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PURCHASE OF DANISH ISLANDS.

No Confirmation in Diplomatic Circles of Constant Rumors.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: There is no confirmation in diplomatic circles in London of the rumors which are constantly repeated from German and American sources that the state department is negotiating for the purchase of the Danish West Indies.

It was an open secret a year ago that the Danish court was sounded up on the general subject by a confidential diplomatic agent and that the state department was in a position to obtain the islands, if it wished to gain possession of two good harbors on the lines of approach to the Nicaragua or the Panama canal. The negotiations have not been pressed at Copenhagen, nor have conferences been abandoned. It is a sluggish little capital where the king and his ministers require time for working out any new departure in policy.

The German government has disclaimed any idea of purchasing the islands, but it will be pleased, without doubt, if negotiations between the United States and Denmark for the cession of the group do not come to anything. The diplomatic view here is that if the Washington government should obtain the islands before committing itself to any definite canal policy it will be the cheapest and surest safeguard against a future challenge of the Monroe doctrine by a European power.

CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE.

Platform and Constitution Issued by the Canadian Independence League.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A special to the Times from Montreal says: For some time past there has been some discussion about the doing of an alleged "Independence Club" in Montreal, but the managers of the new movement did not appear to judge the time opportune for appealing to the public. A good deal of interest was added to

the movement by the fact that during the Paris exposition a large number of young men appeared in Paris wearing "Independence of Canada" buttons, and an attempt was made to connect J. I. Tarte and J. X. Perrault, the Canadian commissioners, with the movement because a number of independence buttons were among the spoils received from men who had burglarized Mr. Perrault's house. Mr. Perrault explained, however, that these buttons were about fifteen years old and he had changed his views since.

Now the Canadian Independence League has issued its platform and constitution, but has declined to publish its list of officers and members. The constitution consists of eighteen clauses, of which the first eight are:

- 1.—Dissolution of the colonial relation and declaration of independence.
- 2.—New federation to be known as United States of Canada.
- 3.—Provinces to become states with sovereign power.
- 4.—Federal authority to have only such powers as shall be specially delegated to it by sovereign states.
- 5.—No power shall be delegated to the federal authority except with the assent of the majority of delegates of each of the sovereign states convened in a national assembly.
- 6.—Creation of a state militia under command of a federal officer.
- 7.—Universal suffrage.
- 8.—The great highways and services (railways, canals, telegraphs, etc.) to be public property.

The others deal with changes in the laws along socialist lines.

QUEEN WILHELMINA ILL.

Suffers From Bronchitis and Is in Bed Most of the Time.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 2.—The Etoile Belge announces that the health of Queen Wilhelmina has been impaired and that she suffers constantly from bronchitis. The queen is quite weak and she does not leave her bed for more than a couple of hours each day.

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Silver, 64.

NEW COMPASS CARD.

Submitted by Bureau of Equipment to Mariners for Criticism.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Rear-Admiral R. B. Bradford, chief of the bureau of equipment, has sent to well-known mariners for criticism a proposed new compass card designed by Lieutenant-Commander R. H. W. Diehl, superintendent of compasses.

The object of the proposed change is to omit the present system of points and fractions thereof and use degrees only.

The present card contains points and degrees. The conversion of one into the other, Lieutenant-Commander Diehl says, is a natural result for the appearance of both, but is not a necessity, as would specially be recognized were the points omitted.

Accuracy requires expression in degrees for courses, bearings and compass errors, and not in points, the use of which is but a duplication of work. The circumference of the proposed card is divided into the usual 360 degrees and marked continuously to the right from zero degrees at north to 90 degrees at east, 180 degrees at south, 270 degrees at west and 360 degrees at north.

The card is subdivided into divisions of ten degrees, accentuated by heavy lines on the graduated rim, and by suitable geometric figures on the card, each ten-degree division of the card being indicated in figures by its appropriate number from zero degrees or north. Each ten-degree division of the card is further subdivided into half and quarter divisions and appropriately marked. Every fifth-degree line of the graduated circle between the ten-degree divisions is marked in figures, indicating its appropriate number from zero degrees or north.

The cardinal and inter-cardinal directions are emphasized on the card in geometric figures.

Lieutenant-Commander Diehl says he believes the proposed marking of the compass card would result in greater accuracy in navigation in its relation to the compass. Courses would be laid in degrees and more accurately noted, when the approximate course of S.W. by W. 1/4 A. "A little westerly," for example, would be replaced by the exact course of 240 degrees.

MAXIM RECEIVES KNIGHTHOOD.

