

APPAIRS IN CHILL

Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 20.—Politics in Chile are sadly mixed. Since the resignation of the cabinet, which was due to the coalition of the government with the liberals, there have been several attempts to form a new one. But all efforts in this direction have gone for naught. The coalition of the three parties was based on an agreement to give each party two members of the cabinet; senior Ibañez, however, undertook to form a new ministry and failed, because of the refusal of the government liberals to abide by the agreement, they being willing to give only one member of the cabinet each to the Balmaceda and conservatives. Then Senor Pedro Montt undertook to form a ministry, but was not persona non grata to certain political leaders; therefore he failed. Senor Montt was lately attacked by the press and President Ibañez was criticized harshly by even his own organ for choosing him. Scheming against the interests of the country was charged and the president was accused of betraying his party.

The president has had several conferences with the cabinet of the three parties but so far as can be learned, he has arrived at no decision as to whom he will select to form his ministry. A mass meeting of workmen was held here to protest against the president's policy of refusing all offers to build more railway cars and locomotives at such work to date in order to give employment to those who need it to support themselves and families. A resolution embodying the sense of the meeting was forwarded to Santiago.

HEAVY SNOW

Oakland, Dec. 20.—Another heavy snow storm is in progress here. During the last few hours a great quantity of snow has fallen, and it is reported to be the heaviest in the state's history. Out in the state the whole snow is from two feet to 30 inches in depth. Stock on the ranges is reduced in splendid condition. The grain shows signs that the heavy covering of snow has saved the wheat from damage from the severe cold.

HEMLOCK FUNERAL

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The funeral of Washington Hemlock will take place on Wednesday morning. There will be private service at the residence. Requiem mass will be celebrated at 10.30 a. m. at the cathedral of the Holy Name, North street and Superior, by Archbishop Fochan and his associate. Interment will be in St. Boniface cemetery.

BURSTING CONFIDENCE

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The father of the "Kidnaper" burst, the condemned murderer, says: "I have not given up the fight for my son's life. My wife try to get a writ of error from the state supreme court. If this is denied, we can go direct to the latter court and make application. That is, we can raise the money for the expenses of this litigation have impoverished me."

CONTROVERSY IN TEXAS

Chicago, Dec. 20.—A special to the Chronicle from Fort Worth, Texas, says: The state of Texas and the United States government are in conflict over a piece of ground on the east end of Galveston island on which is located the state quarantine station and which has been taken possession of by the federal authorities, who intend erecting a telegraph station thereon. The United States claim it under the terms of the Texas annexation treaty, which requires the ceding to the government by the Republic of Texas of all lands used for the purpose of military defenses or upon which fortifications were standing. The state will dispute the claim on the ground that there were no available fortifications in existence on the ground in controversy, at the time the treaty was made.

TO REDUCE WAGES

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 20.—Notice of a 10 per cent reduction in wages on January 1 has been posted in the Amoskank and Tetlow cotton mills in this city. The Amoskank mill, employing 400 operatives, posted a similar notice last week. The Amoskank and Tetlow mills employ 1,100 operatives.

THE DISH LEADER

New York, Dec. 20.—John E. Redmond, M. P., the well-known Irish leader, will sail for the country on December 26. He is coming to America at the invitation of prominent workers in the Irish cause to speak on the rebellion of 1798, to arouse the enthusiasm of Irish-Americans in the pilgrimage to Ireland next July to celebrate the rising.

ENGLISH CROP REVIEW

London, Dec. 20.—The Mark Lane Express review of the crop prospects says: English wheat fields have a satisfactory appearance and those of France are now regarded as favorable. But it is doubted if the average will be as large as a year ago. The Italian average will probably be increased, as the whole autumn has been favorable to sowing. The news from Russia varies. Mildness is reported in the Black Sea littoral, and snow in a greater portion of the empire. Stocks

awaiting export in Russian ports amount to 1,362,000 quarters, against 2,552,000 quarters a year ago, suggesting that recent Russian shipments were heavier than services last season.

SURVEY BOATS

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 20.—The United States geologic survey ship McArthur has been ordered to Alaska and with the opening of spring will head for the Yukon. There to remain until a series of important surveys have been accomplished and a McArthur lies on the ways at the Hay & Wright shipyard receiving repairs. But thorough study of the country made. The ship will soon be in readiness for service.

