

WARSHIP MONTEREY.

Official Test of the New Coast Defense Vessel.

NAVAL OFFICERS WELL PLEASED WITH HER PERFORMANCE.

Her Machinery Works to Perfection—The New Boilers a Decided Success—The Horse-Power of the Navy Department's New Acquisition Exceeds the Limit Called for in the Contract for Her Construction.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The official trial trip of the new coast defense vessel Monterey occurred in the bay of San Francisco to-day, and was entirely successful. Official computations upon the data which will not be completed for a week or two, and the exact amount of horse-power which the Monterey developed will not be known until then. But approximate computations were made as soon the run was finished this afternoon and these show a development of 5,452 horse-power on the main engines alone. The horse-power of the auxiliary engines is estimated at from 100 to 200.

Both the contract and naval engineers who were on duty during the trial are confident that the 5,400 horse-power required by the contract has been exceeded, and they express entire satisfaction with the performance of the engines to-day.

During the four hours' run under forced draft there was not the slightest accident to any part of the machinery. The maximum revolutions were 168 per minute, and the average for the four hours was about 162.

As there is no more speed requirement in the contract, no great effort was made to ascertain the exact speed of the vessel during her run to-day, but calculations based upon the patent log and imperfect shore bearings showed a maximum speed of over fifteen knots per hour, and an average speed of about fourteen knots. The members of the Naval Trial Board considered that this speed was all that could be expected of a vessel of the Monterey type, having such a great beam and a low freeboard, which permitted a continuous circle wave of water to pour over her bow and flood the forward deck.

The feature of the trial run which attracted the greatest attention on the part of the naval engineers was the entirely successful performance of the Ward boilers, an American invention, which was used for the first time on so large a scale.

The increase in the number of revolutions of the engines was due to the change which was made within the past week in the pitch of the propellers. During the last preliminary run, over a week ago, steam pressure was maintained at the highest possible point, but it was impossible to obtain more than 154 revolutions, as the maximum and average was less than 150. With that number of revolutions the indicated horse-power was about 5,200, which was 200 less than the contract requirement, and which would have subjected the Union Iron Works to a penalty of \$20,000. Accordingly the contractors determined to reduce the pitch of the screws, for the purpose of obtaining an increase in the number of revolutions per minute, and consequently an increase of the horse-power. The pitch of the screws was formerly twelve feet six inches, but was reduced about eight inches.

The Monterey left her moorings off the Union Iron Works early this morning and steamed slowly over to Mission Bay until she was boarded by the highest of which Rear Admiral George Brown is the senior officer. She continued to receive for half an hour more, gradually increasing the steam pressure and revolutions of the engines. About 5:40 she passed Hunter's Point, headed for Angel Island, and started on her official trial. The engines were making 162 revolutions at the outset, and in five minutes had increased to 164.

For the first half hour the tide was running strong against her and there was a stiff wind dead ahead. The water was piling up on her forward deck in a great wave five feet deep and running off the sides in a torrent. Right at the point of the bow it was backed up by the anchors and heavy pipes and then swept back almost to the barbette of the forward gun. Clouds of spray were caught up by the strong wind and swept over the bridge and the superstructure above the deck, and persons on the bridge were drenched in a moment. Cinders flew out of the smoke stack and it was necessary to cover the hatches with tarpaulins to prevent their getting into the machinery.

Tugs and forty-boats gave the coast-defender a free course as she passed Goat Island, and every steam craft on the bay near her saluted with its whistle.

A half-hour's run was made on a straight course, and the engines maintained an average of about 164 revolutions. The engineers took three sets of indicator cards in the half hour, upon which the computations for horse-power will be made. A glance at the first cards taken showed that they indicated all that the contractors could wish, and there was no doubt that the race against horse-power would be successful, if the pressure could be maintained without accident for the four consecutive hours.

