is not sincere and that the governor of the bank is aware of this.

EMPERORS EN FETE.

William of Germany the Guest of Francis Joseph at Buda Pesth.

BUDA PESTH, Sept. 21.—At the state banquet given to-day in honor of Emperor William of Germany, Emperor Francis Joseph, in cordially proposing His Majesty's health, referred to him as "my faithful friend, ally and unwearied fellow laborer in the great work of peace to which we ever devote our best powers."

The speech of Emperor William in reply caused tremendous enthusiasm, especially when he alluded to Count Zimov's defence of the fortress of Sigeth, in 1856, when he blew up the citadels rather than capitulate to the Turks.

The banquet was presided over by William and Emperor Francis Joseph attended a gala performance at the opera, following which they inspected the street illuminations. They then drove to the railway station, where the German Emperor took farewells to his Imperial host and laid his departure after mutual kissing and amid loud cheering.

THE PEACE TREATY.

Greek Courage Returning With Its Conclusion—Signed by the Sultan.

ATHENS, Sept. 21.—The political situation arising out of the conditions of the peace convention is serious. M. Dellyannis, the former premier and leader of the dominant party numerically in the Boule, has asserted that if the proposed scheme of foreign control should prove to imply an interference with the sovereign rights of the state, he would not hesitate to advise the chamber to reject the treaty.

The tone of the press continues indignant, and the Akropolis declares the treaty "the most iniquitous document of modern times. The builders guarantee to demarcate against the treaty."

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 21.—The preliminary treaty of peace between Turkey and Greece, which was signed on Saturday by the representatives of the Sultan and of the powers, has been granted by the Sultan.

A GREAT GERMAN SHIP.

Monster Vessel Expected to Make a New Record for the Atlantic Passage.

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 21.—The new twin-screw steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, of the North German Lloyd line, has arrived here from Bremen. She attained an average speed of 20.7 knots per hour, with 68 revolutions of her engines per minute. For a while she made 32 knots per hour with 74 revolutions. Capt. Engelhardt is confident that she will beat the record of the St. Paul during the first voyage. The builder guarantees 21 knots per hour on her maiden voyage, at a minimum of 75 revolutions per minute. Only the slightest vibration was noticeable. The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse carries 755 passengers.

The Sausage Man's Trial.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—States Attorney Deane today asked the board to appropriate \$2,500 more to help them in the Lutegert murder case, on trial before Judge Tuthill. There are several persons who desire to bring here from New York for the State.

"Only nervous" is a sure indication that the blood is not pure. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood and cures skin diseases.

LADUE ADVISES FLIGHT.

He Sees Only Starvation Ahead if the Present Population Remain in the Klondyke.

A Courier May Be Despatched to Urge an Immediate Break for the Coast.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Joseph Ladue, the Alaskan pioneer, called on President McKinley to-day. He was presented by Secretary Alger. Mr. McKinley discussed the situation with Mr. Ladue, and appeared deeply interested in his suggestions for the relief of the Klondykers. Mr. Ladue estimates that there are about 6,000 people in Klondyke and that there are provisions for about 3,000. He believes that all who have not sufficient provisions and who can return to St. Michael's before the river freezes should do so. He says that navigation will not close for a month, and advises that a courier be despatched immediately across the Chilkoot Pass to Klondyke to urge all who can to embark on the last outgoing steamer. This suggestion will probably be adopted. In addition, he advises the establishment of stations along Chilkoot Pass, with dog trains for conveying relief supplies. Before leaving the White House Mr. Ladue presented Mr. McKinley a half ounce nugget of virgin gold.

THE SAUSAGE MAN'S TRIAL.

Suggestion That the Bones in His Vat Were Not Those of His Wife.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—The closing direct evidence of the prosecution in the Lutegert case was commenced this morning. If Judge Tuthill rules out the evidence of Frank Bialk and Frank Odorsky as to the motive of the alleged murder, State Attorney Deane will call Mrs. Johnson Miller to the stand to tell of the threats she heard, and a paragon of Mrs. Lutegert she once witnessed at the trial, who was, Mrs. Miller will say, armed with a revolver.

Dr. Rudolph Oppenheim, of Westhampton, Ill., is to be called as an expert witness by the defence. He has expressed the opinion that the bones exhibited by the prosecution were procured and placed in the vat of Lutegert for the purpose of convicting him. Half a dozen other experts will also be called, among them Dr. Anderson, and Dr. Christensen, an expert in criminology. It is also stated that an effort will be made to prove an alibi for Lutegert. The defence will require two weeks to present its case, and at least a week will be consumed in the argument of counsel.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Wheat Yield Less Than Expected but Still Immense—A Peasantry's Ill Luck.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 21.—Reports from the threshers in central, southwest and northwest portions of the province all show a falling off in the expected wheat yield. In many cases the yield goes as low as twelve bushels per acre.

