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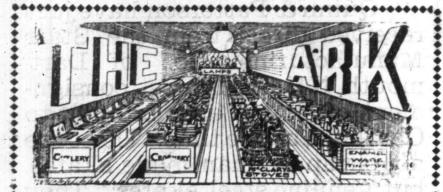
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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

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before Xmas. WE WILL BE OPEN EVENINGS Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas.

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HORSE KILLED

Those who noticed the horse that ex-Ald. John Liddy was driving this morning were probably surprised. They could scarcely believe that anything serious could have happened which would change a horse's color in a single night, but there had been. The accident that changed the color of the steed was fatal in its results. Shortly after six o'clock last evening John Liddy was driving to-wards the heart of the city along Colborne street. He had crossed the C. P. R. track and had reached that part of the street where, owing to the Lake Erie's switch, the road is only wide enough to accommodate one mas present than a duplicate whist rig at a time. A yard engine shunt-set? For sale at The Planet Ofing on the switch frightened the fice.

horse that ex-Ald. Liddy was driving and the shadows of the cars made the street dark so that honest John didn't see Mr. Stephens', a Chatham Township farmer, coming from the opposite direction. The horse of Mr. Stephens also became frightened and there was a head-on collision. The shaft of the Stephens rig punctured the breast of the horse driven by Mr. Liddy and the animal expired soon after the accident. Mr. Liddy says that his loss will be about \$150, and that somebody will have to pay for

What would be nicer for a Christ-

A STATE OF WAR.

MENT IN THE COMMONS.

CITIZENS OF CARACAS ASK CAS-

BLOCKADE ENFORCED AGAINST ALL SHIPPING.

Lnodon, Dec. 18 .- In the course of long statement in the House of Commons, Premier Balfour said there was no such thing as a "pacific blockade." A state of war actually existed with Venezuela, and an intimation of the blockade would shortly be given to the powers. Mr. Balfour added that the blockade will be carried out with as little inconvenience to neutrals as possible. Nothing definite had occurred with reference to the arbitration proposed since his previous statement on the subject. The Premier also said the operations were reluctantly undertaken, not to recover debts, but, after a long and patient delay, to recover compensation for assaults on British subjects and the seizure of British vessels. He believed the Germans also had claims besides the financial ones.

Mr. Healy, Irish Nationalist, asked if the United States assented to a block-ade which would exclude United States

The Premier replied: "Neutrals are not consulted when you are in a state of war with a third party."

"Is war declared?" asked Mr. Healy. The Premier replied: "Does the hon. member suppose that without a state of war you can take vessels and have a

Replying to further questions, Mr. Balfour said he had nothing to add regarding arbitration beyond what was ontained in his previous statement on the subject. Papers were being prepar-ed and would be presented to the House as soon as possible. He assumed they would include the communications which had passed on the subject of the blockbetween the United States and Great Britain.

reply to the desire of the Liberal leader, Henry Campbell-Bannerman, for information on the Venezuelan situation. After reiterating Lord Lansdowne's brief statement in the House of Lords the Premier continued: "The blockade will be carried out by

Great Britain and Germany along different portions of the coast, and al-though the two fleets will have the same objects they will not act as one force. We never had any intention of landing troops in Venezuela or of occupying territory, even temporarily. We do not think it desirable on either military or other grounds. All the conditions governing such a blockade have been carefully considered and will be published in due time for the information of neutrals. The Government are most anxcus that these operations, the necessity for which we deeply regret, should be as little inconvenient to neutrals as they possibly can be made. No difference will be made between the vessels of the various neutral powers. I think it is quite likely that the United States will think that there cannot be such a thing as a 'pacific blockade,' and I, personally, take the same view. Evidently, a blockade involves a state of

Mr. Balfour concluded his statement by saying he could make no announcement as to whether the offer of arbitration from Venezuela will be accepted by Great Britain.

