WILL NOT REVISE THE CONSTITUTION

PROPOSAL DEFEATED IN BELGIAN HOUSE

Demonstrations by the Socialists--Police Fire on the Crowds—Several People Killed.

Brussels, April 18.—The Chamber of representatives to-day by 84 to 64 votes rejected the proposal to revise the Belgian constitution so as to provide for universal suffrage.

The debate in the chamber followed yesterday's lines.

M. Smeets (Socialist) accused the government of being anxious to let loose 60,000 soldiers against their brethren. But, he added, they would be unable to exterminate Socialism and enough Socialists would remain to continue the struggle. As the government was not willing to counsel the King to do his duty, nothing was left but for the Socialists to address His Majesty directly, and plead for his intervention. If he but said the word, peace would be re-established. The vote was then taken.

Great excitement followed the vote in the chamber. The Socialists held a meeting in the Maison due Peuple, at which M. Van der Velde, the leader of the Socialist movement in Belgium, urged his hearers to be calm. He said that he hoped King Leopold still would intervene. The meeting adopted a resolution to continue the strike and dispersed without disorder. A serious riot has occurred at Louvain, near Brussels.

The Socialists held a demonstration in front of the residence of M. Scolarit, the president of the Chamber of Deputies. When the police attempted to desperse them they were received with a shower of stones. The civic guard then fired on the mob.

A similar riot occurred in another part of Louvain and altogether five persons were killed and 12 wounded. Some of the members carried the dead and wounded to the Maison du Proletarios.

Another riot is reported to have occurred at Bruges in Flanders.

The rioting at Louvain began at about half past seven this evening. A band of Socialists paraded the streets of the town, smashing windows with bolts and nuts. They broke through the police cordon in the Rue Tirlemont. The civic guards stationed in the Palace St. Antoine became hard-pressed by the rioters and fired a volley.

The guard fired a second volley in front of the Catholic club. It is reported that 12 policemen were wounded. In some quarters the number of wounded policemen is placed at 20 and several are said to have bee mmortally injured. All houses of Louvain are barricaded and maintenance of order has been assumed by the military.

TO SAVE POSTAGE.

Circulars Taken in Bulk From United States and Posted in Liverpool.

New York, April 19.—It seems hardly credible that business circulars of firms in the United States should be sent to England to be mailed here to addresses in the United States for the purpose of saving postage, yet this is the actual fact, according to the Herald correspondent at London.

This curious state of affairs is said to have been revealed at Liverpool by the treasury instructions to the customs officers located there. These officers have been ordered to seize large consignments of circulars in bulk, which are then addressed, have a halfpenny stamp put upon each and are dumped into the Liverpool post office to be sent back to New York in the mails. The postage rate under the laws of Great Britain for such circulars is a halfpenny for two ounces to all countries in postal union, but in the United States the postage is two cents, equivalent to one penny. It is therefore obvious that business firms who sent out thousands of circulars each week can save money by shipping bulk at a low rate of freight to Liverpool and then having them sent back to the United States.

The attention of the treasury officials was called to this matter by an official in the Liverpool post office, who noticed that several large consignments of American trade circulars addressed to parties in the United States had been posted in Liverpool. He investigated the matter and found that the practice had been in vogue for some little time. The result of his investigation is that immediate steps have been taken to stop the business.

MUST IMPORT RAILS.

United States Mills Will Be Unable to Meet the Demand.

New York, April 19.—Structural steel manufacturers have advanced prices for immediate delivery $3 to $5 a ton, and the supply of steel billets throughout the country is so small that manufacturers are still compelled to go abroad to purchase supplies for their mills, says the Journal of Commerce. There is no famine as yet, although prevailing conditions, it is reported, make an approximation to it.

The scarcity of material is particularly felt by small manufacturers, although the United States Steel Corporation also feels the lack of a necessary supply of billets. The situation has a particular bearing on the question of steel rail supply. It is stated that the wants of the railroads will necessitate a much larger importation of rails this year than for some years past. All the mills are practically booked for the entire year, and it will be found that more business will be carried from this year's books into 1903 than was carried from last year into 1902. The rail pool shows no intention at present of advancing prices.

There are 365,000 Englishmen and 22,000 Canadians residing in New York. Out of the entire population of 3,400,000 between the Battery and the Bronx, 1,800,000, or over fifty per cent., are foreign born.

TAKEN BY HAMILTON.

Sixty-Four Boers Captured During Recent Operations.

Klerksdorp, Transvaal, April 18.—Gen. Ian Hamilton, in a further drive, has captured 64 Boers.

Recruiting.

Ottawa, April 18.—In four days 700 men have enlisted for the third and fourth regiments for South Africa.

Left For Halifax.

Montreal, April 18.—One hundred and fifty men for the South African contingent recruited in Montreal and Ontario left to-day for Halifax.

At Toronto.

Toronto, April 18.—Recruits for the contingent to South Africa are being steadily enrolled; 110 men are accepted and 28 more men left town this evening for Halifax.

