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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Mr. Ogilvie Prophesies Disappointment for a Klondyke Host —Great Whisky Tax.

Many Fat Offices Dangling Before Liberal Eyes—The Creamery Bonus Continued.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—William Ogilvie, surveyor, of the interior department staff returned to the city to-day after an absence of two years in the Yukon. He says that if 100,000 people go to Klondyke next spring 85 per cent.—and that is giving it a wide margin—will have to come out. He does not think there will be a railroad in before 1899. Speaking of the influences by which a young man is surrounded in Klondyke, Mr. Ogilvie says they are the worst. There is simply no restraining influences. One loses touch with the entire outside world. Mr. Ogilvie is asked to answer perhaps a thousand questions a day about the Klondyke, and is in great demand as a lecturer.

The cabinet met this afternoon but nothing of importance was transacted. Mr. Tarte only returned late in the afternoon, so that the judicial changes in Quebec were not considered. The suggested relief of Dawson City miners was mentioned, but Mr. Sifton not being present it was decided to consider the matter at another sitting.

The Interior department has been informed that Major Walsh has imposed a tax of $2 per gallon on whiskey entering the Yukon. Distillers think the amount too large.

The term of Sir Adolph Chapleau as lieutenant-governor of Quebec expired to-day. It is said that nothing will be done in the way of appointing a successor until after the meeting of the Quebec legislature.

The name of John Cameron, of the London Advertiser, is now mentioned in connection with the vacant senatorship. There are about a score of applicants.

Hon. Sidney Fisher left last night for Western Ontario. He speaks at Brantford to-day to the stock raisers at the annual fat stock show.

Mr. Fielding, who has reached New York from England, intends staying a few days at Halifax before coming to Ottawa.

The department of justice knows nothing of the report of a proposal to transfer Shortis, the Beauharnois murderer, to Kingston penitentiary.

It is now stated that Judge Routhier, of the Superior court, will succeed Mr. Mackintosh as Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest.

Owing to a number of creamery owners not having learned of the government's bonus of $100 for the establishment of cold storage rooms in connection with creameries sufficiently early this year to avail themselves of the offer, the minister of agriculture has decided to offer a similar bonus next year.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—A circular to collectors of customs was issued to-day calling attention to the provisions of section 640 of the tariff, which prohibits the importation of tea so adulterated as to make it unfit for use. Collectors are directed to forward to the department for approval samples of all tea imported into Canada from Great Britain or the United States before the delivery of the tea unless the importer produces a certificate from the British or United States customs to the effect that the tea has been duly proved for home consumption in the United Kingdom or United States. When tea is imported and not accompanied by a certificate of inspection collectors are required to exercise due care to see that it is fit for use and to test the tea themselves as to its genuineness. If after such tests the collector has reason to believe that the tea is not entitled to be entered for consumption in Canada, samples from the suspected lots are to be forwarded to Ottawa for examination.

Another circular prescribes the nature of the export entry, which is to be prepared in duplicate in connection with goods to be exported, in place of the oath hitherto required. Railway, steamship and express companies are enjoined to strictly observe the law in respect to the report outwards at customs of all goods carried by them for export from Canada. This regulation, however, will not apply to goods passing through Canada in transit by rail from one point in the States to another point in the same country.

The minister of justice to-day received a cablegram stating that the judicial committee of the privy council has affirmed the decision of the Appeal court of Ontario declaring that the lieutenant-governors of the provinces have power to appoint Queen's counsel.

Mr. Tarte, who was to attend a banquet of the medical faculty of Toronto University to-morrow, has been obliged to cancel his engagement on account of stress of public business.

The mounted police department has been notified that Lake Bennett was frozen over on November 22.

This being a statutory holiday—the feast of the Immaculate Conception—the departmental offices were closed.

MORE MONEY FOR ARTILLERY.

