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LAST WORDS OF CHINESE PATRIOTS

What the Rebel Leaders Said Before Being Beheaded on Order of the Empress Dowager.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Japanese newspapers publish the dying utterances of two of the most prominent rebel leaders put to death by the Empress-Dowager of China, who is at present appeasing her thirst for blood by butchering her handmaidens and eunuchs.

A moment before the sword had fallen on the neck of Tan Chi Tung, that bore the yoke of the reform movement so bravely, he printed a sheet of signs to the Emperor, which translated read:

"If heaven does not intend to break the line of succession of the Celestial Empire, you, master, must not die; but, alas, do not let us who die die for nothing and those who are living render no service in their lives. In dying I do what is easy, but you, my master in living, do what is difficult. My soul after death will become an avenging spirit to punish those who oppress you. I tear my clothing and bite my fingers and write this with my blood. Farewell."

The late confidential secretary of the Emperor, when being led to the block, said to the attending official from the palace: "How painful it is that the fate of my master hangs upon the word of the debauched Empress and rebellious Ministers of State. I am dying; my duties are fulfilled. Hear me, sir, is there no one in this vast Empire to follow Chau Ping? (Prime Minister of old, who pretended to be faithful, then seized the throne and ruled.) I die easy, but, oh, horrors! to think there are so many in China to live for self, like brute creatures." Tan then wrote the following dying message: "I die now. I bite my fingers. I write in blood to officials and people, rise unitedly and, midst religious excitement, overwhelm the debauched and the rebellious, and ensure the complete protection of our sage Emperor, my master. Farewell."

PARSLOW MURDER TRIAL

Some Pretty Strong Evidence Was Brought Out Yesterday—Case Will Last a Week Yet.

Ste. Scholastique, Dec. 22.—The Parslow murder trial was continued here to-day, with a good many spectators present, including many ladies.

Anthime Charbonneau, who already has testified in the Cordelia Viau trial, was one of the guardians appointed by the coroner to take care of the house after the tragedy. He thought that Mrs. Poirier and Parslow were lovers. He was closely cross-examined as to the ashes and cinders which he swore he discovered in the stove in Poirier's house. He stated that these ashes were not paper or wood ashes. He had made experiments with burnt cotton. He was positive that it was the remnants of cotton which he had found in the stove.

Madame Joseph Duquette gave evidence. She is a sister of the prisoner. Although acknowledging that the revolver which Parslow had bought in Montreal was discovered at her house, she could not account for its being there. She admitted that there was no one else but her brother who could have left it there.

Noe Bouvrette, a very important witness, was next called. He is the neighbor of the Poiriers, and had noticed the movements of Mrs. Poirier and Parslow on the Sunday of the tragedy. He is the witness who proves that Parslow and Cordelia Viau were the last to be with Poirier before his death. Bouvrette became very badly mixed, however, in his cross-examination by Mr. Des Marais. He contradicted himself in many particulars. He acknowledged that his memory was bad. When his examination was concluded the court adjourned.

Great progress was made to-day. The case will probably be finished about Thursday or Friday of next week.

Shadows in the Police Court.

Thomas McKillop of 186 Baldwin-street was charged in the Police Court yesterday with stealing a suit of clothes from George Hudson of 17 Hickson-street. It is said that the prisoner ordered a suit of clothes to be sent C. O. D. He kept a sharp lokout for the delivery wagon and, it is alleged, succeeded in stealing the parcel. He was remanded until to-day.

Robert Barker got 30 days for stealing a pair of fur gauntlets, the property of Edith Milne, 130 Church-street.

Amanda Lightheart, the domestic who stole $9.95 from her employer, Thomas Peacock of 187 King-street east, was allowed out on suspended sentence.

Thomas Clark was fined $1 and costs and John Griffin $10 and costs for fighting on the street.

Induction at Cobourg.

