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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Commercial Agent in South Africa Thinks Canada Should Do Larger Trade There.

Inspector Constantine Becomes Superintendent—Yukon Now Has One-Fourth Mounted Police.

Newspaper Postage Regulation Issued—Customs Forms for Exporters to Canada.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The department of trade and commerce has received an interesting report from Thomas Moffatt, commercial agent for Canada at Cape Town. He states that the import trade of Cape Colony last year amounted to \$8,659,390, of which Canada's share was not so great as it should be. The United States is credited with exports to the value of \$13,735,670, but Mr. Moffatt thinks a certain proportion of this comes from Canada, via New York, and the credit is wrongly given in the Cape returns. The Canadian agent considers that there are splendid openings at the Cape for many lines of Canadian products, such as wearing apparel, carriages, wheat, cottons, drugs and chemicals, dynamite, furniture, haberdashery, hardware, leather, machinery of all kinds, provisions, stationery, lumber and woollens. By arrangement with the department, Mr. Moffatt has requested Canadian manufacturers to send catalogues to him in three or four dozen lots, so that he can give them away when a period of reform is necessary. Inspector Constantine, who has had charge of the mounted police force in the Yukon for two years, has been promoted to be superintendent. The force now consists of 840 men, of whom 250 are in the Yukon.

The Board of Militia to-day accepted the position of patron of the Dominion Rifle Association. A deputation from the association interviewed the Governor-General, who expressed warm interest in rifle shooting.

The postoffice department will issue a circular in a few days to newspaper publishers, explanatory of the mode in which newspaper postage will be collected after the 1st of January. An employee of the department accompanied each batch of newspapers to the post office and present a departmental form filled out and stamped. The stamps on this form are for cancellation. The customs department to-day issued a circular of instructions to the collectors in foreign countries. The idea is to circulate this through Canadian importers, who will be asked to forward it to the shipping houses abroad. It contains detailed information regarding the preparation and certifying of invoices, with the object of facilitating the passing of entries in Canada. This circular refers to the general tariff, the preferential tariff having been dealt with last July.

FOR GOLD STANDARD.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The board of directors of the Chicago board of trade have adopted resolutions urging President McKinley to call a special session of congress for the enactment of legislation for the permanent adoption of the gold standard.

BLIZZARD STATES SEVERE.

Denver, Dec. 9.—With a temperature of 19 degrees below zero this morning was the coldest in the history of this city since the winter of 1881. The wind was from the west, and the snow was falling in flakes. At Cheyenne, Wyoming, it was one degree warmer than in Denver. The weather was fair.

DEATH ON THE SCAFFOLD.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—John Cronelle was killed and John Kemperman and Samuel Larson were fatally injured by the falling of a scaffold on Monday afternoon at 222 and Morgan streets.

MORE DEADLY THAN WAR.

Barcelona, Dec. 9.—The Spanish steamer Buenos Ayres, Capt. Grace, from Havana, on November 7, arrived here to-day with repatriated Spanish troops on board. There were sixty deaths on the steamer on her voyage.

CONQUERORS IN HAVANA.

Havana, Dec. 9.—The first United States troops to march through the streets of Havana will be two hundred from the Second New York regiment, which, with band playing and colors flying, will march tomorrow from San Jose wharf after the landing there from the transport Minnesota, through the heart of Havana to the Western railroad station. The line of march will be through the Prado and Central Park. These troops will be sent to Pinar del Rio province.

ARCHITECTS IN A FIX.

Cornor's Jury Finds Them Responsible for the Loss of Twelve Lives.

Detroit, Dec. 9.—The coroner's investigation of the cause of the collapse of the roof of the Wonderland theatre, by which a dozen lives were lost, returned a verdict to-day to the effect that the heavy weight was placed upon the roof, and placing the responsibility for the disaster upon the firm of John Scott & Co., architects of the building.

STANDARD OIL FIRE.

The Company's Works at Los Angeles Suffer Loss of Quarter Million.

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.—The fire in the works of the Standard Oil Company has burned itself out, the entire property being consumed. The loss is \$225,000.

BUTCHERY BY THE BOERS.

Women and Children Made Victims of Rage at Their Armed Foe's Escape.

London, Dec. 9.—The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Mail forwards a despatch which the Transvaal government had refused to allow the correspondent at Johannesburg to telegraph from that point. He says that the campaign recently instituted by the Boer government against Chief Mhuta of the Magazis tribe in the Zoutansberg district has proved a complete fiasco. The chief has out-manoeuvred the Boers and is now in the splendidly fortified mountain stronghold which he has long occupied as a centre of operations and where he has assembled a large army. General Joubert, the commander of the Boers' expedition sent against the chief, is ill, and with his forces in a state of semi-mutiny is returning to Pretoria. The Boers have been guilty of wholesale butchery of women, children and unarmed natives.

RECORD OF MISFORTUNES.

Two Lives Lost by Fire—Glue Factory Burned—Brakeman Killed.

St. Thomas, Dec. 9.—By the overturning of a lamp last night the youngest child of G. O. Bristol received injuries which, it is feared, will be fatal. A strange dog frightened the boy and in running away he upset the lamp.

Woodstock, Dec. 9.—Chas. G. Clark, one of Woodstock's most popular men, is dead of appendicitis.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Miss Barber, injured in a brickman's fire, died at half past one this morning.

A brakeman named Johnston was killed while attempting to board a C.P.R. engine at North York last evening. His parents reside at Hamilton.

Quebec, Dec. 9.—The glue factory of Rich. Martineau, situated on the outskirts of St. Saeur, was completely destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$12,000, no insurance.

Whippside, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Moffatt's boarding house at Souris was destroyed by fire yesterday.

VANCOUVER'S BUDGET.

New Time Table of the C. P. R.—Miners Refuse Work at the Van Anda.

Story of Burglary and Shooting Revised—New Officers of Golden Cache.

Vancouver, Dec. 9.—Eighteen men from the Van Anda mine are out on strike according to their own statement. They, however, say the men refused to go to work and were discharged. There was a wages matter in dispute.

Under the new C. P. R. time table which goes into effect on Monday next, the Pacific express will arrive at 12:30 and the Atlantic leave at 2 p.m. The Whatom train will leave at 8:40 a.m. and arrive at 3:30 p.m.

