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Immense Volume of Kind Messages Sent to Bismarck.

Mrs. Gladstone Indulges in a Little Speech.

Resignation of the Liberal Member for Middle Norfolk.

France Says England Tried to Sink a French Troopship.

RESIGNATION OF AN M. P. LONDON, April 2.—Clement Higgins, a Liberal, representing the middle division of Norfolk in the House of Commons, has resigned his seat.

A MILLION CONGRATULATIONS. BERLIN, April 2.—Prince Bismarck has received more than a million congratulatory postal cards and letters, and between 10,000 and 15,000 telegrams. AN IRISH TOWN ON FIRE.

DUBLIN, April 2.-A fire is raging in Taum, county Galway, which threatens the destruction of the town. The place is situated inland, and water in sufficient quantity to cope with the flames is not to be had.

LOOK OUT FOR SQUALLS. PARIS, April 3.-It is announced that in the Senate this afternoon M. Hanatoux, Foreign Minister, will reply to the declarations made by Sir Edward Grey a few days ago in the British House of

CHINA AND JAPAN. LONDON, April 2.—The Standard's Berlin correspondent says that the Emperor of China has instructed Li Hung Chang to ask for an audience with the Mikado himself for the armistice. If Li should be too ill his son-in-law will deliver th emessage. Li will probably ask that his assailant be pardoned or his sentence mitigated.

TO DESTROY A MONUMENT. BUDA-PESTH, April 2.—An attempt was made last night to blow up the Hentzi monument, erected to the memory of the Austrian general, Hentzi, and the 418 soldiers who fell with him defending the fortress against the Hungarians in 1849. The monument, which stands on George's Platz, is a Gothic column in bronze, 65 feet high, rising over a group of the dying heroes, crowned by Victory. A well-dressed man was seen to deposit a parcel, to which was attached a lighted fuse, near the monument. A tremendous explosion ollowed, shattering the windows of the rchduke Joseph's palace, the armory, nd other buildings in the neighbor-ood. The monument, however, was

THE CUBAN REVOLT.

HAVANA, April 2.—It is reported in Manzanillo that several rebel leaders intend to surrender. During the past week some 8,000 troops have arrived from Spain and have landed at various ports, where they were received with great enthusiasm. It is understood that they will be followed immediately by further contingents of some 10,000 men. The majority of the people here are much pleased with the appointment or Gen. Martinez Campos as Governor of the island. It is confidently expected that he will succeed in suppressing ...e political disturbance without unnecessary bloodshed. Those in arms against the Government do not appear to be increasing in numbers, and it is not likely that the present trouble will extend be-yond the Santiago de Cuba district.

FRANCE INDIGNANT. PARIS, April 2.-As an indication of the strained relations between England and France, the Matin and other French newspapers persist in insinuating that the collision on March 30 off Messina, Island of Sicily, between two British steamers, the Alvah and the Brinkburn, the latter chartered by the French Government as a transport to take troops and munitions of war to the Island of Madagascar, was due to England's malice, and that a nation capable of such an action should be

made to repent it.
The Alvah, as cabled the Associated
Press at the time, was sunk and the Brinkburn, which was on the way from Toulon to the Island of Madagascar with French troops and ammunition of war on board, was seriously damaged, but succeeded in making the harbor of

A POPULAR PAIR.

LONDON, April 2.-Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, who have been on a visit to Lincoln, England, to their son-in-law, the Rev. Edward C. Wickham, for some days past, drove to the railroad station today in an open carriage in spite of the cold and rain, on their way to Hawarden. Mrs. Gladstone was presented with a bouquet on behalf of the Women's Liberal Association, and an address referring in eulogistic terms to her devotion and help to her husband. Replying to the address, Mrs. Glad-stone said that they owed nothing to her, but all to her husband. Mr. Glad-stone, when his wife had finished speaking, said that he must add his thanks to those of Mrs. Gladstone, al-though he was disinclined to interfere with her speech. Continuing, he said: "The fact is, all ladies are now taking much to public speech, and if they persevere and keep steadily to it they will

## Live News in a Line.

The State elections as a rule were largely favorable to the Republicans. During March the United States national debt increased more than \$18,-

The Johnston steel plant at Lorain. Ohie, one of the largest in the world, has begun operations.

