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AMBERLAIN'S PLAN.

N. Dec. 17.—Mr. Chamberlain...

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NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Wm. B...

THE BEST.

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TERCENTENARY.

Hon. J. W. Longley Arrived Here Saturday.

Will Meet the Local Committee—Mr. Longley Said Nova Scotia Committee Had Their Work Well in Hand.

Hon. J. W. Longley, author, philosopher, aristocrat, and incidentally attorney general of Nova Scotia, came to St. John Saturday night and returned on Monday.

Mr. Longley's particular business in this town is non-political and not strictly literary. He has come to confer with the joint committee of the various societies and others interested in the question of the tercentenary of the first European exploration of the Bay of Fundy.

This is because Mr. Longley, as president of the Nova Scotia Historical Society, provincial minister, and representative of Annapolis county, has taken hold of the matter himself and carried on a large correspondence.

The Nova Scotia idea is to hold a celebration at Annapolis as near as may be on the anniversary of the arrival of De Monts and his party at Port Royal.

"We regard it as a very important American anniversary, since Port Royal was the first permanent settlement made by Europeans in Canada, and about the second in North America."

You call it a De Monts and not a Champlain anniversary?

Of course, since De Monts was the chief of the expedition, though Champlain may have been an able man and was the writer of the story.

Mr. Longley states that replies to his invitations have been received from the Historical Society of New York, the United States Historical Society, the Massachusetts Historical Society, the Vermont Historical Society, the Maine Historical Society, the Historical Societies of Montreal, Quebec, and Ottawa, and the Royal Society of Canada.

He expects that all these societies will have many more which are not yet heard from will be represented at the Annapolis gathering.

All the universities of the Northeastern States and of Canada have been invited, and the presidents of some of them will be there and others will send representatives.

"I am struggling now with the governor general and the premier of Canada, neither of whom is able to give me the definite assurance that he can attend. All the lieutenant governors and provincial prime ministers have been invited. We have the promise of Premier Ross of Ontario, and of Mr. Fielding and Sir Frederick Borden and of the leader of the New Brunswick government. The government of the United States has been asked to send an official representative, and so has the government of France, but the communications in these cases must go through official channels, and no final announcements can yet be made."

What about ships of war?

The admiral has promised to send his ship, and we hope that some foreign vessels may honor the occasion. Can a ship of war go up to Annapolis town? I presume so, said Mr. Longley. I know the water is deep enough in the harbor. Besides I do not suppose that the admiral would consent to send a ship unless he knew it could get there.

Mr. Longley's idea coincides with that expressed here at the various conferences, that the celebration at Annapolis should take place early in the week, beginning June 20th, and that the St. John events should take place immediately after. That would allow the St. John celebration to include St. John's Day. The delegates,

orators, distinguished visitors, ships of war and all the other machinery of the celebration could be moved across the Bay so that the affair would really be a continuous celebration.

At eleven a. m. today Mr. Longley will meet at the office of Dr. R. Jack, Prince William street, the members of the St. John Tercentenary committee and any other persons who may be interested.

General Longley has been president of the Nova Scotia Historical Society six or seven years. He has done a considerable quantity of historical work, including two biographies written within the last few years. His life of Joseph Howe in Morant's Makers of Canada Series, is now going through the press. Mr. Longley is not taking political views. He says he is not much interested in politics any way, except so far as is necessary in the line of his duty. He does not expect Premier Murray to go out of the government and consequently has no expectation of the premiership. Nor does he seek it.

FREDERICTON.

Funeral of Late Herbert Wade—Got a Government Job—Confirmation at the Cathedral.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 20.—The funeral of the late Herbert Wade of Pennie, was held this afternoon. Deceased was buried upon a few days ago for bowel trouble and failed to rally. He was one of the best known lumber surveyors on the river, being

Arnaud H. Miles of Manserville, for many years surveyor for the New Brunswick Railway Co., has resigned his position and accepted an appointment from the local government, as scaler for the upper Miramichi and lower St. John river districts.