The police have investigated the story of an attempt at robbery at Lacey R. Johnson's house reported several weeks ago, and find it an invention. Mr. Johnson's son, it appears, fired a shot from the revolver through his coat to frighten his sister, this being the shot credited to the burglar who was supposed to have made the desperate leap through an upper-story window at the boy's approach.

Mr. J. J. Banfield has been elected vice-president of the Golden Cache company. Mr. Wm. Skene has been re-elected president and Mr. Grant secretary. The other directors are Messrs. Robert J. Hamilton, Benjamin Douglas and W. R. Robertson.

Western Jubilee lodge, Sons of England, held their first annual ball last evening. On Monday the united lodges, Sons of England will hold their anniversary dinner. Many prominent citizens have been invited as guests.

A member of the tough gang which has been terrorizing Vancouver of late attempted to hold up Jas. Hastie, 20 years of age, the thief got near Granville street bridge last night. Hastie is a stout built chap, and when the highwayman attempted to take his money, he gave him a good kick on the jaw, and left before the astonished road agent picked himself up.

FILIPINOS MORE TRACTABLE.

Likely to Release Their Clerical Prisoners on American Representation.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The navy department has received a cablegram from Admiral Dewey, summarizing the existing conditions at Manila and such points in the Philippines as have been visited by his officers. His advice have also been received from General Otis, the commandant of the United States military forces in the islands. Both tend to show a notable improvement in conditions and the growth of a better spirit among the factions of the natives, which promised to give trouble.

There are about 500 clerical prisoners, and the government is confident that their captors will deliver them upon proper representations from General Otis and Admiral Dewey, made possibly through Consul Wildman. It may be necessary to call the navy into requisition for the reason that some of the prisoners are held in captivity on other islands than Luzon, which can be reached best effectively by Admiral Dewey's ships.

Besides these clerical prisoners the Americans themselves hold nearly 15,000 Spanish soldiers as prisoners—men captured at the fall of Manila. These are already on parole about the city, and the Spaniards are being returned to the peace commissioners in Paris.

It would be difficult to imagine more extraordinary digestive powers than those of the hens. One of these hens has been known to swallow six large bones without crushing them.

STOOD BY THEIR SHIP.

Captain and Third Officer of the Londonian Remained Aloof on the Bridge

When Other Twenty Three Put Off in Boat Doomed to Instant Destruction.

Six Drawn Back on Board by Officers With Whom They Have Since Perished.

By Associated Press. Boston, Dec. 9.—Second Officer Gittings, of the Londonian, in talking of the disaster, says that the report from Baltimore that after the 45 men had been taken on board the Vedmore the steamer was lost sight of, and it was supposed that the rest of her crew remained on board, was an error, as the men on the Londonian launched one of her boats and, with the exception of Capt. Lee and Third Officer Cottinger, who remained on the bridge of the doomed craft, fled into it and pulled away from the wreck.

The press mill exploded and this was followed by fire of the grinding mills in the immediate vicinity. The force of the explosion carried portions of bodies across the Brandy Wine creek, a distance 100 yards from the mill. The shock of the explosion damaged property and shattered windows in all directions.

MONTREAL'S CIVIC SCANDAL. Recent Revelations Show That a Thorough Inquiry Is Desirable.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—In view of the recent exposure of civic maladministration, it may be made to secure the appointment of a royal commission, which the Quebec government to hold a thorough investigation. The Herald is having a petition signed at the college at Kingsmont of such a commission.

GIFT FROM THE QUEEN. Her Majesty Shows Practical Interest in the Gordon Memorial—The Fund Rapidly Growing.

London, Dec. 9.—The Queen has given the sum of 250 guineas to General Kitson, as a fund for the establishment of a Gordon memorial college at Kingsmont. The fund has now reached \$450,000.

A VILLAIN TORTURED.

Rops Broke at First Drop and He Was Hunged a Second Time.

He Murdered His Ship's Captain and Cut Wounded Mate Into the Sea.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 9.—John Anderson was hanged this afternoon for the murder of his captain, George Pecker. He was calm when the death warrant was read this afternoon and said that he was ready to die. "I shall die without blot or blemish of guilt on my soul," he solemnly declared.

Anderson, who was charged with the murder of his captain, George Pecker, shot the mate four times and ordered him thrown overboard, quiting the protest in her listed posture, and saying he was "dead enough." Then at the point of a revolver the crew threw the captain overboard, and he was directed that oil be thrown over the lubbers and then setting the oil-soaked ship to the murderous crew took to the sea. Anderson, who was a native of Bahia, Brazil, and sent north to the United States gunboat Lancaster.

Preparations for re-hanging him were hurriedly made. The other end of the rope was adjusted around his neck. He was raised to the gallows, and the straps again placed on his limbs. While being supported by the officers, the trap was sprung, and in 22 minutes life was pronounced extinct. Nine minutes elapsed between the first and second drops. Anderson's neck was broken, supposedly by the last drop.

FITZSIMMONS AND RYAN. The Champion Will Train Down to Middle Weight for Side Bet of Ten Thousand.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Tommy Ryan has heard from Bob Fitzsimmons regarding the proposed 20 rounds between them at 154 pounds weight in at the ringside. A representative of Ryan saw Fitzsimmons in New York last afternoon, and after making known to the heavyweight champion Ryan's answer to his offer for a contest, Bob sent the following despatch to Syracuse:

"I will fight Ryan before the club of the largest purse, but I am Tom O'Rourke's Lenox Club. I will also want Ryan to make a side bet of \$10,000."

To-night Ryan said that he has taken Fitzsimmons up on the strength of the first proposition he made, namely to fight at 154 pounds at the ringside. "I think Fitzsimmons is unfair to ask me to make a side bet of \$10,000," said Ryan.

He has some advantages over me, but I am a fighter, and I am sincere when I say that I will sign articles to meet him at the middleweight limit. I will agree to meet him before the club that hangs the largest purse on the side bet part of the programme is waived, the match can be made inside of 24 hours."

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

New York Story That He and Prince George Will Soon Cross the Atlantic.

New York, Dec. 9.—A London cable to the Journal and Advertiser says the Prince of Wales has absolutely decided to visit America next summer if the health of the Queen be in a reasonable degree, while according to present plans Prince George will visit Canada and the United States in the middle of the summer.

