

Many Vessels Lost

Disastrous Storm on the Coast of Morocco.

Probable Coronation of the Czar in Moscow During May.

China Willing to Accept Japan's Terms and to Sign a Treaty—Many People Leaving Peking.

ROSEBERRY VISITS THE QUEEN. LONDON, March 11.—Lord Roseberry went to Windsor today for an audience with the Queen.

CORONATION OF THE CZAR. VIENNA, March 11.—It is reported here that the coronation of the Czar will take place in Moscow in the latter half of May.

MANY VESSELS LOST. LONDON, March 11.—A violent storm prevailed at Morocco, Tangier, all last night. Thirty fishing boats and other craft were wrecked and the pier was partly destroyed. In addition snow fell here last night for the first time in many years.

THE CZARINA SUNK. LONDON, March 11.—It is stated that the Russian Imperial yacht *Czarina*, which recently left Athens for Corfu with the Russian minister to Greece, M. K. Onou, on board, in order to greet the Czar and his family, is fast ashore. All on board were saved.

SPLITTING THE DIFFERENCE. LONDON, March 11.—The Progressive and Moderate parties, who are tied with 59 electors each in the City Council, have agreed that each shall nominate four of the nine new aldermen. The Duke of Norfolk (Moderate) and Sir John Hutton have been made a committee to appoint the ninth.

FAKE TELEGRAMS. LONDON, March 11.—Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, M.P., has renewed his attack upon the sensational stories of Armenian atrocities published recently in the Telegraph. In a letter published today Sir Ellis challenges the Telegraph to produce the alleged Armenian telegrams published in that paper, or even join him in requesting the telegraph company to preserve the original dispatches. Until the Telegraph is willing to show them, he says, he will remain in the belief that they never existed.

The Globe correspondent in Constantinople, as the result of careful examination of Reuters' special dispatches from Thessalonica, declares that they are full of contradictory and confused statements, and show such complete ignorance of circumstances, localities, etc., as to render them wholly unreliable.

CHINESE DESERTING PEKING.

LONDON, March 11.—A Central News dispatch from Shanghai says the Chinese residents are leaving Peking, Tien Tsin, Taku and other districts, fearing a Japanese invasion. Steamers arriving at Shanghai are crowded with refugees.

A dispatch from Peking says a number of ladies have arrived in Peking from Kalgan in consequence of warning received by them from the American legation in Peking that the latter place would be safer for them. They report having left everything quiet in Kalgan. Everything is also quiet in Peking.

China has been informed in general terms of the conditions upon which Japan will consent to peace. Japan has been notified that China is ready to accept those conditions and to sign a treaty. The correspondence by means of which this agreement was arrived at was carried on through the United States Ministers to the two countries, Mr. Edwin Layton at Tokio, and Minister Charles Denby at Peking.

San Francisco's able chemist, Dr. W. T. Wenzell, declares Dr. Price's Baking Powder absolutely pure.

Late Canadian News.

Sudden Death of a Leading Listowel Merchant.

Owing to disagreement with the directors, the entire medical staff of the hospital at Ottawa have resigned.

The Farnham Hotel, together with the adjoining building and contents, was destroyed by fire Monday morning. Loss \$7,000, insurance \$4,000.

A case of attempted suicide is reported from near Smith's Falls. Abraham Coad, an old man who had just arrived from the Western States on a visit to his brother William, shot himself with a pistol three times on Monday morning and is mortally wounded. He was subject to fits of depression.

Rev. Dr. Eby will go to Ottawa to ask the Dominion Government to assist the destitute Moravian settlers of Edmonton. There are twenty families, and Dr. Eby will ask for \$200 a family, or \$4,000 in all. The precedent upon which he will go will be the loan of \$125,000 to the Mennonites, all of which has been repaid.

An order in council has been passed at Ottawa apportioning among the 37 claimants the \$12,000 voted last session to indemnify the sufferers by an accident on the Intercolonial four years ago. It occurred four miles from Lewis in December, 1890, three persons being killed and several injured.