Former American Honored by the Queen for His Services to the War Office.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Sir Hiram Maxim has received many congratulations upon the honor of knighthood conferred upon him by the queen, says the London correspondent of the Tribune. In his long residence in London he has taken an active part in the work of the American Society. He has been a familiar figure at its annual banquets, has boasted of his Puritan ancestry and has shown pride in his American citizenship. He became a naturalized British subject a year ago and knighthood has been the reward for important services rendered to the war office.

BOMB IN CHICAGO.

Attempt to Blow Up a Tunnel Used by Cable Cars.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The Record says:

On information from a source which he declines to make public, Detective Sergeant McLaughlin located a gas pipe bomb in one of the niches of the La Salle street tunnel shortly before midnight. The bomb was taken by the policeman to Central station and thence carried to the lake front and exploded.

Detective McLaughlin said he received a hint to the effect that an effort would be made to blow up the tunnel used for the passage of the north side cable cars. He hastened to the scene and found a piece of 3-inch gas pipe, about fifteen inches long, in one of the small arched openings in the dividing wall of the tunnel. A half-burned fuse protruded from one end. When touched off, the bomb is said by the policeman to have exploded with a loud report.

Earlier in the night one of the sweepers employed in the tunnel saw a man about 25 years old and shabbily dressed loitering in the tunnel. He was asked what he was doing there and replied: "Nothing." The stranger left the tunnel hurriedly.

The police suspect the bomb was placed there by a discharged employee of the company.

FAYERWEATHER WILL CASE.

Question of Competency of Millionaire's Will Brought Before a Jury.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—It is expected that one of the most important lawsuits in the history of the new century, involving a large sum of money, valuable property rights in this city and bringing into a question again the legality of the will of Daniel B. Fayerweather, will be brought up for trial today in the United States circuit court, before Judge Lacombe and a jury, and that for the first time the question of the competency of the will will be brought before a jury.

The suit is in the name of Mrs. Emma S. Fayerweather, a niece of Mr. Fayerweather, and is in the nature of an action in ejectment in respect to the property in this city which formerly belonged to the Fayerweather estate.

Mr. Fayerweather died in 1890, leaving a fortune estimated at \$5,000,000. He left a residence and an annuity of \$15,000 to his widow, who survived him two years, and about \$2,000,000 in specific bequests, and \$2,200,000 to twenty colleges and five hospitals.

MONTANA METAL PRODUCTION.

Increase in Amount of Gold and Decrease in Amount of Silver.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—A special to the Record from Helena, Mont., says: E. B. Braden, United States assayer in this city, estimates the production of gold in Montana in 1900 to have been \$4,900,000, an increase of \$200,000 as compared with the previous year; silver, \$10,720,000, a decrease of \$64,000.

CUBAN OFFICIALS AT JAMAICA.

Will Investigate British Methods of Colonial Government.

PORT ANTONIO, Jamaica, Jan. 2.—The steamship "Thomas Brooks" with the Cuban officials on board, has arrived here. The officials will inquire into the British methods of colonial government and adopt desirable features into Cuban government.

RUSSIA BUYS OUR MEAT.

Great Contract Let to a Chicago Packing Firm by Czar's Government.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The Tribune says: Signatures were affixed in this city yesterday to a great international contract, and a Chicago packing firm will supply the Russian government this year with 1,500 barrels of specially prepared meat to feed the soldiers of the czar's army.

The terms of the contract will exceed \$100,000. The vast field for supplies in Russia and Siberia has been opened to Americans only lately and it is believed that the contract completed yesterday is merely the precursor of others which will amount to millions of dollars and result in the introduction and consumption of American packed meats in every part of the vast northern empire.

A new process of packing and pickling meat was an important factor in the awarding of the contract. By this process it is said that the problem of transporting the packed meat any distance and through any climate without affecting the quality of the supplies has been solved.

SEATTLE'S LIBRARY BURNED.

Total Stock of Books and the Building Are Completely Destroyed.

SEATTLE, Jan. 2.—The public library of Seattle was burned to the ground tonight. The fire originated in the northeast corner of the basement, possibly from the furnaces. The total stock of books, numbering 35,000 and valued at at least \$30,000, are a total loss.

The firemen responded quickly to the alarm but after half an hour's work were entirely unable to cope with the blaze. The fire broke out in several places at once and they could do nothing with it.

The building was built about ten years ago by Henry L. Yeiser, Seattle's most famous pioneer, and cost him nearly \$50,000.

From opinions gleaned from city officials it is likely that a new building will be built at once. The house was occupied by Mr. Yeiser for three years before his death and was then one of the most handsome residences in Seattle.

OWNED AMERICAN MINES.

Property in Washington and British Columbia Belonged to London Company Which Failed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: The London and Globe Finance Corporation, which has just failed, is interested in American and Canadian mining properties that cost it about \$3,000,000.