That Is the Request Preferred at Ottawa—Colonels on the Run.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—A delegation of artillery officers, headed by General Gascoigne, waited on Dr. Borden and asked that a special grant be given the artillery association to entertain the British artillery team that will visit Canada next summer; also that the annual grant be increased. The minister said he would use his influence to have this done.

At the militia department it is learned that although two district officers commanding have reached the age for retirement their services will be retained for the present. They are Col. Maunsell of No. 8 district, and Col. Smith of No. 2.

In the next militia general order it is expected several commanding officers who have served the five years term will go out. Very few of those booked for retirement on account of having completed the term will be continued for the further period of three years.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Mayors Returned by Acclamation—Holiday Travel—Archdeacon Pentreath's Departure.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 7.—Special)—The Winnipeg hockey club have received invitations from Ottawa, Quebec and Kingston for games there on their proposed Eastern tour.

A new wage schedule has been signed by the locomotive firemen of the Western division of the C.P.R.

Rev. Archdeacon Pentreath left yesterday for Kamloops, where he will take up his residence.

A branch of the Imperial Bank has been opened at South Edmonton, N.W.T.

This was the first day of reduced rates over the Canadian Pacific railway to Eastern points for the holidays. Nearly one hundred people availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the old folks at home.

F. N. Darke was elected mayor of Regina; A. D. Cameron of Calgary; H. H. Bentley, mayor of Lethbridge and R. Bogue, mayor of Moose Jaw, by acclamation to-day. The contested municipal elections throughout the Northwest take place on the 21st.

For St. Boniface, E. Betourney was elected mayor by acclamation. There are two candidates for mayor in Portage la Prairie, E. Brown and Wm. Garland.

Archbishop Langevin was able to drive from Sunnyfair to the city to-day, his first outing since his relapse of illness.

The bishops of Prince Albert and New Westminster are expected here this week to visit the Archbishop.

The local cabinet ministers still profess to be ignorant of the object of Governor Patterson's visit to the East.

The Dominion Express Co. announced to-day a cut of 8 to 20 per cent. in express rates from Winnipeg to the Pacific coast. The cut affects all points in Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia.

Ald. Hutchins surprised his friends last night by announcing his retirement from the mayoralty. This leaves Ald. Andrews alone in the field.

DIED FOR HIS PARTNER

Rossland Miner Overcome by Powder Gas While Obeying a Call for Help.

A Rescue Party Arrives in Time to Save But One of Two Prostrate Men.

ROSSLAND, Dec. 7.—(Special)—Early this morning M. J. Merry, a miner employed at the Iron Colt mine, was suffocated by powder damp. Merry was a brother-in-law of William Mackenzie, the Toronto street railway magnate.

The accident was particularly sad. Merry was employed on the night shift with George Cottanach, working a big steam drill alternately in the mine. They had fired a round of holes in the main drift, and while the air there was clearing they worked in the adjoining drifts. After a while Cottanach went into the first drift to notice the result of the explosion. He realized that there was danger from gas but reached the face without any inconvenience. He was overcome on his way back and sank to the ground unconscious. As he fell he cried aloud for help. Merry rushed to his assistance, but, overcome by the gas, fell prostrate on the body of his partner. Three-quarters of an hour later the other men in the mine noticed the drill idle and commenced a search and the prostrate forms were discovered. Cottanach was resuscitated, but Merry was beyond recovery, although everything possible was done to revive him.

A GOLFING FATALITY.

A Caddy Who Lived But Long Enough to Deplore a Thanksgiving Game.

MILBURN, N. J., Dec. 7.—W. S. McCoy died last night as a result of a peculiar accident. On Thanksgiving day he was at work on the links of the Baltrosal golf club as a caddy, when he was struck on the head with a golf ball driven at a high rate of speed. He dropped to the ground unconscious, and on his recovery had a severe epileptic fit. Since then he had these fits at regular intervals and they increased in severity, the last one carrying him off last night. He was 47 years old and leaves a widow and two children.

Snow in Spain.

BILBOA, Spain, Dec. 7.—Railroad trains have been snowed in at several points in this part of the country, the drifts reaching to the carriage windows.