PEACE TREATY SIGNED.

Spanish-American Hostilities Are Formally and Officially Closed.

Souvenir Hunting Americans Win the Haughty Contempt of the Dons.

Paris, Dec. 10.—The treaty of peace was signed at 8:35 this evening.

There has been great content among the families and friends of the American commission for the possession of the pens with which the signatures to the treaty were written.

Some of the Americans were provided with handsome pens purchased for the purpose. The Spaniards appeared to be unaffected by the general craze, and contented themselves with the ordinary quill pens strewn on the table. Mr. Arthur Ferguson, the interpreter of the American commission, requested Senator Montero Rio to give him his pen, saying: "Have you any desire to preserve the pen with which you sign?"

"Not the slightest," said the Spaniard, with a courtly bow.

The treaty as signed consists of 17 articles, having been found advisable to subdivide two or three of the articles in the draft agreed upon at the last meeting. The commissioners of the two nations wrote their signatures on two copies of the treaty, one being for the archives.

The document was prepared by Secretary Moore on behalf of the United States commissioners, and by Senor Valero for Spain, on account of the continued illness of Secretary Ojeda, of the Spanish commission.

Each copy contained the English and Spanish texts of the treaty, and the columns. The wording had been approved previously by the commission and the joint meeting, so there was no controversy on this subject.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Mr. Mulock's New Tax on the Reading Public—Albans Fishing in British Columbia Waters.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The postal revenue for the last five months shows a deficit of \$125,000.

Mr. Mulock expects to derive a revenue of \$75,000 annually from newspaper postage. The fixing of the rate of 40 cents per copy is causing great annoyance to the department. Cases have occurred where two newspapers of the same value decided upon different retail points.

The Eastern press discusses the right of Americans to fish for halibut and other fish in British Columbia waters.

AN ARMENIAN COLLECTOR.

Toronto Clergy Debating Whether He Works for Himself or for Martyrs, Widows and Orphans.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—(Special)—A gathering of prominent clergy to-day considered the charges brought against Rev. H. S. Jenanyan, Armenian mission worker, who for some time past has been raising funds here, ostensibly for widows and orphans of Armenian martyrs. He has been taken up and endorsed by many of the leading clergy as a layman, but a row upon him on Rev. A. McLachlin, who is head of the missionary training school at Talsus, Syria, and is now visiting Canada, charged Jenanyan with being an impostor. The charge was made by way of an interview in the Westminster Journal, and Rev. J. A. McDonald, editor of the Westminster, strongly endorsed Mr. McLachlin in the matter. Rev. Dr. Curran was president of the meeting. Mr. Jenanyan was present, and made an impassioned speech, declaring the genuineness of his mission, and asked to be freed from the suspicion, and cloud that rests upon him on account of the charges. Neither of the gentlemen responsible for the charges was present, it being an ex parte proceeding.

Several of the clergymen present expressed somewhat strongly their absence. It was decided, under the circumstances, to do nothing for the present, but to suspend judgment and the matter was meanwhile left in hands of a committee of the clergy, who will endeavor to get another meeting next week with Messrs. McDonald and McLachlin in attendance.

ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

Satisfactory Results Max Crown the Negotiations.

New York, Dec. 10.—Both sides of the Anglo-American commission held meetings to-day to prepare the way for their joint session on Monday, when efforts will be continued to get together on a basis of reciprocity. At the meetings to-day each side canvassed the extent of concession it was ready to grant and expected to receive.

While the differences are quite material, members of the commission said to-day that there was no reason to expect a discouraging view of the outlook as there were strong hopes that differences on reciprocal which it is considered to be the chief obstacle could be reconciled. It is said President McKinley has taken occasion during recent talks with members of the commission to express a most earnest desire that successful results may come of the negotiations.

Tamatave, Madagascar, Dec. 9.—The bubonic plague which broke out here ten days ago is spreading. The disease, which was first confined to the natives, is now affecting the European population.

FRENCH WENT TOO FAR.

And Their Operations in Newfoundland Waters Will be Summarily Restricted.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 9.—Reliable reports have reached here to the effect that the British government during the coming session of parliament will take vigorous action to restrict the operations of the French shore contraband. It is said that the leaders of both political parties in the House of Commons have agreed upon united action in upholding the case of Newfoundland, owing to the revelations of French aggression contained in the report of the royal commission recently in Newfoundland.

THE WHEELING AGONY.

Eighteen Hundred Miles in Five Days—League Levy Upon the Participants.

New York, Dec. 9.—During early hours of this morning the feature of the six day bicycling contest in the state of New York over his opponents. At 8 o'clock he was only five miles behind his record of 1897. At that hour he left the track and remained off a little more than half an hour. During his absence Waller, who has been resting, returned to the starting line. Waller's riding was eccentric and it now looks as if, barring accident, Miller cannot be headed. At 10 o'clock the announcer gave out the information that Miller at 10:40 had beaten his last year's record by four miles.

During the evening Jimmy Michael went two miles, paced, in 4:21.5. The score at 1 a.m. was: Miller, 1,801; Waller, 1,764; Pierce, 1,738; Albert, 1,655; Gimm, 1,602; Lawson, 1,589; Aronson, 1,545; Nawn, 1,518; Forster, 1,494; Stevens, 1,481; Haie, 1,394; Julius, 1,188.

The score at 2 a.m. was: Miller, 1,808; Waller, 1,778; Pierce, 1,738; Albert, 1,699; Gimm, 1,616.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 9.—Chairman Albert Mott of the racing board of the L. S. W., announced in his afternoon meeting to-day that the riders competing in the big six days' bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, New York, had been selected and suspended from all L.S.W. tracks until such fine is paid. Madison Square Garden is taxed \$1,000 for permitting the race to be held on its track and is suspended from the sanction privileges of the league until the fine is paid.

TRADE OF THE WEEK.

Canadian Cities a Unit in Reports of the Most Encouraging Nature.

Victoria's Bright Prospects for the Holiday Season—Wheat Deliveries—Dress Prices.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 9.—Reports to Dun & Co., from Canadian offices this week are unanimous in showing largely increased retail trade with satisfactory holiday business. The weather is generally helpful for all lines of trade. Toronto reports activity in trade, and payments promptly made. Merchants are all good at Montreal with moderate snow falls benefiting retail trade. A large holiday trade is anticipated at Quebec, and collections are not delayed. Halifax reports fall trade disturbed by rain but the week better weather has improved business with more activity in mining districts and iron industries. Seasonable factory and light groceries are active at St. John and the approaching holiday season makes retail trade generally satisfactory. Payments are well met at Winnipeg. The volume is rapidly increasing and retail trade is making extensive preparations for the holiday business.

