

### FAMED PIANIST DEAD.

New York, Dec. 29.—Sebastian Bach Mills, one of the best pianists in the world, and admired by two generations of music lovers in America, is dead. He passed away Friday in Wiesbaden, Germany, whither he went last spring, at the earnest solicitation of his wife, who is a sister of Otto Young, a well-known merchant, of Chicago. Germany was her fatherland, and she persuaded her husband to go there with her to spend the declining days of a career of unusual distinction.

### SAVED FROM SEA

#### Nine Days Hunger on a Barren Island.

#### Jamaica Wants Reciprocity and Steam Connection not Annexation — Lord Strathcona III With Grippe — Senator Adams Very Ill.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Geo. Rutledge from Wrangle says that three men from Fort Simpson, blown to sea in a little vessel have been rescued. They were nearly starved to death after nine days on an uninhabited island. The Indians took all their money for bringing them off.

GALT, Ont. Dec. 30.—(Special)—Dr. James Johnston, Minister of Jamaica, who is here, says the island does not want annexation to Canada, but would like a good reciprocity treaty, making our fish and food stuffs in exchange for their fruits and products. They also want a good steamship service.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Lord Strathcona has been compelled to cancel his return to England tomorrow on account of la grippe.

NEW CASTLE, N.B., Dec. 30.—(Special)—Senator Adams is very weak and may die any time.

### CONVICTS AT LARGE.

#### Swarming in Havana—Cuban Soldiers Occupy the Towns.

HAVANA, Dec. 30.—(Special)—The city swarms with convicts. Cuban soldiers are occupying the towns as fast as the Spaniards evacuate them throughout Cuba.

### MURDERED SIX.

#### James Dunham Wanted in Santa Clara, Cal.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—(Special)—The police are looking for James C. Dunham who is wanted in Santa Clara, California, for murdering a family of six persons.

### MINISTER ROMERO DEAD.

#### Was Mexico's Minister to the States Twenty Years.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Ambassador Romero of Mexico died this morning. He was born in 1837, was a very able man and had represented Mexico here for more than twenty years. He was for a time Dean of the diplomatic corps.

### BERLIN IS AGITATED.

#### Arrival of U.S. Warships Disturbs German Capital.

BERLIN, December 30.—There is much comment here on the reported arrival of a United States warship at Apra Sma, the newspapers regarding it as a sign that President McKinley means to carry out the plan outlined in his recent message to congress. The Vossische Zeitung says: "No doubt Great Britain will support America and thus paralyze the slowly acquired German preponderance. There is no longer a chance of Germany securing exclusive control."

### SIAM HOSTILE.

#### Her Troops Drive Back the French in the Neutral Zone.

HANOY, Tonquin, Dec. 30.—News of the invasion of the neutral zone, in the Laung Prabane, province of Siam, by the Siamese, is confirmed. M. Macey, the French commissioner, made representations on the subject to the mandarins, who paid no attention to them and refused to leave the zone. Reports of the acts of aggression by Siamese troops are also confirmed. No one was killed or wounded on the French side, the damage being entirely of a material nature.

### THE CANDIDATES

#### N McQuarrie, R. C. McLeod, S. E. Reid.

#### Chosen to Contest the Bye Elections in The Fourth and Fifth Districts of Prince County—The Liberal Convention at Summerside.

SUMMERSIDE, Dec. 30.—(Special)—A Liberal convention was held in Ludlow Hall yesterday afternoon to select a candidate to contest the election in the Fifth District of Prince, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. A. A. Lefurgey.

There were four delegates present from each polling division.

On motion the delegates were asked to retire and bring in a report. After a few minutes they returned when Mr. Major Seburnman, as chairman, announced that they had unanimously agreed on the nomination of Mr. Geo. Godkin.

The announcement was received with cheers, showing that the whole meeting endorsed the choice.

Mr. Godkin in reply stated that, much to his regret, he was obliged to decline the nomination, for business reasons. He would like in many ways to enter the political arena again under the present favorable circumstances and had no fear of the result of the election. He would, however, be glad to do all in his power for the party and had no doubt that the seat could be easily won at the coming election.

He took this opportunity of thanking the friends who supported and worked for him on similar occasions formerly, and although not a candidate for political honors, would still work for the success of the party.

The delegates again retired and on return the chairman announced that they had unanimously agreed on the nomination of Mr. R. C. McLeod.

Mr. McLeod in reply stated that he regarded this as a very great compliment, coming as it did from so large and influential a body of farmers and others with whom he had done business for a number of years. He had hoped, as expressed by him on a former occasion, that one of the representatives from this District would be a farmer, as the district is largely an agricultural one and he trusted that the matter would be duly considered before the next general local election.