After she had reached the eastern shore of Angel Island a long turn was made, with the engines still working at full power. The vessel then returned to Hunter's Point over the same course, and this time no spray flying. The cards taken on the second half hour were even better than the first ones, and on this run the maximum of 168 revolutions was reached.

The Monterey occupied the four hours in rapid cruising back and forth over the same course, and the engineers took their sets of cards every half-hour. The machinery kept cool all the time. There were no streams of water pouring on it, as is frequently necessary. The atmosphere in the engine-room and fireroom became heated to an uncomfortable degree, but the engineers and firemen held

their posts, and the latter worked with all their power. During one of the half-hour straight runs the steam went down considerably and the revolutions fell to an average of 160, but that minimum was not maintained long.

The trial run was finished at about 1:40 p. m., and was announced by a long and jubilant blast of the fog siren in Mission Bay, which carried the news to the employees of the Union Iron Works, who constructed the vessel, that the Monterey had won the victory.

SEALERS SURPRISED. Judgment Rendered Against the Schooner Oscar and Hattie.

VICTORIA (B. C.), Jan. 5.—Chief Justice Begbie this morning gave judgment in the case of the Crown vs. the schooner Oscar and Hattie against the schooner. The Chief Justice held that the seizure was perfectly legal, and therefore ordered the schooner and cargo condemned. The judgment came like a thunderbolt to the sealers, who had expected that the schooner would be discharged. The owners of the schooner, in the statement of the defense, claimed that the schooner went to Atu for water, and was seized while taking water, and further, there were no seals within several hundred miles of Atu. It is probable the case will be taken to the higher court.

MYSTERY CLEARED AWAY. The Killing of Lafayette Steele Due to an Accident.

MODESTO, Jan. 5.—The mystery surrounding the killing of Lafayette Steele, at his ranch, while plowing, Thursday afternoon, has probably been cleared up. At the inquest Fred Reynolds, a neighboring farmer, testified that he, at about the time of the killing, fired at a hawk in a tree, distant over half a mile, with a Winchester rifle, and had missed the mark. The bullet in Steele's heart and the one fired by Reynolds correspond in every particular. The killing being the result of an accident, no arrests will probably be made.

Selling Valuable Mining Property. NANSIMO (B. C.), Jan. 5.—J. W. Sutherland, mining expert of Fairhaven, Wash., left here a few days ago to complete the sale of bonds of nearly half a million on mining property on Texada Island, near here. He was accompanied by capitalists from Washington, Oregon and California and A. Raper, Secretary of the Texada Gold and Silver Mining Company. The property is iron, gold, copper and marble claims.

Napa Items. NAPA, Jan. 5.—The Board of Freeholders, appointed to prepare a new charter for this city, to-day organized by electing Dr. Benjamin Shortliff as Chairman.

At Rutherford, in this county, the jury found a verdict of suicide over the body of Henry Schmidt, found dead.

Delegate to State Irrigation Convention. SAN DIEGO, Jan. 5.—W. S. Montgomery left today for the State Convention of Irrigation Districts at Sacramento. He will propose an amendment to the Wright law to consolidate the districts for the purpose of economical management, and another to enable them to dispose of the properties they may not need.

Ex-Governor St. John of Kansas. SAN DIEGO, Jan. 5.—Ex-Governor St. John of Kansas has arrived here to spend the winter in Southern California.

TURF TOPICS. ENTRIES FOR THE GREAT SUBURBAN HANDICAP.

Results of the Racing Events at New Orleans and at the Bay District Track.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The entries received for the famous Suburban handicap, to be run at the course of the Coney Island Jockey Club, were made public to-day as follows: Rey del Rey, Dr. Hasbrouck, Leonaval, Reclaire, Tournament, Candelabra, Victory, Russell, Mary, H. Highness, Yorkville Belle, Banquet, Debut, Kingston, Longstreet, Nomad, Raccald, Tammany, Montana, The Pepper, Silver Fox, Steve Estes, Two Bits, Cassius, Pessara, Lowlander, Fidelio, Torridor, Parvenu, La Tosca, Lamp-lighter, Lochatche, Major Dono, Judge Morrow, Strathmuth, Charade, Hilmie.