New York, Dec. 9.—Bank clearings for the Dominion of Canada for the past week were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Montreal, Dec. 20.0 p.c. \$1,614,812; Toronto, Dec. 21.2 p.c. \$1,700,000; Winnipeg, Dec. 17.8 p.c. \$2,484,070; Hamilton, Dec. 18.2 p.c. \$1,480,178; St. John, Dec. 23.9 p.c. \$71,982; Vancouver, Dec. 14.0 p.c. \$44,250; Victoria, Dec. 13.0 p.c. \$16,941.

New York, Dec. 9.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: Business conditions continue of a most encouraging character. A very satisfactory feature and one full of encouragement to all wholesale lines of trade is the activity shown in retail trade in nearly all markets. Reports received as to the holiday trade proper, too, point to the present year constituting a record maker in this respect. The most notable feature has been the continued activity and advancing prices shown for most classes of iron and steel, but particularly pig iron and steel billets. So pronounced has this demand become since the placing of the first large rail orders that what is ordinarily regarded as a dull period in this industry has given place to exceptional activity. Features of the week have been immense sales of bessemer pig iron, large sales of steel billets, and heavy orders for ship plates, the latter at Western points. Export trade continues vigorous and a favorable feature in this respect is the weakening in freights reported toward the close of the week. Increased activity, consequent on the holiday movement from farmers' hands ever known before, has constituted a bullish feature in wheat prices this week, notwithstanding continued heavy shipments abroad and the coarser grains have sympathized in this important cereal. Activity in the lumber trade has been a feature reported for comment in many markets, the placing of large government orders for yellow pine lumber, most of which is for export to Cuba, having insured plenty of work for a number of Southern mills until far into the new year. The price at which it was placed, however, does not show a very large margin of profits. From other branches of the trade reports, which were first confined to the natives, is now affecting the European population.

OUR OWN DOMINION.

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HOTEL BURNED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—The Kennedy house, a leading hotel of Wabigoon, was burned down on Friday afternoon, and is a total loss.

MR. PATTERSON'S POSITION.

Windsor, Dec. 10.—The rumor is current that Arch. McNeen, editor of the Windsor Record and at one time a resident of Winnipeg, has been sent to succeed Hon. J. C. Patterson as lieutenant-governor of Manitoba.

PONTON'S NEW ROLE.

Bellefleur, Dec. 10.—H. H. Ponton has been engaged by George H. Goward, of Kingston, to represent the cigar factory on the road. He will go to work in a few days.

DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—The Countess of Minto, accompanied by Lady Bedford and Major Drummond, came down from Ottawa last evening to attend the performance of "The School Mistress" club at the Academy of Music. The performance, which was given by the elite of the city, was a brilliant success.

THE TROUBLED SEVENTH.

London, Dec. 10.—All the officers of the Seventh Fusiliers have decided to resign their commissions to the detriment of militia at Ottawa, in order that the battalion may be re-organized. There is considerable feeling among the officers against Major-General Hutton, the new commander-in-chief, because he has refused to re-organize the battalion with a civic commission. The lieutenant-colonel has ordered all uniforms, arms, etc., to be returned to the drill shed not later than December 12.

C. P. R. TRAFFIC.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—C. P. R. traffic earnings for the week ending December 7 were \$301,000 for the same week last year, \$334,000.

GLASS FURNACES DAMAGED.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—A large building containing the green glass furnaces of the Diamond Glass company, corner of Demontigny and Parthenais streets, was partially destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$150,000.

ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMISSION.

Settlement Can Hardly Be Reached Before the Christmas Holidays.

ROYAL Baking Powder.

Made from pure cream of tartar.

Safeguards the food against alum.

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Military Expansion Calls for Vast Increase in Expenditure for Many Years.

Emperor Cultivates Russia and Austria With No Word for Great Britain.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—The Reichstag was opened today by Emperor William, who after referring to the contemplated reorganization of the army said that Germany's relations with all foreign powers continued friendly, and the principal object of his policy would be to contribute to the maintenance of peace.

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FOOLING THE ELECTORS.

Provincial Minister Promises Albert to Take Off Taxes and Build Roads.

Announces That Cowichan is to be Captured by Col. Gregory of Victoria.

The Colonel Denies This Campaign Story—Why the Writ Has Not Issued.

Special to the Colonist.

Alberni, Dec. 8.—A public meeting in connection with the provincial by-election campaign was held here last evening, and was well attended, the electors showing great interest in the contest.

Mr. Nell, the government candidate, complained that the opposition were bringing outside influence to bear in order to gain the seat, and referred particularly to the visit of Mr. McPhillips, M. P. P. elect. As to that gentleman's position of the new government's policy of awarding provincial offices to ministers' friends from the party, Mr. Nell should not bring his deputy from an outside province.

Notwithstanding Mr. Nell's protest against "outside influence," he was accused by Hon. Dr. McKechnie, of Nanaimo, who made an elaborate plea for support for the government candidate, and declared that the prospects of Alberni were bright. With regard to the election, he announced that the government was prepared to take steps to develop the mines and roads of the Alberni district within a very short time. He pledged himself to the miners the \$5 license now required would be repealed in the near future. He was also prepared to pledge that the present government would abolish the mortgage tax. He expressed his confidence in the support Mr. Nell, in recognition of his honesty in resigning the seat upon discovering his infraction of the law, which up to that time he had been ignorant of. Dr. McKechnie claimed that the standing of the two parties in the legislature is now 20 against 10 in favor of the government and 20 independent. There was another seat at Cowichan which the government were anxious to secure. They have no less a candidate than Col. Gregory, lately defeated in Victoria City. Hon. Joseph Martin, he announced, would be here on the 14th, and the electors would have an opportunity of judging whether he is so generous as he is reputed to be. With regard to the recent circular directed to the coroners of the province, Dr. McKechnie approved of it, and he read an extract from a Vancouver newspaper to show that Dr. McKechnie, of that city, had expressed approval of them, after he had received the opinion on several points from Mr. Martin.

