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THE SILVER QUESTION.

END AND FAILURE OF THE CONFERENCE.

The Situation Presented By An American Paper. An Attempt To Appreciate Silver in the U.S. Was Made in Good Faith.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Tribune editorially says:

With the end and failure of the International Monetary Conference comes the urgent question what the United States shall do. Over 14 years this country has staggered under the burden of attempting to control the silver market for the whole world. Every time it has succeeded in establishing a slightly higher market production has so increased in this and other countries that a sharp decline in price has followed.

When the Bland Silver Act was passed in 1878, compelling coinage of $2,000,000 per month, the price was over 54 pence per ounce, and that year this country produced less than 35,000,000 ounces of fine silver. Last year the country produced nearly 60,000,000 ounces, and the average price in August this year was 38.11 pence per ounce and is now 38.37 pence per ounce, a fall of about 16 pence or 32 cents per ounce since the United States began to provide an artificial market.

Yet the increase in production has gone on in spite of the fall in price. A sure market being furnished, the mines could afford to produce all that the Government has taken, even at the low prices this year, and it is evident that they have produced considerably more, because about $12,000,000 have been exported besides the quantity used in the arts. It is an obvious mistake to rely upon a falling price to regulate production of this article, so long as the Government takes enough of the product to limit the fall.

Much of the silver is produced in connection with other metals, so that its cost of production cannot be separately stated. Much is produced from mines where the cost is so low that the price must fall much farther before they cease to be profitable. The Government has tried all these years to benefit silver producers by securing higher prices, but has failed, because it has succeeded so well in stimulating production.

This the United States has stated to other powers, patiently and courteously, with earnest appeal to them for their own interests to provide some larger use of silver. The present administration has done all that it could. Perhaps it would have accomplished more if it had been sustained by the people, but the transfer of power to the Democratic party was interpreted by foreign Governments as notice that free coinage by this country alone would afford them relief for a time at least, and prospects of great advantage.

They were willing to have the United States take all the risk and pay all the cost, and they kindly consented to take all the coinage they could of the opposite metal. It would be simple justice to foreign powers if within a week Congress should pass and the President should sign a bill stopping at once all purchases of silver. That would leave other countries to shoulder their burdens themselves.

Senator Sherman was not the only prominent man who anticipated that the conference would fail to do anything, for no other issue could well have been expected after the defeat of President Harrison. But if Senator Sherman now asks immediate action on the measure he has proposed he will find more supporters than a short time ago seemed possible.

Had silver men themselves treated the act of 1890 in good faith as a compromise, the case might be different. They began agitating for its repeal and for free coinage, even while they were enjoying the higher prices which the act did for a time secure. During the last campaign they generally joined hands with free-coinage Democrats in denouncing the law.

If they do not wish it, and if it proves of no real benefit to the country but only a help to foreign powers, the sooner it is repealed the better. Republicans have no occasion to be ashamed of it. They tried the measure in good faith, hoping other powers would soon be ready to do their part. As other powers are not, the United States may well begin to look out for its own interests. There are other Democrats in the present Congress who are ready with Senator Hill to stop silver purchases at once.

Possibly a majority of them may yet vote to substitute free coinage. But among Republicans they will find fewer allies than before, it may be inferred from the language attributed to Senator Jones of Nevada. Long the foremost champion of silver coinage he will doubtless be supported by others if he declares that it is necessary now to impress upon foreign Powers a correct idea of the American position in this matter.

THE END IS NEAR.

Blaine Is Making a Strong Fight Against the Angel of Death.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 20.—Mr. Blaine maintains last evening the hold he secured this morning when his condition showed a slight improvement," was the reply of Dr. W. W. Johnston, Mr. Blaine's physician, when asked how his distinguished patient was by a reporter. Dr. Hyatt, the consulting physician, who was present, concurred in the statement. They had just come from the sick room, where they had held a 15 minutes' consultation.