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CITY CLERK IN GAOL!

Nanaimo's Young All-Round Official Accused of Cooking the Municipal Accounts.

Irregularities Extending Over Many Months Exposed Through a Chance Remark.

NANAIMO, Dec. 7.—(Special)—Sensation follows upon sensation. On Thanksgiving day a number of the city books were mutilated, and now comes the startling allegation that Adam Thompson, city clerk, city treasurer, clerk of the police court, cemetery secretary, etc., is a defaulter of the city funds to the extent of $500 or $600, so far as the investigation shows. This matter began to be whispered around on Saturday and Sunday, and yesterday it became almost public property, although none of the civic authorities would say anything for publication. The information obtainable by the Free Press is as follows:

On Thursday evening last Mr. Tully Boyce, city auditor, was engaged at work in the city office when Mr. Pollock, road foreman, happened to call in. During the course of conversation auditor Boyce remarked that Pollock must have been doing a lot of work on the streets, as the pay rolls were rather heavy. Mr. Pollock replied that such was not the case, work had been very light. A comparison was then made between the pay rolls of city clerk Thompson, which had passed the finance committee and council and had been paid, and the time of the men as turned in by road foreman Pollock. The first name on the October roll showed that he had been entered for seven more days than he worked, and all the numbers of days had been advanced in the pay roll, showing an increase of about $140, and for which extra amount city clerk Thompson had taken credit.

An examination of the payroll for the month of September showed a similar addition of days, amounting to about $100. In the months of June, July and August there was practically no work done. In the month of May the defaulting reached about $215. In this month three men were put on the payroll who did not do a stroke of work for the city; one for twenty-two days, one for fourteen days, and the other for twelve days. In April the amount reached about $45, and in March about $42, making approximately $532.

Yesterday evening Mr. Thompson was placed in charge of the police, under detention, and this morning information was laid by Mayor Davison and the arrest was made. The matter had been brought up at a special council meeting held last evening, when it was unanimously decided that the law must take its course. The following was the specific charge upon which he appeared before police magistrate Simpson this morning: "That Adam Thompson, of the city of Nanaimo, being then clerk of Nanaimo and as such intrusted with the receipt and custody of public revenues of Nanaimo, did unlawfully and knowingly furnish a false statement or return of moneys collected by him and entrusted to his care."

Mr. Young appeared for the city and Mr. H. A. Simpson for the accused. Mr. Young applied for a remand until Friday morning at 10 o'clock, which the magistrate granted. Mr. Simpson applied for bail, and suggested two sureties of $250 each and $500 for the accused. Mr. Young said he thought the bail should be fixed at $500 each for sureties and $1,000 for the defendant. While the amount involved was not much in excess of $100, yet as the audit was not yet completed he could not consent to a less, so that if anything should arrise out of the matter it could not be said that anyone was to blame. It was finally agreed to fix the bail at $200 for the defendant and two sureties at $350 each, and the hearing was adjourned till Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Adam Thompson, though but 24 years of age, is married, a prominent Mason and secretary of the Canadian Order of Woodmen of the World. He was generally respected and moved in the highest society. Before he accepted the position of city clerk he was a prominent player of football, having for some years held the office of secretary for the Hornets.

Mr. Thompson failed to secure bail and is confined in the provincial gaol.

MR. GREENWAY'S RESTORATIVE.

A Railway Deal in Chicago an Incident of the Trip for His Health.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 7.—((Special)—When Premier Greenway left for Montreal via. St. Paul and Chicago yesterday it was given out that he had gone to Montreal for the purpose of consulting eminent medical men regarding his health; but it is also quietly rumored in inner circles that he had safely ensconsed in his coat pocket an order-in-council accepting the last revised terms of the Chicago syndicate for the construction of the proposed railway to Duluth. Mr. Greenway will pay his respects to the representatives of this syndicate in the Windy City. He will then hurry on to Montreal, and after obtaining advice respecting his physical condition will return to Chicago in a few days and be joined there by Attorney-General Cameron, when the papers bearing on the railway agreement between the government and the syndicate will be signed, sealed and delivered.

