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SECOND EDITION NEWS ALSO ON PAGE FIVE.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS

What is Going On in the Business World—The Markets.

The imports of France for the past seven months increased \$51,300,000 and the exports decreased \$6,523,200. The Commercial West says that not over 200,000,000 bushels of wheat remain to be marketed in the three-northwestern States.

Last year Canada imported from foreign countries 2,724,200 cigars, valued at \$209,204, and 212,609 lbs. of cut tobacco at a cost of \$191,968. Official estimate of wheat crop of Great Britain is 47,624,000 bushels last year, and an average for five years of 41,500,000. Cane crop, 145,850,000 bushels, versus 184,200,000 bushels.

Bandmaster Has Retired. The annual meeting of the 14th Regimental band was held last evening, with a full attendance of members. Reports presented showed the band to be in a first class condition; all indebtedness had been paid off and a balance left in the treasury. These officers were elected: President, Sergt. J. S. Robinson; secretary and manager, A. E. Hunt; treasurer, H. Tierney; auditors, E. Oser, Jr.; E. Wirtz; Librarian, J. Frodon, J. W. Trendall; bandmaster, announced his retirement from the instructorship, to take effect on January 1st.

Medical Council Results. Among the doctors who passed the final supplementary examinations of the Ontario Medical Council are: J. H. Boulter, Pieton; Miss Emma Connor, Stirling; J. J. Robertson, Belleville. G. R. Gilmour, Brockville, passed the primary.

Holiday Books. The new books issued this year by the leading American and English publishers in artistic design and beauty, surpass anything ever attempted before. H. Uglow & Co. our leading book-sellers, report very large sales of new books for holiday gifts.

Sutherland's Hockey Books. Are made somewhat different from the ordinary kinds. We have them for men at \$2, \$2.50, \$3 and they are standard.

The British Columbia legislature has adjourned until January 11th.

THE DIVIDENDS OF THE STANDARD OIL STOCK

ARE \$44,000,000. A LARGE INCREASE OVER THOSE OF LAST YEAR.

John D. Rockefeller owns One-Third of the Stock—Standard Oil Company Pays More Stock Money Than Any Other Corporation.

New York, Dec. 15.—Those persons fortunate enough to own Standard Oil stock received a handsome Christmas present to-day in the shape of checks for their share of the \$12,000,000, representing the fourth and last quarterly dividend of the year. The dividend disbursed to-day amounts to \$2 over the dividend declared at this time last year, bringing the total dividends for the year to forty-four per cent., or \$44,000,000 in dividends for the full year.

There is no regular rate of dividend and the Standard Oil stock. The distribution is made out of the earnings of the quarter. When the directors meet slips of paper are presented showing the profits up to date for the quarter, and the directors thereupon decide what amount shall be distributed in dividends to the stockholders. In the fall and winter months, when the use of oil and kindred products is larger, the dividends are proportionately larger.

John D. Rockefeller is credited with owning thirty-three per cent. of the stock of the Standard Oil company, and his receipts from the earnings of the corporation during the current year appear to be approximately \$15,000,000. The four quarterly dividends of the corporation this year are as follows: March, twenty per cent.; June, seven per cent.; September, five per cent.; November, twelve per cent. In the first quarter of 1902, twenty per cent. was declared; second quarter, ten per cent.; third quarter, five per cent.; last quarter, ten per cent. The increase in dividends during the current quarter is due to larger earnings, resulting from a sharp advance in the price of oil. According to an official of the Standard Oil, the corporation carries no surplus, giving the benefit of all earnings to the stockholders.

The Standard Oil company is now disbursing more money to stockholders than any other corporation in the world. The United States steel corporation held first place as a dividend payer previous to the reduction in the common dividend and the conversion of preferred stock into bonds. It now ranks second to the Standard Oil company. Since January 1st, 1902, the Standard Oil company has paid to stockholders more than \$275,000,000 in dividends. Of that amount John D. Rockefeller has received more than \$90,000,000. Since 1891 the disbursements of the corporation run close to \$375,000,000, or nearly four times greater than the \$100,000,000 capital stock.