Cobourg, Ont., Dec. 22.—Rev. Melville A. Shaver was to-day inducted as pastor of the Congregational Church here. Rev. A. F. McGregor, B.A., of Toronto, officiated. Rev. John Morton of Hamilton addressed the preacher, and Rev. A. W. Richardson, B.A., of Kingston, the people. Rev. A. McCormick of Cold Springs offered the ordination prayer. The church was tastefully decorated, and the choir furnished suitable music.

S. Ackerman, commercial traveler, Belleville, writes: "Some years ago I used Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil for Inflammatory Rheumatism, and three bottles effected a complete cure. I was the whole of one summer unable to move without crutches, and every movement caused excruciating pains. I am now out on the road and exposed to all kinds of weather, but have never been troubled with Rheumatism since. I, however, keep a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Oil on hand, and I always recommend it to others as it did so much for me." ed

Wanted a Tax Refunded.

The Niagara Falls Park and River Railway Company sued the Town of Niagara Falls yesterday before Judge Morgan. The company wants the Council to refund $124.42 taxes paid by them to the corporation on a $6000 assessment on their roadway. The company claimed that the taxed property is a public highway and is, therefore, exempt. Judgment was reserved.

A Spanish Sunday School.

Rev. A. B. Reekie, a graduate of McMaster, and now Baptist missionary in Orono, Bolivia, writes to Toronto, under date of Nov. 4, announcing the formation of the first Protestant Sunday school. The class is taught in Spanish.

Xmas Offerings.

The City Relief Officer desires to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions for the Christmas supper for the homeless and destitute poor: H. L. Starr $2. E. Hopkins $1. I. Heffewell $3, Charles Cockshutt & Co. $5, A Friend 25 cents.

WHEAT PRICES IRREGULAR

Active Speculation at Chicago Yesterday.

Foreigners and Northwestern Traders Were Sellers—Northwestern Receipts Large—Danger to Fall Wheat Uncovered by Snow—Quotations on Local Grain, Produce and Cattle Markets.

Thursday Evening, Dec. 22.

Liverpool wheat futures to-day closed ⅝d to ¾d per cental higher than yesterday's final figures.

Paris wheat closed 10 centimes higher, to 10 centimes lower for the day, with flour unchanged, to 5 centimes higher.

Speculative trading in Chicago wheat today was active and prices were irregular. Liverpool's response to yesterday's advance on this side the water caused a good feeling at the opening and quotations were put up further. A bull feature was melting of snow on western fields, leaving the fall-sown grain exposed to the frost. Selling by foreigners and the Northwest caused a decline, and at the close December and May wheat were quoted ⅛c below last night's last figures, though the July option recorded a net gain of ⅛c for the day.

Liverpool maize to-day closed ¾d to 1⅝d higher than yesterday. Chicago corn was again very strong.

Lard and tallow both advanced 6d at Liverpool to-day.

Total clearances to-day: Wheat and flour, 652,000 bushels; corn, 556,000 bushels.

Exports at New York to-day: Flour, 782 barrels and 5066 sacks; wheat, 288,339 bushels.

Wheat receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day 753 cars, against 407 the same day a year ago.

Car receipts of grain at Chicago to-day: Wheat 144, corn 368, oats 294. Estimated for Friday: Wheat 127, corn 465, oats 232.

The flour output at Minneapolis, Duluth, Superior and Milwaukee for the week was 469,065 barrels.

Minneapolis wires: Two firms sold 35,000 barrels of flour yesterday. Estimated total sales 55,000 barrels, mostly domestic.

Leading Wheat Markets.

Following are the closing prices to-day at important centres:

	Cash.	Dec.	May.	July.
Chicago	$....	$0 66⅝	$0 68¼	$0 66½
New York	....	0 74⅝	0 72¾	....
Milwaukee	0 67	....	....	....
St. Louis	0 70	0 70¼	0 71¼	....
Toledo	....	0 70¼	0 71⅝	....
Detroit	0 69½	0 69½	0 71	....
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	0 64⅝	0 64⅝	0 67½	....
Duluth, No. 1 hard	0 66⅝	....	....	....
Minneapolis	....	0 64½	0 65¾	....
Toronto, No. 1 hard (new)	0 70	....	....	....
Toronto, red	0 67	....	....	....

