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### Canada Talks of a Republic.

The British aristocrat has for several years had his agents at work in the United States and Canada buying lands until he holds the paper titles to many million acres. The British aristocrat has a great head, and is not such a fool as he looks. But there is just one little factor left out of the calculation, which bids fair to knock the whole business endways, and that is the democratic spirit of the people of America, who will not tolerate any nonsense of the kind.—Toronto Mail.

P. Lorillard, the New York tobaccoist, gave an average week's wages as a Christmas present to each of the 3,000 employees in his Jersey City factory. At noon the building was thronged with men and women, boys and girls, in holiday attire. Some of the young women were wrapped in fur-lined circulars, while a few aroused envy in seal-skin sacques. At 1 o'clock they were marshaled in their respective departments. The foreman of each room stood at his desk, and his subordinates, as their names were called, stepped up and received their money. About 2,000 blue-fringed envelopes, containing from \$4 to \$11 each, were distributed among the female employees, and 1,000 others, containing from \$6 to \$15 each, were given to the men and boys. The total amount distributed was \$17,600.

The first loom, it is stated, ever made in the South was put in operation at the Atlanta, Ga., cotton factory last week. It was made by the "Georgia Mill Supply Company," and pronounced the best loom in the factory.

A Hong Kong report puts the French losses at Sontay in killed and wounded 36 officers and 1,000 men, and the Black Flag forces at 6,000.

### Buried Under the Snow.

DENVER, COL., December 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Ouray, Colorado, says: "News has been received in Ouray, of a terrible accident at the Virginus mines, which occurred Friday last. Owing to stormy weather which has been more severe than has been known for years, the messenger could not reach Ouray sooner, though the distance is only seven miles. The Virginus mine is owned by the Carolina Mining Company of Boston. It employs 35 men, and is situated above the timber line at the foot of the Sueftas Range. Friday afternoon a huge mass of snow started from the top of the range, and swelled into an avalanche as it descended, striking a building used as a boarding house, where 11 men were resting and swept it completely away crushing and burying the men 15 or 20 feet under snow among the rocks and timber. The avalanche missed the engine house. After the noise and confusion which followed, the other miners were hoisted from the shafts and started to search for their comrades. Five were taken out alive, but badly crushed and may die. Six others were found dead.

Millemaine is the name of a new cereal which has been introduced into South Carolina from Columbia, South America. It is allied to sorghum and Guinea corn, and has the merit of an almost unlimited capacity to endure drought. Cakes made from the meal have been described as better than corn cakes, and the grain has been pronounced by the chemist of the Savannah Guano Company superior in food qualities to wheat.

The charter of the State exposition association is being drawn up and will in a day or two be published. Everything is progressing smoothly and satisfactorily.—Raleigh News and Observer.

### DRIED FRUIT REPORT.

Cherries, pitted,	17
Damson, Plums,	10
Whortleberries,	10
Blackberries,	8
Apples, quartered,	4 to 5
Apples, sliced, common,	3 to 5
Apples, sliced, bright,	4 to 7
Apples, sliced, fancy,	to 8
Peaches, dark, peeled,	4 to 8
Peaches, bright, peeled,	8 to 10
Peaches, fancy, peeled,	10 to 14
Peaches, quarter, unpeeled,	5
Peaches, halves, unpeeled,	4

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