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FRANCO ITALIAN COMMUNICATION

Looking to the Signature of an Arbitration Treaty

Latest From Far East Tells Only of Further War Preparations—Lincoln's Law Partner Passes Away.

FRANCO-ITALIAN ARBITRATION.

ROME, Dec. 24.—Camille Barrere, the French ambassador, has sent a communication to the Italian government which says that the French government is now prepared to sign an arbitration treaty between France and Italy on the lines of the treaty recently signed between France and Great Britain.

TREATY WILL BE SIGNED.

It is understood that such a treaty will soon be signed in Paris.

PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Special despatches to the London morning newspapers add practically nothing to the news already given by the Associated Press on the Far East situation, and deal mainly with the alleged Japanese naval preparations.

LINCOLN'S OLD PARTNER DEAD.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Hiram A. Beckwith, a law partner of Abraham Lincoln, from 1856 to 1861, is dead at St. Luke's hospital here at the age of 72.

ENGINEER GIBSON DROWNED.

ST JOHN, Dec. 21.—Robt. Gibson, of Belfast, aged 25, single, fourth engineer of the Head Line steamer Dunmore Head was drowned in the harbor tonight. The ferry steamer broke down and a tug was helping her make the service. Gibson, who was a passenger, fell overboard and was never seen again.

ONE COMMON CAUSE OF HEADACHE

Perhaps the most general cause of headache and pain across the eyes is nasal catarrh. The simplest cure is to inhale the medicated vapor of Catarrhoxone which traverses every air cell and air passage of the throat, lungs and nose. It kills myriads of germs at every breath, clears away mucous discharges, preserves and heals the membrane. Catarrhoxone is just a splendid remedy for headache, and its action is certain and unerring in diseases of the Throat and Lungs, Deafness, Bronchitis, Asthma and Catarrh. A trial will convince the most sceptical that Catarrhoxone is all right. Large size, \$1.00; trial size 50c. Druggists, or Folsom & Co., Kingston, Ont.

DR. HAMILTON'S PILLS CURE CONSTIPATION.

WANTED!

Santa Claus to see the following:—

- Gent's Kid Slippers at 15 per cent reduction. Men's Hockey Boots \$1.58 Boys' Hockey Boots \$1.38. Men's Overshoes wool lined, warm \$1.50. Ladies' Overshoes wool lined, warm \$2.00. Men's Cloth Gaiters 90 cts and \$1.00 now 50c. and 65c. for Xmas times at

Goff Bros.

THOSE WARSHIPS BRITAIN BOUGHT

Three Powers Were Bidding Against Each Other

Japan Wanted to Pay by Installments, Russia Offered Cash But Britain's Higher Bid was Successful.

THOSE CHILIAN WARSHIPS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The following is published by several papers as an authentic account of the purchase by the British Government of the Chilean warships Labretad and Constitution.

BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

When the ships came into the market both the British and Japanese Governments were approached and both declined to purchase.

RUSSIA STEPPED IN.

Later Japan on account of developments in the far east, tried to buy the ships on the installment plan, but Chili said no. Russia then stepped in with an offer of £1,800,000, payable in twenty-four hours.

BUT BRITAIN GOT THEM.

At this psychological moment the British Government promptly acquired the vessels for \$1,575,000.

MUDDY COMPLEXION.

Pale, sallow, yellow skin tells of a torpid, sluggish liver and impurities in the blood which will be entirely removed when D. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are used. This great medicine awakens the action of the liver, invigorates the kidneys and regulates the bowels. As a result, digestion is improved, bodily pains disappear and the health is benefited in every way.

GEORGETOWN AND VICINITY

John Owen was in town Christmas Day.

SKATE ad in this issue, Angus McLean of Georgetown.

The storm drum was up Christmas Day for a moderate storm.

Miss Bessie and Miss Jean Aitken are visiting friends in Truro.

Rev. F. S. Coffin is spending his vacation at home in the City.

Fred. Foley of James Paton & Co., speed Xmas in Georgetown.