Mr. S. E. Jones—"How about the death of Mr. C. C. McKechnie, and what about the inquiry?"

Dr. McKechnie proceeded to explain that an inquiry had been opened but adjourned in consequence of the illness of witnesses not being able to attend the court. He defended the procedure of the coroner, Mr. Martin, who had been called from an outside province. He stated that he was in Victoria on the day that Mr. C. C. McKechnie died, and he knew that two provincial policemen stated to Hon. Mr. Martin that the magistrate gave a decision against the rights of the evidence in the case of the sailor Liddy.

Mr. F. R. Smith, M. P. C. elect, said that in his opinion this afternoon during the trial of the case of the sailor Liddy, he had exercised tyranny over the working man, and worked for the interest of the few, instead of the many. Mr. Ward claimed many friends on being a Canadian born, but the late government only one member, Hon. D. M. Eberts, who was a member of the cabinet, and therefore he claimed that the proper procedure should be followed for the support of his party's candidate.

In connection with Dr. McKechnie's announcement of Col. Gregory's candidature in Cowichan, who has been passed privately that a cabinet position is to be the reward of both candidate and constituency should the Colonel be elected. The money saved by reducing the road tax on the Alberni and Alberni would help to pay the extra salary.

Colony Gregory being interviewed last night in reference to Dr. McKechnie's announcement, stated that he had never been asked to run, and he made no announcement of intending to do so; in fact he expects to go to his home in the East to spend the Christmas holidays. He knew nothing about any cabinet position coming his way.

THE COWICHAN WRIT.

One explanation of the delay in issuing the writ for Cowichan is that Mr. Sward is now engaged in missionary work in that constituency and will not permit the issue of the writ or any important step to be taken in his absence.

ASSAY OFFICE AT SEATTLE.

United States Government Alive to the Importance of the Institution.

Washington, Dec. 6.—In his annual report the secretary of the treasury advocates the abolition of the assay office at St. Louis and the mint at Carson City, and the establishment of an assay office at Seattle. Of this office he says:

"The assay office at Seattle, during the first four months after opening had deposits, has received \$5,475,550 worth of bullion. It is probable that it will be one of the most important offices of the mint service. It is now located in a rented building, without such provisions for the keeping of the treasure as should be provided. It is, therefore, recommended that congress provide for the erection of a suitable building there for the assay office. An appropriate building can be provided at a cost of not over \$30,000."

What Dr. A. E. Satter Says.

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SANTIAGO PERKING UP.

People Turning to the Pursuits of Peace and Preparing to Smile Once More.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Secretary Alger has received a letter from Gen. Wood as to the condition at Santiago. The General says that matters of every kind are adjusting themselves to the new conditions, that people are returning to their homes and to work, that trade is reviving, and everybody looks to better and happier days.

GRAND TRUNK ENTERPRISE.

Helps in Huge International Bridge to Secure Footing on Island Midway.

Buffalo, Dec. 6.—A Washington despatch to an evening paper states that the Grand Trunk Railway Company has secured control of the Canadian section of the proposed bridge to be built across the Niagara river at Grand Island, where unlimited space can be secured.

The agitation to connect Grand Island with the mainland by a bridge has been carried on for years, but has been held up on account of the construction of two big spans, one on the American side of the island and the other on the Canadian side. The Grand Trunk Railway Company has offered to build the Canadian section, and it is believed that the scheme will be carried out. The island affords splendid dockage facilities, which it is believed the Grand Trunk would make use of.

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HEROISM ON ATLANTIC.

Forty-Five Seamen Taken From Sinking Ship in Midst of Frightful Gale.

At Imminent Peril of Their Own Lives the Rescuers Struggled for Two Days.

Twenty-Five of the Crew Still on Board When Wrecked Ship Disappeared.

By Associated Press.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 8.—The Johnston line steamship Vedamore, of Liverpool, Capt. Robert Bartlett, for whose safety fears were beginning to be felt, as she was several days overdue, arrived this morning with 45 shipwrecked mariners, whom she had picked up at sea. Twenty-five other men went down with the ship. The men landed are survivors of the British steamship Londonian, of London, bound from Boston for London with a large general cargo and 650 cattle on deck. She left Boston November 15, and on November 23, in a violent gale, her cargo shifted and she almost capsized, finally resting on her beam ends with big seas breaking over her. Her crew were helpless to right her, and for two days she drifted about at the mercy of the wind and waves.

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Shipping Forbidden by... after a Ten Years'... Struggle.

Acceptance of Commis... in the President the... of Criticism.

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Nicaragua canal bill to... some changes in the... construction of the... authorized Senator Morgan...

AS COMMISSIONERS... in executive session... of the Hawaiian... Senator Morgan made a...

was among those who... practice of appointing... sioners. He said it was...

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NEW IMPORTANCE... great Outlook for Pro... Nicaraguan Canal.

Dec. 7.—As part of... converting Kingston... naval depot and ex... in view of the... Nicaragua canal in the...

THE ISSUES IN ALBERTA

The Opposition Candidate Publishes... a Straightforward and Manly... Address.

Little to Be Expected From the... Semlin Party When Judged by... Past Actions.

TO THE ELECTORS OF ALBERTA:... Alberta, December 7, 1909.

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Great Engineering Operations From... Which a Rich Harvest Is Expected.

From the Ashcroft Mining Journal. Joseph Hunter, ex-M. P. P., chief en... gineer and general manager of the...

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Stranded Vessel to Be Floated If... Possible and Taken to... Quartermaster.

Queen City Returns From West... Coast—Another Steamer For... Coast Service.

Capt. E. E. Caine expects to leave in... three or four days with the tug Resolute... and steamer Rapid Transit for Blaskie...

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RESURRECTION OF THE BODY.

Sermon by the Bishop of London Be... fore a Medical Guild Causes... Much Comment.

Robes of scarlet and purple, maroon... mane, green, white and black swarmed... in St. Paul's cathedral when the thirty...

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Current Comment.

A SHAMEFUL DEAL. It now appears that the International... commission is about to concentrate its...

THE SENATE CALLED IN. It seems to be definitely settled that... the Canadian commissioners at Washin...

WORTH MANY MILLIONS. It is gratifying to note that the criti... cism of the proposed Behring sea res...