Mr. John Thompson, sen., a leading merchant and resident of Listowel for 30 years, died suddenly at his home Monday afternoon. He had been at the store during the day, apparently as well as usual, but during the afternoon felt faint and walked home. He laid down and a few moments after was dead, his wife being the only one present.

DEATH IN THE PIT.

A Canadian Coal Mine on Fire—Probable Loss of Twenty Lives.

WINNIPEG, March 11.—A dispatch from Rat Portage says that the Sultana mine there is on fire. Forty of the twenty imprisoned miners were taken from the mine by the rescuing party, but all were so suffocated that they will die. All hope of reaching the remaining twenty has been abandoned.

Conflict Thickens.

Intense Excitement Among North Essex Conservatives.

In Regard to the Result of the Convention.

Two Opposite Views Regarding a Possible Session.

Good Progress Made in Printing the Voters' Lists.

THE SPLIT IN NORTH ESSEX.

(Special to the "Advertiser.") WINDSOR, Ont., March 11.—There is great excitement among the Conservatives here today over the result of the convention on Saturday, and Odette's friends and supporters say they will demand that another convention be called at once. The reason given for this is the fact that Judge McHugh positively declined to allow his name to be used before the convention opened, and it is claimed that the P. P. A. voted and worked for him so as they could bring out a candidate of their own later on.

Mr. Odette, when seen by the "Advertiser" correspondent this morning, was greatly excited, and although he refused to give any information, intimated that another convention would be called. Dozens of his supporters were in his office at the time. Judge McHugh refused to say if he will accept or not, but it is reported that one of his relatives this morning offered to bet \$500 that he would not. Even if he should, his own friends say he would stand no show since the split has taken place, and they are as equally sure that Odette would stand less. The solid men of the party are thoroughly disgusted, and say that they will either stay away from the polls or vote for McGregor.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION. TORONTO, March 11.—Mayor Kennedy presided tonight at the meeting held at the pavilion to discuss the question of Manitoba school legislation. Mr. D'Alton McCarthy was the principal speaker. The hall was two-thirds full. Following is the resolution passed by the meeting: "That the subject of education is a matter of essentially local concern, and though the right of appeal to his Excellency the Governor-General in Council is by the British North America Act, and in the case of Manitoba by its constitution given in certain cases, yet it is a power so opposed to the governing principle which regulates the distribution of real authority between the Dominion and the Province, and its enforcement would be so humiliating to the Province as to which it is exercised, that it is a jurisdiction which should never be assumed, except in cases of the most flagrant abuse of provincial power."

TO BE OR NOT TO BE.

Toronto World.

OTTAWA, March 11.—The impression is gaining ground that any conclusion the Government may reach in the Manitoba school question will not be brought before the Provincial Legislature at its present session. There is no power by which the Federal authorities can compel Premier Greenway and his colleagues to act promptly.

The Premier, therefore, to ask the Legislature to formally pass on any remedial order which may be made, the question will go over for a year, as the Dominion Parliament will not have jurisdiction until after the Provincial Legislature has put itself on record as declining to do anything. Meanwhile the current of opinion has again set strongly in favor of the holding of a session before dissolution, and there are those here who still insist that a session is within the range of possibility. Some go so far as to suggest the 28th for the meeting of the Houses. It is only a question of a few days now before the matter will be finally set at rest.

THIS IS DIFFERENT.

The Quebec Morning Chronicle declares there will not be a session. It says: "Our advisers from Ottawa are entirely different. No preparation whatever is being made in the several departments for a session. The Ministers are cultivating the constituent. There is activity all along the line, where a vigorous campaign is to be conducted and Conservatives and Liberals alike are working their heads off, so to speak, to get the opportunity of placing their views before the voting public. We must insist upon it that our friends wake up and conduct themselves just as if the tocsin had sounded a blast and that Canada was without a Parliament. There is not the slightest prospect of a session taking place before election day, so far as we can see, and we say this on authority which ought to be good and reliable."