The start that closed January 2, 1893, received the following entries: Zephyr 87, Spring 75, June 16, Vernal 63, Volunteer 42, Swift 38, Spindrift 29, Bayridge 18, Suburban 37, Sheephead Bay 41, Flatbush 32, Great Eastern 76, September 27, Flight 16, Autumn 92, Double Event 120, Great Trial 177.

The Futurity for 1895 has already received 828 entries, with California and England in the lead. The entries will probably be over 1,000.

RACING AT NEW ORLEANS. NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 5.—The track was a trifle slow. Six furlongs, Galena Brown won, Virgo second, Carrie Pearl third. Time, 1:24.

Five furlongs, Bobby Beach won, Angere second, Joe Lee third. Time, 1:11. Seven furlongs, May Hardy won, Bon Fire second, Brown Button third. Time, 1:34.

Seven and a half furlongs, Dixie V. won, Sir Planet second, Wantauga third. Time, 1:43.

BLOOD-HORSE RACES. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The Bay District track to-day was fast. The weather was sunny, but cold, and the attendance fair.

The first race on the programme was a sprint of four and one-half furlongs. Jim E. won, Gipsy Girl second, Carlos third. Time, 0:55.

Six furlongs, Carter B. won, Guadalupe second, Folly third. Time, 1:04.

One mile, Synpathetic's Last won, Esperanza second, Sheridan third. Time, 1:43.

Seven furlongs, Happy Day won, Eagle second, Mable M. third. Time, 1:23.

Five furlongs, St. Croix won, Typesetter second, Mountain Boy third. Time, 1:01.

Building for College Fraternities. CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—It has been decided that a building for the exhibition of college fraternities will be erected at the World's Fair. The structure will be a Greek temple, and is expected to cost \$5,000.

GAIL HAMILTON'S WAIL.

Arraigns the Head of the British Government for Murder.

BECAUSE MRS. MAYBRICK IS CONFINED IN PRISON.

Another Death Reported From the Effects of a Dagger Wound Received by One of the Participants in Amateur Theatricals—Horrible Murder and Attempted Suicide at Albany, New York.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—"In the name of God I arraign you, as the head of the British Government, for the murder of Florence Elizabeth Maybrick, now dying in a convict prison at Working."

So writes Miss Abigail Dodge, author, known to the literary world as Gail Hamilton, to the Rt. Hon. William E. Gladstone, Prime Minister of Great Britain. Miss Dodge declares that there is no evidence of the imprisoned woman's guilt and shames the great Government for binding the feeble hands of a woman in a living tomb, and demanding more evidence of her innocence.

After reproaching the British Government, and the Home Office in particular, for its barbarous action, Miss Dodge declares they are guilty of deliberate murder. "Gladstone," she says, "but if there be a God who hears the voice of innocent blood crying from the ground, it is better to be a young wife and mother perishing in Working Prison, than the Prime Minister of a Government who works her torture and her slaughter."

ORDER OF IRON HALL. Supreme Officers Held to Appear Before Court.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—Freeman D. Somberly, late Supreme President of the Order of Iron Hall; Dr. Charles H. Baker, late Supreme Medical Examiner; Joseph Gladding, late Supreme Organizer, and James H. Eckersley, late Chairman of the Supreme Finance Committee, were arraigned this morning before Magistrate Pole on a charge of using \$200,000 of the order's funds to sustain the Mutual Banking and Trust Company of this city. Counsel for defendants waived hearing, and the Magistrate bound them over in the sum of \$5,000 bail, to appear before court. District Attorney Graham said he would resist the attempt of the Indianapolis authorities to take defendants there for trial.

CAUSE OF ZIP'S DEATH. Remarkable Results of an Autopsy on an Elephant's Body.