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Winter patents in bags, $3.70 to $3.90; straight rollers, $3.35 to $3.40; Hungarian patents, $4.10 to $4.15; Manitoba bakers', $3.80 to $3.85.

Wheat—Ontario, red and white, firmer at 68c, north and west; goose, also firmer at 66c; No. 1 Manitoba hard, 79c at Toronto, and No. 1 Northern, at 74c.

Oats—White oats quoted at 28c west.

Rye—Quoted at 51c.

Barley—Easier, quoted at 46c to 47c west.

Buckwheat—Firm at 44c to 45c north and west.

Bran—City mills sell bran at $13 and shorts at $15 in car lots, f.o.b., Toronto.

Corn—Canadian, 83c west and American old 44½c, new American 41½c to 42½c, on track here.

Peas—Firm at 64c to 65c, north and west, in car lots.

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats, in bags, on track in Toronto, $3.50; in barrels, $3.60.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of grain and hay were light, but there was an abundance of dressed meats, poultry, butter, eggs, fruit and vegetables on the market to-day.

Prices fairly steady all round.

Wheat steady, 100 bushels of goose sold at 67c.

Rye steady, one load sold at 51½c per bushel.

Barley easier; 200 bushels sold at 48c to 49c.

Oats steady; 100 bushels sold at 30½c to 31c.

Peas firm; 100 bushels sold at 58c to 65c.

Hay steady; 15 loads sold at $8.50 to $9.50 for timothy, and $6 to $7 for clover per ton.

Straw steady; one load sold at $7 per ton.

Dressed hogs; deliveries large, prices unchanged at $5 for heavy, and $5.15 to $5.40 for general run.

Poultry—Prices fairly firm considering the heavy deliveries: turkeys sold at 8c to 10c per lb., geese 6c to 7c, ducks 50c to $1 per pair, chickens 35c to 70c per pair.

Grain—		
Wheat, white, bush	$0 69	$....
" red, bush	0 68	....
" goose, bush	0 67	....
" fife, spring, bush.	0 66	0 67
Rye, bush	0 51½	....
Oats, bush	0 30½	0 31
Buckwheat, bush	0 46	....
Barley, bush	0 48	0 49
Peas, bush	0 58	0 65
Seeds—		
Red clover, bush	$3 50	$4 00
White clover seed, bush	6 00	9 00
Alsike, good to prime, bu.	4 00	4 50
Alsike, choice, bush	4 75	5 00
Timothy, bush	1 25	1 35
Beans, white, bush	0 75	0 80
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, timothy, per ton	$8 50	$9 50
Hay, clover, per ton	6 00	7 00
Straw, sheaf, per ton	7 00	....
Straw, loose, per ton	4 00	5 00
Dairy Products—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 14	$0 18
Butter, large rolls	0 13	0 14
Eggs, new laid	0 30	0 40
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, hindquarters, cwt.	$6 00	$8 00
Beef, forequarters, cwt.	4 00	5 00
Lamb, spring, per lb.	0 06½	0 07½
Mutton, carcase, cwt.	5 00	5 50
Veal, carcase, cwt.	6 50	8 00
Hogs, dressed, light	5 15	5 40
Hogs, dressed, heavy	5 00	....
Poultry—		
Chickens, per pair	$0 35	$0 70
Turkeys, per lb.	0 08	0 10
Spring ducks, per pair	0 50	1 00
Geese, per lb.	0 06	0 07
Fruit and Vegetables—		
Apples, per bbl.	$1 50	$2 50
Potatoes, per bag	0 55	0 65
Cabbage, per doz.	0 20	0 40
Onions, Spanish, per lb.	0 03½	....
Beets, per doz	0 12½	0 15
Cauliflower, per doz.	0 40	0 65
Turnips, per bag	0 30	0 35
Parsnips, per bag	0 50	0 60