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C.P.R.'S YUKON PLANS.

How They Propose to Transport Their Expected Thousands of Passengers.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 6.—(Special)—Traffic Manager Kerr, of the C.P.R., was interviewed to-day respecting the routes to the Yukon adopted by the Canadian Pacific railway. "We consider the most feasible route into the famous gold region is via the Stickeen river," said Mr. Kerr. "We have a number of large steamships being specially fitted up in the old country for this traffic, each steamer being about 3,000 tons burden. These vessels will be the finest on the Pacific coast, and every comfort of travelling will be well looked after."

"The steamers will run to Wrangel at the mouth of the Stickeen river. From there a line of river boats will run to Glenora, ten miles from Telegraph Creek, up to which point the stream is navigable. It is the intention to run a narrow gauge railway from Glenora to Teslin Lake, but as it will take several months to build a railway 130 miles in length this part of the route will not be ready until later on in the summer, but we understand that the Dominion and British Columbia governments in the meantime are constructing a trail or wagon road to Teslin Lake, which will facilitate travel. On Teslin Lake two or three boats will be placed for service, but travellers to Dawson City can build their own boats and float easily down the Hootalinqua river to the centre of the Yukon gold discoveries.

BANK WRECKERS ON TRIAL.

The Newfoundland Directors at Last Facing the Charges of Fraud.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 7.—The trial of the Commercial bank directors began here yesterday before Sir David Chalmers, former Chief Justice of British Guiana and a special jury.

The defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges of conspiracy and issuing false statements as to the condition of the bank, with intent to deceive and defraud shareholders, creditors and the public generally. The crown prosecutor opened the case in an address of four hours, reviewing the collapse of the bank. The examination of witnesses began to-day and the trial is expected to occupy the remainder of the week.

M'KINLEY'S MESSAGE

Favorably Received in European Capitals and Praised for Its Conservatism.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—The Republique Francaise to-day says: "The tone of President McKinley's message to congress is conciliatory but not exempt from ambiguity." The Journal des Debats regards the message as "little reassurance to Spain, who has the world's sympathy."

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—President McKinley's message to congress has been received quietly. Its conservatism is praised.

The Nicolet Election.

QUEBEC, Dec. 6.—Le Soleil gives publicity to a rumor that Mgr. Gravel has received instructions from Rome to prohibit any intervention on the part of the clergy in the approaching bye-election in Nicolet.

These Had a Full.

MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—Two of the eleven customs office employees discharged here on Saturday were reinstated to-day on orders from Ottawa.

Block Burned.

CARLETON PLACE, Dec. 6.—The large block owned by William McDiarmid and George Keyes was burned to-day.

A Guard's Offence.

KINGSTON, Dec. 6.—Guard Milligan was to-day suspended from the staff of the Kingston penitentiary for carrying out letters for and having communication with the convicts.

Toronto Alderman Dead.

TORONTO, Dec. 6.—Alderman William Bell died last evening of jaundice. For the last 30 years he was a leading Orangeman.

Mr. Patterson's Mission.

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—Lieut.-Governor Patterson, of Manitoba, arrived in the city yesterday from Quebec accompanied by Mr. Tarte and Chevalier Drolet.

Allan Liner in Collision.

HALIFAX, Dec. 6.—An Allan line steamer from New York, bound for Glasgow, put in here in a damaged condition, having been in collision at sea.

A Sorry Murderer.

NAPANEE, Dec. 6.—Murderer Troy is said to be a mental and physical wreck, and it is doubtful if he will live until the day set for his execution.

The Spoils System.

MONCTON, Dec. 6.—A local paper publishes a list of about 250 employees on the Intercolonial railway who have been dismissed by the Laurier government for political reasons. Many are employees of very old standing.

Toronto Mayoralty.