BARABOO (Wis.), Jan. 5.—An autopsy, remarkable in itself, and with surprising results, was held to-day on the body of the mammoth elephant Zip that died a few days ago. Although long of tracheal disposition, Zip, three days before his demise, was in a state of continuous frenzy. When cutting open the elephant's stomach the knife encountered a resistance, and further work disclosed the presence of an iron chain four feet long, weighing ninety pounds. This explains the elephant's death and mysterious disappearance of the chain on the occasion of Zip's recent rampage.

SPIRIT DOCUMENTS. Letter Purporting to Come From the Pope Declared to be False.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Archbishop Ireland in an interview this afternoon declared that the alleged encyclical letter going the rounds of the country, purporting to be from the Pope, is spurious and false in every particular. The document represents the Pope as calling upon the priests and laymen of the United States to use their influence as citizens of America in securing for the Pope complete control over the temporalities of their country.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS. Led to Another Victim of the Innocent Daggler.

ELGIN (Ill.), Jan. 5.—Mahlon Jones, a teacher in a high school at Hampshire, died to-day from a dagger wound inflicted by Rosa Schultz, a handsome young teacher in the same town. She was the heroine and he the villain in a drama presented by an amateur theatrical company, of which both were members, and in the excitement of a public presentation she plunged the dagger, with which she was supposed to kill him, into his breast.

TYPHUS FEVER IN NEW YORK. Twelve New Cases and Three Deaths Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Sixty new cases of typhus fever were taken from Bellevue Hospital to North Brother Island to-day. There were three deaths during the morning among the patients on the island. The Health Board has appointed thirty more physicians as inspectors.

At midnight six additional cases of typhus were reported, and some of those were found in a house which had hitherto been free from the disease.

MURDERED FOR SIX DOLLARS. JOHNSON CITY (Tenn.), Jan. 5.—News has just been received from Belvoir that Robert Lane and Alexander White got from the postoffice a registered letter containing six dollars. They were set upon by unknown persons and murdered for it.

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LAKESWOOD (N. J.), Jan. 5.—Jim Hall,

who is to fight Bob Fitzsimmons, arrived here in company with Alex Greggains of San Francisco and Joe Kline of Bolot, Ill., who will take care of him for the fight with Fitzsimmons.

A MATCH FALLS THROUGH. NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Contrary to general belief, the proposed match between Alec Greggains and Ted Pritchard, which was to take place before the Olympic Athletic Club of New Orleans, has not been consummated. The obstacle which kept the men from signing was that the articles of agreement contained no stipulation relative to what the loser's end was to be, nor what expenses were to be allowed.

AMATEUR ATHLETES. Boxing and Wrestling at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—The fifth annual championship meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union began to-night at the Academy of Music. A large crowd was in attendance, and some especially good boxing and wrestling sport was witnessed. The feature of the evening was the defeat of W. W. Skelley of the National Turn-Verein of Newark, N. J., who held the middle-weight boxing championship for the past two years, by Andrew Black of the Philadelphia Amateur Swimming Club. All to-night's events were trial bouts.

The entry lists of the wrestlers was very long, and it was past midnight when the last trial was decided. The wrestling record was broken when J. K. Land of the Warren Athletic Club of Washington, Neb., threw M. Reilly of Pittsburg, Time, 7:35 seconds. This is the best time on record. The finals will be decided on Saturday night.

CABINET GOSSIP. Little Doubt But That Carlisle Will be Secretary of the Treasury.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—Henry Watterson, the Kentucky editor, speaking to-day of the attitude of John G. Carlisle toward the Cleveland administration, said: "You can state, as my belief, that Mr. Carlisle will accept the proffered portfolio of the Treasury. This will entail an actual sacrifice on the part of Carlisle, for as Secretary his expenses would be greater than the income, as Senator he can supplement his salary by law practice. As Secretary he could not. If Mr. Carlisle administers the Treasury as the country has reason to expect he will, no power on earth can keep him out of the Presidency if he wants it."

