

IN FAVOR OF FREE PULP

Publishers of Newspapers Argue in Favor of Free Paper.

SYLLABUS OF ARGUMENT

Presented to the Anglo-American Joint High Commission—Tariff of \$6 Per Ton Regarded as Excessive—The International Paper Company.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The American Newspaper Publishers' association has presented to the Anglo-American joint high commission a carefully prepared argument in favor of free paper and free pulp.

The directors of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, representing 15 daily newspapers of the states, as representing the bulk of the total production of print paper, are in favor of free paper and free pulp.

INTERNATIONAL COMPANY.

In January, 1898, all the big and profitable paper mills of the United States, with a few unimportant exceptions, were merged into the International Paper company.

This combination was really formed to protect the proprietors whose mills were in poor localities, or on streams that were running dry.

IS LIKELY TO HAVE MANY CURIOUS DEVELOPMENTS.

Budapest, Dec. 27.—The quarrel between Baron Banffy, the Hungarian premier, and M. Horonozsky, member of the lower chamber of the Hungarian diet, is likely to have further curious developments.

RIOS HEARD FROM.

Madrid, Dec. 27.—General Rios, the Spanish commander in the Visayas islands, has telegraphed to the government from Iloilo, capital of the island of Panay, under date of Dec. 24 as follows:

"Am preparing to embark on the steamer Leo III for Zamboanga, Iloilo (Dec. 25) formally surrendering Iloilo, in the presence of the military and naval commanders, the mayor and the foreign consuls.

Erne and Hawkins Battle. New York, Dec. 27.—Frank Erne and Det Hawkins have agreed on terms for their coming battle.

CURRENCY BASIS FOR THE CUBANS

SUBJECT BEFORE THE CABINET MEETING YESTERDAY.

A Just Value of Coin Based Upon Mint Valuations Will Be Arranged at Once—Customs and Other Dues to Be Paid in American Money or Its Equivalent in Spanish Money.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The cabinet at its meeting today listened to the reading of the more important parts of the peace treaty, and then gave their attention to affairs in Cuba.

PHILADELPHIA PRIMARIES.

Indicate That Ashbridge Will Be Nominated for Mayor.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—The Republican primary elections to choose delegates to the various ward and two city conventions were held tonight.

THE SENIOR MEMBER PASSES AWAY

After a Service of Thirty-One Years.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Senator Morrill died at 12:35 a. m.

In the death of Hon. Justin Smith Morrill the senate lost its senior member.

SANTIAGO SCHOOL BOARD.

Troubles Have Culminated in the Resignation of Mayor Bacardi.

Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 27.—The troubles between the school board of Santiago and the city government recently appointed for the city of Santiago by Mayor Bacardi have culminated in the former's tender of resignation to General Wood.

DROWNED IN ST. LAWRENCE.

The Sad Fate of Mother and Three Children.

Alexandria Bay, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Yesterday three of the children of Charles Hagerman were playing on the ice off the north shore of Wells Island in the St. Lawrence river, when it broke and they all fell in and were drowned.

NO SUNDAY BALL.

Change to Be Made in the Pittsburgh Club Next Year.

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—The Pittsburgh base ball club will not play Sunday ball next year.

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THE BEER TAX.

Opinion of Acting Attorney General Richards.

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PLAGUE AT PRETORIA.

Frederia, Dec. 27.—It is reported here today that the bubonic plague has broken out in the district of Pretoria.

WEATHER FORECAST.

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WEST VIRGINIA'S CHRISTMAS GREETING TO PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—West Virginia sends its Christmas greeting to Pennsylvania in a letter expressing the gratitude of the citizens of that commonwealth for the tender care given their soldier sick.

PATRIOTISM APPRECIATED.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—The charity and patriotism of Pennsylvania were appreciated in this service; a soldier of the United States army, who had been wounded in the Philippines, was brought to the city and placed in the hands of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Aid Society.

TWO WORKMEN KILLED.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—A new two-story building in course of construction for the Beldy Bakery company on Bidwell street, collapsed shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon, burying two workmen who are undoubtedly dead.

Big Fire in Kentucky.

Leitchfield, Ky., Dec. 27.—This town was visited today by the second destructive fire this year. Eight stores, three residences, postoffice and the deposit bank were destroyed and the court house and two other stores badly damaged.

PENNSYLVANIA PENSIONS.

Washington, Dec. 27.—This Pennsylvania pension has been issued: Original—Francis W. Handall, Moscow, Lackawanna, \$3.

HANGED FOR WIFE MURDER.

Harrisburg, Dec. 27.—Joseph Hollinger, of Hummelstown, was sentenced to be hanged today for wife murder by Judge Simonton. The record of the case will tomorrow be certified to Governor Hustler, by whom the date of execution will be fixed.

Samson Has Grip.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Admiral W. T. Sampson, who arrived here yesterday from New York, is confined to his room with a light attack of the grip. His physicians think he will be recovered in a few days.

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