The case of Haines v. school trustees No. 2 parish, Southampton, was up for trial yesterday before Judge Wilson in chambers. The action is one for wages alleged to be due the plaintiff as teacher; Crockett for plaintiff, Gregory for defendant.

Amos Obelens, who was recently appointed inspector of schools for Westmorland county, addressed the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon. He leaves after the new year to take up his new duties and will reside in Moncton.

A confirmation service was held at the cathedral this evening. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Kingdon.

TURKEY AGREES To the Demands of the United States Government.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 21.—The Porte has agreed to the demands of the United States government and has ordered the governor of Alexandria to make simple apology to Consul Davis for the insults offered him and the assault committed upon him by the local police as accompanying a board of a departing steamer a naturalized American citizen named Attarin, who had been liberated from prison through the intervention of Mr. Davis.

United States Minister Leishan arrived at a friendly understanding in the premises with Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish foreign minister.

The Porte notified the United States legation orally and in writing of the instructions telegraphed to the Yali of Aleppo to order the governor of Alexandria to call on Consul Davis immediately upon his arrival at Alexandria and offer to him a complete apology.

The Porte has also promised to punish the police officials who assaulted Consul Davis and will allow Attarin to depart unhindered.

The United States cruiser San Francisco, with Rear Admiral Cotton, which left Beirut Friday evening for the purpose of taking Consul Davis to Alexandria, is expected to arrive here today and if the Turkish government carries out the programme it has formulated the Alexandria incident will be considered closed.

It is felt here that delay or complications are not likely, but Rear Admiral Cotton has received instructions to meet all eventualities.

THE FAR EAST.

War Reports Appear to Have Some Solid Foundation.

Russia Assuming a More Defiant Role Than Ever Before—Japan Cannot Accept the Ultimatum.

(U. S. Associated Press.) PEKIN, Dec. 20.—The report cabled from Tien Tsin to London on Saturday to the effect that Japan had sent an ultimatum to Russia is discredited here and no information of a corroborative nature is in the possession of the foreign legations.

While the knowledge of the legations on the situation leads them to believe that the sending of an ultimatum is impossible, the prospects of war are, however, evidently increasing. The British legation some days ago received a telegram indicating that war was possible and the Japanese legation is officially informed that Russia's recent reply to the Japanese proposals was unsatisfactory.

PEKIN, Dec. 20.—While no news has been received at the Japanese legation that Japan has sent an ultimatum to Russia, it is recognized at the legation that a grave crisis is approaching. Major General Yamani, the Japanese military attaché, and the Japanese consul Xuan Shai Kai's troops, have both started for Japan.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Reuter's Telegram Co. has learned that considerable anxiety exists in the best informed circles of London regarding the possible outcome of the situation in the Far East. Fears, it says, are expressed that the Russian government may have overstepped the boundary which

would make a continuation of peaceful negotiations with Japan possible. It may be regarded as quite certain it asserts that Japan will not accept the principles of the last Russian note which are altogether at variance with Japan's main contentions, and that Japan's reply must necessarily be cast along this line. Apart from the delicate state of the negotiations between the two nations, Reuter says, it is also known that Russia is assuming a more defiant attitude and the outlook may be regarded as more gloomy than it hitherto has been, although it cannot yet be said that the resources of diplomacy have been completely exhausted.

It concludes by saying that there is no actual news of fresh developments and that no ultimatum has been sent by Japan to Russia.

The native press recently related a circumstantial story to the effect that in the event of Manchuria being retained by Russia it was the intention of Great Britain to establish a protectorate over the Yang Tze Valley as compensation, and to appoint a viceroy therein, so that her prestige in the Far East would be equal to Russia's.

Some of the native papers gave the Chinese foreign board as authority for the story. This fiction is largely credited and is causing hostility against Great Britain. It is suspected that the story has been fostered by unfriendly agencies, and the British legation is investigating its origin.

Laurier Government

Thinking About Annexing Newfoundland and Greenland.