AWAITING SHIPMENT

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The exportation of raw cotton from the southern states to Japan, by way of the Pacific coast ports is practically double what it was last season, according to the figures of the Southern Pacific company. There are at present in San Francisco 15,000 bales of cotton awaiting shipment to Japan. There are not steamers enough to the Pacific Mail service to prevent congestion of this and other westbound Oriental freight.

TO AID INDIGENT JEWS

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 20.—A certificate of incorporation was filed today with the secretary of state by the American "Congregation" of Jews of New York city and it is intended to carry on operations throughout the United States and Canada. The object of the organization is to aid and assist indigent and needy Jews of all nationalities resident in Jerusalem and Palestine by means of donations and collections from respectable Hebrew households. "Habu Meyer Bull Ha Nos" or an abbreviation thereof "Rambah."

MELLEN THE MAN

St. Paul, Dec. 20.—The Dispatch today says the denial of the published report by D. H. Lambert, that C. R. Mellen will become the next president of the Union Pacific, is not credited by railroad men in this city. It is intimated that Mellen has been offered the presidency with a salary considerably larger than that received by him now, as an inducement to undertake the task of placing the Union Pacific on a base similar to the organization of the Northern Pacific.

SANTA CRUZ ANCHORE

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 20.—The Pacific coast steamer Santa Cruz, enroute to Alaska, is anchored at Bella Coola. The passengers are unwell, and it is thought the steamer will be floated at the declined assistance from the steamer Captain.

The captain of the Captains says the Santa Cruz is lying safely on a sandy beach and can probably be floated if she is lightened. The Santa Cruz refused assistance from the Captains, as the Captains, as the George W. Elder, of the same line was expected along very shortly.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

New York, Dec. 20.—The Christmas money order business of the New York postoffice generally, exceeds that of any previous year. The outgoing European mail has practically closed, but the incoming mail from foreign countries has just begun to arrive. All of the foreign money order business is transacted by the New York office. Our Christmas presents in Europe represented by money orders sent during the first eight days in December, was \$2,538,816 in 1897 orders. The amount number of orders 75,000, sent to Great Britain and Ireland, represented \$18,745.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Pick, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now an enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The \$5 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Estes-Corn Drug Company.

BRITAIN'S NEW HARBOR

N. Y. Tribune. While plans of harbor improvement are doubtless discussed in this country, it may be of interest to observe a single one of the works which Great Britain is seriously undertaking. This is nothing less than the creation of a large artificial harbor at Dover, a place where there is no natural anchorage for such an undertaking. It is an open coast, with no bay or inlet, and exposed to the full force of the by no means placid winds and waves of the Channel. Long ago an admiralty pier was constructed there at great cost. For some years past a commercial harbor has been in course of construction at the east side of this pier, including an area of seventy-five acres. That in itself is a great work. But it is a mere trifle by the side of what the government has now decided upon. The new plan involves the extension of the old admiralty pier some two thousand feet further into the channel, the building of another pier a mile and a half further out and 120 feet long, and the connection of the awkward extremities of the two with a breakwater 1,200 feet long. These will include an admiralty harbor with an area of 60 acres, 35 acres being at low water outside the five-fathom line. Thus at all times there will be ample room and safe anchorage for a score of the largest lined-battle ships at once, together with twice as many smaller craft. It will probably be the finest harbor of refuge and coaling station on the whole British coast. The pier and breakwater will be constructed of solid masonry, carried down to the rock underlying the bed of the channel. Below the surface they will be made of concrete concrete blocks and above it of forty-ton granite blocks, all so knitted together as to render the whole structure practically monolithic. Years of time and tens and perhaps scores of millions of dollars will be needed for the completion of this colossal enterprise. Yet it is decided and entered upon with far less hesitation than the United States shingles over the deepening of some channel or the construction of a single dyke. It is a magnificent object lesson in the earnestness and business-like methods of the British nation in fulfilling what it conceives to be its destiny, and an impressive reminder of what others must compete with who would rival the present "ruler of the waves."

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And now we see the fatal mother, the nurse and the infant trailing into the photographer's when baby's picture will be taken for papa. In nine cases out of ten, however, the child is so dressed up for the occasion that father fails to recognize his own offspring when the photograph is presented.

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