HAVE PREPARED PLANS FOR DEFENCE

UNEASINESS PREVAILS IN CITY OF PEKIN

There Are Rumors Regarding Trouble, But Chinese Continue Friendly Towards Foreigners.

Pekin, April 19.—The populace is becoming excited over rumors that trouble is imminent, but the demeanor of the Chinese continues friendly towards foreigners, the best informed of whom discredit the rumors of the existence of anti-foreign feeling.

The commanders of the guards at the foreign legations met to-day and arranged plans for defence should trouble arise.

The intention of the Empress Dowager to review the Imperial troops on the return of the court from the Eastern tombs of the dynasty has been abandoned, presumably because the Chinese officials considered that the holding of a review might be construed as a demonstration against the foreign troops.

Timothy Richard and Moir Duncan will start shortly for Tai Yuen Fu to institute there the Shan Si university, established with the consent of the governor of the province of Shan Si, who is pledged to give 500,000 taels ($50,000) for the establishment and maintenance of the institution in lieu of the payment of indemnities, which are waived. Messrs. Richard and Duncan will be respectively chancellor and principal of the university.

ASSEMBLY PROROGUED.

Regina, April 19.—The session of the Northwest Assembly was prorogued shortly after 11 o'clock to-day without functions. Lieut.-Governor Forget, after giving assent to 24 bills, read the following speech:

"Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly: In bringing this session of the legislative assembly to a conclusion, I have to thank you for the zeal and energy you have displayed in your deliberations, the results of which, I trust, may be of lasting benefit to the people of these Territories. I thank you for the liberal supplies you have voted for the public service of the country."

This being the last session, all the members joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne." There was a large attendance of the public.

TOWN SAFE.

No Truth in Report That Nan Ning Has Fallen.

Hongkong, April 21.—A dispatch received here from Wu Chow contradicts the report current at Canton on Saturday that Nan Ning is still safe, though surrounded at a distance of 15 miles by rebels.

The Dinner Pail

Of the American working man is generally well filled. In some cases it is too well filled. It contains too many kinds of food, and very often the food is of the wrong kind—hard to digest and containing little nutrition. As a consequence many a working man develops some form of stomach trouble which interferes with his health and reduces his working capacity.

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Mr. Thomas A. Swarts, of Sub Station C, Columbus, O., Box 109, writes: "I was taken with severe headache, then cramps in the stomach, and my food would not digest, then kidney and liver trouble and my back got weak so I could scarcely get around. At last I had all the complaints at once, the more I doctored the worse I got until six years passed. I had become so poorly I could only walk in the house by the aid of a chair, and I got so thin I had *given up to die*, thinking that I could not be cured. Then one of my neighbors said, 'Take my advice and take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and make a new man out of yourself.' The first bottle helped me so I thought I would get another, and after I had taken eight bottles in about six weeks, I was weighed, and found I had gained twenty-seven (27) pounds. I am as stout and healthy to-day, I think, as I ever was."

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SHOTS FOR BISLEY

TWO EACH FROM HERE AND TERMINAL CITY

New Brunswick Wishes Case Submitted to Supreme Court With Regard to Fisheries.

Ottawa, April 21.—British Columbia will have four representatives on the Bisley team. They are Col.-Sgt. John Moscrop and Lance Corp. S. C. Mortimore, of Vancouver, and Co.-Sergt. Major McDougall, and Co. Sergt. Major F. Richardson, of Victoria.

G. W. DeBeck has been appointed Indian agent for Kwawkewith agency, British Columbia, vice R. H. Pincock, who recently died.

Fishery Question.

Premier Tweedie and Attorney-General Pugsley, of New Brunswick, are in the city. They are here to see the government with the view of getting a case submitted to the Supreme court in regards to fisheries. The province claims that under the decision of the judicial committee of the Privy Council, given a few years ago, it is entitled to the fisheries within the three-mile limit. The Supreme court will likely be asked to interpret the judgment of the Privy Council. Should it be decided that the contention of the province is correct then that will claim its share of the Halifax award which is computed to be considerably over $1,000,000.

Costigan's Resolution.

It is understood that Hon. J. Costigan will introduce in the House at an early date a Home Rule resolution.

The Yukon Act.

Hon. Clifford Sifton introduced to-day a bill to amend the Yukon Territory Act. It provides that in cases where there is any conflict between the orders passed by the Governor-General-in-Council and the Yukon council that the orders of the Governor-in-Council will prevail. It also gives the Yukon council control and regulation of intoxicating liquor. This did not refer to the manufacture. It also provided for giving a larger measure of representation to the Territorial government by increasing the members elected to the council from two to five.

Proposed Changes.

Ralph Smith, Nanaimo, to-day introduced a bill to amend the Alien Labor Act. It provides for the application of the act being placed under the Minister of Labor instead of under the Attorney-General of the Dominion. It also provides for the Minister of Labor sending commissioners at the request of labor unions with power to deport aliens.

TINNED MEATS.

Questions Asked in the Imperial House of Commons.