"Mr. Blaine is still in full possession of his faculties," continued Dr. Johnston, "and while very weak he is nevertheless as cheerful after the trying ordeal of yesterday as could be expected. He converses as freely as he is permitted to do by his family, and partakes regularly of nourishment. It is impossible to state how long Mr. Blaine is likely to survive. Speculation on such a subject would simply be idle nonsense. I don't think Mr. Blaine is in any danger of dying to-night. Further than that I do not care to state."

A friend of the family stated that Blaine is liable to a recurrent attack of heart failure at any moment, and that the family have been warned to prepare for the worst when it comes.

"When," said the gentleman, "the physicians state that Mr. Blaine is better they simply mean that he is alive, and that is about the true statement of his condition."

Chopped Up.

ST. LOUIS, Dec 20.—The ghastly work of a St. Louis murderer or a dissecting student was the terrible revelation yesterday, in the baggage depot at Quincy, Ill. The remains of a white man were found chopped to pieces and jammed into an old soap box.

This receptacle had been shipped from the Union depot in St. Louis as baggage. The police were notified and took charge of the remains.

A Theosophist Coming.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Besant, the theosophist, will visit Canada next month. She will lecture here.

Tortured For Witchcraft.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Dec. 20.—Information comes from Gallup, N.M., that Deputy Marshal Green of that town and a troop of cavalry from Fort Wingate have gone to Zona to arrest a number of that tribe for torturing and killing two Indians charged with witchcraft. Information of the outrage was received from an old Zona Indian, who implored help for his tortured son.

Gen. McCook ordered troops to accompany the Marshal. Trader Graham confirms the report.

The Petitions Throw Out.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—The Manitoba full court has rendered a decision which throws out the petitions brought by the Opposition against the recently elected Greenway Government supporters. The ground of this decision is that the security put up by the Opposition was not legal tender, being simply bank bills, which are held not to be money.

Killed In a Railway Accident.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—Word has just been received here of the death of Andrew Somerville, a well-known Winnipegger, who was killed in the railway accident on the Northern Pacific. The remains are to be sent to Orono, Ont., for burial.

Fancy goods. Everything new, no bankrupt or last year's goods; the brightest, best selected and cheapest goods in town, at Mitchell's.

DR. BRIGGS' BOLD STAND.

What He Said About Spurgeon—No Ground for Conviction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Dr. Briggs continued his argument in defence of himself before the Presbytery of New York.

Referring to the late Dr. Spurgeon of England Dr. Briggs said: "The prosecution use the passage from the inaugural address referring to Spurgeon under both charges. They harp upon it in their argument to excite prejudice against me. What I said about Spurgeon may not be pleasing to the prosecution. But is it not strictly true? Is it not a fact that Spurgeon is an example of the modern evangelical? Did he not assail the church and the reason in the interest of the authority of the Holy Scripture? These are well-known weaknesses of the great preacher. But he had so many excellent Christian qualities that the world pardons his weakness in the matters referred to and honors him as the noblest evangelical of them all.

"It may seem strange to some of you that the average opinion of the Christian world would not assign him a higher place in the kingdom of God than Martineau or Newman. But a little reflection ought to convince you that it is so. Spurgeon is the hero of the evangelical party in the church. He was generally esteemed to be the greatest preacher of the Gospel in our generation. But any one who understands the state of religious opinion in England knows that Spurgeon only represented a party among the Non-conformists, and that a considerable proportion of them would not assign him a higher place than Martineau or Newman. He lived to find himself in a hopeless minority in his own denomination. He was not a master of Christian theology, and, therefore, as soon as he went out his sphere to teach men wiser than himself he made a sad failure.

"You are now to determine in the fear of God whether I am guilty or not. I have shown you that I subscribe to all the statements of the Confession and of the Holy Scripture in the passages cited to sustain the charge. I have shown you that there is no inconsistency between the doctrine that there are errors in the Scriptures as I explain them and the statements of confession and Scripture. You can only convict me on the ground of a deliverance of the assembly at Portland or of some dogmatic theory in your minds. If you should do this you will violate the constitution of the Presbyterian Church, break faith with me and sear your own consciences before God."