Caracas, Dec. 18 .- Indications here are that Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies. The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to President Castro, asking him to give full powers to United States Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present difficulty. This note was transmitted to President Castro at 1 o'clock. It is signed by all the leading merchants, bankers and agriculturists of Caracas. It reflects truly the consensus of current opinion among the business element of this city. The men who signed the note will meet again to night to discuss ways and means of obtaining money with which Venezueia can meet her obligations, as well as the gua antees which

present to ber cr. ditors. The blockade of La Gueira, notification of which in the names of Great Britain and Germany was communicated to the Venezuelan Government Dec. 13, went into effect. The order applies to Venezuelan vessels only.

The Minister for Spain to Vene-uela, Senor Gaston de Ayazuela, Senor Gaston de Aya-la, and the Belgian Charge d'Affaires, M. Van Der Hoyde, have presented a joint letter to the Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs in which they ask, in case the claims of other foreign powers are paid by Venezuela, that the same treatment given these powers be accorded to Spain and Belgium.

Puerto Cabello, Dec. 18.—It has been learned here that during the bombard-ment of Puerto Cabello, December 13, by the British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta the Charyb-dis was struck in the bow by a shot fired from a cannon on the Palza Brusal. The Vineta was struck twice by the Venezuelan cannon fire. The report which has been in circulation here that an officer of the Vineta was killed during the bombardment by a rifle bullet fired from the shore appears now to be true.

Herman House, of Herman House & Co., New Zealand, is in the city on business. Mr. House is agent in his district for the Campbell Fanning Mill Co. and the Wm. Gray & Sons Co. He handled ten cars of Gray

MUNICIPAL FIELD

It looks as if there would be consid erable of a change in the City Council next year. Ald. O'Brien and Fleming are not going to run and Ald. Cowan will not be a councillor. This will make at least three vacancies. All the other aldermen have announ ed their intention of running again except Ald. Marshall. The latter alexcept Ald. Marshall. The latter alderman hasn't yet said what he is going to do. If rumor is to be credited the butchers of the city will be well represented in the list of candidates by E. A. Mounteer, John Edmondson, Fred Goodland and E. R. Putnam. George Gordon Martin has already announced himself and the names Walter Piggott, Fred. Quinn, W. M. Drader and Thos. Scullard are men tioned as possible and good candi-

THE TARIFF CAMPAIGN

WATSON GRIFFIN TO CONDUCT IT FOR MANUFACTURERS.

Newspaper Articles Will be Published and Pamphlets Distributed-The Association Desirous of Reaching the Farmers.

Toronto, Dec. 18.-The educacampaign on tariff matwhich the Canadian Manufacturers' Association proposes carrying on, is to be inaugurated in earnest after the new year. The manufacturers have about completed their arrangements, and have engaged Mr. Watson Griffin, a well-known journalist and writer on to iff affairs, to take charge of the campaign. Mr. Griffin will be located in Toronto, and the campaign conducted from here.

It is the intention to devote the fund which the manufacturers have at their disposal to the issue and distribution of pamphlets which will deal with the tariff from the standpoint of the manufacturers. The official organ of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association which is issued monthly. Industria Canada, will also be utilized, but it is felt that this publication does not reach those whom the association are most anxious to influence. Its circulation i principally among the members of the association, who do not require the education which it is the aim of the as sociation to impart to the public. Mr Griffin will, therefore, prepare a series of articles dealing with the tariff, and these articles it is proposed to have published in those newspapers that will insert them. It is hoped to come to some arrangement with a number of newspapers all over the Dominion to publish the articles that will be for-

warded to them. The association is particularly anxious to reach the farming committy with the pamphlets which Mr. will write, and while no plan been adopted the object is to have the farmers personally, the association holding that the tariff is a vital issue with

COLLECTOR ARRESTED.

CHARGE AGAINST H. W. GILL OF STURGEON FALLS.

Committed For Trial For Embezzlement of \$650 Municipal Funds-A Shock to the Town.