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—A Wall-street journal has a Washington special which states that a gentleman who talked with Carlisle yesterday says there is no doubt that he is going to the Treasury under Cleveland.

William C. Whitney to-day said all he knew of Cleveland's Cabinet was the fact that the (Whitney) would not be in it.

TAMMANY'S HAND SHOWN. Mayor Gilroy's Appointments a Disappointment to Many.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Mayor Gilroy's appointments to the local offices are widely commented on to-day. By Republicans they are naturally looked upon as Tammany's intention to put forward hereafter only "practical" politicians of the pure Tammany stripe. Local Democratic politicians admitted to-day the appointments were a bold stroke on the part of Gilroy, and added that they were surprised the Mayor had the hardihood to appoint men of such unenviable records as Scamell and Koch to public office. They regard it as an indication that the young element—the Grant and Martin faction—in Tammany Hall is dead, and that only the members of the "Old Guard" will receive office. What is known as the old "Tombs-Weed crowd" will hereafter be appointed to public office, they say.

AT THE MERCY OF THE WAVES. Sufferings of the Crew of a Wrecked Schooner.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 5.—Captain McEride and a crew of eight men of the schooner Edith Berwind, which was wrecked on Smith's Island Shoals Sunday afternoon, have arrived here. The crew was in the rigging from 6 o'clock Sunday evening till 10 o'clock Monday morning, with the waves breaking constantly over them. Engineer Hines became insane and threw himself into the sea. The others were half-dead when rescued.

COWBOYS AT WAR. Fight in Which Two Men Were Killed and One Wounded.

DENISON (Texas), Jan. 5.—James and Will Nevins and Jack Landon, all cowboys, had a fight with Winchester and six-shooters at the "Three Herd" Ranch, in the Choctaw Nation, yesterday. Will Nevins and Landon were killed and Jim Nevins fatally wounded.

Important Decision. CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—A decision was rendered to-day in the suit of the noted trader, Edwin Partridge, against the Board of Trade, to prevent it from expelling him for dealing in puts and calls. The decision was in favor of the board.

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DESTRUCTIVE FLAMES.

Denver Experiences One of the Largest Fires in Her History.

LOSSES ESTIMATED AT OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLION.

Half a Million Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed by Fire at Pittsburg—Considerable Doubt Existing as to the Truth of the Reported Riot and Lincyngh at Bakersville, Tennessee—Terrible Suffering of a Crew on Board a Wrecked Vessel.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

DENVER (Col.), Jan. 6.—One of the largest fires which has ever occurred in this city started at 10:45 o'clock last night, and at 1 o'clock this (Friday) morning was just under control. The fire started in the oil-room of the F. F. Hallack Paint and Oil and Glass Company, in the Hallack building, and soon spread to adjoining business houses. The total loss is estimated at \$250,000, divided as follows: Eaton, Ritchell & Co., hardware, \$25,000; Hallack Paint, Oil and Glass Company, \$65,000; Denver Stamping Company, \$10,000; E. A. & Charles Hallack, \$10,000; National Cracker Company, nominal. The insurance is about half of the above. Many narrow escapes occurred among the firemen, caused by falling walls, which were blown out by the explosion of oil.

FILE IN A PRINTING OFFICE. OMAHA (Neb.), Jan. 5.—A fire to-night in the composing-room on the second floor of the Omaha Printing Company's building communicated to the bindery on the third floor, and the storage-rooms on the fourth. Within two hours the building was completely gutted, entailing a loss of \$100,000, partly covered by insurance.

BIG FIRE AT PITTSBURG. PITTSBURG, Jan. 5.—A fire broke out to-night in a large brick building occupied by the Collins Cigar Company, and before the flames could be subdued the structure was entirely destroyed, together with three five-story buildings and a residence on Pennsylvania avenue. The buildings destroyed were occupied by P. Duff & Son, commission merchants; Cavitt & Pollock, lamps and fancy imported goods; Booth & Finn, contractors, and numerous offices.

