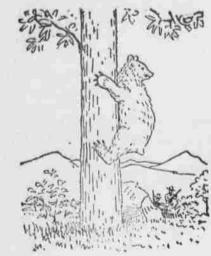
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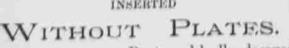
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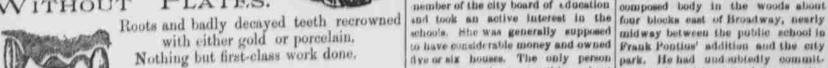
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CHINA ASKS FOR PEACE

The Japanese Fleet Leaves Port Arthur.

Other Important Foreign News Items.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21.—It is reported this evening on good authority that di between Pekin and Tokio. The Japan- first time, stands as follows: ese fleet has left Port Arthur and steamed southward. Its destination is not known.

WAR PROBABLY ENDED.

LONDON, Dec. 21.-Important dispatches received here from Tokio indicate clearly that, practically, the war Whatever instructions have been conveyed to the commanders of the respective military and naval forces from assurance given in quarters known to be affairs, that the empire of China has been prevailed upon to hasten the commissioners to Japan, and that these envoys will have such power of concession as will without doubt enable thorough end to hostilities Details of their authority are not given, but the presumption is not ignored in diplomatic quarters that the concessions asked by the Japanese government have met with the acquiescence of the eigning powers of China.

A Dastardly Murder.

house. The body had evidently been life about the house for ten days.

A boy who delivers milk at her house and noticed that the can he left about one fearful blow.

Mrs. Matson was for several years a saw them run away.

Newcastle Mine Scaled.

BEATVLE, Doc. 21. - The Newcastie been sealed up and abandoned and the ager simith placing it all told inside of \$100,000. A great many of the mituers will be thrown out of work for the present and the supply of cost will be temperarily limited. Mr. Smith visited the mine yesterday and said on his return at 5 s'clock: "We have decided, then constituing the surface, me overy opening has been closed up."

Two loness for a trickel at Mischig's of Manuer Hene Dr. Price's Cross tisking Fowder Dr. Price's Cream Staking Sourder World's Pair Highest Awards Account feet State Make Make State State From State Stat

New Members of the Canadian Cabi net Going to Montreal.

Mackenzie Bowell, Sir Charles H. Tupper, Hop. John Costigan, W. B. Ives, A. R. Dickey and Dr. Montague left last evening for Montreal to be sworn luto WAR IS PRACTICALLY CONCLUDED office by Lord Aberdeen. These are all the ministers who are changing departments and who require to take the oath of office. The only one who requires re-election is Mr. Dickey. It is understood that his election will take place at once, Dr. Montague and Senator Ferguson will merely be required to take the oath of privy councillor.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Dec. 21.-The new cabinet has at last been formed, rect peace negotiations are progressing and the official list given out, for the

Prime minister and president of the privy council, Mackenzie Bowell; postmaster-general, Sir Adolphe Caron minister of marine and fisheries, John Costigan; minister of finance, George Eulas Foster; minister of justice, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper; minister of between China and Japan is ended. railways and cabais, John Graham Haggart; minister of militia and defense, James Coluccol: Patterson; minister of the Interior, Thomas Mryne the governing powers of the two em- Daly; minister of trade and commerce, pires is not told in the advices, but the William Bullock Ives; minister of agriculture, Auguste Real Augere; secthoroughly cognizant of diplomatic retary of state, Arthur R Dickey; without perciolies, Sir Frank Smith, D. Ferguson and Dr. Montague; not in the cabinet, solicitor-general of Canada, Joseph Curran; controller of customs, Nathaniel Clarke Wallace; controller them to bring about an immediate and of the inland revenue, John Fisher

LONDON, Dec. 21 - The morning Post says that the reconstruction of the Canadian cabinet is satisfactory evidence of the stable condition of political affairs in the Dominion. When Sir John Madonald died, enemies and despondendent friends prophesied the Topeka, Kan., Dec. 21 .- At 3:30 a gradual success of the policy which corrible murder was discovered in this intriguing Republicans had striven for. city. Mrs. A. D. Matson was found Two ministers have come and gone without any check on the policy of the there for at least ten days, as it was great political master, and a third is

The Hamilton Mystery.