Matters Which Will Necessitate Negotiations With Denmark as Well as With France.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—It is understood the government has now under consideration the question of bringing Newfoundland into the Canadian confederation, and also of annexing Greenland. The decision of the Alaska boundary commission, which has given the United States a permanent title to a large strip of land on the Pacific coast which should have been in possession of Canada, has at last set the government thinking. As far as Greenland is concerned the Canadian government will have to negotiate with Denmark through the Imperial authorities with a view to purchasing the island.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—The Globe's Ottawa despatch says there is good reason to think that the dominion government has under consideration the project of a fishing trip on this coast, the shore on Pannack Island, sixty miles west of Halifax, at 4 o'clock this morning, and is a total loss. Her owner and Capt. Martin Walsh and his crew of nineteen had a narrow escape with their lives. They lost everything else.

Last night was dark and thick and the wind was high. Capt. Walsh was trying to make out the light on Beaver Head, but he struck on the island with a great crash and his vessel leaved on her side. The stove that contained the fire to the vessel. The sea was washing the deck, and breakers spread out between them and the mainland, four miles away. There was no hope for the vessel and but little for the crew. They got the boats out as quickly as they could, determined to try for the shore. It was a long and hard struggle. Some of the dories filled as they went through the surf, but they were able to beat adrift, and in about three hours after the schooner struck the crew found themselves on the mainland, half perished from exposure and exhausted, after their fight for life. The Navahos had secured 4,000 pounds of cod and haddock. The vessel was a total loss. She was insured for \$12,000 and insured for \$10,000. The crew will return to Gloucester tomorrow.

CHAMBERLAIN AND FOSTER.

Tribute to Canada's Greatest Orator, from the Bank of Montreal's General Manager.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—E. S. Clouston, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, returned on Saturday from a trip to England. Mr. Clouston stated that the Chamberlain campaign was making great progress in Great Britain; in fact, he could almost see its growth in the time that elapsed between his arrival and the time of his departure. He felt that it is only a question of a short time when the policy will be adopted by the country. Financial interests were against it, fearing the results of the change, and there was also some opposition among the higher classes, but with the great mass of the people it was decidedly popular. They see the things Chamberlain desires to remedy, and are convinced that the method he proposes is what is wanted.

Mr. Clouston also said the efforts of Mr. Foster were much appreciated, and he mentioned that he saw a letter from Scotland, in which it was stated that next to Chamberlain himself, no better advocate could have been sent to Scotland than Mr. Foster. His speeches had been most effective and he had made many converts.

CONSERVATIVE NOMINATIONS

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—The conservative convention for the new riding of South York was held on Saturday, and resulted in the unanimous choice of W. F. McLean, M. P.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Dec. 20.—The East Elgin conservatives have chosen A. B. Ingram, M. P., as their candidate for the elections to the dominion house.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—The conservatives of Marquette have nominated Dr. Roche, the present member, as their candidate in the coming general elections.

N. S. STEEL & COAL CO.

Meeting of the Directors Yesterday at New Glasgow.

The Company is the Second Largest Producer of Coal in Nova Scotia—Surprising Figures for Next Year.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 21.—The directors of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. met in New Glasgow today to consider the result of the year's operations. The coal output for the present year at Sydney Mines was shown to be in round figures eighty per cent. in excess of last year's yield, and the output of the Marsa mine, near New Glasgow, 75 per cent. greater than the previous year. Two new colliers started at Sydney Mines have been brought up to the producing stage, and although not fully complete or anything like up to their maximum capacity, they produced one hundred thousand tons during the year. This company is the second largest producer of coal in the province, and it is estimated that 700,000 tons of coal will be raised next year. These figures came as somewhat of a surprise to the public, as it was not thought that the company was developing its very extensive coal fields to this extent. The increase in pig iron and steel was shown to be very considerable, and the output of ingots and finished steel considerably in excess of the previous year. The matter of increased dividend was not considered, and will not be till February next, as the dividend in the company's stock is not payable till March 15th.

HARD TIMES.