HOW THE LISTS ARE PROGRESSING.

Good progress is being made with printing the Dominion voters' lists. Of a total of 202 constituencies in Canada, lists for 62 are completely ready, 38 are out in proof form, six, viz., Toronto East, Center and West, North, East and West York, are being printed in Toronto, seven in Montreal, while the remainder are in hand at the bureau.

CONSERVATIVE INSPIRATION UNPAID FOR.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 11.—In 1893 Mr. D. F. Power, a great loyalist and old-fagger, suddenly sought life under the Stars and Stripes. Saturday a remarkable suit was begun by the executor of his estate against Messrs. Wiley Smith, A. B. Crosby and Max Grant, three very prominent Conservatives. It is for liquor furnished during the last Dominion election campaign and still unpaid for. The Tories distributed liquor in immense quantities all over the constituencies, and distributed the purchase among all city dealers of the Tories, and although Power furnished it to only a few small districts the bill includes hundreds of bottles of brandy, whisky, rum and other liquors.

TO RALLY ROUND LAURIER.

TORONTO, March 11.—The Liberal members of the Legislature held a caucus Saturday at which it was decided to push on the work of the session in order that they might be free to help Mr. Laurier in the coming Dominion campaign.

NOTES.

Mr. John Charlton, M.P., will address two meetings in Center Wellington on Monday, March 18.

Mrs. H. Boetock, wife of the Liberal candidate for the Yale-Cariboo division, B. C., has taken a leaf from the British election and is accompanying her husband on his campaign, speaking

and working quite as much as he himself.

A visiting Conservative member of Parliament denounced the attendance of Ministers at Sherbrooke and recent demonstrations by Mr. Oulmet and others in Laval. These places, said he, contained large Conservative majorities, and the Ministers told members they had no time to visit doubtful counties.

That Spook Again.

Mr. Sim Fax Thinks He Has Located the Sound.

Suspicious Marks of Scratching Appear on the Wall.

The Comedian's Contentment Seems to be Borne Out That the Girl Produces the Noise With Her Hands—The Family Say That She Does Not.

The "Advertiser" has allowed the Ann street spook to rest quietly for some time, and it is only because of some new and startling light as to the origin of the hitherto strange sound that it is again resurrected. Many prominent men in the city have investigated the scratching since it was first heard some time ago, but it has been next to impossible to get a candid expression of opinion from any of them, because of a natural hesitancy in connecting a highly respectable family with deception, and again because of the unwritten law governing hospitalities. Lastly Mr. Sim Fax, known somewhat in local spiritualistic circles (!!) has (with the consent of the family) been making a series of three investigations, which culminated in that of last evening, when two newspaper men were present. As heretofore the family seemed perfectly willing to have the matter investigated, but it was only too noticeable that results ceased where close investigation began. Mr. Fax prepared short accounts of his two former visits, which serve to introduce that of last evening. The first was made on Feb. 26. Of this Mr. Fax says:

THE FIRST VISIT.

"Asked the spook how many coppers were in my pocket. It said it knew, but would not tell. Asked how many bills were in my pocket. It said it knew, but would not tell. It was asked various questions by members of the family, which were answered correctly in most instances. Mr. Tuson took a bunch of keys from his pocket. When asked how many were the spook scraped eleven. I counted and there were twelve. The child Ada was in the bedroom partly concealed behind the door with one hand visible. I passed my ear to the outside of the wall, which was an interior, to detect the nature of the sound produced, and ascertain if it was on the side next the child. I concluded that it was not on my side or between the walls, unless something had been prepared on which it might scrape. The sound produced was certainly over a smooth surface, and the long strokes sounded as though a circle was described, which could not be done on a rough interior of a lath-and-plaster wall, which is certainly too rough to produce an even sound. I was not writing down the results of my investigation, but I was given permission to enter the room where the child was. Spook would answer questions as long as I kept sufficiently back so that I could not see the child completely. She was partially concealed behind the door. I was suspicious of the child. Asked to hold visible hand. Spook still scraped. Took hold of hand concealed behind the door. Spook would not scrape. Repeated this several times. I was reassured that the child was doing the scraping. Went to another room and