Miss Bessie Logan of Senter, Trainor & Co., spent Christmas here.

Reuben Macdonald, city editor of The Patriot spent Christmas at his home.

Percy C. Owen of Dodd & Rogers, is enjoying a few days vacation at home.

Miss Jessie Dalziel is home from Providence, R. I. and will remain for the winter.

The Guardian is informed that the Electra will make no more regular trips this season.

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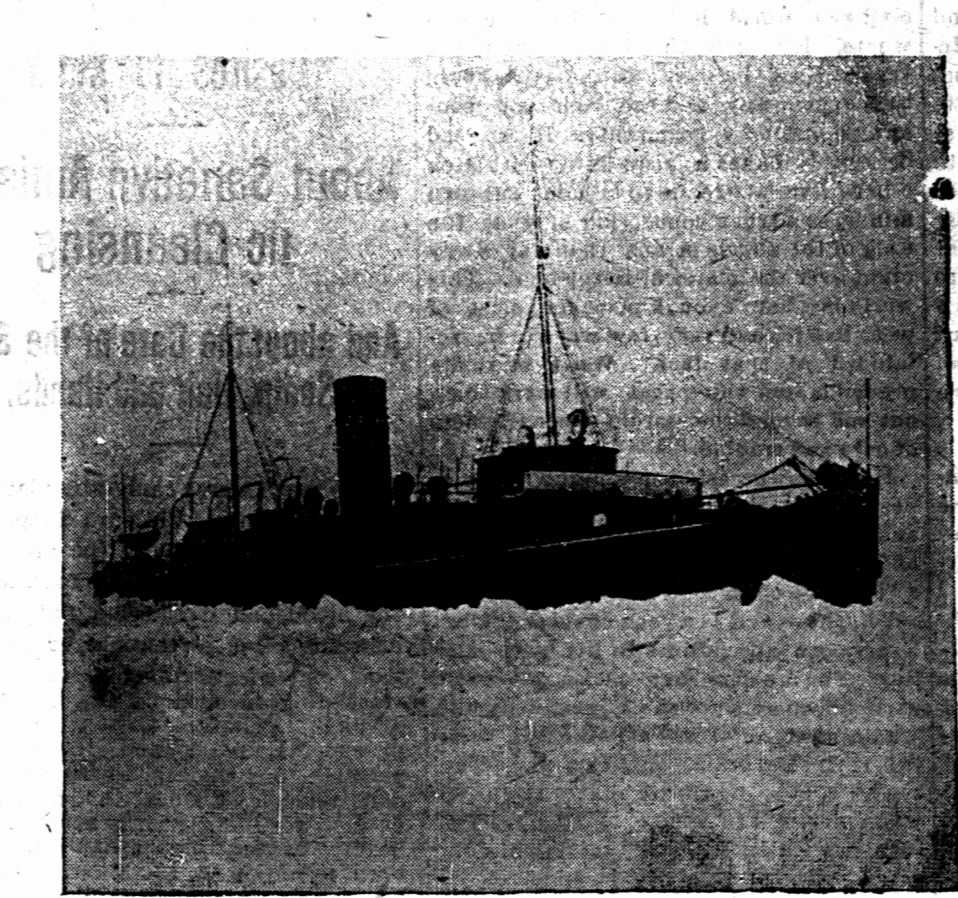
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WINTER STEAMER MINTO Ordered to proceed to Georgetown this morning.

LIBERAL CONVENTION NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR QUEEN'S COUNTY.

The Liberal Convention in the Kindergarten Hall to nominate two candidates to contest Queen's County was a very large and unanimous one. The chair was occupied by Benj. Rogers, Esq., and Hon. J. F. Whear was secretary. D. A. McKinnon was proposed by Robert Sutherland, Sea View, and seconded by Arthur Halloran, Winsloe and Hon. James H. Commiskey. Hon. Mr. Commiskey in seconding the nomination referred to the great work that Mr. McKinnon had done for the constituency in securing the Murray Harbor Railway and the Hillsboro Bridge.