George C. Scott, late cashier of the Mississippi River Logging Company, at Winona, Minn., is a defaulter for \$22,-

The Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk and Intercolonial Railways have reduced freights on all classes of merchan-

The Havemeyer sugar refinery in Williamsburg, N. Y., has closed down. he 4,000 employes were told that the eries would be closed for several

President's family left the White

House on Tuesday and took up their residence at Woodley, where they were joined by the President in the after-

There are seven murderers in the annex of the Ohio Penitentiary, under sentence of death, and one or two more will be added to the number who are now in the shadow of the gallows in the next ten days.

In London the American loan on continued buying for New York account rose to 6 3-8 per cent premium on Tuesday. The bonds are becoming scarce. The report that Secretary Gresham will resign is not believed in Washing-

At St. Louis, Mo., Chas. A. Day shot Geo. A. Thorn through the breast and shoulder on Tuesday, inflicting fatal wounds. It was zeal on the part of both men to elect their favorites for the House of Delegates in the seventh ward that caused the shooting. Both men used their pistols.

The strength and activity of silver have not passed unnoticed in the United States Treasury, but the general opinion is expressed that the rise is speculative rather than real, and what is real in the movement is to be attrib-uted to the prospect that the Chinese indemnity will be paid in silver.

Capt O'Neil, in command of the Nova Scotia bark J. H. Masters, which sailed from New York on March 29 for Demer-ara, was shot by a sailor named Holz-heur, five balls taking effect. One ball entered the captain's face just below the right eye; one hit him in the neck, a third in the thigh, another in the left shoulder, and the other in the arm. Still, the wounds are not considered dangerous. The vessel put back to New York and Holzheur was arrested.

The investigation of the sinking of the steamer Elbe has been again adjourned for a week.

The Republicans swept Chicago on Tuesday by electing G. B. Swift as mayor by 40,930 plurality. The farmers throughout the North-western States are jubilant. Sunday's rain broke the drought and saved the wheat crop.

A Dismissed Penitentiary Warden Reinstated-Manitoba to Have an Agricultural Text-Book.

At St. Thomas on Monday Dr. E. A. Teskey's pointer dog, valued at \$1,000,

was poisoned. Arthur W. Godson, the well-known Toronto contractor, has made an assignment. No statement can be prepared for some days.

The Calgary Herald says that Mr. D. W. Davis, M. P. for Alberta, is to receive the appointment of collector of customs in the Yukon district.

The Government has ceased to collect through the customs the 12 1-2 per cent royalty on reprints of British copyrighted works imported into Canada. Duncan, second son of Mr. Duncan McKillop, postmaster, West Lorne, died on Monday morning after an illness of one week, caused by inflammation of the lungs, aged 22 years.

Miss Pollington, of Hamilton, was walking a few feet away from the edge of the mountain when, falling on the slippery ground, she rolled over and went to the bottom, but escaped without serious injury.

By the death of Rowland Clegg Hill, Third Viscount Hill, which occurred in England on Saturday last, in his 62nd year, his son, the Hon. Rowland Richard Clegg Hill, late proprietor and editor of the Paris, Ont., Star-Transcript, becomes the heir to the title and

The advisory board committee of Manitoba has adopted an agricultural text book for schools, the book to be used as a supplementary reader. Bradstreet's reports the following assignments: Vanzant & Co., hardware, Markham; John Young, tinware and stoves, Thornbury.

A new natural gas syndicate, in which Windsor and Kingsville capitalists are interested, has been formed. Large tracts of land on Pelee Island have been leased by the syndicate, and tests will be made for natural gas, which is said to exist in limited quantities under the island.

Elizabeth Green, of Tyendinaga, has been given a month in jail for arson. James Fitzsimmons, who was deputy warden of New Westminster (British Columbia) Penitentiary, and who was dismissed by the late Sir John Thompson as a result of an investigation by a commission some time ago, has been

If the citizens of Toronto will guarantee to raise \$3,000 the Pan-American Congress of North and South America will assemble there from July 18 to the 25th, inclusive. That amount is half the expense of the congress. The congress will bring together the fore-most men of American, Catholic, Jewish and Methodist Churches, and people of all religious beliefs.

A fakir named A. R. Jackson has been sending circulars from Lawndale, B. C., asking 10-cent subscriptions towards repairing the damages there by floods. He recived many responses. It turns out that Lawndale comprises two huts. Jackson has skipped. Principal Grant, of Kingston, was among his dupes.

RAILROAD SOLD.

