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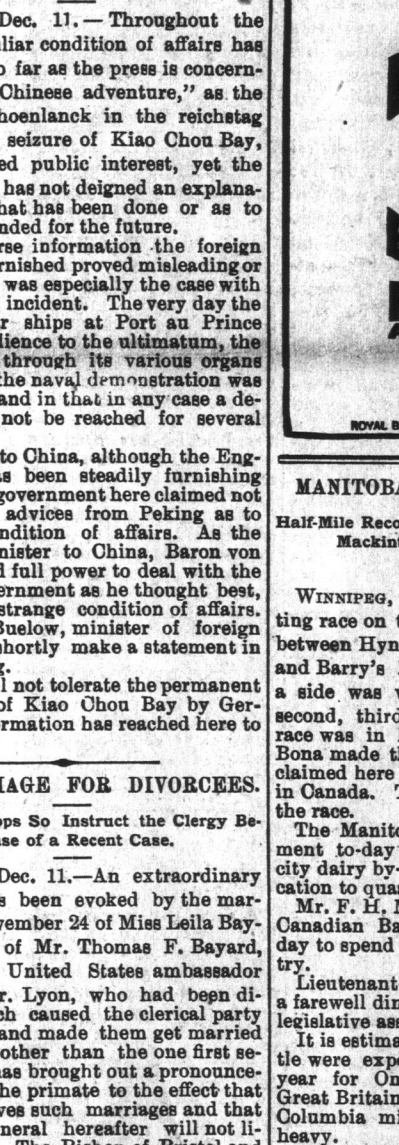
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ANACONDA COPPER FAILING.

London Market Depressed by Reports of Unfavorable Outlook. New York, Dec. 10.—The Evening Post's financial cable from London says: "The feature of the stock markets here was the sharp fall of \$1 in Anaconda Copper. These shares are widely held here and by the best people, so that the fall has a marked effect on all the markets."

NORTHERN PACIFIC DIVIDEND.

One Per Cent Declared Yesterday, the First Since Reorganization. New York, Dec. 10.—A dividend of 1 per cent was declared on the preferred stock of the Northern Pacific road at a meeting of the directors held in this city to-day. This is the first dividend declared upon the preferred stock since the reorganization of the road.

GREAT MAIL ROBBERY.

Whole Bags of Registered Letters Abstracted From the Cars. New York, Dec. 10.—It was learned to-day that one of the biggest robberies in the history of the New York police occurred on November 9. The amount involved is stated to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000, and was taken from registered letters in the railway mail service on that section of the Erie Railroad of New Jersey known as the New York, Somerville & Eastern branch.

PROSPECTOR SUICIDES.

A Once Wealthy Colorado Man Ends His Life in the Kootenay. ROSSLAND, Dec. 10.—E. F. Snydam, a prospector just arrived from Greenwood, committed suicide to-night at the War Eagle hotel by shooting himself through the head with a revolver.

A POLITICAL CONUNDRUM.

Mr. Patterson Gives No Explanation of His Sudden Attachment for Laurier and Yette. TORONTO, Dec. 11.—(Special)—Lieutenant-Governor Patterson, being interviewed by a Mail reporter, said: "The school question has not been mentioned to me since I crossed the boundary line of Manitoba on my way East. I do not know whether I have made my denial sufficiently strong, but I repeat, my visit has no political significance, and I have not interfered in the affairs of the province of Quebec. When with Governor Chapleau we talked of the weather and the crops, and swapped the usual sort of anecdote, the subject of his supposed second term was not mentioned by me to him or to any other public man, and my visit to Spenserwood was purely one of friendship. If Sir Wilfrid Laurier has any plans to carry out he can easily find a more subtle and pliant instrument than I would be likely to prove."

THE IDLE ENGINEERS.

Their Strike Has Enormously Decreased the Output of Steamers—They Vote Against Proposed Compromise. GLASGOW, Dec. 10.—The polling of the non-union engineers on the proposals made by the employers at the conference of the federated employers and the amalgamated society of engineers was taken yesterday. The results are as yet unknown, but it is said that the men have rejected the employers' proposals. The balloting of the unionist engineers will end on Saturday.

WALKED OFF A WHARF.

Chas. Gamson and James Macfarland Started on Sunday for the wharf to spend the night on a fishing tug. They could not be found afterwards, and the harbor master has directed the body of Macfarland was found but not that of Gamson. It is supposed they walked or fell over the side of the wharf.

INDIAN FIGHTING OVER.

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MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Half-Mile Record for Ice Trotting—Governor Mackintosh's Farewell—Cattle Exports. WINNIPEG, Dec. 11.—(Special)—A trotting race on the Red river here to-day between Eyndman's mare Nulia Bona, and Barry's horse Equador, for \$1,000 a side was won by Nulia Bona in the second, third and fourth heats. The race was in half-mile heats and Nulia Bona made the last in 1:08, which is a fine record to be made for ice races in Canada. Two thousand people saw the race.

FRANCE IN AFRICA.

Alleged Determination to Block British Line of Communication Between Cape Town and Suez. LONDON, Dec. 11.—The announcement which the "St. James' Gazette" made on Wednesday last, "authoritatively," that the British government does not expect any further trouble with France, regarding the Upper Nile region, France agreeing to accept the situation, is unconfirmed and probably unfounded, as there is no lack of evidence that France is deliberately pursuing the task of sealing the upper waters of the Nile, above Khartoum, thus cutting the British line of communication between Capetown and Suez; and a powerful colonial party in France threatens to upset the Mellin cabinet, should it recede from this enterprise.

NOT SELF SACRIFICING.

United States Not Disposed to Act Alone on Behalf of Seal Preservation. WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Much interest was shown in the initial meeting of the house committee on foreign affairs, as it was felt it might bring an indication of the general line of policy towards Cuba and the other subjects before it. Except, however, in the announcement of the Cuban and Hawaiian sub-committee, no reference was made to either of these subjects.

TO HANG AT SIXTEEN.

A Truro Youth Convicted of Murder Upon Circumstantial Evidence. HALIFAX, Dec. 10.—(Special)—At Truro this morning Lyman Darrt, aged 16, was sentenced to be hanged on March 3 for the murder of Asard Dever, an Armenian peddler, who was shot dead in the road near Truro two months ago. Darrt was convicted on circumstantial evidence, there being no witnesses of the crime. He maintained his innocence throughout the trial.

THE UNSETTLED SETTLEMENT.

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