TORONTO, Dec. 6.—Ald. Scott has decided not to run for mayor, and the only candidates definitely in the field are Mayor Shaw and Ald. Preston.

A Truce Proclaimed.

HALIFAX, Dec. 7.—Lt.-Col. Humphreys of the 66th Battalion has withdrawn his resignation, and other officers will follow his example.

The St. Lawrence Ice Bound.

THREE RIVERS, Dec. 7.—The ice bridge formed on the St. Lawrence river opposite here last night. The weather is terribly cold and a heavy snowstorm prevails.

Will be found an excellent remedy for sick headache. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Thousands of letters from people who have used them prove this fact. Try them.

A TRAITOR'S HARD LOT

The Living Death to Which Dreyfus Has Been Consigned by His Indignant Country.

Condemned to Perpetual Silence and Isolation, Though Money Keeps Him Well Fed.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Paris correspondent of the Telegraph says: "I learn on very good authority that Capt. Dreyfus is now practically unrecognizable. His hair has turned quite white and he is a complete wreck. Even if the inquiry which is being carried on were to prove the prelude to the rehabilitation of this unhappy man, life would be more or less of a blank to him. He exists, and this is all. The only wonder is that he still lingers on. Countless persons, endowed with strong constitutions, would have succumbed to the system to which he is subjected.

"Such is the opinion of those who have watched him on the spot, as a letter just received from French Guiana abundantly testifies. Since he has been settled at the Isle du Diable, Dreyfus has only been rarely visited by the governor of the colony and other officials. Eleven wardens are told off to guard him night and day, a couple at a time, who are relieved every two hours. They are strictly enjoined never to speak to the prisoner unless there is some imperative reason for their doing so and then as briefly as possible. Thus Dreyfus spends days and weeks together, precluded from conversation with a fellow creature.

"Until the month of July he dwelt in a hut situated in the lower part of the island, but he was then removed to a plateau higher up. The structure which he now inhabits is about thirty feet in length and ten in breadth. It is divided into two rooms of almost equal size; one, with but two windows looking out on a sort of court yard, is reserved for Dreyfus, egress from it being through a door in the partition separating it from the outer chamber, where the wardens are posted. In front of this hut is a bit of ground some forty yards square, enclosed by a very thick palisade six feet in height, so that the prisoner cannot catch a glimpse of the surrounding scenery, but has only a dead wall to gaze upon. The wretched man tried to convert the ground into a little garden, but the soil was so poor and pebbly that he had to give up the idea.

"When he arrived at the Isle du Diable he used to handle the time by solving out algebraical problems on a slate, but after a while he abandoned the practice and now he passes hours together in reading and writing letters. As for the provisions with which he is supplied by the authorities, they are reduced to the simplest possible. Fresh meat alternating with bacon, white bread, vegetables, salt and pepper, the last even regarded as a favor, complete the miserable list. Owing, however, to the money which he is permitted to receive from France, £20 a month as is believed, Dreyfus is able to supplement this meagre diet and to provide himself with good wine, cognac, preserves and also with cigars, which he smokes continuously.

"Such is the life or rather existence led by this unhappy man, from which his relatives and friends are endeavoring with might and main to free him, while clearing his character as well."

THE DREYFUS SCANDAL.

Its Revival in Parliament Fails to Weaken the French Government's Position.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—The precincts of the Luxembourg Palace were crowded today in anticipation of the opening of the debate on the Dreyfus scandal. The police were able to keep the people moving. There were many ladies and officers in the galleries and the whole hall was crowded. When the opening formalities had been concluded, the president, M. Loubet, announced that M. Scheurer-Kestner, one of the four vice-presidents, desired to interpellate the government in the person of the premier, M. Meline, and the minister of war, General Bilot, in regard to the revelations in the chamber of deputies on Saturday last on the subject of the alleged false imprisonment of Alfred Dreyfus. The premier signified his readiness to answer the questions put to him, and the senate decided to open the discussion forthwith.