The losses at midnight were estimated at from a quarter to a half million dollars. Keech's immense installment house and the Westinghouse machine shops were on fire several times, but the good work of the fire department saved them.

At 11:30 o'clock the walls of the Duff building fell in with a crash, burying the old Vermer mansion adjoining. Fortunately the family had deserted the house before the walls came down, and as far as known no one was killed, but many valuable paintings and works of art were destroyed.

BOWEN-FIELDEN FIGHT. The Latter Knocked Out in the Twenty-second Round.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 5.—Andy Bowen and Joe Fielden fought before the New Crescent City Athletic Club to-night for a purse of \$2,000, \$500 of which went to the loser.

Round first—Bowen knocked Fielden down. Clever sparring followed, Fielden landing well at times.

Round second—Fielden landed his right on Bowen's nose, and the latter retaliated.

Round third—Bowen landed two good blows, one knocking Fielden down. He arose immediately and punched Bowen in the nose.

Round fourth—Bowen was badly distressed. Fielden smashed him in the face three times and missed two vicious swings.

Rounds fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth were hard rounds, both men punching hard. Bowen received the largest number of blows. The latter fought desperately, but with poor judgment.

In rounds ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth the men fought fairly hard. Fielden doing most of the fighting, Bowen breaking in style and proving very unsatisfactory to his friends and backers.

Rounds fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth were commenced with plenty of hitting. Bowen landed some hard punches.

In the seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth rounds there was fairly good fighting, but Fielden continued to hit second, that his thumb was broken.

Bowen went at his opponent in the twentieth round, knocked him down three times and nearly put him out, but the gong saved him.

Round twenty-one—Bowen punched his man into the ropes several times. Fielden was dead gone. He fell and rose only to be knocked down as fast as he could get up. The gong saved him for the next round, in which he was knocked out with a punch on the neck. He tried to raise, and his gameness (once questioned) was now applauded to the echo, and the fight awarded to Bowen.

WAS IT A FAKE? Doubt Thrown Upon the Reported Riot at Bakersville.

JOHNSON CITY (Tenn.), Jan. 5.—It is next to impossible to get trustworthy information concerning the Bakersville riot. Parties from Cranberry this morning say Snipes was surely lynched; and twenty-three men were killed in order to get them out of the way. Several were injured, and also report that an attempt would be made to lynch the Wiseman brothers, under sentence of death for the murder of Kit Byrd several years ago.

WAS IT A FAKE? CHATTANOOGA (Tenn.), Jan. 5.—A special from Bakersville says the story of the horrible killing of twenty odd people, as reported in the papers to-day, is a "fake" of the first water. No such occurrence has taken place, and the people of that locality are at a loss to understand why the story was told.

A dispatch from a prominent citizen of Mitchell County pronounces the report of a riot and the lynching a gross canard.

But if the lynching occurred the report is greatly exaggerated, for many of the names reported among the killed are unknown in that section.

THE HOMESTEAD TROUBLE. Report of a Fund Being Raised to Prosecute Carnegie Officials.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 5.—A member of the Advisory Committee of Homestead, Pa., has been here for some days, having funds to prosecute the officials of the Carnegie Company. Similar appeals are being made in other large cities. It is intended to raise \$30,000 for the purpose.

DENY ALL KNOWLEDGE OF IT. PITTSBURG, Jan. 5.—Officials of the Amalgamated Association and prominent Homestead strikers deny all knowledge of the Homestead steel-worker referred to in the Cincinnati dispatch as being in that city for the purpose of raising a fund of \$30,000 to prosecute Messrs. Frick, Lovejoy and Attorney Breck for conspiracy.

AN EXCITED POPULACE. Agitation Caused by the Failure of a Banking Firm.