SEATTLE, Dec. 21 .- The mystery ten days ago had stayed on the back surrounding the disappearance of Robdoorstep and he gave an alarm to the ert Hamilton, ex-secretary of the Odd pelice. Mrs. Matson lived alone, her Fellows' relief committee, who jumped husband being in California. The en- his bonds during the latter part of tire top of her head was crushed in as September, rather than answer to the hough she had been struck dead by charge of embezzlement, was cleared away yesterday afternoon by the discovery of his badly disfigured and denumber of the city board of education composed body in the woods about schools. She was generally supposed midway between the public school in to have considerable money and owned Frank Pontins' addition and the city five or six houses. The only person park. He had undoubtedly commitwho seems to know anything about ted suicide and from the failure to dishe case is a deaf and dumb colored cover any weapon in the vicinity it is man named George Coight, who saw presumed that he took poison. There two men, probably on the eyesing of is not the slightest doubt about his the 11th, enter the window of the mur- identity and the only question to be dedered woman's house and afterward finitely settled is the means of death.

Another Souliess Trust

PENDLETON, Dec. 21. - Missouri river and coast packers have formed a comm he which took fire on Monday has bination on general packing house products and will withdraw all stocks Oregon Improvement company will from interior points, such as Pendiston open a new slope at another point on and Walla Walla. All packers are in the veto. Notwithstanding this action the trust and the only coast distribut the company's loss will not by nearly ing points will be Los Angeles, Ran so great as first believed, General Man- Prancisco, Portland, Heatile and Tucrosse the price per pound one cent to consumers, except at terminal points.

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TAIDMA, Duc. 21 .- A special to the We have all the machinery for the logical that a board hearing the name work and it will not be such a great "fynation", the manue of the ilifated undertaking. We have a slope down vessel which left Rentile Reptamber supply of cont for ten days, after which that place. The wife of the keeper of the output will increase constantly Willers bay light found it partially until we have an output squal to the buried in the annet, the gift interend post. There is no longer any danger of the name having attracted her nitre-

mispers, mippers for heliday present,

OTTAWA, Oat., Dec. 21-Honorable Carlisle's Pet Measure Shelved by a Cancus.

MOST UNPOPULAR BILL IN HISTORY

A Substitute to Be Introduced by Springer.

Washington, Dec. 21. - The Carliele surrency bill now before the house of representatives will be withdrawn and substitute presented. This decision was reached after a caucus of the Demperatic members of the banking and currency committee quietly held last night, and followed by a conference be ween Secretary Carlisle and Chairman Springer today. The substitute has already been drawn and will be offered by Springer today or tomorrow, but certainly before the holiday recess, as the desire of all concerned is to get it before the country prior to adjournment, I differs very materially from the original Carliele bill.

In all the 53 congresses that have ex isted since the adoption of the consti tution, there has never been a bill pre sented of such farreaching importance as this, and backed as it is by the administration, which had so few influential friends upon the floor of the house, or was viewed with such suspicon by the men who are supposed to lead the house, but who really try to keep in harmony with the majority.

COLORADO SILVER MEN.

Resolve to Affiliate Only With Pres Coinage Party.

DENVER, Dec. 21 .- There was a large attendance of representative men at following resolution was adopted, with only two dimenting votes:

"That the word 'non-partisan' be stiff and cold and there has been no marshalled under another old pupil, stricken from the constitution and by laws wherever it appears, and that the members of the Colorado Silver League refuse to affiliate or work with any political party which does not nationsily declare unequivocally in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1."

Ed. R Holden wanted the convention to endorse the People's party, but this it refused tot do. C. S. Thomas Democratic national committeeman for Colorado, lu a speech, said:

"If, when the presidential nomina-tions are made, the men who are now backing Cleveland and sanctioning move that is made by Carlisle in regard to the financial question, come to the support of the party which elected Mr. Cieveland, that party will meet political death and will sink into oblivion. And if, on the other hand, that same element, Wall street, shall be the sponsor for the Republican nominees, that party, too, will meet the same descrying fate,"

O, O Merrick was re-elected prestdent of the league.

For Bilver.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 21.—The leading bankers and business men of this city some. The agreement offs to all it. any currency plan acted upon the man-business since the challeng of the Canterior jobbers and an operator as to in attituent part thereof should be the rg. trails bank, which accounts for the monetization of silver.

Against Secret Societies.

no less expensive and more cartain, to Ladger from South Stone anye; A matchin the appendix delegate, says any will be caught. The note in the postmen a new slope at some other place report comes from North flore, West- information concerning the recent letter to Bishop McDonnell, affecting A Full Supply of Horses and Buggies on Hand. Horses will be slimited been found to the court back to the delegate says his only of pight and day. There will be a limited been found on the court back to the delegate says his only of secret accietics, must come from the communication exactly as it came from kinne, and that it involved no sotion or ruling on his past. He was asked if the han of the church was to be placed on other sames audisting thus the Knights of Pytician, Odd Fellows and none of Temperance, but he designed to give any information.

ARMENIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, D.c. 21 .- The Rev.

A Life Exile for Translating Scripture.