London, April 21.—When asked a question in the House of Commons today regarding the paucity of the canned meat contracts for South Africa given to Canada and as to whether Americans had obtained the bulk of the contracts because their tenders were lower or their provisions of better quality, the financial secretary to the war office, Lord Stanley, refused to make a reply. He said the whole question of comparative merits of various tinned meats was now under consideration.

DR. TALMAGE'S WILL.

Washington, April 21.—The will of the late Dr. T. De Witt Talmage was filed here to-day. It leaves an estate valued at more than $300,000, of which about $250,000 is in personal property, consisting of secured notes, United States four per cent. bonds, stock and cash in banks, furniture, pictures and household effects. The real property is worth about $50,000, comprising his house in this city, property in East Hampton and in his former home at Brooklyn. The will gives "The widow's third" to Mrs. Talmage and the remainder share and share alike equally to all of his children and their lineal descendants.

TAKING NOURISHMENT.

Queen Wilhelmina Is Reported Somewhat Better This Morning.

The Hague, April 21.—The following bulletin was posted this morning at the Castle Loo: "The Queen slept part of the night and is taking somewhat more nourishment. Her general condition is satisfactory."

Prince Henry went for a ride this morning for the first time since Her Majesty's illness. This is taken to be a favorable sign.

REGIMENT VOLUNTEERS.

The 30th Wellington Rifles Ready to Go to South Africa.

Guelph, Ont., April 20.—The 30th Wellington Rifles, of which Lieut.-Col. Mutrie, M. L. A., is commander, have volunteered in a body to go to South Africa. Col. Peters, D. O. C., wired the offer to Ottawa, recommending its acceptance, and received a reply that the offer might possibly be accepted within a few days. The regiment offered 500 officers and men.

ELECTRIC ROAD.

Work Begun on Line to Dawson Creeks —Street Cars.

Vancouver, April 21.—A Dawson special says: "Work has been commenced on the electric railway to the creeks and a bridge is now being constructed across the Klondike. This line will be rushed to an early completion. Dawson will also have a system of electric street cars."

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SIXTY LIVES WERE PROBABLY LOST

STEAMER BURNED TO THE WATER'S EDGE

Panic Among the Passengers, Many of Whom Perished in Flames or Were Drowned.

Cairo, Ills., April 20.—The side-wheel steamer City of Pittsburg, from Cincinnati to Memphis, was burned to the water's edge early this morning at Turner's landing, near Olmstead, Ills., 11 miles from Mound City, Ills., and 24 miles from this city. The early reports stated that 65 lives were lost and that many were badly burned and otherwise injured, but that the list of casualties is not yet definitely determined. Two boats and all available craft from this place went to the scene for relief.

Most of the passengers were still in bed when Second Clerk Oliver Phillips gave the alarm. The engineers at once started all the pumping engines, while the crew brought all the hose into play. Amid the streams of water on all sides, the flames from the lower decks and dense clouds of smoke, the passengers rushed from their staterooms and a panic ensued. Few could adjust life-preservers or do anything for themselves. The smoke was stifling, choking the passengers and adding to the terror. Children cried pitifully, begging to be saved.

Lifeboats were manned and every effort was made to save the passengers. Boats were sent from shore to help in the work of rescue, and passengers were landed at the river banks. As fast as the boats could be emptied they returned to the steamer. The burning steamer was quickly headed to the bank, but passengers were forced to jump from the stern, and trying to swim ashore through the swift current many were drowned. Many also perished in the flames.

Help, except from people living near by, did not arrive until 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, and passengers with only night clothing and without food suffered terribly.

There were 70 passengers and 70 all told in the crew. The captain and clerk late to-night claim in all 80 live persons have been accounted for, leaving 60 people lost or unaccounted for.

List Not Completed.

Cairo, Ills., April 21.—Although no complete list of either the victims or the survivors is yet obtained, investigation to-day indicates that almost one-half of the 150 persons on the City of Pittsburg were lost when that steamer was burned yesterday.

THE IMPERIAL LIMITED.

Time Table For New Trains Was Issued To-Day.

Vancouver, April 21.—The new Canadian Pacific Imperial limited time table, providing for two trans-continental trains daily, three days each week, during the summer and one for the other four days, was issued to-day. The westbound train, No. 97, leaves Montreal on Sundays and Tuesdays at 1 o'clock. The eastbound train, No. 96, leaves Vancouver on Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1.30 o'clock, arriving at Montreal on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Mondays at 4.50 o'clock. Connections will be made at Fort William as usual. The time occupied by the new service will be 95 hours, five hours better than last year.

President Graves, of the White Pass railway, arrived in Seattle last night from the East, for the purpose of making a personal investigation into northern transportation matters. Dawson merchants are sending out comparatively no orders. They fear that the Northern Commercial Company of San Francisco will make large shipments by the lower river route and slaughter goods on the Dawson market cheaper than they can possibly be taken in by small merchants over the White Pass railway.

Before a theatre can be opened for stage plays in Dublin a patent, which lasts 25 years, has to be obtained from the Lord-Lieutenant.

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