The continued fine weather is giving farmers a good chance to do their threshing, but the grain is being hurried to the elevators. Wheat deliveries at provincial points to-day aggregated 220,000 bushels, and 173 cars were loaded.

Fred Cold, an old pensioner, lost his house by fire this morning during temporary absence. The old man had saved the money to go to England, but the fire destroyed all his personal belongings.

THE UNITED STATES WAY.

Some Collector Will Probably Rise Superior to the Attorney-Generals' Decision.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—A Washington dispatch to the Sun says: "Col. J. F. Evans, of San Francisco, an expert in customs matters, said to-night that the decision of the Attorney-General on clause 22 of the Dingley tariff was not binding on the treasury department. It merely expressed the opinion of one branch of the government, acting in an advisory capacity to another. He said the applicability of the discriminating duty would probably get into the courts upon the action of some collector of customs in assessing it on foreign goods brought into the United States through Canada. This will compel the importer to appeal.

IF THEY BUT KNEW

Many Millions Would Flock to Canada From the Overcrowded Old World.

TORONTO, Sept. 21.—Prof. J. Scott Keltie, secretary of the Royal Geographical Society, passed through the city to-day from the Pacific Coast to England. He said, talking to a reporter, that he was in a position to speak of the resources of Canada and the great West of the population of this country would be not six, but one hundred millions.

BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH

For 25 Years Says Mrs. J. D. Stoddard of Asbury Park, N. J., and Two Bottles of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Restored the Lost Circulation.

For twenty-five years I have been a great sufferer from heart disease, palpitation, distress and severe headache. I saw Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart advertised, and determined to try it. Two bottles have done for me. The distress and palpitation are gone, the headaches have disappeared. I never cease telling my friends the wonderful benefit it has done for me, and I cheerfully recommend it to any and every one.

For Sale by Dean & Elcock and Hall.

NEW CUBAN TARIFF.

Provision for Retaliation on United States—Export Duties on Tobacco.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Copies of the new Cuban tariff law as recently gazetted at Madrid have been received here. The preamble recites: "The government shall be able to decree a special charge of 30 per cent. of all the duties on the products of whatever nature that in the application of its general tariff shall prejudice Spain's products by treating differentially."

Under this clause the government retains large discretion to apply an additional duty of 30 per cent. if American duties are construed to prejudice Spain's products. The preamble suppresses entirely the "favored nation" clause, and provides that all treaties or commercial conventions which affect the customs of the island must be special.

An export duty is levied on tobacco as follows: Manufactured tobacco, cast of cigarettes, 30 cents per thousand; cut for cigarettes, \$2.75 per 100 kilos; cigars, \$5.35 per 1,000; leaf tobacco and filling from the province of Santiago de Cuba exported through the custom houses at Gibraltar, Manzanillo, \$2.25 per 100 kilos; filling or leaf, \$2 per 100 kilos. Leaf suitable for wrappers will pay the same duties with an additional 100 per cent.

THE SAUSAGE MAN'S PLEA.

The Bones and Rings Were Not Those of His Wife and She is Still Alive.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Lawyer Vincent sprung a surprise on the prosecution in the Lutegert murder trial in his opening statement to-day by reference to a man named Ruff Davey, through whom he said, all of Lutegert's trouble arose, and whose actions have resulted in Lutegert being arraigned for his wife's murder. The lawyer claimed that Davey swindled Lutegert out of \$25,000, including him with vain hopes of swallowing the Armour and Cudahy; that the loss of this money drove Mrs. Lutegert insane and she wandered away from home while demented. Attorney Vincent started the prosecution by the marriage of his claim that Mrs. Lutegert is alive, he said, he would prove by witnesses who had seen her since May 1, and he would also prove that the bones about his claim that Mrs. Lutegert was put there by the police authorities. As for the rings claimed to be Mrs. Lutegert's, the attorney said he would show that they had never been seen. The attorney's speech made an impression on those in the court room and there was a more cheerful smile on Lutegert's face.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

David Mills the Favorite as Sir Oliver's Successor But Has Liberal Rivals.

Mr. Fielding Goes Borrowing—Warning to Fruit Packers—A New Hospital.

OTTAWA, Sept. 22.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier to-day laid the corner stone of the new St. Luke's hospital, which is being built as the outcome of friction among the city doctors over the management of the General Protestant hospital.

Sir Louis Davies is daily expecting word of the arrival of the Hudson's Bay exploratory steamer Diana at St. John's Nfld., where she will land the scientific members of the expedition. The Diana will then return to the entrance of Hudson's straits and cruise about there for some weeks.

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E. Farrer, the well-known newspaper man, is here en route to Fort Macleod and thence to the Kootenay mining regions. Mr. Farrer will write a series of articles on Western Canada for an English and American newspaper syndicate.

George Hague, general manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada, Montreal, returned to-day from a trip to the Brandon wheat fields. Mr. Hague is greatly impressed with his observations and the general air of prosperity noted in the West.

