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these United States made him president for. The railroad men, too, are becoming more tractable than they have been before. They recognize that the president means business and that they have more to gain by co-operating with him than by adhering to a policy of resistance and obstruction and evasion of the law.

It will be the business of the fifty-ninth congress to frame the legislation to be decided upon in the meantime. Americans as a rule are willing to "take the chances." Perhaps that partly explains the list of dead on Fifth street.

Why Not Alaska, Too?

The senate passed a bill last Friday which ought to be worth something to the people of Alaska. There is no mention of Alaska in the bill, and it refers altogether to the Philippines, but it establishes a precedent which the friends of Alaska may be able to take advantage of.

Perhaps he ought. We have building inspectors for the purpose of protecting ourselves from just such calamities. Everybody makes mistakes; some mistakes are very costly. But where the safety of human life is concerned there is not much patience or consideration shown for those who take unnecessary chances against accident.

Last Night's Calamity.

Every great disaster like that of last night calls for an accounting. Everybody wants to know who is to blame. Naturally the first conclusion is that the building inspector is the man who should have prevented this terrible affair.

How much more must we suffer in this city in reputation, how much in loss of property, how much in sacrifice of human life not only to violent death, but to the destroying power of vice thru the lax enforcement, or better, the complacent non-enforcement of law before we are ready to demand of our public officials that this order shall be changed?

Making Good Progress.

Legislation by the present congress at this closing session with reference to railroad-rate regulation is not probable. Less than two months of actual working life remain of the present congress, and the proper remedy for railroad abuses is not yet formulated with sufficient definiteness to expect enactment of new laws in the closing days of this congress.

imposed upon service between parts of the one city? If not, then there does not appear a very satisfactory reason why, under present conditions, Minneapolis and St. Paul shall not be treated as substantially one city for telephone purposes; and it will be a clever move on the part of that company which first abolishes the long-distance charge.

Slason Thompson in the Outlook has some startling figures on the prevalence of violence in labor troubles. The record covers the period between Jan. 1, 1902, and Sept. 30, 1904. In this two years and nine months there were killed in strikes 193 persons; injured, 1,966, and arrested, 6,114.

After considerable fuss and investigation the prohibitionists found that the money collected by Chairman Stewart of the national committee was honestly but not intelligently disbursed. The agitated tones and loud outcry of the Voice gave the impression that it was much worse than this, but the trouble with the vocal organ was that Mr. Stewart used much of the money to build up a rival organ to the Voice. Hence the chest tones.

The Christmas edition of the Montgomery Ala. Advertiser is one of the most notable papers ever issued in the south. It contains ninety-two pages and had a circulation of over 25,000 copies. The typography is high class, as are the handsome engravings, made by the paper's own engraving department.

Speaking of Wall street methods Mr. Kline once said: It does not pay to hunt game in Wall street with a brass band, and whenever a man gets up on the fence and crows he makes a target of himself, and you can bet your last dollar he will end in the ditch.

Thirty years ago this week the United States senate appropriated \$30,000 to buy seed wheat for the grasshopper sufferers. Have you forgotten how you thought at that time that the country was ruined? But it wasn't.

TANGLED!

An ignorant fellow was about to be married, and he resolved to make himself perfect in the responses of the marriage ceremony. But he memorized the answers of the ceremony of baptism instead of those of matrimony, and when the clergyman asked, "Will thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife?" he solemnly answered: "I renounce them all!"

THORONESS

"Now, there was my Aunt Phillenda Pine," ruminatingly remarked the Old Coder. "She was such a careful, painstaking woman, with a nice little knot of hair like a horse-chestnut on the back of her head, that when little Oscar had the measles she counted 'em."

CONFUSION

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that pour bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!"

CREATOR AND CREATURE

If there be good in that I wrought, Thy hand compelled it, Master, Thine; Where I have failed to meet Thy thought, I know, thru Thee, the blame is mine.

LAWSON'S VAUDEVILLE

Quite apart from Mr. Lawson's motives, he has our gratitude as one of the nation's biggest entertainment features of the year.

THE UNCONVINCED

These Minneapolis jurors are probably the only persons in the country not convinced of ex-Mayor Ames' guilt.

A SLAP AT CASSIE

"You must have brains to make money," says the Atlanta Journal. "Not necessarily. You might strike an Ohio bank president."