The smelter at Northport, Washington, which was secured about two years ago by Whitaker Wright for his syndicate, is the Northwest outside of Butte and Anaconda, Montana. Just across the line at Roseland, in British Columbia, the London and Globe Company is interested in half a dozen mines, including the Le Roi, Le Roi No. 2, the Roseland Great Western, the Nickel Plate and the Columbia-Kootenai. The most important of these, the Le Roi, was

purchased from a group of Americans headed by Senator George Turner, of Washington. The other properties at Roseland are considered of speculative value.

Whittaker Wright's operations at Roseland have been conducted through the British-American Corporation, capitalized at \$1,500,000, which was an offshoot of the London and Globe. The latter concern retained a large block of stock in its subsidiary concern, and sold enough shares to recoup it for the cost of its investments. The British-American Corporation, in turn, floated subsidiary companies on the same basis.

PENSION FOR EMPLOYEES.

Chicago and Northwestern Railway Adopts System of Pennsylvania Railroad.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The Tribune says: The Chicago and Northwestern Railway on January 1st put into effect its system of pensioning its old and deserving employees. The system is in most respects identical with that which the Pennsylvania railroad put into effect some years ago. Each employee who is between 45 and 49 years of age and who has been 20 years in the service and who is disabled in the service will receive a pension of one per cent per month, calculated on his monthly rate of wages for the last ten years of his service with the company.

Any employee who has reached the age of 70 years and who has been 20 years in the employ of the company will be retired upon the monthly rate of wages paid him for the last ten years.

To carry out the plan the Northwestern has established a pension board composed of Wm. A. Gardner, general manager; Edward C. Gardner, chief engineer; Richard C. Ashton, general superintendent; Robert Quayle, superintendent of motive power and machinery; W. H. Sterritt, auditor of expenditures.

Northwestern officials claim that the new system will benefit 3,000 persons on their lines and that the cost will be about \$200,000 per annum.

NICARAGUA CELEBRATES.

Government Has Three Days' Celebration in Honor of the New Century.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 2.—The government is having a three days' celebration in honor of the birth of the new century.

The sale of the national railways and lake steamers is still in abeyance. The budget for the revenues of 1901 is \$5,760,924 silver, and for expenditures \$5,758,933 silver. There has been much progress in the central division of the Nicaragua railway. The central division goes thirty-seven miles inland, to La Paz, to connect with the western division and thereby avoid Lake Managua.

THIRTY-FIVE FIRES.

Overheated Stoves and Thawing of Water Pipes Give Plenty of Work to Chicago Firemen.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—In frozen clothing and on sheets of ice, Chicago's firemen worked almost continuously yesterday. The first day of the new century was a record breaker in the way of fire alarms. Up to midnight thirty-five had rung in. On the first day of 1901 there were only twenty alarms. The average is said to be about twenty.

Firemen were scarcely given time to eat. In some cases a portion of a detachment at a fire would have to quit and run for another fire. Overheated stoves, the firemen said, caused many of the fires. Thawing out of gas and water pipes also contributed its share. In a majority of cases the fires were quickly extinguished and the loss was light.

Work by the firemen was done under great difficulty and with considerable suffering, on account of the extreme cold.

Water thrown against buildings froze and formed banks of ice, on which the fire fighters slipped and fell.

In all seven persons were rescued from burning buildings by the firemen—three at the West End Hotel on West Madison street and four at a boarding house on Van Buren street.

The total losses of all the fires for the day amount to \$110,000.

EDITOR FOR ONE DAY.

Many American Papers Make English Newspaperman Offers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Alfred Harmsworth, the English newspaper owner and editor, is quite pleased with his late attempt here with a local newspaper to bring an American daily up to his idea. He thinks the paper issued under his direction proved the success of his idea as applied to American newspapers.

He has received offers from various editors to take charge of their newspaper plants for one day. Mr. Harmsworth said that he did not know which, if any, of these offers he might take up. He is going south and then possibly he may visit the West.

AMERICAN COLLEGE IN AFRICA.

Methodist Church Has Been Given \$15,000 and 12,000 Acres of Land by England to Establish It.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—A special to the Record from Richmond, Ind., says: Bishop Hartwell, of the Methodist Episcopal church in Africa, has arranged with the Rev. George H. Reibold, of Indiana, to go to Zambesi, Africa, to conduct a college at New Umbila, in that country.

This being a British country, the British government donated to the Methodist Episcopal church \$15,000 and 12,000 acres of land for the purpose of building a school to educate the English residents. The Rev. Reibold's mission is to go to Africa to superintend this school. He will sail from New York the last of this month.

SOMETHING NEW.

Just published by the Southern Pacific Co. is a pamphlet upon the resources of Western Oregon, which includes an excellent map of the state, and contains information on climate, lands, education, etc., existing industries and their capabilities.

Attention is also directed to such new fields for energy or capital as promise fair return.