North Bay, Dec. 18.—Tuesday evening Henry W. Gill, town collector, was arrested in Sturgeon Falls, at the instance of the American Surety Company of New York, which was on his official bond. The prisoner, who is charged with embezzling \$650 municipal funds, was brought here and waived examination before Magistrate Richard-son. Gill was arraigned before Judge Valin, who fixed his bond at \$2,000, and committed him for trial in the January term of the Court of General Sessions, in this town. In default of bail, the defendant was committed to jail. Gill's arrest was a great shock to his numerous friends in Sturg-eon Falls, where he was held in high esteem. Being highly educated, he was recognized as the leading spirit in the management of the schools in that com-

A STORM OF PROTESTS.

SOUTHAMPTON HARBOR BOARD HAS DIFFICULT TASK.

The Proposal to Increase the Tonnage Dues to Recoup Expenditures Raises Much Trouble.

London, Dec. 18 .- A proposal to inerease tonnage dues at Southampton in to deepen the harbor has raised a storm of protests, on the ground that light-The board has appointed a committee to consider these communications.

A TORONTO MISER.

DEATH OF ELI HYMAN IN THE GENERAL HOSPITAL

SECURITIES WORTH \$100,000 FOUND IN HIS CLOTHES.

HE LIVED LIKE A VAGRANT AND BEGGED CONSTANTLY.

Toronto. Dec. 18 .- The death of an aged Jewish rag-picker at the General Hospital at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon brought to light one of the most remarkable cases of avarice that has ever been recorded. That a wealthy old man could forcever 25 years play the part of a destitute old pauper without detection seems in credible. The death of Eli Hyman, however, revealed the fact that he was worth at least \$100,000, and possibly much more. Under the name of Henry Zolinski he went to the hospital on Saturday evening last, a picture of filth, misery and disease. He had begged a car ticket he said, to come to the hospital. His very appearance was repug-nant and he was so dirty that the ward tenders, accustomed as they are to such things, shrank in disgust from his presence. He had a city order and was put to bed after being washed. It was seen that he was suffering from pneumonia and pleurlsy combined, and that the diseases had already obtained a strong hold. He was placed in ward

six, a public ward, and given every When Hyman entered the hospital he said that he was a "very poor man" and had "no money, relations or friends." The name of Rabbi S. Jacobs of 577 Church street was given as his only acquaintance, and that gentleman was notifled and visited the sick man until the hour of his death. During his illness Hyman was most impatient and exacting and demanded ceaseless attention. When put to bed he handed to the nurse a dirty red handkerchief loosely tied in a knot and she put it in a table drawer Zolinski was any other than a destitute old rag-picker, until his death came. Then his effects were examined and the astounding facts were revealed. The dirty red handkerchief contained a formidable roll of bends and scrip amounting in value to \$31,090. Of this \$17,000 was in one company and \$14,000 in another. His pockets, moreover, were stuffed with similar securities, and the total value of those found in his effects at the hospital was over \$50,000. The ruling passion of the old miser remained with him to the end, and with his dying breath he gasped, "My vest, my vest." Before this he had said that he wanted to say something to the Rabbi, but put it off on account of his weakness.

Eli Hyman is known to have been the old man's correct name. Zolinski' 'and "Davis" were pseudonyms which he used at different times. was 70 years of age, was born in Russia and had been in Toronto for 32 years. Begging seems to have been a mania with him, for, although among some of the Jews of the city his fraudulent life was discovered last spring, he continued his old manner of living. In the mornings he appeared as a rag, bone and bottle collector and begged from door to door. He was well known in the eastern parts of the city around Jarvis, Carlton, Parliament and Queen streets. He would ask most frequently for a car ticket, saying that he had been in the hospital and wanted to get down to York street. In the evenings he was in the habit of selling newspapers, and complained that the newsboys interfered and tried to stop him.
When night time came he would be seen trying to sell his "last paper." He always had this last one tucked away beneath his coat, as though it were precious, and his appeal was frequently successful. When The Sunday World and the New York papers came he would sell them "two for five," and tell the purchaser that he was money on it. This often resulted in a kind-hearted man giving him ten cents instead of five cents. He had no home in the city, but slept in alleys and out-