SCRAPING WAS HEARD

while this was visible to me. This room was dark. Moved in quietly in order to see the child without her perceiving me. Her brother noticed movement and took hold of the child and the scraping stopped. Saw slate and paper writing supposed to have been done by spook. Got child to write similar sentences. Great resemblance between the two acknowledged by those present. I told the family I had formed an opinion not in support of spiritualism, but would not disclose same until after further investigation. Have concluded that the scraping is done by the child's hand, for when I held it free behind the door there were no responses whatever. When I held the outside hand and let the one behind the door and closest to the wall free, the responses were prompt. I thought I could detect a slight motion of the child's body in making the effort to reach the wall, which would be at arm's length. I also thought I could detect an expression of face which denoted her consciousness of what letter was wanted in spelling out words, as she would sometimes raise her eyes at the desired letter before the stroke would be made."

THE SECOND VISIT.

This was made on March 5, and of this Mr. Fax has to say: "Spook in bad humor. Conversation very brief and unsatisfactory, and spook had no desire to make replies. (Neither had Ada.) First question asked, 'Who is here?' Answer, 'Old Sim Fax.' 'Don't you like Mr. Fax?' 'No.' 'Is he too skeptical?' 'Yes.' 'Would you like to convert him?' 'No.' 'Will you do some slate writing for us tonight?' 'No.' 'Have you any message for us?' 'Yes.' Question by Mr. Tuson: 'Shall we go over the letters for you?' Before this question was answered and almost before it was fully asked I suggested that the spook might have slate messages to which Ada answered verbally. 'No.' The question occurred to my mind, 'How did Ada know the spook's desire?' And the answer in my mind was that Ada was the spook. The spooking continued until the words 'k-i-c-k h-i-m o-u-t' were completed. Mr. Tuson having assured me that 'it' always kept its word, and would do whatever 'it' said, I promptly said I would wait to be kicked out, and would consider myself much favored. The spook then refused to comply. Mr. Tuson asked if the spook was jesting, and it said, 'Yes.' My previous suspicions were much strengthened by this night's interview. The movement of Ada was quite perceptible in making the strokes, and the position was always the same, she being partly concealed behind the door. I do not attempt to disclose what I considered a fraud on this occasion, because the spook and Ada were in such bad humor. So I concluded to make another visit."

LAST NIGHT'S SEANCE.

This Mr. Fax did in company with two newspaper men. Ada was snow-balled with a girl friend when the party arrived, and she did not appear to be much pleased at having her play disturbed. A lamp was placed in the bedroom so that one-half of the child was visible. The other was behind the door which was opened far enough to enable the child to reach the wall behind the door with her concealed hand. "I see Fax is here again," was the first message. "Is there any other medium in the city besides Ada?" asked Mr. Tuson. "No," was the reply. "Do you like Fax?" "No" (very emphatically). "Can Mr. Fax get better results after a while?" "No." These questions were not asked in close succession, and between answers Ada's concealed hand would be visible for a moment or so. But as soon as an answer was required (and the spook was willing) the hand would steal away and remain out of sight until after the answer was given. Mr. Fax held the outside hand and the scratching still continued. But not once could the sound be produced while the hand nearest the wall was held, or while it was requested that both should be shown.

This was explained thus by Mr. Tuson: "The moment the element of doubt becomes apparent we find that results cease."

"Well," replied Mr. Fax, "why should the results cease as soon as doubt is exhibited? Doubt can exist before being openly exhibited, and why should the results not cease then?"

A PECULIAR DISCOVERY.

