

NO CABINET MINISTER.

Col. Prior is Just a Deputy Head Carrying Out a Minister's Instructions.

His Privy Council Honor Rather an Empty One, Everything Considered.

Quebec Tories Boast That He Will Stand by the Policy of Coercion.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The government organs this morning correct their mistake of yesterday by saying that Col. Prior is only to be controller of inland revenue, and not in the cabinet.

It is understood that at to-day's meeting of the cabinet, Hon. J. P. Wood was appointed controller of customs, and Col. Prior, M. P. for Victoria, controller of customs.

Halifax, Dec. 17.—It is believed that the Newfoundland schooner Argonaut has been lost with all on board.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 17.—Six American vessels have arrived at Recreant, Fortune Bay, and have taken several hauls of herring.

Napanee, Dec. 17.—Arthur Morphy, a young barrister, who recently moved here from Toronto, shot himself at the Hotel Quinte this morning.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Citizen, the government organ at Ottawa, says that Col. Prior is to be a controller and not a cabinet minister.

The Citizen, the government organ, says that Col. Prior's qualification for the controllership lies in the fact that he sings a good song and is an admirer of the fair sex.

Government members are boasting that Col. Prior's acceptance will secure all the British Columbia members for their coercion policy.

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Columbia getting a minister into the cabinet. The other newspapers say that the reason of the job for Col. Prior is that the government is assured that if he gets an appointment all the other members from that province will vote for their coercion bill.

The government has decided not to accept the request of Mrs. J. W. Garrison Smith, of Chicago, who came here to request that a monument be erected to General Montgomery, the United States general who fell in Quebec in 1777.

A BONANZA FOR LAWYERS.

Montana Practitioners Can Be Busy For Some Years to Come.

Butte, Montana, Dec. 17.—A \$20,000 damage suit has been brought against the Kenyon Connelly Commercial Co. by Sophia Goddard.

HE WAS FORCED TO FAIL.

A Prominent San Francisco Jeweller Called by His Creditors.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Five creditors of Louis Breverman, head of a large jewelry house in this city, have filed a petition asking that he be declared insolvent.

PLANNED TO MURDER.

Massacre at Kharput Was Deliberately and Carefully Planned and Executed.

Facts and Figures of the Outbreak—Not a Single Dead Moslem in It All.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—Further details just received here from Kharput, a clearer light upon the massacre of Christians and the destruction of the American mission buildings there on the 10th of November.

The attack upon the Christians and the burning of the mission buildings followed, in spite of the assurances of the Turkish governor that the fullest protection would be accorded the property of the Americans as well as the Americans themselves.

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MONROE DOCTRINE.

Receives Consideration in Lord Salisbury's Reply to Venezuelan Question.

He Says it is Especially Inapplicable to the Question Now in Dispute.

President Cleveland Thinks Otherwise, and Leaves the Matter to Congress.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—President Cleveland sent the following message to Congress to-day: In the annual message addressed to Congress on the 29th instant, I called attention to the pending controversy between Great Britain and the republic of Venezuela, and requested the assistance of the representatives made by this government to their majesty's government.

Without attempting to extend the argument in reply to these positions it may not be amiss to suggest that the doctrine upon which we stand is strong and sound, because its enforcement is important to our peace and safety as a nation.

It is also suggested in the British reply that we should not seek to apply the Monroe doctrine to the pending dispute because it does not embody any principle of international law which is founded on the general consent of nations.

Practically the principle for which we contend has a peculiar, if not an exclusive relation to the United States. It may not have been admitted in so many words to the code of international law, but since the creation of international councils every nation is entitled to it.

Of course this government is entirely confident that under the sanction of this doctrine we have clear rights and undoubted claims. Nor is this ignored in the British reply.

He further declares: "Though the language of President Monroe, directed to the attainment of objects which most Englishmen would agree to be salutary, it is impossible to admit that they have been inscribed by any adequate authority in the code of international law."

Her Majesty's government concur with the view which President Monroe apparently entertained to the effect that any disturbance of the existing territorial distribution of this hemisphere by any fresh acquisition on the part of any European state would be a highly inexpedient change.

AMERICAN FINANCES.

Secretary Carlisle Has a Deficit to Present for This Year of \$7,000,000.

But for the Coming Fiscal Year He Prophecies a Surplus of \$7,000,000.

Great Britain Has Declined to Renew the Sealing Regulation of 1894.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle's annual report on the national finances was sent to Congress yesterday, and it shows that the revenues of the government from all sources during the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1895, amounted to \$390,373,403.

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