WHERE MARRIAGE FAILS

Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. Marriage is a failure to people who are failures.

HE HAS EARNED IT

Kansas City Star. Anyhow ex-Mayor Ames seems to have been given a run for his money.

NEWS OF THE BOOK WORLD

THE UNEASY CHAIR. Books for Boys and Girls; Taking Photographs Under Difficulties and Dangers, and a Book by the Woman Who Took Them—Mrs. Gene Stratton-Porter, the author of 'Freckles,' just published by Doubleday, Page & Co., New York, is a daring and adventure-loving picture photographer.

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and information-giving qualities. It is published by Ginn & Co., Boston.

THE MAGAZINES. Alarming Increase of Pneumonia.—Of all human ailments, pneumonia has increased most steadily in the last half century. It is now the leading cause of death in the United States. A physician who has made pneumonia a special study estimated that in the first six months of last year (1904) about 8 per cent of all deaths in the United States were due to pneumonia. This was alarming enough, but the figure is small when compared with the statistics of any one big city. The percentage in New York has not been lower than that in ten years. In the first half of last year, it reached 18.7. Between 1874 and 1894, the annual pneumonia death rate per thousand inhabitants in New York city increased from 2.33 to 2.61, while the advance in the average decennial rate per thousand was from 2.20 to 2.58. In the same period the yearly tuberculosis death rate decreased from 2.91 to 2.57 per thousand, and the average decennial rate from 4.02 to 3.78 per thousand.

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MINING PROSPECT ABOVE THE SOO

New Bodies of Ore North of the Canal City—Notes from Canada. From The Journal Bureau, Colorado Building, Washington, Dec. 20.—M. J. Burke, American consul at St. Thomas, Ont., makes the following report to the Washington government regarding mining developments above the Soo:

At the Williams iron mine, on the Algoma Central railway, north of the Soo, new bodies of bands of hematite ore have been struck. These show a total of twenty-three feet of ore of second grade ore, in a total width of sixty feet. This is an entirely new field and if the bodies prove to be continuous, may develop importance.

North of Temagami are two promising prospects, one for iron pyrites (sulphure) and another for arsenical pyrites. There are also a number of other iron pyrites and arsenical properties in the district which will, no doubt, receive the attention of mining concerns next year.

Canadian Notes.

The following notes on Canadian affairs are furnished by the Washington government by the American consul at St. Thomas, Ont. About \$75,000 was paid out in bonuses to the producers of crude oil last month. It is expected that the total expenditure for bonuses in the next twelve months will be \$300,000.

At Sault Ste. Marie the Lake Superior corporation's charcoal plant is now in operation. The plant will produce the blast furnaces, and the by-products of gray acetate and wood alcohol have all been contracted for by European firms.

The figures showing the traffic thru the Sault Ste. Marie American and Canadian canals for the month of October, 1904, show an increase over the traffic of the corresponding month of 1903 of 1,047,544 tons. The increase was due to the east and west bound, 4,975,965 tons, for October, 1904, 5,578,909 tons. This breaks the record.

It is believed the total tonnage of the port of Montreal for the month of December will be a record one. To Nov. 1 the number of sea-going vessels entering the port was 742, against 724 for the same period in 1903. The tonnage to Nov. 1 was slightly above 7,700,000 tons, while the tonnage of the entire season of 1903 was 1,800,000. The increased tonnage, besides being due to the increased number of vessels, is also due to the fact that the St. Lawrence route, can also be attributed to the larger type of vessels in use.

It is announced that the American Investment Company has acquired seven acres of ground in the vicinity of the smelting works at Hamilton, Ont., upon which it will locate a branch manufacturing plant. The plant will employ 100 hands at the beginning, and will put up a building 300 feet in length.

The inland revenue department at Ottawa has concluded a contract to sell fifty-five samples of ground coffee. Of this number forty-five were genuine, nine adulterated and eight doubtful, and in three adulterations was genuine, four adulterated and one doubtful. In Toronto there were three genuine, two adulterated and two doubtful.