Lieut.-Governor Patterson returned to-day from a trip to the shores of Hudson's Bay.

On and after October 1 the price of gold in the city will be reduced from \$3 per 1,000 feet to \$2.50 with 10 per cent. off.

LONDON PROFOUNDLY MOVED.

Bankers to Enter a Decided Protest Against Further Flirtation With Silver.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—The Evening Standard this afternoon made the following announcement: "So profoundly moved is the city about the extraordinarily letter of the governor of the Bank of England that a meeting of all the banks and clearing houses has been called for to-morrow to discuss the situation. When the banks meet it is to be hoped they will enter an emphatic protest against further efforts to please the bi-metallicists at the expense of the nation's credit."

WILL DESERT HALIFAX.

Canadian Line Steamships Not to Call in Winter Without Mail Subsidies.

MONTREAL, Sept. 21.—The Allan and Dominion steamship lines threaten to withdraw their vessels from Halifax during the winter months, and run only to Boston and Portland unless the government continues the subsidies for carrying the mails. The subsidies have been received yearly until the present year, but last session the government announced that it would not be renewed this year.

LONDON BANKERS PROTEST.

They Dissent From the Bank of England's Action Respecting Silver.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—A meeting of the bankers of London called to protest against the action of the governor of the Bank of England in relation to the silver reserve, was held at the clearing house to-day. There was a large attendance of representatives of powerful interests. Several of the prominent bankers present, but not according to the statements of those who participated in the meeting, their absence was due to the fact that their heads were not in on near London at the present time. A resolution protesting against the Bank of England's proposed action was adopted. This resolution was embodied in a letter to the governor and it will be presented to-morrow. The bankers who were present at to-day's meeting were pledged to secrecy in regard to the proceedings. Mr. Robert Benson, who threatened at the recent meeting of the Bank of England to sell his bank stock if silver reserves were held, took a prominent part in the meeting to-day. The protest upon the part of the London bankers is unprecedented and is the only thing talked about at present in financial circles.

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WINNIPEG, Sept. 22.—Robert Crawford, a pioneer resident of the Northwest, died this morning at Indian Head of peritonitis. Mr. Crawford was formerly a representative of the district in the Northwest Legislative Assembly, and was also employed by the Hudson's Bay Company during the last Northwest rebellion as paymaster for the transport services. He was also a prominent Mason. The interment will take place at Brockville, Ont.

E. Farrer, the well-known newspaper man, is here en route to Fort Macleod and thence to the Kootenay mining regions. Mr. Farrer will write a series of articles on Western Canada for an English and American newspaper syndicate.

George Hague, general manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada, Montreal, returned to-day from a trip to the Brandon wheat fields. Mr. Hague is greatly impressed with his observations and the general air of prosperity noted in the West.

Lieut.-Governor Patterson returned to-day from a trip to the shores of Hudson's Bay.

On and after October 1 the price of gold in the city will be reduced from \$3 per 1,000 feet to \$2.50 with 10 per cent. off.

LONDON PROFOUNDLY MOVED.

Bankers to Enter a Decided Protest Against Further Flirtation With Silver.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—The Evening Standard this afternoon made the following announcement: "So profoundly moved is the city about the extraordinarily letter of the governor of the Bank of England that a meeting of all the banks and clearing houses has been called for to-morrow to discuss the situation. When the banks meet it is to be hoped they will enter an emphatic protest against further efforts to please the bi-metallicists at the expense of the nation's credit."

WILL DESERT HALIFAX.

Canadian Line Steamships Not to Call in Winter Without Mail Subsidies.

MONTREAL, Sept. 21.—The Allan and Dominion steamship lines threaten to withdraw their vessels from Halifax during the winter months, and run only to Boston and Portland unless the government continues the subsidies for carrying the mails. The subsidies have been received yearly until the present year, but last session the government announced that it would not be renewed this year.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Remarkable Story of the Recent Gold Discoveries on the Bridge River Claims.

Mr. Haywood on the Hardships and Complications of Klondyke—Two Accidents.

(Special to the Colonist.)
VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 22.—A salmon purchased from a siwash by J. Keeler contained a gold ring in its entrails. The ring is on exhibition at the C.P.R. baggage office.

Mr. G. Griffith broke his leg while riding around Stanley park last night. He fell from the bicycle and his leg turned under him. Engine driver A. King, of the C.P.R., broke his leg yesterday through falling over some railway material in the North Bend round house.

C.P.R. engineer W. H. Macnab was married yesterday to Miss George Canacher.

Ex-Sergeant Haywood returned from Seattle last night. He does not give particulars as to his reported strike, but intimates that he did make a strike and is satisfied. Mr. Haywood lost 60 pounds in weight while in the Klondyke, but gained 25 on his way home on board ship. He says the hardship is terrible and that for a man who goes through it market strongly and bring prices to the top good