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CHRISTMAS DAY MARKED BY MANY TRAGEDIES

TOWN OF NELSON SHOCKED BY A CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY

ALBERT BALSOM, A ROBBER WHO HAD PLANNED TO ENTER THE MANHATTAN SALOON, SHOT AND KILLED TWO MEN NAMED BARTON AND GOULD—SHOT DOWN HIMSELF.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Nelson, Dec. 26—A shocking Christmas tragedy has occurred at this town, as a result of which two men named Barton and Gould are dead, and another named Arthur Balsom is arrested on a charge of murder and made confession.

The first intimation of the crime occurred on Saturday morning when the dead bodies of Barton and Gould were found on the floor of the Manhattan saloon. Both bodies lay in pools of blood and were full of pistol shots. In another corner of the saloon lay the body of Balsom, who though seriously wounded was still alive. Balsom was given medical attention, and towards evening was questioned about the affair. He admitted to the officers that he had done the shooting. He said that he planned to rob the saloon, after the customers had gone on the Friday night. He had broken into the place when Barton and Gould entered, and tried

to arrest him. He pulled out a gun and shot them both down. While Barton lay on the floor wounded he managed to pull his own gun and shot Balsom, so that the robber was unable to escape.

ARBITRATORS APPOINTED

In Case of Rev. Mr. Tomlinson vs. G. T. P. Over Right-of-Way.

Arbitrators were appointed this morning in the case of Rev. Mr. Tomlinson of Meanskinit vs. the G. T. P. over right-of-way across the missionary's land. The following were appointed by Judge Young: Mr. J. F. Ritchie, for the G. T. P., P. A. Carss, and for Rev. Mr. Tomlinson J. H. Hilditch. The arbitrators will be sworn in on Wednesday.

Alderman Newton will open his mayoralty campaign in the Presbyterian Church hall tonight. Chair taken at 8 p. m. Be present and hear local issues discussed.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER WORSE

Venerable Ex-Premier of Canada Given Up by Doctors

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
London, Dec. 26—Physicians in charge of Sir Charles Tupper express grave anxiety for his condition. In spite of light improvement yesterday, last night the physicians had practically given up hope that he will last more than two or three days.

MONTENEGRINS USED KNIVES

Ugly Scrap at Kitsumkalum on Christmas Eve—Two White Laborers Wounded in Racial Fight.

At Kitsumkalum on Christmas Eve an ugly scrap took place between white laborers and Montenegrins, with the result that two white men, named Conolly and Williams, were wounded with knives. Conolly, who was cut severely on the neck, is under the care of Dr. Egert. Williams, whose left arm was slashed, did not require medical treatment.

Two Montenegrins, Joe Samens and Boydan Bjeeldich, are in the custody of the Provincial Police in connection with the affair. The dispute occurred at Camp Six, Kitsumkalum, and the men were all employees of the railway contractor there. The trouble was the result of an early celebration of Xmas, during which old grievances were raked up. Magistrate McMullin will hear the evidence when the case is ready.

Last Till Thursday.

The steamer Curacoa passes south this afternoon about 4 o'clock and will carry mail from Prince Rupert. This is the last boat south until Thursday night.

Busy Waterfront.

Christmas Eve saw quite a busy waterfront. The Venture called, also the Prince Albert and the Prince John. The Capilano put in, also the tug McCullough amongst the smaller boats.

The meeting of the Ratepayers' Association announced for Friday evening has been postponed. It will be held in the McIntyre hall Tuesday evening, December 26, at 8:30. Members only are invited.

NELSON MAN IS LOST IN SLIDE

Was Completely Carried Away, and No Trace of Him Can Be Found—Two Companions Were Rescued.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Nelson, Dec. 26—Three men named Blair, Thomas and Ross, were caught in a snowslide at Noble No. Five mine at Sandon on Saturday. Ross was carried half a mile, but succeeded in digging himself out. Blair also escaped with minor injuries, but Thomas was completely buried and no trace of him can be found.

MIDNIGHT MARAUDER

Not Santa Claus, but an Unwarrantable Intruder on Xmas Eve.

"It came upon a midnight clear" out on Sixth Avenue on Christmas Eve, but it wasn't a glorious song of old in this case but the sound of breaking glass, as an alien named Edstrom endeavored to find his way into the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Edstrom strenuously objected to the efforts made to show him here he had made a mistake, and as a result will appear in the police court on Wednesday.