A WOMAN SHOT DOWN.

Her Three Children Penned in a Hut and Burned.

CARITO, MEX., Dec. 20.—Further particulars of the fight opposite San Ignacio just received state that during the fight Capt. Seguar of the Mexican troops, to better protect himself in a hand-to-hand fight, went into the jackal and fought from there with guns and pistols.

There was in the jackal a woman and three children. The captain called to the revolutionists asking that the woman and children might go out unharmed, but the reply was, "No."

The woman tried to steal out with the children, but as she appeared at the door she was shot down and the children ran back. The revolutionists were unable to dislodge the captain from his quickly chosen fortress and they set fire to the jackal, which drove the captain out.

As he made his appearance he was shot dead and his body thrown back into the burning building. The three children were penned in the hut and burned. The bodies of dead soldiers were thrown into the flames, and when the troops from Guerrero went to bury the dead they found some of the bodies burned to a crisp.

A woman, the wife of a non-commissioned officer, undertook to escape by crossing the Rio Grande to Texas, but she was seen about the middle of the stream and shot. She sank beneath the waters and her body has not been found. There are a number of wounded Mexican troopers at San Ignacio. Only two of the revolutionists were killed and one wounded.

TWO METEORS COLLIDE.

The Crew of the Eva Ferris Witnessed an Unusual Event.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 20.—The captain's log of the schooner Eva L. Ferris says that when in latitude 37 deg. 21 min. and longitude 75 deg. 33 min. on the night of Dec. 7 at 9 o'clock he saw a meteor start from west southwest and pass directly over the vessel to east northeast. After passing the zenith it met another meteor in its transit, and swerving from a direct line the two came together. There was a report as of a heavy gun, and the reverberation lasted for many seconds. The first meteor struck the second on the northerly side and broke it into fragments, some of which fell within sight of the vessel, and showed a bright light until they went under the water. The original meteor went on its course and disappeared behind a dark bank of clouds.

WANTS A DIVORCE.

Because His Wife Undertakes a Mission to Reform Her Sisters.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Dec. 20.—G. Walt Stetson, an artist of some note, has petitioned in the Divorce Court for absolute divorce from his wife, Charlotte Perkins Stetson. He bases his claims on the ground that his wife will neither wear corsets, a belt or heels on her shoes when she appears in public. She is a follower of Bellamy.

Mrs. Stetson became a crank on all these matters. She was loud in her clamor for dress reform and physical reform. She said she wanted to show the American women how to dress and how to become strong and healthy, so that children might be born to them without costing them their health and in many cases their lives.

When Mrs. Stetson was not occupied in the gymnasium and in advocating before women's meetings the cause of dress reform and physical culture she wrote for various magazines, and her literary efforts gave her no time to attend to her husband or his wants.

His Story Wouldn't Go Down.

HAZELTON, PA., Dec. 20.—William Walker, a contractor at Millville colliery, states that he was held up by seven masked men yesterday on the road leading to the works and robbed of $1000, which he had with him to pay his men. Officers went to the scene and made discoveries that led them to believe that Walker was not robbed, but was trying to defraud his men. When the officers accused Walker he became excited and fled to the mountains. To-night over 100 of his workmen are searching for him.

Fire At Thorold.

THOROLD, Ont., Dec. 20.—About 6 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the residence of Charles Haist, Mill-street, here. The fire brigade was prompt in extinguishing the flames, but not before considerable damage was done to the building. The furniture was badly damaged by water. The loss is covered by insurance.

Killed on a Handcar.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—Word was received yesterday of an accident at Crystal City Saturday night by which Robert Fair, late of Ayr, Ont., lost his life.

He, with four others, had gone to Pilot Mound on a handcar to transact some business and when returning, while pumping the rear end of the car, deceased slipped and fell under the car, the iron lever of which struck him over the left temple, inflicting a terrible gash which resulted in instantaneous death. The body will be sent to Ayr for interment.