Hyman was a married man. Mrs. Sophia Hyman, his wife, lives in Churchville, a village near Streetsville, is currently reported to be off. They were married in by the late Dr. Jennings. and She was notified yesterday of her husband's death, and came to the city last night. She was attired in old, shabby clothes, and said that someone had recently stolen her money from her, so that she could not have good clothes. Mr. S. King, who was Hyman's lawyer, called upon her and advanced her money last night to buy good clothes and obtain comfortable quarters. Hyman spent all of his time in coronto, and only visited his wife occasionally. There are no children by the marriage, but it is reported that Hy an had a previous wife, by whom he supposed to have

a daughter, living in San Francisco, and two sons in other parts.

For over twenty we years Hyman received charity from the Hebrew Benevolent Society. Let spring, however, some stock brokers made it known that order to recoup the cost of the project the old man was and off, and a secret investigation was made, by which the extent of his wealth was learned, and draught vessels will be taxed unfairly. The North German Lloyd Line threatens not to call at Southampton, and the American and other lines have sent in written protests to the Harbor Board. The board has appointed a committee to consider these communications. to be well versed in the Jewish law and

THEIR POLICY

"Now that the municipal contest is drawing near I notice that the addermanic candidates are adopting the good suggestion of The Planet and coming out and stating their views on the civic questions of the day," said a citizen this morning. "This is perfectly correct. No man should seek a public office without giving some reason for doing so. Aldermen should be well posted on the affairs of the city and should be the best men procurable to look after the city's interest. In the same after the city's interest. In the same way I think that the candidates for school trustees should come out and state their views openly before the election. The position of school trustee is, in my opinion, just as important and just as desirable as that of alderman. The candidates should know what expents to be described. should know what ought to be done for the welfare of our schools in the way of improvements, etc. would like to see the school trustees come out this year with platforms.

CLOSE TO ANNEXATION.

WHAT RECIPROCITY TREATY WITH CUBA MEANS.

United States Will Get Land For Coaling Stations-Bar Other Nations From Trade.

Washington, Dec. 18 .- The President ent to the Senate the reciprocity treaty recently negotiated between the United States and Cuba. The treaty was received by the Senate in Executive session and was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations without being read.

The Washington correspondent of The Chicago Tribune, referring to the treaty, says: Not only have the Cubans proved themselves amenable to reason so far as regards reciprocity, but as soon as the malign influences of European Governments were withdrawn they also began to see a new light on the subject of coaling stations. There has been great opposition among the Cubans, largely on a sentimental basis, against coaling station of land on the shore of Havana Bay. President Palma has represented that it would be a constant humiliation to his people to see a foreign flag floating over an independent plot of ground within sight of his own palace. President Roosevelt and his advisers here have come around to this same way of thinking. They do not desire to humiliate the Cubans in any way, and it now has been practically agreed that so far as the north shore of Cuba is concerned only one coaling station will be asked for, and it will not be at Havana. It may be on the shore of Nipe Bay, on the extreme northeastern coast, or possibly in the vicinity of Matanzas. So far as the south coast of Cuba is concerned, the United States will be granted opportunities to establish at least one and probably two naval stations. President Palma has intimated that as soon as the treaty is ratified he will be ready to agree to anything reasonable in the way of coaling stations, providing Havana Bay is eliminated from the problem. He will also negotiate a treaty with the United States putting into solemn form the conditions of the Platt amendment, and thus notifying all the nations of the world of the peculiar relations existing between the United States and Cuba. When this is done, coupled with the close commercial relations established under the reciprocity treaty, there will be esablished a connection between the United States and Cuba which will be as close as anything could be short of actual annexation.

TO PAY IN SILVER.

China Cannot Obtain Gold For the Next Indemnity Payment.