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

Hay, baled, car lots, per ton	$7 00	$7 50
Straw, baled, car lots, per ton	4 00	4 50
Potatoes, car lots, per bag.	0 50	0 57
Butter, choice, tubs	0 13	0 15
" medium, tubs.	0 11	0 12
" dairy, lb. rolls	0 14	0 15
" large rolls	0 13	0 14
Creamery, boxes	0 19	0 20
Creamery, lb. rolls	0 20	0 22
Eggs, choice, new laid	0 20	0 22
Eggs, held stock	0 16	0 18
Honey, per lb.	0 03	0 07
Hogs, dressed, car lots	5 00	5 25
Chickens, per pair	0 25	0 40
Ducks, per pair	0 40	0 60
Geese, per lb.	0 06	0 06½
Turkeys, per lb.	0 09	0 10

Hides and Wool.

Price list, revised daily by James Hallam & Sons, No. 111 Front-street east, Toronto:

Hides, No. 1 green	$0 08½	$....
" No. 1 green steers	0 00	....
" No. 2 green steers	0 08	....
" No. 2 green	0 07½	....
" No. 3 green	0 06½	....
" cured	0 08½	0 00
Calfskins, No. 1	0 10	....
Calfskins, No. 2	0 08	....
Sheepskins	1 10	1 25
Pelts, each	0 75	0 80
Lambskins, each	0 75	0 80
Wool, fleece	0 13	....
Wool, unwashed, fleece	0 10	....
Wool, pulled super	0 17	0 18½
Tallow, rough	0 01¼	0 02¼
Tallow, rendered	0 03	0 03½

LOCAL LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of live stock were the smallest of any day for a long time, only 15 car loads.

There were a few very good animals in the fat cattle class, but on account of the weather being unfavorable, there were few buyers, and little business transacted.

Prices in all the different classes of live stock remained about the same as on Tuesday last.

Export cattle—The offerings in this class were light and prices unchanged. Choice heavy exporters sold at $4.25 to $4.50, with a few extra lots at 10c per cwt. more; light exporters sold at $3.85 to $4.25 per cwt.

Export Bulls—Choice heavy export bulls were a little firmer, selling at $3.65 to $4.12½ per cwt.; export bulls, light, $3.25 to $3.40.

Loads of good butchers' and exporters mixed, sold at $3.87½ to $4.00 per cwt.

Butchers' Cattle—Choice picked lots of butchers' cattle, equal in quality to the best exporters, but not as heavy, weighing 1000 to 1150 lbs. each, sold at $4.00 to $4.15; loads of good $3.50 to $3.80; medium, $3.35 to $3.45; common, $3.00 to $3.25, and inferior, $2.65 to $2.85 per cwt.

Stockers—Buffalo stockers sold at $3.25 to $3.40 per cwt., the latter price for choice bred steers of 600 to 700 lbs. in weight.

Feeders—Good heavy feeders of 1000 to 1150 lbs. each, of good quality, are scarce, and worth from $3.50 to $3.75 per cwt.

Feeding bulls for the byres sold at $2.25 to $2.75 per cwt.

Milk cows—About 13 springers and milkers were offered. Prices unchanged at $25 to $40 each.

Calves—Good veals of choice, heavy quality, are wanted. Prices remain firm at $3 to $6 each for general run and $5 per cwt. for choice quality.

Sheep—Prices for sheep were unchanged. Ewes sold at $3.25 to $3.40 for the bulk, with choice picked lots at $3.50 per cwt.; bucks, $2.50 to $2.75 per cwt.

Lambs—Prices for lambs were unchanged, selling at $3.60 to $4.10 for the bulk, with $4.25 for a few picked lots.

Hogs—Deliveries light, 700, with prices unchanged. Choice selected bacon hogs, weighing from 160 to 220 lbs. each, unfed and unwatered, off cars, sold at $4.15 to $4.25 per cwt.; heavy fat and light hogs, $4 per cwt., while light are not wanted.