An Ex-M.L.A. Dead.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—James Harrower, ex-M.L.A., died yesterday morning. He came to Manitoba from Sherbrooke, Lanark County, Ont.

Steamship Movements.

Date.	Name.	Reported at.	From.
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A QUICK TRIP TO ASHES.

CANOE STOREHOUSE BURNED ON THE ESPLANADE.

Firemen Fight the Fire From Seven Anchored in the Bay—The Loss Will Reach $25,000—Fortunately There Was No Wind.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—At 7.45 last evening F. C. Pogue, on duty at the Esplanade, observed a burst of flame shoot out from the door of the northeast corner of the Toronto Canoe and Boat Company's boat house immediately opposite the main entrance of the Union Station.

The building had a frontage of about 100 feet in the Esplanade, with wings at either side running back into the water. Notwithstanding the promptness with which the alarm was answered the whole interior of that building was in flames before the firemen got to work.

The blaze lighted up the whole water front, and a crowd of many thousands speedily collected, anticipating a repetition of the disaster of August 7, 1885, which swept the Esplanade from Princess to Scott-street. Fortunately there was no wind, however, and the firemen after a stubborn fight succeeded in confining the flames to the building in which they originated.

The fire is supposed to have started from the boiler of the Esplanade Box Company, which is placed at the northeast corner. There is a flue down which all shavings and waste are dropped to the boiler room. It is thought a spark from the fire reached the shavings and the flames at once rushed up to the factory above.

The main building burned like tinder, and speedily the whole breadth of it was one mass of flame enclosed by a shell of zinc. At the northwest corner the fire was baffled, and the west wing, which was, like the front, covered with corrugated iron, saved. At the east end, however, the Fire King held carnival. The east wing burned with great rapidity, and the James fairly rushed far out over the water. At 9.30 only the piles of the wing remained; and the interior of the main building was completely gutted. A party of firemen, who boarded an old scow and floated it out by ropes hand-over-hand, managed to avert some damage. Anxious boat-owners came hurrying to the scene, and many were relieved to find that the adjacent boathouses of Edward Bassett and Harry Hodson had escaped.

The building was formerly occupied by the Toronto Canoe and Boat Company. They assigned about a year ago, and the building was taken over by the present owners, Messrs. T. G. and R. G. Elgie and Fred J. Sigwart. Part of the building was utilized as a box factory by R. G. Elgie.

Mr. Elgie estimates the total loss on the building at $18,000 to $20,000; insured for $14,000. R. G. Elgie estimates his loss on the machinery and plant of the box factory at $7000 to $8000; insured for $5000.

A large number of citizens have been in the habit of storing their boats in the wings. The rentals expired on Oct. 1, and all owners were notified to remove their boats, but many neglected to do so, and no doubt a number were burned. The Sons of England Life Boat corps were out on the bay in their lifeboat and succeeded in picking up many of the boats which are now at the lifeboat station awaiting the owners.

HIS COURAGE FAILED.

He Could Not Secure Work and Committed Suicide.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Samuel Bennett, a carpenter living at 15 Morris-street, committed suicide at his home early on Sunday morning. Bennett was a carpenter by trade and had been out of work for some weeks.

On Saturday evening he returned from a search after work and gave his wife the history of his unsuccessful quest. Bennett owned some small cottages in the city and on Saturday evening one of the tenants called and paid the rent, amounting to $7.50. Bennett took the money and went out. In a few minutes he returned and lay down.

Shortly afterwards his wife noticed that he was in pain, and ran out for a doctor, who did everything to revive Bennett. It soon became evident that his resuscitation was impossible and Coroner Johnson was notified.

Finding that the deceased had purchased 10 cents worth of laudanum at a Spadina avenue chemist's shop, and that the medical man who had been in attendance reported that death had resulted from taking an overdose of laudanum, the coroner decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Bennett was aged 52 and leaves a widow and one child.

SISTERS DROWNED.