MACON, Ga., April 2.-The Georgia Southern and Florida Railway was sold at public auction today-for \$3,000,000. It was bought in by Skipwith Wilmer, of Baltimore, for the bondholders.

DIED AT THE BALLOT BOX. NEWCASTLE, Col., April 2.-While Mrs. Thomas Jones was preparing her ballot at the polling place here this morning, she fainted and fell, striking her head heavily against the floor. She died in a short time, having ruptured a blood vessel.

HE PULLED THE CLOTHES. WATONGA, O.T., April 2.—Al Evans and Dr. Babb, bedfellows in a hotel,

quarrelled over the proper division of the bed clothing, and Evans, drawing a revolver from under the pillow, shot and killed Babb. When Sheriff Wilson tried to arrest Evans he was shot twice, but finally succeeded in arresting the murderer. Wilson's wounds are not thought to be fatal.

EX-EDITOR STONE DEAD. BROOKLYN, April 2. - David M. Stone, the venerable ex-editor of the New York Journal of Commerce, died at his home in this city tonight. He was born Dec. 23, 1817. In addition to his labors in connection with the Jour-nal of Commerce, Mr. Stone served for many years as president of the New York Associated Press, and for several years contributed a weekly financial article to the New York Observer, and was actively engaged in writing for the

Provided by the Department of Education.

Sale of the Sault Ste. Marie Water Power to an American Syndicate.

Bill to Prevent Fraud in Fruit-Packing-Mr. Marter's Triumph.

(Special to the "Advertiser." PARLIAMENT HOUSE, Torosto, April 2.—An announcement which Hon. Mr. Ross made today will bring joy to the heart of many a parent, for it means a large saving in the cost of text-books. It was in connection with a motion to authorize certain contracts for the printing of text-books made with Hunter, Rose & Co., the Canadian Publishing Company, and Copp Clark & Co.

The Minister of Education explained that arrangements are being made to publish a number of text-books. One of these will be a small book containing all the Euclid and algebra necessary for the junior leaving examinitions. It will cost 25 cents, while the text-books before needed cost \$1 25, so that 120,000 pupils will save \$1 eacl. A modernized and cheaper Frenca grammar has been prepared by Messrs. Squair and Fraser, of Toronto University. A new high school arithmetic has also been prepared by Mr. Thompsor, of Hamilton, Inspector Ballard and Prof. McKay, of McMaster Hall, which will give modernized methods and far more commercial arithmetic, and will cost 60 cents, instead of 75 cents. The writing course in the public schools has been modernized so that the books costing 5 cents each will be used instead of those costing 10 cents each Thus the total saving will be 80 cents on the whole course, and there are 300, 000 children who will benefit by the reduction. duction. The contract is very carefully made, as the Minister fully showed. At Mr. Ryerson's request the discus-

sion of the motion was postponed. Hon. Mr. Hardy secured the approval by the House of an agreement made between him and Edward V. Douglas, of Philadelphia, and Francis H. Clergue, of Bangor, Maine. These gentlemen have bought the Sault Ste. Marie water power, upon which they have spent By the agreement they are to

To encourage them the Gov is to set apart 50 square miles, on which troops, and the latter are coming in on the company may cut the coarse wood not including pine, the rate to be 20 direction from Spain. Nearly one-third direction from Spain. for eight years, the price thereafter to be fixed by an order-in-council. Provision is also made to allow the company to cut wood outside the 50-mile limit under certain conditions.

The discussion was postroned at the

request of the Opposition. Hon. Mr. Dryden's bill to consolidate and amend the Agriculture and Arts Association was read a second time. The Minister explained the Government's reasons for its abolition of the Agriculture and Arts Association, which he thought had outlived its usefulness: The bill went through without serious

criticism from the Opposition. To the next bill Mr. Dryden had to offer, however, there was sharp opposition. It was the bill to prevent fraud in the sale of fruit, and the Conservatives held that the fruit growers didn't mission of the clause to the vote of the want it, and that its passage would ex- people was defeated by 70 to 30. ert a prejudicial influence upon their

The Government's reply was that the fruit growers did approve of something being done to prevent dishonest packing, and that Canadian fruit is being lessened in value abroad by occasional instances of fraudulent packing, which give the entire product a bad name. The latter portion of the afternoon

was spent over the bill, a portion of which was passed, while another portion was allowed to stand over by Mr. Dryden in order to make certain verbal changes. No principle, however, was conceded by him. Hon. Mr. Bronson's huge Electric Railway Bill, with its 136 clauses, was

read a second time, Mr. Bronson explaining its principles, a summary of which has already appeared in the "Ad-Mr. Whitney spoke on behalf of the

Opposition, making no serious object-And after speeches by Mr. Conmee,

Hon. Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Howland, the measure went through. The rest of the evening was spent in passing a number of Government Bills.