In the meantime Ada left the bedroom, and with the family's permission the bedroom was examined by the three visitors. An effort was made to produce the sound on the back of the door, but it did not sound like the "spook" at all. Then Mr. Fax moved back some clothes which were hanging from the wall, and distinct signs of repeated scratching were plainly discernible. In fact where the great bulk of the scratching had been done (just above the wainscoting) the wall paper had been worn through for a space of about six inches square. And on wainscoting the result of the scratching was visible in white powdery dust. While examining the wall Mr. Fax made the same sound as the girl did, using his finger nail. He improved the opportunity to affix to the wall at the place where the scratching was most noticeable three threads blackened with lamplack. Two of the small children came into the room while this was in progress and were kindly asked to retire. Whether the girl became suspicious of the device or not, no results could be obtained after this, although repeated efforts were made both in this room and in another.

"Did you know the wall was scratched?" a reporter asked Mrs. Arscott.

Mrs. Arscott replied that she noticed the wall that day, and asked, for the sake of the family, that nothing be said about it.

"I have lots of wall paper," said she, "and could easily have covered it over. But we are honest people, and have nothing to fear." It was hinted by Mr. Fax that perhaps the little girl was making this idea, and while the argument went on Ada herself

BEGAN TO CRY

aloud. It was not a very pleasant task to try and convert the faith of their daughter was deceiving them, and motherlike, Mrs. Arscott would not hear of it. She detailed the circumstances attending the origin of the sounds, the trouble she had been put to on account of it.

"I said to Ada after the sounds first appeared, 'Ada, remember that your reputation is at stake, and if you have any knowledge of how the sound is produced stop it.'"

"Well, mother, you can be sure if I could stop it it would not be long," and ended the matter.

Then Mrs. Arscott pointed out that Rev. Benj. Clement had muffled the girl's hands with a chair tidy, and she asserted that the sound had been produced with her tiny fists. This was in sight. She said that the family would be as pleased as anyone to know how the sounds were produced. Both Mrs. Arscott and Mr. Tuson admitted that signs of scratching were visible. But they affirmed that the scratching was of other than human agency. Again Mr. Tuson offered to take the reporters to another house where the sounds had been produced for an hour and no signs of scratching were visible. Ada was still crying and refused to let any of the party examine her left hand. She even refused to shake hands with Mr. Fax, and was gently chided by her mother. Then she reluctantly gave Mr. Fax her hand, and the seance was over.

"I feel perfectly satisfied," said Mr. Fax afterwards, "that Ada is making the sound with her hand upon the wall. The circumstances are suspicious—the body half concealed, the scratched wall, the motions of the body in scratching, and the fact that Ada would not let me look at her fingers. I do not think that the family are aware of how the sound is produced, and I cannot say that I have seen Ada scratch, because I have not had the opportunity to investigate that far. The results cease where close investigation begins."

SPIRIT WRITING.

Several "spirit" messages were shown to the reporters. The spelling in some of them is bad, the construction childish and utterly devoid of punctuation or capitalization. The writing was in lead pencil and in a round school hand. One read:

"America March 7, 1895: My dear friend John Arscott I think your name is send this to america all my people and they will surely reward you for your kindness if you send ada to america they will reward her well for her trouble I am quite happy the abraham Lincoln president."

Another read: "My dear husband who are those children I did so worry on earth your loving wife I must go"

The next was in answer to three questions proposed by a caller the other day: "London March 10—I don't know the reason you did not see me I guess it was carelessness"

"Well I hardly thought you would be around again but I am"

"I must go now when I come next time I will write better and not so large Joseph I am happy."

Cut Flowers.

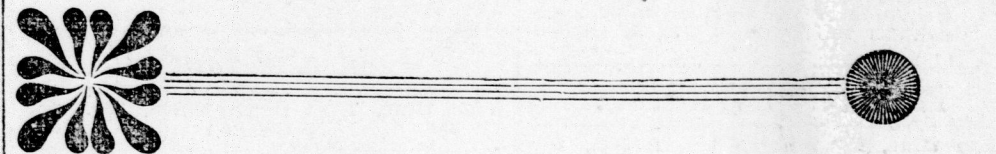
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