A fair idea of the magnitude of the dividends of the Standard Oil company can be obtained from the fact that the Pennsylvania railroad company, within the last fifty-seven years, has paid something like \$215,000,000 to stockholders, or \$40,000,000 less than the stockholders of the Rockefeller corporation have received in six years.

In view of the fact that oil has been advancing on the strength of reports that production is falling off very rapidly, the present increased dividend of the Standard Oil company has caused considerable interest in financial circles. People in close touch with the situation say that it is very unlikely that Rockefeller interests would agree to an increase in dividend to stockholders if they believed that an oil famine was threatened.

HAD FIERCE FIGHT. Encounter Between Germans and Hottentots.

Cape Town, Dec. 15.—According to an official despatch from the Hartbees River district in the Hottentot laager was attacked and captured by a German patrol, Saturday last. The Hottentots drove the Germans across the river, firing heavily, and severely wounding Lieut. Hokin and one private. The Hottentots subsequently retreated, losing three killed and two wounded. More fighting is expected. During the engagement the Cape police came under the fire of the Hottentots who say that they shot at the police officers by mistake.

CANADIAN PACIFIC WINS. Company Ordered To Return Them To Hong Kong.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The Canadian Pacific railway gained a decisive victory in the case of the tea Chinamen who sought, after having been refused admission to enter the United States, to remain in Canada, and who took out writs of habeas corpus to compel the railway company to release them. Judge Evans ordered the company to return them to Hong Kong, from where it brought them.

Ill Of Typhoid A Year. Ithaca, N.Y., Dec. 15.—A year ago Miss Leona Ireland was taken to the City hospital suffering from typhoid fever. She was one of the first victims of the epidemic which last winter ravaged Ithaca and Cornell University. To-day Miss Ireland still lies in the hospital, the fever still consuming her, and her weight reduced to barely fifty pounds. But, her physicians say she will recover.

To Vote On The Question. Chicago, Dec. 15.—The question of ordering a strike will be voted on by various unions next week. Morley's life of Gladstone, Uglow's

FIFTH OF THE NEWS.

The Very Latest News Culled From All Over The World. Alexander Macdonell, of Osgoode Hall, Toronto, is dead.

The Presbyterian church at Fort Frances was destroyed by fire. Mrs. R. S. Dunlop, Chatham, dropped dead while walking to church.

The late R. B. Filton, Woodstock, Ont., left an estate about \$100,000. Sir William Mulock will address the Molock Club, Toronto, on December 25th.

The Hamilton Brewing Association have purchased the Kuntz brewery for \$270,000.

An unknown steamship is ashore ten miles north of Delaware breakwater.

A revolution has started in San Domingo, provisional troops having attacked rebels at Monte Cristi.

Last Monday Mayor Keary, New Westminster, B.C., was re-elected for the third time by acclamation.

A panic was averted in a Pittsburgh theatre, by the manager quietly asking the people to leave. Loss \$150,000.

Mrs. Potter Palmer, Chicago, in Paris, convalescing from an attack of typhoid fever, is reported as much better.

A workman in the Wagner Iron company, Buffalo, was blown to death by compressed air, and his three companions injured.

It is semi-officially announced that M. Loubet, president of the French republic, will pay a visit to Italy, extending from April 6th to 11th.

Jean Lemeux, a French Canadian from Kat Portage, was sent to the Central prison for three months for assaulting a former sweetheart.

During a fierce gale the schooner Sailors Home was driven ashore at St. Mary's, Nfld., and the entire crew of six persons perished.

There is an unconfirmed rumor that Hon. Hugh John Macdonald may be the conservative candidate in Winnipeg at the coming federal elections.

There will be mails for Australia (except West Australia) and for New Zealand from Vancouver on the 31st instant, and again on January 8th.

The coldest yet reported in Canada on Sunday was White River, Ont., where forty-six below zero was recorded, Dawson being only forty below.

Stewart Masson, barrister, Belleville, has been appointed county solicitor for Hastings county, the former incumbent, John Bell, K.C., having retired.