Mr. Marter had his triumph today in the Public Accounts Committee, for he discovered a piece of extravagance which cost the country the mag-nificent sum of two dollars, and in his delight at discovering one leak at least he spent an hour and a half in cross-questioning Dr. Sippi, Bursar of the London Asylum, to learn why it was that whereas three-quarters of the salsoda bought in the asylum in the past year cost 1 1-4 cents a pound, the remaining 1-4 cost no less than 1 1-2 cents per pound. The rest of Dr. Sippi's testimony was not so comforting to the Opposition, for he testified as to the great difficulty of buying butter under the contract system. In one case he had marked a couple of firkins of butter which he had rejected as inferior, and found them sent back to him next day. He favored the buying of creamery butter. Inspector Christie, he said, had never told him to purchase from friends of the Government, and as a matter of fact, he bought from foes as well as friends of the Government.

Mr. A. O. Jeffery was in the city to-day interviewing the Government with reference to fraternal insurance, concerning which legislation is pro-

The end of the session is presaged in the following notice of motion, handed in at the close of tonight's session: That Government business shall have precedence over all other business, except private bills, on each day of the session on and after Friday next, and that there shall be a meeting of the

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House at 11 of the clock on Saturday next for Government business only, Mr. Speaker to leave the chair at 1 p.m. of the clock without the question being put.

IN LABOR CIRCLES.

Reduced Wages Restored-Prohibition and Colonization Disapproved.

WORCESTER, Mass., April 2.—The 200 imployes of the Pakachog worsted mills at South Worchester who suffered a reduction of 15 per cent in their pay during the dull times last year, had the reduction restored today.

WINNIPEG, April 2.—At the Trades and Labor Convention prohibition was rejected as a plank in the platform of the abor party, and a memorial was adopted opposing General Booth's colonization

UNIONTOWN, Pa., April 2.—The coke workers have been notified that rents will be advanced from 30 to 40 per cent for company houses. The rents were reduced at the time wages were cut. Now that wages have been raised the operators want higher rent for their houses. This action and the advance in prices at the company's store offset the advance in the coker's wage and causes great dissatisfaction.

PERISHED IN THE WOODS.

Two Little Lads Start to Meet Their

Father and Lose Their Way. ROSE CITY, Mich., April 2.—Two little sons of Frank Andrus, a farmer residing two miles from this place, were lost in the woods and frozen to death. The boys (aged 4 and 6 years) left the house Wednesday forenoon, telling their mother they were going to the sugar bush, where their father was at work. The boys did not turn up and the half-crazed father, assisted by at least 150 men and boys, scoured the woods and plains, and all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday the hunt was kept up. At noon on the latter day the remains of the little wanderers were found in the woods about seven miles from their home. The lads must have wandered all day Wednesday and most of the night before becoming exhausted and lying down to die in the cold.

THERE'S GOING TO BE A FIGHT In Cuba-The Whole Island in Arms-

Spanish Soldiers Sick. HAVANNA April 3.—The streets of Havanna and the fields and mountains of Cuba are filled with soldiers and revolutionists. The excitement all over the spend \$200,000 this year on the property and \$200,000 on buildings and plant shot on Feb. 21. This is because the inisland is more intense than at any time surgent forces are growing almost per cent lower than the regular rates of all of the soldiers imported from The discussion was postponed at the izing. It is reported here that a comvany of regulars deserted the army and joined the insurgents near Puerto Prin-

Havanna had 66 new cases of yellow fever yesterday. Of these the majority were Spanish soldiers. All Americans are leaving Cuba, fearing the fever.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN UTAH. SALT LAKE, Utah, April 2.—The woman suffrage clause in the proposed State constitution or Utah passed today. An amendment favoring the sub-

DEMOCRATIC VICTORIES. DALLAS, Texas, April 3.-Municipal elections were held throughout Texas yesterday. Party lines were drawn in but few cities, and these show Demo-cratic victories. Most of the contests were entirely non-partisan.