William Levack bought 50 cattle, Mixed butchers' and exporters' at $3.10 to $3.85 per cwt.; several export bulls at $3.25 to $3.75 per cwt.

A. W. Maybee sold 10 exporters, 1300 lbs. each, at $4 per cwt. They bought 78 extra choice heavy lambs, picked ewes and wethers, 130 lbs. each, live weight, at $4.50 per cwt. They sold 4 export bulls, 1600 lbs. each, at $4 per cwt.

Halligan & Lunness bought one pair of choice thoroughbred Shorthorn steers, the best on the market to-day, and, considering their age, the best offered this season. These cattle were bred and fed by Eastwood Bros., of Long Branch Township, Etobicoke, weighing 1445 lbs. each, and were only two years old. Messrs. Halligan & Lunness bought them for export to London, Eng.

Export cattle, choice	$4 25	to $4 50
Export cattle, light	3 85	4 25
Bulls, medium export	3 25	3 40
Bulls, heavy export, good quality	3 65	4 12½
Loads good butchers' and exporters, mixed	3 87½	4 00
Stockers and medium to good	3 25	3 40
Feeders, heavy	3 40	3 60
Butchers' cattle, picked lots	4 00	4 15
" good	3 50	3 80
" medium	3 35	3 45
" common	3 00	3 25
" inferior	2 65	2 85
Milch cows, each	25 00	40 00
Calves, each	3 00	6 00
Sheep, per cwt.	3 25	3 50
Bucks, per cwt.	2 50	2 75
Spring lambs, each	2 75	3 75
Hogs, 160 to 200 lbs. each.	4 15	4 25
" light fats	4 00	....
" heavy fats	4 00	....
" sows	3 00	....

Chicago Gossip.

Henry A. King & Co. report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec.	66⅝	66¾	66⅛	66⅝
" —May	68⅝	68⅞	68	68¼
" —July	66⅛	66⅞	66¼	66¼
Corn—Dec	36	36¼	35½	36¼
" —May	37¼	37½	36⅞	37⅛
" —July	37¼	37⅝	37	37⅜
Oats—Dec	26	....	....	26
" —May	27⅛	27¼	26¾	27¼
" —July	25½	25⅝	25½	25⅝
Pork—Jan	9 37	9 60	9 37	9 57
" —May	9 80	9 95	9 77	9 92
Lard—Dec	5 10	....	....	5 10
" —Jan.	5 12	5 20	5.12	5 17
" —May	5 40	5 45	5 37	5 42
Ribs—Dec	4 65	....	....	4 65
" —Jan.	4 70	4 72	4 67	4 72
" —May	4 87	4 92	4 85	4 90

Montreal Live Stock Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The receipts of cattle at the East End Abattoir this morning were 800 head of cattle, 30 calves, 600 sheep, 300 lambs, 25 hogs. There was a large demand this morning and prices were very good. Good cattle sold at from 4c to 4½c per pound; lower grades, 2½c to 3½c. Calves were sold at $3 to $10, according to size and quality.

Sheep brought from 3c to 3½c per pound for choice, and culls from 2½c to 3c per pound. Lambs sold at from 4¼c to 5c per pound. Hogs, selected, sold at $4.40; heavy fats, $4.15; light stockers, $3.90.

East Buffalo Cattle Market.

East Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 22.—Cattle—There were two loads on sale. The weather has been too soft to interest the butchers' trade, so anything in that line is dull. A load of choice heavy cattle, most of which were heifers, sold for export at $5.25. Calves were in light demand, in sympathy with the sheep and lambs trade, and sold very dull. Choice to extra were quotable, $6.50 to $6.75; good to choice, $6 to $6.50; heavy fed steer calves, of good color, $4 to $4.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Total offerings were 10 loads. The trade was practically at a standstill, for the enquiry was very light and buyers indifferent. A few loads of choice lambs were sold, but the bulk were held over. Choice to extra were quotable, $5.25 to $5.35; good to choice, $5 to $5.25; common to fair, $4.75 to $5. Sheep, choice to extra, $4.25 to $4.40; good to choice, $4 to $4.25; common to fair, $2.50 to $3.50.