In dealing with the political situation Mr. McLeod made an eloquent speech, referring briefly to the present mission of the Maritime Premiers to Ottawa, the importance of redeeming this district and the growing confidence of the people in the economic administration of the government.

In connection with the offer of nomination he had in private conference with many of the delegates when the suggestion was first made to him intimated that he had no desire for a political life. He would have preferred that another should contest the District. At the same time he did not feel like taking the responsibility of ignoring the request of such a representative body and would ask the convention for time to consider.

On motion it was agreed to adjourn till next Tuesday when Mr. McLeod would be in a position to give his reply. J. H. Bell, Esq., M.P. elect, next addressed the meeting. After stating that

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the recount demanded by the candidate who had opposed him in the recent by-election had fallen through, referred briefly to local political matters and trusted that Mr. McLeod would see his way clear to accede to the wishes of the large and influential body of electors who had chosen him as their standard bearer in the coming election.

At the Liberal-Conservative convention held in Centreville yesterday, Mr. Neil McQuarrie, Summerside, was offered nomination to contest the election in the fourth District of Prince. Mr. McQuarrie reserved his decision for a few days.

As has been already mentioned Mr. S. E. Reid was chosen to contest the by-election in the interests of the Liberals in the Forth District, at a convention held in Centreville. At this meeting stirring speeches were made by Mr. J. H. Bell and others and all were unanimous in the selection of a candidate from Tryon which place claimed the right of a representative. It is understood that Mr. Reid has accepted the nomination and will offer himself to the will of the people in that district.

Shuld Mr. McQuarrie accept the Conservative nomination, he and Mr. Reid will be rivals in the Fourth District.

Mr. McQuarrie is a popular lawyer in Summerside, an able political debater, a man of good principles and sound judgment.

Mr. Reid is well and favorably known, not only in his own locality, but throughout the Island, a shrewd business man, square and honest in all his dealings and will, if elected, make a creditable representative.

Mr. R. C. McLeod is a prominent Summerside citizen and is known widely throughout the province. Although never having taken much part on the platform in politics, Mr. McLeod has rendered energetic service to his party. He has always taken a deep interest in civic affairs, making himself active in all movements for the good and welfare of the public at large. In selecting him the Liberals have made a good choice and in the event of his accepting, he will no doubt prove a strong candidate. As yet no Conservative nomination has been made in the Fifth District.

Mr. A. A. Lefurgey demanded a recount of the ballots cast in the recent election in East Prince. The application was made on Tuesday last and the required deposit of \$100 was made. The judge of the County Court appointed to-day (Saturday), at 10 a.m. to proceed with the recount and summoned the Sheriff to appear and produce the ballot boxes and papers.

On learning that a recount had been demanded, Mr. Bell claimed that Mr. Lefurgey was too late; that Monday was the last day on which such a demand could be made.

To settle the matter the returning officer telegraphed the Secretary of State for instructions.

The Secretary of State after consulting the Department of Justice wired in reply that Monday was the last day and that Tuesday was too late and directed the returning officer to make his returns as if no recount had been demanded.

Sheriff Gaffney has done so and the bottom has fallen out of the proposed recount and Mr. Bell has been returned as elected by 45 of a majority.

### CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, December 30.—[Special]—The following are the closing rates:—Dec. wheat, 68½; corn, 37½; oats, 26½; pork, 8.95. Jan. pork, 10.22. May wheat, 71½; corn, 38½; oats, 28½; pork, 10.57. July wheat, 69½; corn, 38½; oats, 26½.

### THE WEATHER.

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### RUSSIAN PAPERS

#### Hostile to U. S. Owning The Canal.

#### Spain Concerned for Her Prisoners in the East—Poulteny Bigelow III-Esterhazy Coming to America—Lord Curzon Arrives in Bombay.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—(Special)—The Minister of Colonies denies that Dreyfus is on his way to France to await the orders of the Court of Cassation.

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Count Esterhazy will leave here for America.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Russian journals are strongly opposing the Nicaraguan canal and American control.

They favor the Panama route and warn Russia against America since she has become a colonial power and is seeking eastern expansion. They also discuss her friendship for England and Japan. The article is evidently inspired.

MADRID, Dec. 30.—(Special)—The government is discouraged over the prospects of release of Spanish prisoners in the Philippines.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—[Special]—Poulteny Bigelow, just back from the Philippines, is critically ill.

BOMBAY, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Baron and Lady Curzon arrived today and the new Viceroy was presented with an address by the corporation.

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