BAPTIZED 150 PERSONS. FREDERICKSBURG, Va., April 2.— The Rev. W. E. Brown, of Shiloh Baptist Church (colored), baptized here on Sunday, in the Rappahannock River, more the 150 persons. This is the largest number of persons baptized at one time in this State.

PRIZE FIGHTING DENOUNCED. TALLAHASSÉ, Fla., April 2.-Gov. Mitchell in his annual message devoted considerable space to lotteries and prize fights. On the latter subject he said: "I recommend that prize fights or glove contests be made felonies by statute, with such penalties attached as will cause these thugs to respect the law and to respect the law-abiding, God-fearing people of the State in the pur-suit of all their rights as citizens." THE CANADA RELIEF SOCIETY.

TORONTO, April 2.-The Canada Relief Society, which did business on Victoria street, became insolvent several months ago, and subsequently the mas-ter in chancery held that about 1,000 of the parties interested in the society were contributors. His finding was appealed against by a number of the parties, but today at Osgoode Hall Mr. Justice Robertson's judgment was handed down upholding the master's judgment that they are liable. THE NEWFOUNDLAND DELE-

GATES. MONTREAL, April 2.—Messrs. Pond, Emerson, Harwood and Morris, delegates of Newfoundland to the Dominion Government to discuss annexation. reached the city this morning, and proceeded to Ottawa this afternoon. They state that no scheme has been evolved and they are not authorized to make any proposals. They came to learn on What terms the Dominion Government will take in the island. There is no feeling whatever, they state, in favor of annexation to the United States.

Steamers Arrived. 

Tonka.—Try a 10-cent package Tonka Smoking Mixture.. Absolutely pure and cool

financial department of Hunt's Mer- Cheap and sure results. See next page. Strong's Drug Store. McGregor & Merchants' Magazine.

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# Grand Spring Display

Will continue all this week. We have prepared seventeen additional cases of late novelties, and extend a cordial invitation to all who take an interest in the most elaborate display of style and fashion ever made in London to come and see us. What our former efforts have been in this direction our patrons know, and when we say that this season our preparations have been to excel anything previously attempted by any establishment in Western Ontario, you know what to expect. We have spared no labor in search of the newest, nobbiest and most exquisite goods to be found in the British and Foreign capitals. Everything that experience, capital and skill could do has been done, and in asking your attention, do so with the confidence that the time spent in inspecting here, will result in mutual profit.

## The Practical Question of the Day

And one that should be considered by all persons is economywhere to get the best for your money. While we do not propose to sell goods at a loss, we think that on account of our superior facilities we can save you something. Being the largest importers in this district, and buying direct from the makers, thereby saving all middlemen's profits, we are able to sell goods often at a lower price than other houses have to pay the wholesale for them.

# Novelties in Laces.

There is no department which offers greater variety than laces, which are to take a most important part as dress trimmings this season. We have every new make, and all the old ones, in every color to match our dress fabrics at prices that will surely please.

# Novelties in Dress Fabrics.

Look to your hearts content, shop where you please, inquire where you may, you'll find us always in the lead. It would be a pleasure to us, and repay you, to show you our novelties in this department. In plain colors we show 32 different lines, ranging in price from 12c to \$3 50 a yard. Lack of space prevents us from enumerating the different lines, all we can say is come and see for yourself.

# Novelties in Millinery.

The success of the millinery opening encourages us to continue the display of patterns, hats and bonnets all this week. Last week we wrote

strong things and true concerning our headwear and millinery finery. The opening was a success, both in point of enthusiasm and sales. But we never know what it is to rest on our oars. We have the facilities to make and trim, the capital, command and skill to collect smart hats and bonnets, and each day will see some new oddities added to our imported collection of French patterns. The present collection is unequaled by any store in this neighborhood, so we're told and believe.

## Carpets.

Busy months are ahead of us in this department, but we have the facilities to supply your wants. Intending purchasers who are dissatisfied with the small and imperfect stocks of carpets and house furnishings kept elsewhere, should visit our carpet warehouse, Nos. 130 and 132 Carling street. From a York shilling hemp carpet to the most costly coverings will be seen there. Carpets of the most elaborate design, of the most modest colorings. We import for the trade of Western Ontario, and do not propose carrying a stock of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CARPETS ALONE to be approached in price by any petty dealers in this part of the province. Our sales during last month are an evidence that our prices are unapproachable. All railroad charges prepaid on purchases out of town.

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