Hogs—The market was slow, with 18 loads on sale. Choice heavy hogs were quotable, $3.50; mixed, $3.45; medium, $3.45 to $3.50; Yorkers, $3 to $3.10; pigs, $3.20 to $3.25; roughs, $3 to $3.10; stags, $2.40 to $2.60. The close was slow.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Hogs—Receipts, 28,000; left over, 7035; quiet, but firm at yesterday's price; light, $3.15 to $3.37½; mixed, $3.25 to $3.45; heavy, $3.20 to $3.47½; rough, $3.20 to $3.25; Yorkers, $3.30.

Cattle—Receipts, 6600; best grades, 5c to 10c higher; others steady; beeves, $3.90 to $6.00; cows and heifers, $2.00 to $4.75; Texas steers, $3.30 to $4.60; stockers and feeders, $2.80 to $4.30.

British Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—(12.30.)—No. 1 Cal., no stock; red winter, 6s 3d; No. 1 Northern, spring, 6s 1d; corn, 3s 11¾d; peas, 5s 10½d; pork, 50s; lard, 27s 9d; tallow, 20s 9d; bacon, heavy, l.c., 27s 6d; light, 27s; short cut, 28s; cheese, white, 48s; colored, 48s.

Liverpool—Open—Spot wheat steady, with red winter at 6s 3d, and No. 1 Northern at 6s 1d; red winter futures, 5s 11¼d; for Dec. 5s 9¾d for March; and 5s 8½d for May. Maize firm, at 3s 11¾d for spot. Futures strong at 3s 11⅝d for Dec., and 3s 10½d for March. Flour 19s.

London—Open—Wheat off coast, near due. On passage, sellers at 6d advance. English country markets partly 6d cheaper. Maize, off coast, near due; on passage, less offering. Bessarabia, on passage, 19s 4½d.

Paris—Open—Wheat, 20f 75c for Dec. and 21f for Jan. and April. Flour, 45f 30c for Dec. and 45f 10c for Jan. and April. French country markets steady.

Liverpool—Close—Spot wheat steady, with No. 1 Northern at 6s 1d, red winter at 6s 3d, red winter futures, 5s 11¼d for Dec., 5s 9¾d for March, and 5s 8½d for May. Spot maize quiet, at 3s 11¾d. Futures at 3s 11¾d for Dec., and 3s 10⅝d for March. Flour 19s.

London—Close—Wheat, off coast, near due. On passage, very little doing. No. 1 Cal., prompt, 30s, sellers. No. 1 Manitoba hard, steam, Dec. 30s. Maize, off coast, near due. On passage, firmer, at 6d higher. Mixed American, sail grade, steam, Dec. 18s 9d; old, ditto, Dec. 19s, parcel do., steam, Feb. 18s 7½d, parcel, La Plata, yellow, Dec. 18s. Spot, Dan. 19s 6d; American, 19s 3d. Straight Minn. flour, 24s.

Paris—Close—Wheat, 20f 70c for Dec., 21f for Jan. and April. Flour, 45f 65c for Dec. and 45f 5c for Jan. and April.

Chicago Gossip.

Henry A. King & Co., 12 King-street east, received the following despatch to-day from Chicago:

Wheat—There was a large trade in wheat to-day, and the market ruled very irregular—one minute weak and the next strong. Cables were up about equal to our advance yesterday. Somewhat uneasiness was felt by reports from the fact that snow has disappeared from fields, leaving them subject to severe damage in case of a hard freeze. The Northwest and foreigners were largest sellers. Minneapolis and Duluth had 753 cars and primary receipts 409,000 bushels larger than a year ago. Clearances 652,000 bushels and new engagements were only 20 loads. The cash business is hampered materially by the car situation, and little business was reported. Minneapolis continues to report very large sales of flour, with demand so great that mills are unable to fill orders. There was some heavy selling by holders, who, while they look for higher prices eventually, think a small reaction is due and expect to get their lines back on some recession. The sentiment continues quite bullish. The close was steady at about last night's prices.