This publication fills a need long experienced by Oregonians, in replying to inquiries of eastern friends. Copies may be had of local agent Southern Pacific Co., or from C. H. MARKHAM, G. P. A., Portland, Or.

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LADIES' HEAVY PLAID BACK rainy day skirts, deep stitching round bottom, regular price \$5.00, SALE PRICE.....\$3.50

LADIES' AND MISSES' PLAID Skirts, lined throughout with good quality lining, regular price \$2.25, SALE PRICE.....\$1.50

LADIES' BLACK FIGURED DRESS SKIRTS, well made and lined, worth \$2.25, SALE PRICE.....\$1.50

LADIES' HEAVY BLACK CHEVIOT DRESS SKIRTS, Tailor made, best linings, regular price \$4.00, SALE PRICE.....\$2.50

WE HAVE ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE CHILDREN'S LONG CLOAKS LEFT. Some very fine ones. Ages run from about six years to fourteen years. You can have them in two lots. LOT NO. 1 FOR.....\$1.50 LOT NO. 2 FOR.....\$2.50

EVERY WOOL SHIRT WAIST IN the house. Some were \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4.00. They all go at.....\$1.50

WE ARE GOING TO SELL ALL OF OUR LEFT-OVER LADIES' COATS at prices that will astonish the most shrewd buyer. Prices will start from \$1.50 for the lowest and \$5.00 for the best ones.

20 DOZEN LADIES' COTTON SHIRT WAISTS TO BE CLOSED OUT AT 25 CENTS.

FIVE DOZ. LADIES' SLEEVELESS COTTON RIBBED VESTS, colored, worth \$2.00, SALE PRICE.....\$1.10

25-CENT LADIES' OR MISSES' JERSEY RIBBED PANTS, knee length, SALE PRICE.....\$1.10

LADIES' HEAVY COTTON RIBBED VEST AND PANTS, worth \$2.50, SALE PRICE.....\$1.50

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CHILDREN'S HEAVY WOOL DRESS Well made and nicely trimmed, worth \$2.50, SALE PRICE.....\$1.50

50-CENT LADIES' EIDERDOWN DRESSING SACKS, SALE PRICE.....50c

ODD CORSETS IN ODD SIZES AT ODD PRICES. To close out at 15c.

SEE THE LINE OF LADIES' WRAPPERS we are offering at this sale for 25 cents.

A CHOICE LINE OF LADIES' FLANNELLE WRAPPERS, made with flounce, for 75 cents.

25-CENT LADIES' STOCKING IN stripes and fancy colors, 3 pairs.....25c

A 50-CENT LINE OF CHILDREN'S IMPORTED STOCKINGS, for sale price, per pair, 25c.

WE WILL SELL THE BEST AND STRONGEST DOUBLE KNEE AND FAST BLACK STOCKING IN THE CITY, 2 PAIRS FOR 25 CENTS.

For 10 cents you can buy the latest songs and Sheet music from us.

20 dozen Kid Gloves, slightly soiled, sold for \$1.25; sale price, to close them out quick, we have marked them to 25c

Remnants of dress goods, remnants of gingham, percales, flannels etc., at your own price.

Children's Caps for.....15c

35c Ladies' White Muslin Underskirts, sale price.....15c

\$1.25 Ladies' fine cambric drawers, trimmed with fine lace, sale price.....50c

\$2.00 Ladies' fine cambric long chemise, wide flounce ruffle, trimmed with fine lace, sale price.....85c

Full-size white bed spreads worth 65c, sale price.....45c

Umbrellas at Reduced Prices.

Big Reduction in Silk Ribbons

See the wide silk, linen and cotton laces we are selling at 8c per yard.

Beaded jet trimming braids, silk grimps per yard.....10c

All our dress goods marked away down in prices.

MEN'S GOODS

Men's Heavy Fleece Undershirts and Drawers, each.....45c

Men's Heavy All Wool Undershirts or Drawers, each.....75c

\$1.25 Men's all-wool undershirts or drawers in stripes and plain colors, sale price.....\$1.00

Men's heavy cotton undershirts made of the best material and well sewed, each.....50c

Men's and Boys' all wool caps, sale price.....25c

Boys' extra heavy cotton undershirts or drawers, each.....25c

Men's suspenders, each.....15c

Men's Leather Gloves,.....25c

Boys' suits, double breasted, made of heavy Scotch tweed, worth \$2.25, sale price.....\$1.95

Boys' Knee Pants,.....15c

Boys' waists, each.....15c

Boys' all-wool sweaters.....\$1.00

Boys' long pants made of heavy cottonade, per pair.....50c

Special in men's suits, only a few left, well worth \$5.50, sale price.....\$3.95

Men's strong working pants, sale price, per pair.....\$1.25

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