Horace Hassard was proposed by Hon. John F. Whear, who in speaking of the nomination referred to Mr. Hassard's business prominence and the honor that Queen's county would confer on itself by his election.

The motion was seconded by James McGugan, Hope River, and Dr. F. F. Taylor, Charlottetown. Dr. Taylor eulogistically spoke of Mr. Hassard whose election would be a credit to the Province. C. W. Kiely, Stanley Bridge, in an eloquent speech made a plea for greater justice to the North Side of the county. He proposed George W. Simpson as the candidate for Queens County.

The motion was seconded by Donald McKay, Springfield. Hon. Mr. Simpson said the proposal had first been brought to his attention last night. He had the confidence of the district in the local House and he did not want to desert it. He would therefore not wish his name to come before the convention. He eulogized Messrs Hassard and McKinnon who would be a credit to the County.

Speaking of railway communication to the North Shore he showed the necessity of the extension of the line to that district. He hoped the candidates would keep that section before them. He suggested a loop line from Milton to Kensington which could be built cheaply through level country. He moved that the nomination of Messrs McKinnon and Hassard be made unanimous, seconded by James McKeen and supported by C.W. Kelly.

The motion was carried amid great applause by a unanimous standing vote. Mr. McKinnon on coming forward was received with great applause. He appreciated the high honor conferred on him. He disclaimed the whole honor for the great public works of the county. Previously he had been handicapped from want of experience but now with Mr. Hassard they would continue to work to the good of the country. The trade continues to increase by leaps and bounds and said the work of extending the railway line would be continued.

Mr. Hassard was greeted with great applause. He accepted with pride and a great degree of pleasure the nomination that had been so unanimously offered him. We have a great Province and he would do his utmost first to get elected and then to carry out the well understood wishes of the county. From his business relations he had brought home forcibly to him the need of greater facilities for trade on the North Shore. He thanked Mr. Simpson and his supporters for giving way to him, and to Mr. Simpson especially he felt deeply indebted. We deplore the loss of two such war horses as Sir Louis Davies and the late Hon. Donald Farquharson. It is encouraging to see such a delegation present today on behalf of the Liberal party.

D. A. McKinnon moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Peters, a resolution expressing the deep regret at the death of the late Hon. Donald Farquharson. The motion was carried.

Hon. Mr. Peters followed in a speech in commendation of the Liberal candidates. After several other speeches the organization of an association for the whole County followed.

The officers elected for the Queen County Association follow:— President—Benj. Rogers. Vice Pres.—T. B. Riley, Hon. George W. Simpson, Hon. Geo. Forbes, Dr. Douglas, Hon. J. H. Commiskey. Secy.—H. Bayfield Williams. The conveners were re-elected with one or two exceptions. George Brown, New Glasgow and others spoke of the failure of the Manchester liners to fulfil their contract last year and the loss entailed on the shippers. The claim was acknowledged by all as a just claim and in the interests of the party should be settled.

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DOMINION STEEL IS GOING WEST

Twelve to Fifteen Carloads Daily to Montreal

And Pig Iron Being Shipped to Scotland—D. McNicoll Elected Vice President of the C. P. Railway.

BIG SHIPMENT OF STEEL.

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 24. The Dominion Iron & Steel Company are making large shipments of steel billets to Montreal and other points in Canada by rail at present and hardly a day passes without twelve or fifteen freight car loads being sent out over the I. C. R.

IRON GOING TO SCOTLAND.

The steamer Unique, Capt. Bjønnes, has commenced to load a cargo of pig iron for Glasgow, Scotland.

This will be the second shipment of this material to be sent to Glasgow this fall by the company, the steamer Troid having left here only last week with 3,000 tons of Sydney iron.

VICE PRESIDENT McNICOLL.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company held today, David McNicoll was elected vice-president of the company.

THE SAVINGS BANK OF HEALTH.