SPECIAL PARCEL BOAT

S. S. Princess Beatrice Expected With Heavy Christmas Mail.

A little belated, but none the less welcome, will be the arrival of the C. P. R. Princess Beatrice, which was expected about noon today with all the heavy mail for Christmas. This will be the first visit of the Beatrice since her mishap.

Not Yet, but Soon.

Asked this morning whether he could not now divulge for publication the names of those picked for the aldermanic ticket by the Property Holders' Association, Mr. E. Flexman, secretary, said that these cannot be made public until after Friday's meeting, recommendations only being before the executive at present.

The Presbyterian Club will hold its next meeting on January 3rd. There will be no meeting tomorrow night.

MADE RECORD SCORE

A. D. McArthur Made Score of 300 in Bowling

In a private match on Saturday night at Morrison's bowling alley Mr. A. D. McArthur, of the Foley, Welch & Stewart staff, made a score of 300—the highest possible. This is a unique feat, and is said to be the only time on record on the coast that a bowler has accomplished the feat.

PORTLAND CANAL IS NOW SHIPPING

Mine Has Obtained \$21,676 on Its First Three Shipments of Concentrates and More is Coming.

The Portland Canal mine, according to a recent statement published by E. Jacobs, one of the best informed mining correspondents in the province, has shipped 1,510 tons of iron and lead concentrates to southern smelters, containing values in gold and silver approximating \$21,676. Besides the three shipments embodied in this total a fourth shipment at the Stewart dock awaiting transportation. This shipment is expected to contain higher average values, the mill feed having been of such a character to warrant this expectation. Including the consignment at the dock the total shipments by the railway to tidewater are slightly in excess of 2,000 tons.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

Salt Herring Cargo.

With a full cargo of boxed salt herring in bond from Ketchikan to Vancouver, the steamer British Columbia put into Prince Rupert over the Christmas week-end and went on south.

NOTICE

A meeting of the Property Owners' Association of Prince Rupert will be held in the Presbyterian church hall on Fourth ave. on Friday, the 29th Dec., at 8 p. m. All members and intending members are requested to be present for the purpose of recommending candidates for Mayor and Alderman. The annual fee is \$1.00. Enrollment of members will take place. Everybody should come.

'PRINCE ALBERT' BROUGHT SAD NEWS THIS CHRISTMAS

CHIEF ENGINEER C. G. WILSON, R. N. R., DIED SUDDENLY OF HEART FAILURE JUST BEFORE THE VESSEL LEFT VANCOUVER—WAS WELL KNOWN IN PRINCE RUPERT.

With tragic suddenness just before Christmas the death occurred of C. G. Wilson, R. N. R., R. D., chief engineer of the steamer Prince Albert. Mr. Wilson was seized with heart failure while walking on deck as the steamer lay in Vancouver, and had passed away before medical aid arrived. He had just made arrangements to go ashore, and was walking toward the gangway when he was seen to throw up his hands and fall heavily backward.

Helped up at once by his brother officers on the Albert, the Chief Engineer seemed at first likely to come around all right. He was able to go down to his room and climb into his bunk, but he had been there only a few moments when he remarked to the Second Engineer, who was with him: "This is the end, Mr. Bell," and died almost immediately.

Some strange presentiment of the event seems to have possessed the deceased, for though it

was thought at the time the Albert made her landing at Vancouver that she would be there but a few hours, the Chief Engineer himself said a very little while before he fell: "The boat will pull out at 10 tomorrow." Arrangements for the Chief's funeral did delay the boat until about that time.

Chief Engineer Wilson was one of the men who brought the Albert from England. He was previously with the White Star Line of Liverpool, and all his relatives are in Britain. His wife and son are in London and he has a brother in Glasgow.

Deceased was a member of the Masonic order of high standing, his home lodge being in Littleton, N. Z. The funeral was held in Vancouver under Masonic auspices with full ceremonial. The late Mr. Wilson was about 47 years of age. He was well known and very well liked in Prince Rupert, where his figure was a familiar one.

FISH CURING STARTS

L. Crippen's "Boneless Herring" Industry Now in Full Swing.

Lionel Crippen's new herring curing industry on Digby Island is today in full swing. Under the management of Mr. L. A. Green, an experienced fisherman, and a fish curing expert from New Brunswick, the first of the rush of herring to the harbor are being taken care of. Mr. Green remarks that he has never seen such magnificent opportunities for fish curing as are here in Rupert. "I look for many large fish curing industries here soon," he said, "and employment for hundreds and hundreds of employees when Prince Rupert fish products become known abroad."