M. Scheurer-Kestner then said that he had been violently attacked by the party press, but he had also found valiant and disinterested help from the chamber of deputies, literary men and others, adding: "I told M. Meline he could publicly declare me mistaken if he could show proofs that Dreyfus was guilty. M. Meline, however, refused to do so, and also declined to consider my evidence respecting the anonymous note. If Dreyfus was not convicted on the anonymous note then he was convicted on evidence which was not communicated to the defence, and who will dare to defend such a procedure before this assembly, which only the other day, in order to secure prisoners against the miscarriage of justice, voted reforms in criminal procedure."

M. Schurer-Kestner then declared that the government had refused a revision of the trial and asserted that the authorship of the anonymous note was the crux of the whole question. He concluded with protesting against those who dragged the honor of the army into a judicial matter.

The speech was frequently interrupted by murmurs, and there was little applause. The minister of war replied that M. Schuerer-Kestner had submitted to him no evidence. He had contended, the minister explained, that the anonymous note was the basis of the whole affair, and that if it was shown not to have been written by Dreyfus, the latter ought to be accorded a new trial; but the General as minister of war could not go back on the judgment of the court-martial, and he acted within his right in declaring and repeating that Dreyfus was guilty. (Cheers.)

"The present inquiry," continued the minister for war, "did not concern Dreyfus, but concerned Major Esterhasy, the officer whose letters bitterly reflecting on France and the French army were recently published by the Figaro." In conclusion Gen. Bilot said: "Let justice accomplish its work, and think patriotically of the army and of France." (Applause.)

The premier, M. Meline, said it was the duty of the minister of war to affirm the authority and judgment of the court. He was not qualified to revise it. A motion, submitted by Senator Frank Chauveaux, approving the government's declaration, was adopted.

LONDON'S FIRE BRIGADE.

Red Tape and Poor System Impaired Its Efficiency at the Recent Conflagration.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The official inquiry into the causes and circumstances of the great fire in the city on November 19 begins to develop points of inefficiency on the part of the fire brigade which would be amusing if they were not so serious. One witness timed the arrival of the first engine on the scene at twenty-two minutes after the alarm was given. Another witness told how some of the firemen failed to recognize the hydrants when they saw them, because they were not marked with the letter "H" as in their district in the southern part of London. They thought the hydrants were electric light boxes.

It was also shown that the supply of coal was extremely scarce. Some of the engines stopped work because they had no coal, and many others were so short of fuel that their efficiency was greatly impaired. The engineers were such slaves to red tape that they refused to accept the offers of coal made by citizens. The supply of coal maintained by the county council was two miles away from the fire, and the engineers had no idea of obtaining fuel from any other source. Eventually, however, twenty engines were supplied with coal by citizens.

A BISHOP HOOTED.

Anglican Parishioners Protest Against Father Ignatius Lecturing in Their Church.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The suffragan Bishop of Marlborough, the Right Rev. Alfred Earl, and the rector of the Bishop'sgate church, recently arranged for the delivery of a series of addresses in the church by Father Ignatius, the famous monk and superior of Llanthony abbey, which he founded.

Yesterday afternoon the parishioners of Bishop'sgate protested against the arrangement and emphasized their protest by thronging the church and expressing their views regarding Father Ignatius and the bishop's action in turning over the church to his use. The bishop overruled the protest of the parishioners amid a storm of hisses, cries of dissent and general confusion, and announced his intention to apply to the Bishop of London for his sanction of the arrangement for Father Ignatius' lectures.

GERMAN REVERSE IN AFRICA.

A Warlike Tribe Deals Severely With an Expedition and Punishment Is Promised.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—According to mail advices from Battanga, on the West African coast, southeast of the Cameroons, the Banodo country, a German expedition consisting of six white officers and 200 natives recently met with a severe reverse at the hands of the Mboulies, a warlike tribe which has long harassed the German trade caravans to the south of Bantanga, in the Molinji country, and especially along the river which divides the French and German territories. A German warship with troops is already on the way to the Cameroons to reinforce the expedition which is being organized to punish the Mboulies.