PATRON'S EYES OPENED. Mr. J. Lockie Wilson, the president of... the Patrons, is disappointed. He says...

THE YUKON SCANDALS. With no end of declarations that there... was nothing wrong in the Yukon ad...

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Old Age Creeps Upon Us Quickly. The young man of to-day is the old man of to-morrow. In these days of busy progressive life, old age seems to creep more quickly upon us than it used to. The wear and tear of business life, to-day, seems to leave more aging marks. Quick lunches and irregular meals tell on the system. The organs of digestion refuse to work as they should, and from this springs many trying ills. Regulate your system, and make your digestive organs healthful by the constant use of Abbey's Enteroesic Salt. It aids your system of indigestion, and the many troubles that bring the lines of age and pain to the face. J. A. Brumie, M.D., C.M., Montreal, Professor of Surgery, Loyal University Medical Faculty; Surgeon to the Dispensary, Montreal. Found particularly beneficial in the treatment of indigestion, flatulence, and the regular use of a few drops of this salt will insure a decided tendency to prolong life. Sold in large bottles. Trial size 5c.

The Colonist.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1898.

THE TRADE OF THE PACIFIC.

The Colonist has frequently quoted the words of William Seward, used in connection with the purchase of Alaska: "The greatest triumphs of mankind will be on the greatest of the oceans."

The Dominion government should not lose sight of the great and growing possibilities of trans-Pacific trade. Inspection of the map will show how exceptionally well situated the ports of Canada are to be the headquarters of commerce with the Orient.

What we wish especially to speak of in this connection is Victoria's relation to this commerce. We refuse to be deterred from anticipating a great commercial future for this city because it happens to be separated from the Mainland by a few miles of water.

Many complaints reach the Colonist in regard to the condition of the roads and it is said, on what seems to be undoubted authority, that the government have given instructions that the roads are not to be repaired unless they become actually dangerous.

Victoria has many active and ambitious citizens. They have day and night endeavored to gain her due share of the commerce of the Pacific, her people must be up and doing. Let us stop telling ourselves and other people that this is going to be simply a beautiful residential city.

Victoria can be what her people wish her to be. There is no obstacle to her progress unless it is erected by her own people. If we use the advantages that nature has put within our reach, Victoria can take the foremost place among the cities of the Coast.

Having a candidate, the government has issued the writ for Cowichan. The Times explains the delay by saying that a returning officer had not been chosen. The government must be in a bad way, indeed, if they find difficulty in getting ready to act as returning officer.

THE COWICHAN BY-ELECTION.

Some surprise has been expressed at the delay in issuing the writ for Cowichan. The explanation is that the government were at their wits' ends to find a candidate. They thought they could persuade Col. Gregory to consent to a candidature. But the Colonel, though not lacking in courage, understands that there are times when discretion is the better part of valor, and although the tempting bait of a cabinet position was dangled before his eyes, he very wisely declined to bite.

Mr. Colin B. Sward represented Dewdney in the legislature for several years. He gained a reputation for being a very courteous gentleman. He also gained the reputation of being of that particular stamp of mind that regards a misplaced vote of more importance than a mistaken policy.

Does it not occur to the average voter of British Columbia that we are having an overdose of Mr. Martin's centralization of power in his own hands? We rather think it will, and that the overdose will have the usual effect of overdoing it, and lead to the prompt rejection of Mr. Martin from public life.

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THE NEW DIPLOMACY.

Sir Edward J. Monson treated Europe to a surprise in his late speech at the British Chamber of Commerce in Paris. The surprise arose from the fact that he told the truth. Diplomacy has been accustomed to deal in half truths. It had its own phrases which diplomats understood. It did all its work in secret.

MOIRE CENTRALIZATION.

The Attorney-General has followed up his directions to coroners by taking the official administrators in hand. He has issued orders that hereafter when an estate is to be administered on they will report the facts to him, and he will then what attorney to employ. He does not understand that the intention is to import a number of young sprigs of the law from Manitoba to do this work, but that does not materially alter the case.

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OUR SEALING RIGHTS.

It is not calculated to create a very loyal feeling towards the Dominion to read in Eastern papers of both parties the surrender of our right to take seals upon the high seas discussed as though it were a matter merely involving the price of a fleet of schooners. The persons now engaged in sealing have a perfect right to give up that industry if they choose. They need not ask the intervention of the Canadian or British government for that purpose.

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MR. MARSHALL'S OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATION.

Official Administration. No Step With the Attorney-General. Who Will Instruct the Case? May be. The Hon. the Attorney-General, Mr. Marshall, has issued public works, the work it pleases his own peculiar adjustment of his late estates, whose the coroners, are a public as a body government took hammer by any appearance coercive or sinister. These public not so numerous as adjustment of his late estates, whose the coroners, are a public as a body government took hammer by any appearance coercive or sinister.

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MR. MARTIN'S LATEST

Official Administrators Must Take No Step Without Permission of the Attorney-General.

Who Will Instruct Them in Each Case What Lawyers They May Retain.

The Hon. the Attorney-General, late of Manitoba, has found another class of public officials, the machinery of whose work it pleases him to readjust to suit his own peculiar tastes...

Copies of this have been received by the administrators in this city, at Nanaimo, New Westminster, Vancouver, Kamloops and in Kootenay, and have caused no little surprise...

It is only natural that so radical a change in the instructions of an important body of public servants should occasion considerable comment...

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West Coast Mines Contribute to the Transportation Business of the Island.

The Charmer Said to Be Preparing for the Vancouver Route Again.

Interest in the development of the numerous industries of the West Coast is being manifested now among shipping men as it never was before...

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One of the First Locators Speaks of British Columbia's Rich New Fields.

Many Fortunes Already Made and Rich Prospects for the Coming Thousands.

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A FIREMAN'S FIGHT

Against a Fierce and Subtle Foe—The Fireman Wins.

Capt. Mangon Suffered From Lumbago in Spite of Medical Treatment—Doctor Recommended Dodd's Kidney Pills—They Cured Him.

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Chinese Empress Dowager's Hostility to the Growth of Russian Influence.

Peers' Names as Bait to Extract Money From Foolish Citizens.