Miss Mary Nyger, aged forty years, a member of a wealthy family, saturated her clothing with gasoline and then set herself on fire. Death ensued at Oxford, O.

A. O. Bushnell, cashier of the Yale National bank, New Haven, Conn., shot himself this morning and died at Grace Hospital at ten o'clock.

More marines have been landed for duty on the Isthmus of Panama and the naval authorities concentrate forces as to keep "tabs" on Colombians.

Philip Heitman, Attleboro, confesses to having set fire to the hospital of Dr. Solomon, and by so doing has saved Mrs. Margaret Gies, charged with the crime. He suffers from epileptic fits.

The lieutenant engineer of H.M.S. Flora saved numbers of lives by cool bravery, when the cruiser struck on Village Point, by rushing on being wakened from a sound sleep, and closing the watertight bulkheads.

Half a dozen Cleveland physicians worked for an hour over the body of Thomas Kelly, a limeman, who was shocked to death, in an attempt to restore life. The effort failed, the physicians state, because too long a time (four hours) elapsed after death before efforts were begun.

The police had to be called in to quell a row in a colored convention in Washington, one faction favoring endorsing President Roosevelt's attitude to the negro race, the other objecting to Booker Washington's remark that disfranchisement in the South placed a premium on intelligence, wealth, character and thrift.

To Come To Kingston. Ottawa, Dec. 15.—James Smith, was sentenced to five years in Kingston penitentiary by Judge MacFavish, at noon, for robbery. He looted Bank street stores.

Joseph Durkin, for receiving stolen goods, got twenty-three months in Central Prison.

Fires Cause Heavy Loss. Rochester, N.Y., Dec. 15.—Rochester was visited by three disastrous fires last night, the loss probably aggregating over \$200,000. The first was the Sherwood shoe finding factory, loss \$65,000; the second in the Foster-Armstrong piano factory, loss \$100,000, and the third in the Haines piano factory, which was discovered about one o'clock, loss probably \$35,000.

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The Father's Mandate. Berlin, Dec. 15.—Crown Prince William was required by his father, to remain in his room for three days, for having raced in a steeplechase against the emperor's wish.

Children's Felt Slippers, 10c. We to-day opened up 300 pairs of those felt slippers, which we sold out of last week. Come early. Sutherland's.

Christmas Oranges. Twenty-five oranges for 25c., at Carnovsky's, the oysterman.

SMITH ASKS DISQUALIFICATION OF MIS-CAMPBELL.

Bank of Hamilton Obtains Judgment By Default Against Dunn—Soo Companies Promoters Interview Government, But Make No Statement.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The registrar of the election court has received a copy of the cross petition in the Sault Ste. Marie case, in which the liberal member asks for the disqualification of A. Macdonnell, the defeated candidate. It was filed at Sault Ste. Marie last week.

John W. Lendon arrested here, last night, charged with abduction of Eva Long, from Rome, N.Y., has agreed to go back and the whole matter has been amicably settled. Lendon and the girl were married here yesterday, and later an uncle appeared in pursuit from Rome, and at his instance the newly married pair were put in the cells for the night.

The Bank of Hamilton to-day, obtained judgment by default against Thomas Dunn, Vancouver, for \$70,000. The bank had already obtained judgment for that amount in British Columbia, and sued here on the British Columbia judgment.

James Pearson, barrister, Toronto, is to-day, appealing to the court of appeal from the judgment of Macmahon, J., in the action brought against him by Carpenter Bros., brokers, of Hamilton. Carpenter Bros. are suing on a note for \$1,600. Pearson set up that the note was for margins on stocks, and that plaintiffs had not actually bought the stocks. Judge Macmahon found for the plaintiffs.

The reserved case asked for in the case of W. H. Callaghan will be heard first on Thursday, by the court of appeal. Callaghan was remanded for sentence until to-morrow.

Cornelius Shields, James Connee, M.P.P., B. J. Clergue, and H. C. Hamilton, of the Soo companies, had a long interview with the government this morning, but no statement could be obtained from any member of the party with regard to the negotiations opened with government yesterday.

NEW CANADIAN CRUISER.