The act imposing a tax of \$500 upon every Chinaman entering Canada has had a prohibitive effect. Since Jan. 1, 1904, not a single Chinaman has come to this country with the exception of two who escaped from steamships. In each of these cases, however, the steamship company had to pay the poll tax of \$500. The exclusion of Chinamen has deprived the province of British Columbia of a handsome revenue. Last year British Columbia received from the poll tax \$225,000, and the year before \$258,000. It is estimated that American firms with branches in Canada, or when they can buy as cheaply in Canada as in the United States, are commencing to fill their South African orders from Canadian ports. This trade was rendered profitable by the tariff preference which Canada has in South African entries.

AUTONOMY FOR THE TERRITORIES

LAURIER AND THE NORTHWEST PREMIER TO MEET. Measure for the Consideration of Parliament May Be Ready in January—But One Province May Be Created at This Time—Manitoba Would Extend Boundaries to Hudson's Bay.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 20.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has invited the premier of the Northwest territorial government to a conference at Ottawa on the question of autonomy for the territories, and the latter has arranged to come to Ottawa immediately after the return of Sir Wilfrid from California, where he is taking a needed rest. It is expected that at the coming conference the basis upon which the Northwest territories are to be given the status of a province will be finally decided upon, and a measure will then be brought before parliament in January giving effect to the arrangement.

The main point of interest is whether the widespread territories will at once be divided into two, or three provinces, or whether it is wiser to make them for the present into a single province, with the capital as at present, at Regina, leaving further subdivision until such time as the return of new population make it imperative.

It is thought probable here that the latter plan will be adopted, as it will save expense in the duplication of parliamentary offices in the new offices in new districts which can all afford it.

Manitoba's Ambition. While the territories are thus about to secure self-government, the neighboring province of Manitoba is agitating for the extension of its boundaries north to Hudson's bay. For several years one of the pet projects of the province has been the extension of its boundaries from Winnipeg to Fort Churchill, on Hudson's bay. Under present conditions this road would run half way thru Manitoba territory, and for the rest of the way thru the unorganized district of Keewatin.

By annexing Keewatin to the province, the railway would open up a vast stretch of valuable territory, from Winnipeg to the shores of the bay, all within the province; and, as the premier of Manitoba pointed out, as the other day, it would also give Manitoba a coast on the bay. This may seem at the present time to be rather a sentimental than a practical advantage, but it must not be forgotten that the territory tributary to Hudson's bay is immensely rich in minerals of almost every variety; the bay itself teems with fish, and the whale, seal, walrus and porpoise fisheries, which have hardly been touched as yet, are of incalculable value.

There is also to be borne in mind the possibility—also, probably—of the Hudson's bay route to Europe being opened in a comparatively short period. The road from Winnipeg to Fort Churchill would then become the greatest grain route of the continent. Wheat would gravitate from every quarter of the vast grain belt to Winnipeg, and from there would flow in a great stream over the northern route, by rail to Fort Churchill, and thence by water to the port, the shortest and cheapest possible route from the wheat fields of both western Canada and the western states to Great Britain and Europe.

Question of Sovereignty. The growing importance of Hudson's bay to the Dominion, from so many points of view, makes it imperative that its definite and final understanding should be reached as to Canada's absolute sovereignty over the fisheries and other interests.

To the present time the United States government has taken no exception to Canada's practical assumption of such sovereignty by the enforcement of Canadian regulations against American whalers and sealing vessels in the bay; but it would doubtless be more satisfied if Canada's practical assumption of such sovereignty could be reached, either by the joint commission, if they should be again called together, or by direct negotiation.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Rev. Charles Wagner, author of "The Simple Life," who has recently returned from a mission to earth today. Our statesmen in France have no conception of the difficulties with which he has to contend. Here our leaders deal only with one race, but in America the ruler has to deal with a continent of more nations than are met here in a year. Men go from all quarters of the globe these men to do admit and demand American needs and desires, that Theodore Roosevelt is called upon to govern, and for whom he must suggest and enforce laws.

His task, therefore, is a more difficult one than that of any ruler in Europe, and the way in which he has acquitted himself stamps him as the world's greatest statesman.

ALABAMA WANTS TO JOIN IN INAUGURATION

Washington, Dec. 20.—Alabama wants to do honor to President Roosevelt's inauguration. Major W. J. Tebbetts, representing the Alabama National Guard, today told General Wilson, chairman of the inauguration committee, that the Alabama National Guard is expressing a great desire to participate in the inauguration ceremonies. He said they never have been so anxious to attend the inauguration of any president. General Wilson told him they will be welcome.

Largest Assortment Warranted Knives

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