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Mr. Chamberlain Hopes Yet to See Colonies Represented in Imperial Parliament.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 8.—Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, speaking at a Conservative gathering in Wakefield, Yorkshire, this evening, fully discussed home and foreign affairs and the government's policy in Egypt, which, he said, depended entirely upon the possibility of reaching an understanding with France on a thing which is impossible so long as the French pursue a policy of expansion.

With regard to the relations between Great Britain and Russia in connection with the Far East, he said that, while hitherto the endeavors to reach an agreement have failed, the present agreement with Russia was necessary unless very serious complications had to be encountered. There were, he continued, no insurmountable obstacles in the way of reaching an understanding; on the contrary, it was quite possible to conclude the reasonable agreement with the British Empire, and Great Britain to maintain equal opportunities of trade for all nations.

"I am more anxious for a settlement," said Mr. Chamberlain, "because it is not for our interest alone, but because it is in view of the shared also by the United States, Germany and Japan, all of which have identical interests. I dare say you have observed the very pregnant passage in the recent message of President McKinley to the United States congress, the passage referring to the very important interests of America in the Far East, in which he declares that these interests shall not be prejudiced by exclusive treatment. That is a very important passage, and without being a prophet, I think I shall not be too sanguine if I say that in the future we shall stand alone as guardians of the open door."

Mr. Chamberlain then referred to the charge of inconsistency brought against him in boasting of Great Britain's "splendid isolation" and then turning for alliances. He said: "When I referred to isolation I meant the isolation of the British Empire, comprising the United Kingdom, and our children over the seas, who will be able to defend their own possessions and their own exclusive interests against all attacks; but surely it is not unreasonable to seek an alliance and to expect co-operation where the interests involved are those of others as well as ourselves."

"In the case of Germany, we have ascertained by a friendly and frank interchange of opinion that there are many interests regarding which we cannot assist one another. I think I may hope that in the future the two nations, the greatest naval and military powers, will come more frequently together and that our joint influence will be used on behalf of peace and of unrestricted trade."

"But if I congratulate you on the development of good feeling between us and a great continental state, still do I rejoice at the growth of friendly relations between ourselves and our colonies, and between ourselves and the United States. Already the United States, regarded from the standpoint of potential resources, is the greatest of civilized states, with its immense population of intelligent citizens, chiefly Anglo-Saxons; and if we are assured of the Anglo-Saxon race, whether in Canada, the Stars and Stripes or the Union Jack, there is no other combination that can make a power."

Repeating later to a vote of thanks for his address, Mr. Chamberlain said he hoped ere many years he would see a federation of the Empire, with colonial representatives in the Imperial parliament. Referring to a personal allusion to his "setting a good example" in forwarding the hope for alliance with the United States by marrying an American, he said: "So in making the example following the example that I think it quite possible that the alliance may be accomplished without the interference of governments." (Laughter.)

TORTURE ON WHEELS. Six-Day Event in New York Keenly Contested by Four Leaders.

New York, Dec. 8.—"Teddy" Hale, the veteran rider, left the track about 1 o'clock. It was said by "Tony" Johnson, his trainer, shortly afterwards, that Hale was disheartened and was reluctant about going on the track again. Hale had been riding for some time, but finally induced him to talk to another effort. "Plasters were put on the Irishman's hands, and he mounted, riding after the others at a good pace. He seemed strong enough to ride a good many miles yet."

The four leaders in the six days' event struggled continuously for first position, with the exception of Foster and Walker, the riders are husbanding their strength, and make few lengthy pieces. Hale, who is riding at a steady pace, seldom increasing speed when pushed by his opponents. Walker had several brushes with Miller, who was trying to get back to the lead during the afternoon, and the garden rang with cheers. Walker, however, managed to hold his own and kept the lead till he held his steady clip that appeared to be about between 16 and 18 miles an hour.

THE GUESTS OF DINGLEY. Canadian Commissioners Hear Another Private Talk Against Concessions to Their Country.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Representative Dingley entertained the British-Canadian commissioners at the house of representatives to-day, accompanying them to the diplomatic gallery and explaining the procedure on the floor, and later becoming their host at luncheon in the home restaurant, where the party was joined by Speaker Reed and other prominent officials. At the conclusion of the luncheon Dingley, who is friendly to the British, had an intimate business talk with the foreign commissioners during which he explained to the speaker reinforced the statements already presented by Mr. Dingley as to the desirability of that large degree of reciprocity which the Canadian desire to incorporate in a treaty.

SIR HENRY IRVING. London, Dec. 8.—Sir Henry Irving arrived in the city this morning. He is seventy. He shows the effects of his illness, but assured his friends that he was steadily gaining.

GERMAN MILITARY OBSERVER.

Praise for American Regular Soldiers But Not for the Volunteers.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—Count von Goetzen, former military attaché at the German embassy at Washington, who was commissioned by Emperor William to accompany the United States army during the Hispano-American war, for purposes of observation and official report, addressed a large and distinguished audience this evening at the Kaiserhof on "The newest colonial power." Although most of his hearers were members of the colonial society, there were some 300 military men present. The lecture, which dealt largely with the war, was illustrated by photographs which Count von Goetzen took personally, views of the embarkation at Tampa, the camp, the landing in Cuba, and of scenes in the fighting around Santiago.

The lecturer spoke sympathetically of the American army and navy, except as far as the volunteers were concerned. He said the only good volunteers were the men of the regular army, who he named the insurgents, who he said rendered little or no help to the Americans. He did not see a single white among the insurgents except among the officers.

Count von Goetzen said the dynamite runs proved ineffective because they were not used in a single instance. He said that the general staff of the foreign officers who accompanied his staff. The lecturer also mentioned that he was astonished by the lecturer as a most excellent body of troops, though small, and their uniforms and equipment.

A portion of the lecture was devoted to a description of the difficulty with which the American and Spanish troops were provided. Count Goetzen promised a greater future for the new American colonies, because he said the Americans are "prime colonists." The lecture was frequently applauded.

THE PEACE TREATY.

It Represents the Work of a Longer Time Than Occupied by the War Itself.

Paris, Dec. 8.—The United States and Spanish peace commissioners met today to discuss the terms of the peace treaty. They will meet once more in formal session on Saturday or Monday next when the Spanish and American commissioners will write their signatures upon the document, which embodies the work of a longer time than occupied by the war itself. In the meantime the treaty will be engrossed, under the supervision of the secretaries of the respective commissions.