REDWOOD FALLS (Minn.), Jan. 5.—Excitement runs high at Fairfax over the failure of the Bank of Fairfax. The assignee has not made a statement, but the liabilities are very large and the assets very small. Messrs. Gray and Beard are confined in the village lock-up in charge of Renville County officers. An attempt was made to blow up the lock-up with dynamite, but the fuse went out before reaching the explosive.

THE NEW EL DORADO. Prospectors Flocking to the Gold Fields in Utah.

DURANGO (Col.), Jan. 5.—Every train brings in new arrivals who "cut" here and pull out at once for the placers. The first relief trip of the stage, which consists of four coaches and 32 horses, was made into Delores this afternoon. The driver did not bring back any one, and all report the excitement high, but no trouble has yet occurred.

CHURCH AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA. Further Vexatious Restrictions on Non-Orthodox Religions.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5.—The report that the Czar had ordered the Ministry of the Interior to transfer to the Holy Synod the administration of all church affairs is confirmed. This is certain to result in putting further vexatious restrictions on non-orthodox religions, and will probably lead to persecutions. It is feared the chief sufferers will be Lutherans, who are mostly Germans or of German descent.

NOT A BLOW AGAINST CANADA. BUT AGAINST OBNOXIOUS ACTS OF A RAILWAY.

View of Professor Smith With Reference to the Threats of Proceedings Against the Canadian Pacific.

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD-UNION. TORONTO (Ont.), Jan. 5.—Professor Goldwin Smith, with reference to the dispatch from Washington concerning alleged threats of proceedings against the Canadian railways, has this to say: "I believe if the threatened action is taken it will not be intended as a blow against Canada, I was at Washington when the McKinley bill was going through Congress, and in daily intercourse with those engaged in the discussion, some of whom liked the bill about as well as I did. It never was said or even hinted to me that the object was to coerce Canada. A bill like our own national policy of protection was passed in the interest of the political party which brought it forward; and so it is with this meditated action against the railway. It may be taken not as a measure of hostility to Canada, but as a measure of justice to the American companies. If our case was the same, our Government would probably do the same thing."

"The Canadian Pacific Railway, it is true, has by its political attitude and conduct made itself especially obnoxious to Americans. At the time of our last election its President put forth an anti-American manifesto, and the road made extremely tyrannical use of its influence, especially in Manitoba, in favor of the Government, which was appealing for support to the dislike and distrust of Americans. That a road fed by American traffic and connections should be acting as the mainstay of the anti-American party and policy here, may well seem anomalous to the Washington Government. Against the Grand Trunk, which, as one of the Senators said, is politically inoffensive, there is no feeling whatever. The President of the Canadian Pacific Railway says his line will not materially suffer if the threatened action is taken. The road is as much English as American, or as much American as Canadian. It discriminates, if the statements made as to comparative is correct, against Canadian traffic, and therefore its quarrel will hardly be ours, nor need we allow it to influence our general policy toward the United States."

MASTODONS IN ALASKA. Animals That the Indians Claim to Have Found.

The Stickeen Indians positively assert that within the last five years they have frequently seen animals which from the description given must be mastodons. Last spring while out hunting, one of these animals came across a series of large tracks, each the size of the bottom of a salt barrel, sunk deep in the moss. He followed the curious trail for some miles, finally coming in full view of his game. As a class these Indians are the bravest of hunters, but the proportions of this new species of game, filled the hunter with terror, and he took to swift and immediate flight. He describes the creature as being as large as a moose, trader's store, with great, shining, yellowish-white tusks and a mouth large enough to swallow a man at a single gulp. He further says that the animal was undoubtedly of the same species as those whose bones and tusks lie all over that section of the country.

The fact that other hunters have told of seeing these monsters browsing on the banks up along the river, gives a certain probability to the story. Over on Forty-mile creek bones of mastodons are quite plentiful. One ivory tusk nine feet long and four inches in diameter was found that creek, and single teeth have been found that were so large that they would be a good deal for one man to carry. It is believed that the mule-footed hog will co-exist with the aurora every night in Alaska