Three Thousand Actors in New York Without Employment—Poor Theatrical Receipts—A Sign of Trade and Business.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—It is a significant indication of the present condition of hard times in the theatrical world that in New York alone 3,000 actors are without employment, and that 800 companies have disbanded for the season. An interesting article by W. H. Harrison on this unusual situation is published in the current Harper's Weekly. It seems that art and rubbish have suffered together; neither Shakespeare, with one of our most popular actors in the cast, nor the kind of farces and musical comedies which have usually appealed to the public, have met with success. It is said that the receipts of one night's performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with Nat Goodwin as Bottom, ran as low as \$700. "The fact is," concludes Mr. Harrison, "that people are not in a theatrical mood, and that the plays which are called triumphs this year are playing to only small houses. Nowadays to pay expenses is a matter of congratulation for theatre men."

A TOTAL WRECK

Sixty Miles West of Halifax Harbor in the Fog—Crew Escaped.

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NEW YORK FIRE.

Damage Last Night Over Quarter of a Million.

Heroic Deeds of Firemen in Dragging Their Comrades from the Ruins—Sad Fate of Battalion Chief Coleman, Pinned to Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The famous "Two Niners" fire alarm, summoning more fire apparatus than any other alarm, provided for by New York's fire department, was sounded tonight for a terrific fire which destroyed the six-story factory building of the Herrmann Furniture and Plumbing Cabinet Works, at 125-127 Mott street, and the four-story varnish factory of the firm, run under the name of the H. Herrmann Lumber Co. A quarter of a million dollars' damage was done. Battalion Chief Martin Coleman in battling the fire perished in the fall of two great walls of the factory. There was a frightful panic among the Italian inmates of the swarming front and rear tenements opposite and in the rear of the burning buildings, and the firemen and police reserves from three precincts had the utmost difficulty in getting the people out to the street.

The fire started on the third floor and when the firemen arrived, the first, second and third floors were in a blaze. Third, fourth and fifth alarms were sent in in rapid succession and about an hour after the fire started Chief Kruger sent in the "two nine" alarm.

Battalion Chief Coleman had entered the building with a number of men, including Lieut. Jones and Father Smith, the fire department chaplain. They were about twenty-five feet inside when the fire came and they were pinned to the floor. Father Smith with three firemen turned back to the rescue and dragged out Jones, who had managed to stagger to his feet. Jones in pulling himself out, fell for Coleman. He found him so pinned he could not rescue him, but he got

COL. TUCKER AND HIS SARDINES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Colonel Tucker is here. He says the marine commission will not conclude its labors for some time, probably till late next year.

Prices Cut 10 to 50 per cent.

All lines of Overcoats, Ulsters, Etc., in which the sizes are broken have been greatly reduced in price. Now is the time to buy.

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OTTAWA.

Government Turned Down Two Classes of Civil Servants.

King Edward's Birthday—Forged Dominion Express Co. Order—Fielding's Trips.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Notwithstanding the official announcement that an order in council had been passed giving effect to the new civil service act in regard to increases in salary, it transpires that two of the classes granted increases by the act had been passed over by an order in council. These are Grade A, chief clerkships, a new class established by the act, and the third class, which was re-established under the act. It seems to be another case of defective government legislation.

Mr. Farnie was in town today for a few hours. He has consented to address the Canadian Club of Toronto on Jan. 8th.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, minister of finance, returned to Ottawa today after his second round of visits within a month to constituencies in the lower provinces, to sell the party leaders to rest ready.

Forged Dominion Express orders have been passed off on Ottawa merchants. A despatch from the colonial secretary says the King has consented to his birthday being observed on May 23rd each year. The official celebration, however, is to take place Nov. 9th.

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AGED MAN HELD BY KODAK, DROWNED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Wm. Becker, 80 years old, an inmate of the Odd Fellows' Home at Thompson, has met his death in an unusual manner.

Although extremely feeble, Becker was fond of walking and while on one of his rambles near the edge of West Chester creek, he got into a treacherous piece of mud. Like the dreaded quackand it sucked him down and he was unable to move. His wife was up and when the tide went out the aged man was found dead.