Broke Through the Ice at North Bay—No Assistance Was at Hand.

NORTH BAY, Ont., Dec. 20.—News has been received here of one of the saddest drowning accidents that has ever occurred in this section of Ontario.

It appears that three young girls, daughters of John and William Clark, were walking on the ice at Restoule Lake when, the ice being weak, they broke through.

No assistance being at hand, all three were drowned. Only the briefest particulars have reached here.

A PRAIRIE SENATOR.

Brandon Contributes a Fourth Representative From the Prairie Province.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Mr. John Nesbitt Kirchkoffer of Brandon has been called to the Senate as the fourth senator from Manitoba. Under the Manitoba Act the province was given three senators and provision was made for a fourth when the census showed that the population exceeded 75,000. The last census showed the population to be over 150,000, and Manitoba therefore gets an extra senator.

Formal notice has been received from the Quebec Government of the appointment of Judge Cassault to represent the province in the commission to settle the outstanding debt account between the Dominion and that old Province of Canada as now represented by the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Lieut.-Governor Carvell of Prince Edward Island has applied for three months' leave of absence on account of ill-health.

The writ has been issued for an election in L'Islet to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. Desjardins to the clerkship of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec. Nomination on Dec. 29, polling on Jan. 5.

WARRANTS ISSUED.

For the Arrest of Some of the Suspected Leaders in the Homestead Poisoning.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—Warrants were issued yesterday for the arrest of Hugh Dempsey, the district master workman Knights of Labor, and J. M. Davidson for complicity in the Homestead poison plot.

The charges are made by County Detective Beltzhoover and charge the men with felonious assault and battery and administering poison to the men employed in the Homestead mill during the late trouble.

Warrants are also out for the arrest of Gallagher, the confessor.

This evening Demsey called at the alderman's office and surrendered. He was released on $2500 bail. He strongly asserts his innocence and says he will have no trouble in proving it. Davidson has not yet been arrested.

Short of Cars.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 20.—The railroads centering at Kansas City are again suffering from a car shortage. The trouble, though never done away with, during the past three months has been lessened to some extent at times, but the situation is worse than ever. All of the roads are short of cars. Nearly all of the railway agents here regard the situation as serious, and the promises for relief are anything but reassuring.

The grainmen suffer most, but other shippers are unable to ship any great amount of freight. In the territory contiguous to Kansas City the estimates of agents place the shortage at from 6000 to 8000 cars.

Wicked as Fire.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—While Alphonse D. Rothschild was hunting near the Ferriere, in Alier, yesterday his companion's gun went off, accidentally and the ball cut a furrow in his right cheek just below the eye. The surgeon who dressed the wound says there is no immediate danger of blindness.

Suicided With Paris Green.

ST. EUGENE, Ont., Dec. 20.—Last evening at 5 o'clock Honore St. Jean, a married man, a resident of this place, took a dose of Paris green and died at 2 o'clock yesterday. The coroner has been notified and an inquest is ordered for this afternoon.

Leave Your Order.

Ladies call and see the best corset made, we have no competition. Ladies', children's, misses' American health waists, stocks of all kinds, trusses and supporters, braces, wigs, waves. Suitable wigs to rent. Agents for the grand model of cutting and fitting, Richardson's, 107 Princess street.

EMIN PASHA YET ALIVE.

He Is Now Following Stanley's Route Through the Congo.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Berlin correspondent of The Standard learns from a private letter, dated at Dar-Es-Salaam on Nov. 20, that the rumors of Dr. Emin's death are erroneous.

Dr. Emin, the letter says, is now following Stanley's route through the Congo State, and but for an affection of the eyes is in exceptionally good health.

ALBERT EDWARD.

Is Said to Be Making Arrangements to Visit the World's Fair.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—It is again rumored that it is the intention of the Prince of Wales to visit the Chicago Columbian Exhibition. It is said that he will make the trip across the Atlantic early next summer in the royal yacht Osborne and that he will disembark either at Montreal or Quebec, proceeding thence to Chicago. The Osborne will be escorted by a number of British warships.