Seth Sweeney, of Indiana, who was consul general to the Octobann empire during Harrison's administration, was in the city. He came bearing a petition representing 300,000 Christian women-the Woman's Christian Board of Missions-praying the sultan for the JEERING SYMPATHIZERS SHOT AT release of Sahag Mandissian, an Ar menian life exile at Moorzouk, in the casis of Fexau, in the d sert of Sabera Mr. Sweeney presented the petition yesterday to the a cretary of state, asking his friendly offices in forwarding it to Minister Terrell at Constantinople and requesting him to present it to his majesty in behalf of the ladies. The

story of Sahag's offense is as follows: Some years ago he was teaching for the American missionaries in an interior town in Turkey. A young man of the village came to him with a writing in Armenian and asked him to translate it into Turkish. Sahag did so without inquiring as to the motives of the writer. The young man took it and wore it upon his breast in the market place. It was a passage from the scriptures proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of Christ, The Turkish officials naturally concluded that It meant the overthrow of the Ottoman empire and arrested the young man for conspiracy. The trial developed the fact that Sahag translated the paper, and although, shown to be perfectly innocent of any conspiracy, he was scutenced to life exile into Africa.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Armeniana of London and Paris, in recognition of Mr. Gladstone's letter of sympathy and encouragement, will present a silver and gilt chalice to the Hawarden church on his 85th birthday.

The Daily News correspondent in Vienna says the Ohristian Armenians are about to ask for an autonomous government, similar to that formerly given to East Roumania. Falling to the convention of the Colorado Silver obtain this, they will ask for institu-League. After a hot discussion, the tions similar to those of a rete. A deputation of Armenians will call upon the commission of inquiry to impress upon its members the necessity of procuring Christian government of some sort of Armenia. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-Becretary

Gresham was walted on by representatives of the Evangelical Alliance, who presented to him a petition of the ailiance, urging this government to take steps for the protection of American citizens and for religious liberty in Turkey. Resolutions of various religious bodies were also presented through those citizens. The secretary received the gentlemen very courteously, and his reply was extremely gratifying to the deputation,

Bold Postoffice Robbery. CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 21 .- The

boldest and most suscessful burgiary that has taken place in this city for a long time occurred yesterday. The it will introduce evidence at the proper postoffice was robbed of about \$1000 to time, that the facts in the conspiracy each, stamps and a gold watch. The are so closely intersected that an order robbery was evidently the work of of proof must be preserved. local crooks, as the location and genheld a meeting to discuss the Battimore eral business methods were familiar plan for regulating the currency. It with winever did the work. The postwas the sense of the meeting that in office has been doing a big money order large amount of each on hand. There the proceedings of a meeting of the is yet no clue to the robbers, but a number of people are being studowed and chety. A muniter of toppeyers have Wassission, Duc. 21. - Monsignore it is thought probable that the thiever decided to refuse to pay the new teams. office was blown open.

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Protected from a Meb by the Sheriff.

A Brave Woman Forces a Has'y Retreat.

ELWOOD CITY, Pa., Dec. 21.-Sheriff Douthitt has been called here to guard non-union employes in the tin plate mill. About sixty men and women are at work. Susle Weaver, a Pitteburg girl employed in the mill, was jeered on her way home by the women sympathizers of the former employes, She drew a 41 caliber revolver and fired several shots in the air and the women beat a hasty retreat. It is rumored that threats have been made to burn the hotel where the workmen ar

IN SOUTHEAN OREGON.

Five or Six Feet of Snow Along the Railroad.

ASHLAND, Dec. 21,-The heavy storms of the past week have left lote of snow in the mountains and highlands of Southern Oregon and Northern California. On the south side of the Siskiyous, in the Mount Shasta section, there is a depth of five or six feet along the railroad. The road has been kept clear, though, with buck plows, and the rotary has not yet been used. Several cars on the overland northbound yesterday were somewhat damaged by a cellission with a boulder on the Siskiyous and laid in Ashland three hours yelterday evening for repairs to be made.

Among the passengers on the train were a band of negroes, who are being imported direct from South Carollus to work on the coal mines in the Coca Bay country. Toors were fifty men, seven of them with families.

AN EMBEZZLER PARDONED.

Steeves Not Yet Accused of The Murder of Sayers.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 21-John Atwood who was sentenced from Multusmah county to seven years in the nenttentiary, for embezzling four thousand dollars while in the employ of Jasob Kamm, has been pardoned, after serve ing about seventeen months of his senstance.

Thus for in the Steeyes Itial no oyle. dence has been introduced by the state tending to implicate Steeves in the murder of gayres. To the defense's repeated objection the state mys thut

REWSPAPARS CONFISCATED.

Italian Taxpayers Resisting the New Excise Law.

ROME, Dec. 21 .- Three newspapers were conficulted today for publishing Longue of Liberty, on anarchistic san

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