Tom and Jerry at the Savoy.

First Shot.

Alderman Newton has announced that he will speak tonight in the Presbyterian Church Hall to open his mayoral campaign.

LONGSHOREMEN HAD GOOD TIME

Christmas Social Held in I. W. W. Hall Proved a Great Success—A Capital Program Was Given—Two Hundred Attended.

On Christmas night the longshoremen of Prince Rupert held a successful social in the I. W. W. Hall on Third avenue. A splendid program of songs was presented and liberal refreshments went the round of the big throng of guests. A real good time was going. As chairman Mr. C. Hunter directed the evening's amusement splendidly. Amongst those contributing to the program were Messrs. W. Kelly, H. Fletcher, C. Gauld, E. B. Nelson, Sydney Aldous, Murphy, Ranger, Hughes and Lambert, who responded to repeated encores. The hall was brightly lighted and decorated for the occasion, which proved a repetition of the successful first social held by the longshoremen last year.

Serious Charge Laid.

During the Xmas week-end an alleged assault case affecting well-known persons in Prince Rupert business circles came before the police, and the facts, though kept as quiet as possible by the authorities, have gone broadcast in various versions over the city.

The charge, which is laid by Mr. C. D. Newton, the real estate man, alleges that his daughter was assaulted by Mr. M. Albert while at a party on Thompson street on Wednesday night. Mr. Albert is held on \$10,000 bonds and the hostess, who is charged with connivance, on \$3,000 bonds. The accused parties say they have an ample answer to the charge. The preliminary hearing will be held tomorrow.

Mrs. C. D. Newton, who was also a guest at the party, left for Vancouver on Thursday night.

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Carol Singers.

A party numbering some twelve or fifteen ladies and gentlemen went the round of Prince Rupert's principal residences on Christmas Eve carol singing. They began at L. W. Patmore's home, and finished up at the hospital. The sum of \$10 was realized for that institution.

The Ratepayers' Association meets tonight in the McIntyre hall at 8:30 p. m. All members are requested to be present.

TO START WORK ON HUDSON LINE

New Road to Hudson's Bay to be Government Owned—May Also Have Government Line of Steamships to Europe.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Winnipeg, Dec. 26—Work on the construction of the line of railway to Hudson's Bay will be proceeded with at once. It is to be a government owned and government operated line. A line of ships owned by the government may also operate between Hudson's Bay and Europe, in conjunction with the government line.

RIGHT-OF-WAY CASE

Arbitrators in Tomlinson vs. G. T. P. Sworn In Today.

Arbitrators A. Carss, J. F. Ritchie and J. H. Hilditch, appointed by the Court and the parties concerned in the case of Rev. Robert Tomlinson vs. the G. T. P. regarding right-of-way at Meanskinit, took oath today in the Police Court. They arranged to meet on the 25th January, 1912, to continue the business of arbitration.

Miss Nyman, of Seattle, has opened dressmaking parlors with Miss Barbeau.

BUTCHERED BY RUSSIANS

Report That Cossacks Have Killed a Thousand Persians.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
London, Dec. 26.—Great anxiety is felt here following reports that more than a thousand Persians have been slaughtered in a clash with Russian troops at Tabriz.

It is stated that the Cossacks butchered peaceful citizens in the streets, and could not be controlled by their officers.

WILL SHIP ORE

Northern Terminus Joins Ranks of Shipping Mines.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Stewart, Dec. 26.—The Northern Terminus will ship about 30 tons of high-grade ore within the next few days. Superintendent Roy Clothier and a force of men are now at the property building the road over which the ore will be hauled.