Immigration Restriction.

ROME, Dec. 20.—The Agenzia Liberi is assured that the European powers have no intention of protesting against the hostile action of the United States toward immigrants. The Italian Government feels convinced that it has no privilege to attempt interference in such a purely domestic matter, and the German and Australian governments are believed to share this sentiment.

The emigration societies have been notified that they must cease booking steerage passengers for American ports. Within the last few days hundreds of applicants have been refused at Italian ports.

Three of a Kind.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The statement is made on good authority that Germany as well as the United States and Great Britain has become deeply involved in the conflict going round Good Queen Anne's Under Kraut of Samoa. The Chief Justice's local government scheme finds as little favor here as in London and Washington.

The Board to Act.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Paris correspondent of The Times says: A meeting of the Suez Canal directors was convened yesterday to consider the position in which the company had been placed by arrests of members of the board and what they ought to do to procure alleviation of the needless tortures inflicted upon unconvicted men.

A Howl From Germany.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A Daily News despatch from Berlin says: The National Zeitung declares that the arbitrary maintenance of quarantine by the United States, although there has been no cholera in Germany for months, together with the American rules for immigration, is doing immense harm to general commerce. It is impossible for German exporters or American importers to reckon upon the delivery of goods with any regularity. The effect of the restriction has been both to delay traffic and raise freights.

To Be Made Cardinals.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Most Rev. Michael Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and primate of all Ireland, and Most Rev. William Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminster, have received letters notifying them that they will be made cardinals at the coming papal consistory.

Sale of Orchids.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The sale of the Marlborough orchids began yesterday. The highest price paid was £30.

Cottoning to the United States.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The Meline Committee report, favoring a minimum tariff on certain American products, was distributed among the deputies to-day.

The preamble of the bills says: "The mutual friendship and good-will of France and the United States will render an understanding easy of accomplishment. The convention undoubtedly would be advantageous to France."

The deputies agreed to a duty of .245 as a hectolitre on alcohol.

Free Trade in Australia.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 20.—A meeting of advocates of free trade was held here yesterday at which a resolution offered by Sir Henry Parkes, congratulating the Democrats of the United States upon their recent electoral victory, was adopted. Congratulations were also cabled to President-elect Cleveland.

The Paris Fund.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The News learns from its Paris correspondent that an agreement has been signed to release the Paris fund. Messrs. Dillon, Dazett and Harrington will award jointly the old claims not in excess of £14,000, and Messrs. Dillon and Davitt will award the remainder.

Don't Want Bi-Metallism.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Daily News says of the Brussels conference:

"We hope that the conference will not be resumed. Each country must do its best for itself. America cannot afford to delay until May, perhaps not till January, steps to prevent the depreciation of her silver notes."

To Check the Kaiser.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Chronicle's Berlin correspondent says: Great efforts are being made to found a new political party with a program of opposition to the person and policy of the Kaiser, who attracts a deal of adverse criticism, especially in South Germany.

Penalty For Forgery.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Dr. Francis Charles Scott-Sanders, formerly manager of the Lyric Club, was yesterday sentenced to six years' penal servitude for having forged the name of the Earl of Londesboro to a check for £3733.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

The Town of Pelotas May Be Attacked on Christmas Day.

VALPARAISO, Dec. 20.—A correspondent at Montevideo telegraphs that public attention there is occupied by the situation in Rio Grande do Sul. A meeting of Castilhistas held at Pelotas resolved that if the National Government did not demand of Uruguay that she restrain the Federals they would invade Uruguay.

The work of fortifying Pelotas continues. Col. Portugal, the commandant, has 600 men in the garrison and expects 200 more; 300 volunteers have been called for. The Federals have 2000 men, and expect to attack the town on Christmas day. It is the intention of the Federals, so it is said, to reinstate Silviera Martin, who is alleged to have received large sums from Conte d'Eu to aid in the restoration of the empire. Rumors are afloat that Brazil proposes to divide Paraguay and Argentine.