Order-In-Council For 18-Knot Vessel Passed.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The order-in-council has been passed providing for the construction of a new cruiser to replace the old flagship Acadia, of the Canadian fishery protection service.

The new vessel will be an eight-hundred-ton ship, with modern quick-firing armament, and will be a serviceable craft in a naval sense, as well as useful in protecting the coast fisheries.

The new cruiser will be built at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Rev. Father McGarty, seriously injured in the Ottawa Victoria fire, and was severely burned about the head, has become totally blind. His life is despaired of.

It is thought that the three earliest officers to receive the rank of brigadier-general, a title which the government are empowered to confer, under the bill proposed by Sir Frederick Borden, will be Col. Lord Aylmer, adjutant-general; Col. Finlay, deputy-minister, and Col. Macdonald, director-general of ordnance.

ACCEPTANCE UNLIKELY.

London Foreign Office Looks For Further Negotiations.

London, Dec. 15.—The terms of Russia's reply to Japan have been communicated to the Japanese minister here, Baron Hayashi, by the government at Tokio.

After careful examination of the Russian draft of the agreement the foreign office here is inclined to believe that its immediate acceptance by Japan is unlikely and looks for a series of Russo-Japanese parleys dealing with modifications. It says the parolers may last for several weeks. The foreign office, however regards the draft as a distinct step toward a pacific settlement.

NO SUCH SUM.

Required From The Republic Of Panama.

London, Dec. 15.—The statement telegraphed from The Hague to the Morning Leader, of this city, that a new law to assume liability of \$15,000,000 of the Colombia debt is emphatically denied by the council, who point out that no such large sum was ever dreamed of as Panama's share. Arbitration at The Hague or the personal decision of President Roosevelt would be quite satisfactory to the council.

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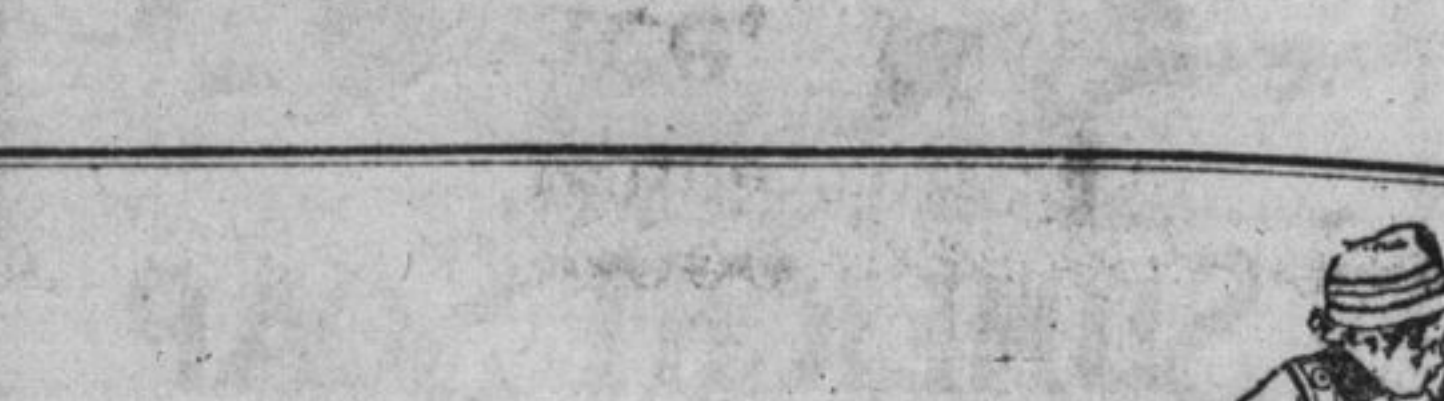
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Veterans 14th P.W.O.R. Att. ALL MEMBERS OF THE Regiment who have not yet sign petitions for Medals and Letters for services in Fort Henry, and in Post Barracks, during the West Rebellion of 1865, are requested to do so before the 18th instant, date has been set for the last closing signatures. Petitions at the Secretary, Ontario Building Society, 100 Queen Street, West. H. H. GILDERSLERVE, President.

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