Washington, Dec. 18 .- Unofficial advices have reached here that China intends to pay the next installment of the indemnity to the powers in silver. The reports indicate that China is driven to this course by the fact that all of her revenues are payable in silver, and the great internal financial strain makes it impossible to obtain gold.

Cornelius Vanderbilt Worse.

Newport, R.I., Dec 17 .- A message reeived here from New York stated that he condition of Cornelius Vanderbilt was serious, owing to weakness of his heart. His brother Reginald, Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt and Miss Kathlen Neilson will return to New York in the morning.

THE CATTLE EMBARGO.

Canadians Feel Strongly Upon it, Says Sir Albert Rollit.

London, Dec. 18 Sir Albert Rollit M.P., who has just returned from Canada, states that the public feeling in the Dominion strongly favors the repeal of the British Board of Agriculture's embargo against Canadian store cattle. This feeling, he states, is especially strong among the cat'le breeders of low-

Marseilles Strike Over.

Marseilles, Dec. 17 .- The strike is at an end. The sailors have voted to re

AGAINST THE JAPANESE

MAY BECOME NATURALIZED. BUT CANNOT VOTE.

Imperial Privy Council Sets Aside the Judgment of the Canadian

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 18 .- The famous Tomey Homma ease, which has been before the courts of British Columbia, the Dominion and the Privy Council since 1901, has been settled by decision of the Privy Council, news of which has just been received, as it contains the appeal of British Columbia, which excludes naturalized Japanese from the right to vote. Tomey Homma, a naturalized Japanese, appealed to the County Court, Vancouver, to have his name placed on the list of voters. The col-lector refused to do so, holding the Provincial election act excluded Japanese, whether naturalized or not.

Tomey Homma appealed to a higher court. Chief Justice McColl allowed his appeal, holding that the Provincial Legslature's act was ultra vires, and ordered the Jap's name to be placed on the list. An appeal was then taken by the collector to the full court of Brit-ish Columbia, and afterwards to the Supreme Court of Canada, both of which ustained Justice McColl's decision. This is now upset by the decision of the Privy Council, which is final. Japanese cannot register in British Columbia, whether naturalized or not.

A RAILWAY DISPUTE.

Foley Brothers' Coim Against the Algoma Central.

between the Algoma Company and Messrs. Foley, the railway contractors of Minneapolis, have been ventilated before the Minister of Railways, and culminated in a statement by Hon. Mr. Blair that the question raised was a legal one upon which he could give no decision. Considerable reticence is observed in regard to the dispute, and those connected with it are indisposed to talk for publication. It appears, however, that the Messrs. Foley were awarded the contract for a section of the Algoma Central, which contract, it per cent, of the amount which the con-tractors might earn should be withheld until the completion of the work. The contract has not been completed and the Messrs. Felloy say this is due to the lack of facilities wheh the company should have provided. The company, on the other hand, maintain that they are not responsible for any delay, and that they have aided the Messrs, Foley, in every possible way. They decline to pay the 15 per cent. drawback until the contractors finish their undertaking. Mr. Timothy Forey, when asked last night what he had to say, stated that the amount of their claim against Mr. Clergue was \$452,000. This was made of the fifteen per cent. held back and sums due on estimates. The firm's contract was to build 100 miles from a point 70 miles northwest of Sault Ste. Marie to the Josephine Mine, where the line would connect with the branch from Michipicoten. The whole of this 100 miles had been graded, but all the bridges, the construction of which devolved upon the contractors, had not been built. The reason of this was that the company had not laid the rails, nor brought the necessary timber to the required point. If the company would furnish the timber the bridges would be built. The Foley Brothers had constructed the line with their own money, and hence considered they were entitled to the \$341,000 of subsidies.

Changes in Newfoundland Cabinet. St. John's, Nfid., Dec. 17.-Edward P. Morris, a member without portfolio of the colonial Ministry, has been appointed Minister of Justice in Premier Bond's Cabinet, in succession to W. H Horwood, who has been appointed Chief



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