Admiral Gherardi called yesterday on the Intendante. Naval officials have received the officers of the American fleet most cordially, and have shown them every attention.

A BAD RAIL.

It Wrecks a Train in Kentucky—The Conductor and Post Clerk Hurt.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 20.—The eastbound passenger train on the Newport News and Mississippi Valley Railroad was wrecked by a broken rail at Eddyville, Ky., yesterday morning. The engine was ditched and the mail and baggage cars and the second-class coach were overturned and badly smashed. Conductor Carter had his shoulder dislocated and Postal Clerk Sanders was severely but not fatally injured.

Held Up For $700.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—Robert S. Mowatt, agent of the Ogilvie Milling Co., was held up by masked men at Elkhorn Saturday night and relieved of $700.

A Disagreeable Habit.

Why go about hawking and spitting when Nasal Balm will remove every vestige of your catarrh, and then relieve you of this disagreeable habit? Dropped into the head it gives immediate relief and effects a permanent cure. From dealers or by mail, post paid, 50 cents for a large size bottle. Fulford & Co., Brockville, Ont.

Just received for our Xmas trade some of the finest and best candies from Paris. We have the largest stock of fancy confectionery in the city. In bulk goods, prices range from $1 to 50c per lb. Wilson's Pharmacy.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKETS.

	ASK.	OF.
Bank of Montreal	257	255
Ontario Bank	118½	105
Bank du Peuple	118	104
Molsons Bank	170	170
Bank of Toronto	261	260
Merchants	123	118
Quebec Bank	120	112
Union Bank	60	50
Bank of Commerce	147½	145
Montreal Telegraph Co.	154	153
Richd & Ont Nav Co	85	60
City Passenger RR	230	225
C.P.R. Land Co	30	27
Canada Pacific Railroad	90½	89

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKETS.

Patent spring, $4.40 to $4.50; patent winter, $4.30 to $4.50; strights roller, $4.00 to $4.10; extra $3.90 to $4.00; superfine, $3.75 to $3.85; strong bakers, $4.00 to $4.20.

Wheat—No. 2 hard Manitoba, 89c to 90c.

Wheat—No. 2 hard, 78c to 79c.

Corn—65c to 66c, duty paid.

Peas—72c to 73c per 66 lbs. afloat.

Oats—35c to 36c per 34 lbs. Manitoba mixed.

Rye—50c to 52c.

Barley, feeding—42c to 45c.

Pork—$18.00 to $20.00.

Butter, Creamery, 19c to 21c; Townships, 19c to 21c; Western, 17c to 18c.

Cheese—10½c to 11½c for finest white.

Eggs—60c to 65c for fresh stock; 14c to 16c for packing; 19c to 20c for choice.

Ashes—Pots, $4.45 to $4.50; seconds, $3.75 to $3.75; Pearls, $5.35 to $5.40.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20.—Spring wheat, 6s 6d; red winter, 6s 3d; No. 1 California, 6s 10d; corn, 4s 6d; peas, 5s 5d; pork, 75s 6d; lard, 49s 6d; tallow, 27s 6d; bacon, heavy, 44s 6d; light, 46s 6d; cheese, 52s; Cotton—American middlings, 5¾d.

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It is said that advertising is the key which unlocks the public purse. This we believe is true to a certain extent, but we think at the same time the LIFE-BLOOD OF BUSINESS is for a merchant to HAVE THE GOODS that people require, and THESE AT THE RIGHT PRICES; in a word he wants to do as he advertises. When we started

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a short time ago we showed our faith in the press by advertising it, and our large CASH SALES up to the present go to prove that the people fully appreciate the GREAT REDUCTIONS we have made from our well-known low prices, and that we have the Right Goods at Right Prices. Don't fail attending this Great Sale, which only lasts for the balance of this month.

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EDMUND YATES' GOSSIP.