Is lots of red and vitalizing blood to nourish and invigorate the body. If your blood is thin and watery use "Ferrozone." It supplies the necessary elements such as phosphorus and iron, and quickly restores lost strength and spirit. Ferrozone is an unequalled restorative for the tired, the sick, and the run down; it stimulates appetite, aids digestion, soothes the nerves, and makes the system healthy for disease to exist. No tonic does so much good in a short time as Ferrozone. Get it 10-day from any druggist for 50c. per box, or six boxes for \$2.50. By mail from N. C. Folsom & Co., Kingston, Ont.

DR. HAMILTON'S PILLS CURE CONSTIPATION.

been done that was possible to get the claim settled and they hoped it would be settled in a short time.

A resolution moved by Hon. Mr. Commiskey and seconded by Hon. Geo. W. Simpson was passed endorsing the policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal party.

After cheers for the Liberal Candidates the President and Sir Wilfrid Laurier the Convention adjourned.

A WONDERFUL BOOK.

As a work for family reference there was probably never compiled a more useful book than Dr. Chase's Receipt Book. Besides containing the symptoms of disease, their cause and cure and the great prescriptions gathered together during half a century of medical practice this book is replete with receipts for cooking and has a complete department devoted to the care of farm stock, bees, domestic animals, etc. For full particulars write Egmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

TEN PER CENT REDUCTION.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—The men employed by the Massey-Harris Co. were notified today that a reduction will be made in their wages commencing with the present week. The reduction will affect all the men in the employment of the Company who number not less than 15,000.

THE BEST REMEDY FOR CROUP.

(From the Atchison, Kan., Daily Globe. This is the season when the woman who knows the best remedies for croup is in demand in every neighborhood. One of the most terrible things in the world is to be awakened in the middle of the night by a whoop from one of the children. The croup remedies are almost as sure to be lost, in case of croup, as a revolver is sure to be lost in case of burglars. There used to be an old-fashioned remedy for croup, but some modern mothers say that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is better, and does not cost so much. It causes the patient to "throw up the phlegm" quicker, and gives relief in a shorter time. Give this remedy as soon as the croupy cough appears and it will prevent the attack. It never fails and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all drug stores.

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HON. A. G. BLAIR'S APPOINTMENT

As Chairman of the Railway Commission Made

La Patrie Says he is Out of Politics, Probably Forever—But Ministers are Reticent on the Subject.

MR. BLAIR'S APPOINTMENT.

ST. JOHN, Dec. 24.—An Ottawa despatch says: It is stated that the appointment of Hon. A. G. Blair as chairman of the Railway Commission was made by an order-in-council on Friday last.

MR. BLAIR RETICENT.

Mr. Blair himself refuses to deny or to confirm the statement and the ministers maintain a discreet silence on the subject.

The statement, however, is current in every quarter.

WHAT LA PATRIE SAYS.

The Ottawa correspondent of La Patrie says: You may announce without fear and in all certainty that Hon. Mr. Blair is now chairman of the Railway Commission. His appointment dates back to several days ago.

BLAIR OUT OF POLITICS.

"He has accepted it. Mr. Blair is out of politics probably for ever." Editorially Mr. Tarte confirms this statement.

MORE MEN TO WORK.

New York, Dec. 21.—Five hundred more men were put to work at the Townsend and Downey shipyard at Shooters Island today. It was said that probably a full force would soon be employed. The firm are Nova Scotians.

FRANCE MADE NO THREATS.

PARIS, December 21.—An authoritative denial is given of the reports from Peking that the French minister there had notified China that if she allied herself with Japan pending a settlement of the Russo-Bussian controversy, France would advance in Southern China.

MANY WOMEN ARE NO ATTRACTIVE

Because of repulsive-looking warts on the hands. They can be removed quite painlessly by Putnam's Fairness Cream and Wart Extractor; it never marks and always cures. Try it.

We have the very finest assortment of dinner, tea and toilet sets to be found in this country today.—W. P. Colwill. 127 d1 mo

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