Corn was very strong on continued wet weather, small receipts, strong and higher cables, and the large buying by outsiders. Receipts were only 368 cars, with 465 looked for to-morrow. Clearances fair, 556,000 bushels, with engagements of 30 loads at the seaboard. There was considerable profit taking by the best buyers yesterday around top prices, which caused some reaction. Traders generally think 40c corn is not far off.

Provisions—Have ruled strong, but within a narrow range. There was some good general buying, with the packers arrayed on the selling side. The strength in corn, no doubt, helped to strengthen provisions. Cash demand for meats is only fair.

Winnipeg Bank Clearings.

The weekly report of the Winnipeg clearing house is as follows: Week ending Dec. 22, 1893: Clearings, $2,418,815; balances, $403,008. Corresponding week, 1892: Clearings, $2,141,510; balances, $400,366.

Blanco Did Leave Something.

Havana, Dec. 22.—Marshal Blanco, though not requested to do so by the American commissioners, issued directions before leaving Cuba that the rich, silver palace table service be left for the Americans, and that the magnificent furniture of the reception rooms be also for the American occupants. The official coaches, with the arms of Spain and the furniture of the Treasury Department, will be sold.

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BIRD SAVED THE TRAIN

Remarkable Circumstance Which Prevented the Scheme of Train Robbers From Succeeding.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 22.—The north-bound passenger train on the International and Great Northern Railroad escaped a serious wreck 40 miles below here through the intervention of a bird. Some miscreant had tied a rail securely across the track.

A few miles before reaching the spot, a bird, blinded by the headlight, flew against the glass, breaking it and extinguishing the light. This necessitated running slowly to the next station.

The train, proceeding at reduced speed, struck the obstruction, tearing up the track and damaging the front of the engine, but no one was injured.

In the Surrogate Court.

The will of the late Frank Heaslip was passed in "solemn form" in the Surrogate Court yesterday on motion of the Toronto General Trusts Company, the executors. There was a caveat filed against it and the contest was to be tried yesterday, but it was abandoned.

Assistant-Superintendent Honored.

A large number of the congregation and scholars of Parliament-street Methodist Church met Wednesday and presented the Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Franks, with two addresses and a handsome Bible, on his leaving to go to reside in Richmond Hill.

Public Schools Closed.

The Public schools all closed for the Christmas holidays yesterday and 4570 honor certificates, 149 eighth year silver medals, 1036 fourth year bronze medals, fifty ninth year bars, four tenth year bars and one eleventh year bar were given out. The schools will re-open on Jan. 3.

The Government Sues.

The Attorney-General of Canada has served a writ upon John Dill of Czar-street, Toronto, for $1700. The amount is said to be overdue rent of timber limits, covering an area of 50 square miles, on the banks of the Columbia River, British Columbia. The defendant says another person is liable.

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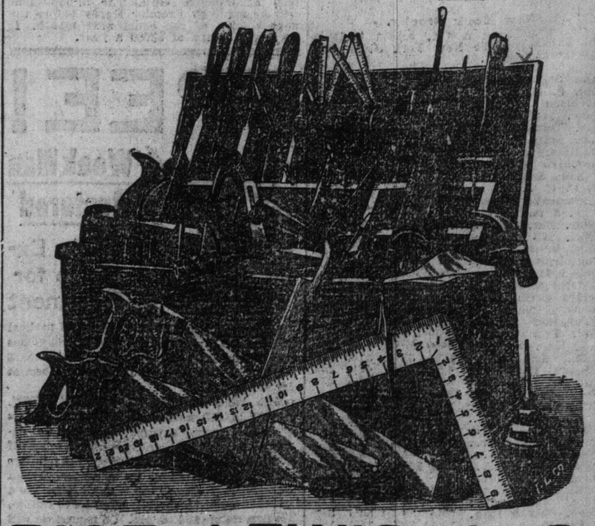

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