WHAT OF THE AVOCA?

A Ship With One Thousand British Soldiers Rumored to Have Foundered.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The rumor is cabled from Halifax that the British troopship Avoca, bound from Jamaica for Capetown with a thousand troops on board, has foundered.

According to a telegram received today from Teneriffe, the Avoca, supposed to be the troopship, had arrived at Ascension island, though the date of arrival is not given. It is noted, as bearing on the two despatches, that the First Battalion Liverpool regiment consisting of eight companies, is under orders from Jamaica for Capetown.

Profits From Cabling.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial Cable Company held here to-day the regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent. and an additional bonus of 1 per cent. were declared payable January 1. The transfer books will be closed on December 21 and reopened on January 3.

A Bogus Knight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—"Sir" Harry Westwood Cooper, was yesterday convicted on the first of a series of indictments for forgery. He was charged with attempting to cash a draft for $50 purporting to have been drawn by the Bank of New South Wales, Ltd. It was proved that no such bank existed.

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CHINA FIGHTING MAD!

Says German Occupation of Her Territory Was Unprovoked and Won't Stand It.

The Missionary Killing Claim Only a Pretext—European Statesmen Interested.

PEKIN, Dec, 7.—The Chinese government has caused it to be made known that up to the time of the German occupation of Kiao Chou Bay no claim was made by Germany for reparation as a result of the murder of the two German missionaries, Nies and Hennle, and that there were no other differences between the two governments. Consequently, the government of China points out, the missionary question is regarded as a pretext to obtain a naval station, which it is shown Germany has long coveted.

The Chinese government, it is said in conclusion, will never consent to the Germans remaining at Kiao Chou Bay, as their presence there deprives China of a harbor which since the war with Japan has been regarded as the most suitable naval base of operations.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—Prince Henry of Prussia will visit Prince Bismarck tomorrow and will spend several hours with the great statesman in order to obtain his views upon the Chinese situation.

CAPTAIN ANSON PENSIONED.

Chicago Baseball Club to Retire the Famous Manager.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The Record says that Adrian C. Anson's retirement from the managership of the Chicago baseball club has at last been practically decided upon, a means having been found whereby it can be accomplished satisfactorily to all concerned. The veteran player, captain and manager will be given a berth in the club which will carry with it few duties but a liberal salary, and will also permit the captain, if he so desires, to branch out in the minor league business.

CUSTOMS COLLECTOR GONE.

A Gananoque Official Leaves Suddenly After Thirty-Five Years Service.

GANANOQUE, Dec. 7.—John Ormiston, collector of customs here, left town on Friday night and is reported to have gone to the United States. He has been in charge here for 35 years. His friends insist that an examination of his accounts will show that they are in good shape, but his return is not expected, and it is suggested that he has become mentally deranged. Assistant Inspector Shaw is here inspecting his accounts.

M'KINLEY ONLY BLUFFING.

The Spanish Premier Says the Cuban Threat Was Made Only for Effect Upon Voters.

MADRID, Dec. 8.—The premier, Senor Sagasta, in an interview regarding President McKinley's message to congress is quoted as saying he thinks the message satisfactory because the threat to intervene in Cuba is made merely to give satisfaction to a portion of American opinion without the intention of executing it. The Premier remarked that the government would not make any suggestion on the subject as they believe the President's words will have influence with the insurgents. Accordingly the cortes will not be convoked until the government ascertain the effect of the message upon congress.

The Imparcial, commenting on the message, says: "It shows a certain cleverness and evil intention. When it refers to filibustering expeditions, McKinley speaks with what appears to be excessive cynicism to those who have not lost all notion of justice. The government must show the Yankees that the Spanish flag floats over Cuba and they have yet to tear it down." In conclusion the Imparcial remarks: "The manufacture and sale of arms is not the same thing as using them."

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