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WHERE THE BOY EMPEROR OF CHINA SITS IN STATE

A PATHETIC FIGURE

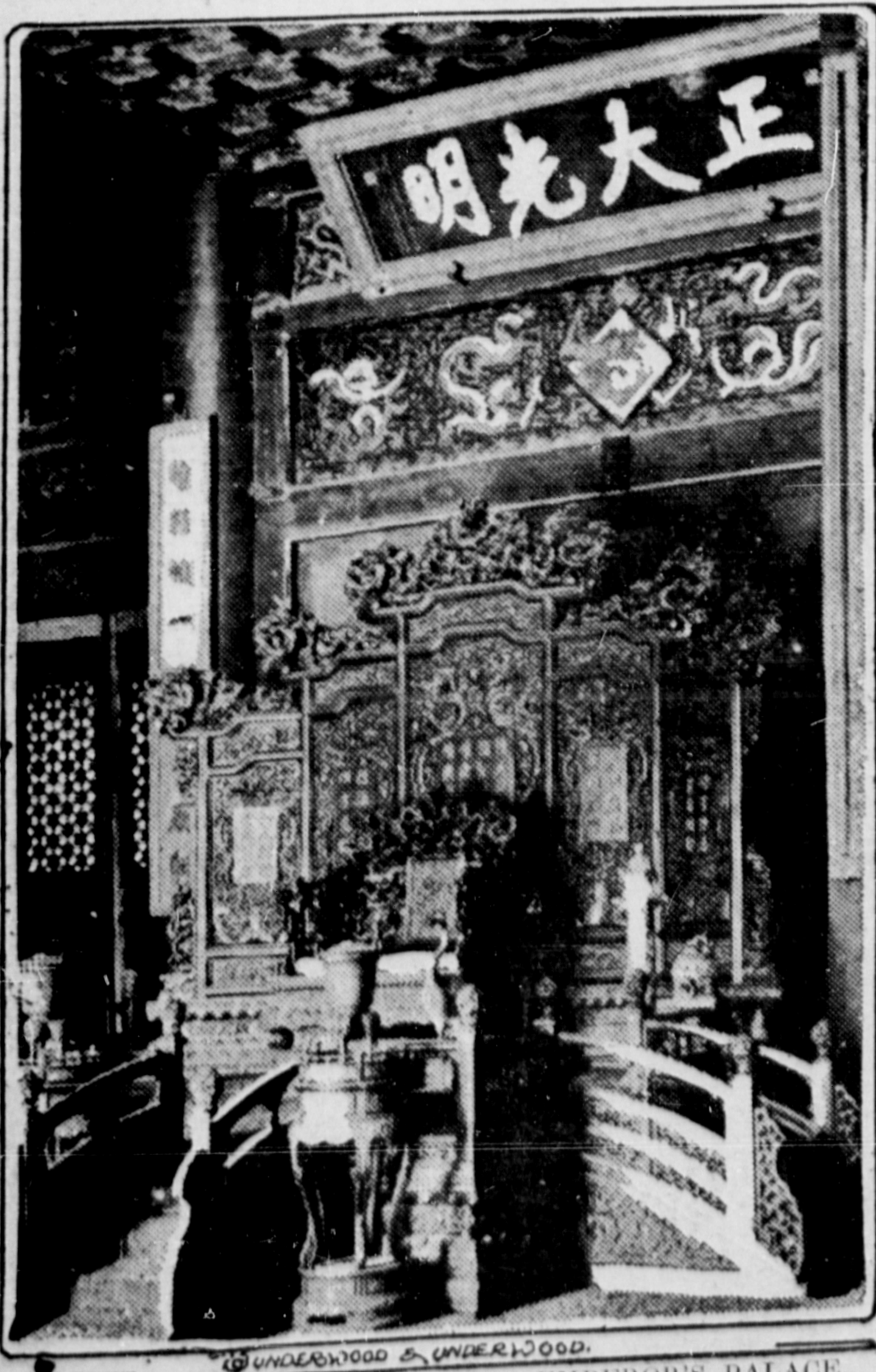
The Little Boy-Emperor Sits on a Tottering Throne.

The little boy-emperor of China lives in a beautiful palace in the Forbidden City, in the heart of Peking. He is only five years old, but surrounded by all the pomp and mockery that is associated with royal courts. He is only nominally the ruler. In effect, he is ruled by the Manchu princes who are at the court.

It is a pathetic spectacle to see this little child on his tottering throne sending out each day messages to his people granting new concessions to liberty. These messages are, of course, concocted by the Manchu princes, and are signed by the infant ruler with his own hand—a pitiful attempt to arouse sympathy. Some of the messages become ludicrous in their effort to catch the popular sentiment when the little Emperor assures his people that though he has been misled by his advisers in the past he intends to assert his own judgment in the future.

The spectacle of this 5-year-old Emperor, debarr'd from the happiness and freedom that the child of the poorest peasant enjoys, is the most pathetic spectacle in the present Chinese upheaval.

Fresh Eastern Oysters in shell at Shruballs Market, Third avenue.



THE THRONE ROOM OF THE EMPEROR'S PALACE.



THE ENTRANCE TO THE ROYAL PALACE, PEKIN.