London, Dec. 9.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The strongest comments are made upon the final disposition the United States has adopted in respect to the Spanish demand for a prompt release of the 11,000 Spanish prisoners in the hands of their allies, and the restoration of private and official deposits now lying in the colonial judicial and public banks. Everything seems to show that the last stage in the negotiation which we cannot hardly calculate to pacify Spanish public opinion, or to facilitate for a long period the passage of the peace treaty, relations between the two governments."

"Most of the newspapers favor the idea of selling the Spanish islands and other possessions of Spain in the Pacific to Germany or other European nations willing to pay a better price than the United States."

TO SEA IN IRONS.

British Ship Starts Long Voyage Under Unpromising Conditions.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—With a majority of his crew in irons, having mutinied, the British ship Jane Burrill, Capt. Robertson, left the city for the coast to-day. While about bound the Burrill anchored at Brandy Bay shoals and while there she was visited by the hands were set to pump her out and decided to protest against going in the ship, saying she was unseaworthy. After a few hours the crew was put on shore and the ship was towed to a safe anchorage. The crew was taken to the city and the ship was towed to a safe anchorage.

SUES FOR HALF MILLION.

New York Widow Alleges Illegal Transfer of Valuable Stock Claimed by Her.

Boston, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Eliza A. Wall of New York, has brought suit against a number of defendants to recover the sum of \$400,000 for 4,000 shares of stock valued at \$100 a share which she alleges have been wrongfully taken from the possession of her firm in which she is partner. The case came up to-day before the full bench of the Supreme court in Boston. The old Colony Trust Co. of Philadelphia, at New York, and the H. Parsons of Brooklyn, Chas. Davis of New York, and Edward M. Felton of Philadelphia, are the defendants in the case. Mrs. Wall is the widow of Charles Wall, who until his death was the senior partner of the firm. She claims that the 4,000 shares of stock of the National Cordage Co., which are those involved in the suit, were transferred without her knowledge or consent. The defendants named each had a part, it is claimed, in the transaction.

ARTILLERY OFFICER TO HANG.

Sentenced for Complicity in Procuring the Death of a Girl.

London, Dec. 8.—Considerable public feeling has been aroused to-day over the case of Lieut. Wark, of the Royal Artillery, who was sentenced to death on the charge of murdering Jane Yates, a girl of good family, by conspiring with her to procure an abortion. She made a statement before she died exonerating Wark, and declaring that she could be dissuaded her. There was a dramatic scene at the close of the trial, when she protested his innocence. The newspapers insist that, even if the verdict be legal, it is impossible that the sentence should be carried out.

MAN TORN TO FRAGMENTS.

Pulp Mill Operator Caught Between Cog-Wheels and Meets Horrible Death.

Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Murray P. Runney, aged 23, whose home is in Red Creek, Wayne county, met a shocking fate this morning in the pulp mill at Fulton, where he was employed. He was working around some machinery his arm was caught between the cog wheels, and he was torn to pieces. His right leg was torn off at the hip, his arms broken into small pieces, his head partly torn off, and his intestines scattered about the floor.

LABELLED THE GOULDS.

Mrs. Cody's Trial for Alleged Blackmail Ends in Disgraceful Manner.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 8.—The jury in the Cody blackmailing case, after being out 24 hours, failed to reach an agreement, and has been discharged. The jury stood 9 to 3 for conviction.

The accused, Mrs. Margaret E. Cody, is a gray-haired woman, between 65 and 70 years of age. She was indicted some months ago for blackmail in connection with the unsuccessful attempt to prove that the late Jay Gould married Sarah Ann Angel in 1833, at Rouse's Point, on the account of Mrs. Cody's alleged union. The indictment for blackmail was based on two letters written to George Jay Gould and Helen Gould by Mrs. Cody, in which the Goulds contended that Mrs. Cody offered to settle for a consideration. These letters were written by Mrs. Cody after they had confessed that the attempt to prove she had married to Jay Gould was a failure. The case was set to secure some of the Gould millions.

Miss Helen Gould has been most persistent in trying to bring the case to punishment her part in the scheme to besmirch the family name of her father.

BOODLING OF THE WAR.

Movement in Senate for Commission of Inquiry into Corrupt Transactions.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Senator Vest to-day introduced in the senate a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint commission to investigate the charges of boodling in connection with the war. The resolution recites that "charges have been made in the public press, and it is the duty of the senate to inquire into the truth of all charges and of making reports by bill or otherwise."

UNION, WITH WEST INDIES.

Domestic Statistician Figures That It Would Be Profitable.

Ottawa, Nov. 28.—Mr. George Johnson, Dominion statistician, since his communication to the newspapers regarding the union of the British West Indies with Canada, has been gratified at the favor shown in many quarters at his proposal. Mr. Johnson is full of confidence in the success of the union, and said he had an intentional letter to the Dominion newspaper, which appeared in the Dominion, and which was entitled "Reciprocity and the West Indies." Mr. Johnson said: "In dealing with the expansion of territory of the United States, the annexation of Hawaii and Porto Rico, Mr. Chamberlain approves of the policy of the United States, and he is doing so because he believes that the union of the British West Indies with the Dominion is within the part of the policy of the United States. He is in the case of the United States, and he is in the case of the United States, and he is in the case of the United States."

"First—every temperate zone country now in existence is a part of the United States. Second—Isolation results in deterioration. Chamberlain says: 'The absolute devotion of any people to its domestic industry narrows the issues of public life, gives it a narrow and provincial character, and tends to a provincialism of sentiment.'"

"These two reasons," continued Mr. Johnson, "are the two reasons why the United States and the British West Indies should be united. The United States is a large country, and the British West Indies are a small country, and the United States is a rich country, and the British West Indies are a poor country, and the United States is a powerful country, and the British West Indies are a weak country, and the United States is a civilized country, and the British West Indies are a barbaric country, and the United States is a free country, and the British West Indies are a slave country, and the United States is a democratic country, and the British West Indies are a despotic country, and the United States is a progressive country, and the British West Indies are a retrograde country, and the United States is a happy country, and the British West Indies are a miserable country, and the United States is a glorious country, and the British West Indies are a shameful country, and the United States is a noble country, and the British West Indies are a contemptible country, and the United States is a brave country, and the 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