The Queen Will Not Personally Hold Any More Drawing Rooms.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—I have reason to believe that the queen will not, herself, hold any more drawing rooms. For years past, it has been her majesty's custom to retire from the throne room before the drawing room was half over, leaving the larger portion of the general company to be received by the Princess of Wales. One result of this practice was a series of frantic and most unseemly struggles to reach the throne room early and on several occasions the conflicts over the barriers between eager, angry and excited dames were so loud and violent that the sounds of conflict penetrated to the Royal circle. There is, it is considered, little reason why the queen should continue to hold drawing rooms especially as she always suffers from headache and malaria for several hours after. These wearying functions begin early in March therefore the queen proposes to hold the court at Buckingham palace for which invitations are to be issued by the lord chamberlain to the corps diplomatique, ministers, ex-ministers and their wives and, indeed, to almost every person who permanently enjoy the privilege of entree, with any addition indicated & approved by her majesty. At this court the queen will receive all the company personally as the number of invitations are to be limited. The court is to be held in the throne room and workmen have recently been engaged in the adjoining apartment which is known as the entree room and which has been superbly redecorated in blue and gold. The proposed court will not interfere with the usual drawing rooms of which four are to be held next season at Buckingham palace.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will have only a family party, including the Duke and Duchess of Fife, at Sandringham, this Christmas, but a few guests are to go down next week for some shooting. The prince's first shoot at Sandringham was one of the best there has ever been there. Eight guns have killed about 2,800 head of game in one day.

The German emperor has been very busy shooting of late. No region in the world, probably is richer in hares and roe deer than certain districts of North Germany, notably Brandenburg, Pomerania and the provinces of Silesia and Prussian Saxony. Though only a one-armed man virtually for purposes of sport, the emperor makes capital practice with a gun of peculiarly light construction and rarely fails to top the day's slaughter list. It is true that the arrangement of beaters and the spot selected as the stand of the emperor may have something to do with it, but for all that his majesty, with his firm nerve and clear eye, could give points to most of his fellow sportsmen. Sometimes, indeed, he makes at most an incredible bag. For example, at Newyatter Kirchen, where he was the guest of Herr Von Alvensleben, the other day, the emperor shot forty pheasants, no fewer than 300 hares, besides a roe deer, some rabbits, several birds and beasts of prey. Previous to this, at Barby, his majesty, in the course of a couple of batteries, bagged the extraordinary number of 700 hares.

I hear from Berlin Empress Frederick has succeeded in bringing about a reconciliation between Emperor William and the Duchess of Sparta and his majesty invited his sister and her husband to come there next month for the wedding of Princess Margaret and Prince Frederick, of Hesse. The emperor was made exceedingly angry by the conversion of the Duchess of Sparta from the Lutheran faith to the orthodox church and, although she is his favorite sister, he held scarcely any communication with her since then. The restoration of amicable relations between the emperor and the duchess have been anxiously desired by Empress Frederick and it is very satisfactory on all accounts, both public and private, that she accomplished her purpose.

The Grand Duke George Alexandrovitch, of Russia, is again suffering from pulmonary disease. Ever since his return from a long voyage it was hoped, that a winter in Algeria had permanently benefited his health.

Mr. Gladstone, personally conducted by Mr. Armstead, starts this morning for Biarritz where he is to stay ten days but instead of being back in London by Jan. 3rd, as has been stated, I hear that he will proceed to the Riviera where Stuart Rendel is anxiously awaiting his arrival. Very probably Mr. Gladstone will remain in the south of France until within a week of the meeting of parliament.

Sir E. J. Reed, M.P., the rebellious ministerialist, who to-day goes down to Cardiff to show to the liberal thousand of that town why a vote of censure should not be passed upon him, is well known as a bit of a poet. I hear that he is busy at the present time on verses which will, by and-bye, be published in a small volume, which the member has had in hand for some time past. Sir Edward is a huge admirer of the genius of the late Lord Tennyson, and he himself attempted several short poems in the metre of "In Memoriam." He has evidently been reading "Ulysses" lately, h