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NO PRICE TOO GREAT  
FOR DEFENCE

Premier Fisher, of Australian  
Commonwealth Will Call  
Parliament at Early Date to  
Discuss Question

Sydney, N. S. W., April 8.—West  
Australia will join Victoria and New  
South Wales in the offer of a Dread-  
nought for the Imperial Navy.

Speaking at a large meeting former  
Premier Deakin of the Commonwealth  
said that, having regard to Australia's  
isolation no price was too great to pay  
for defence. They should stand up  
beside New Zealand (prolonged  
cheers).

The Commonwealth must pay its  
share to prove the unity of Empire.  
Mr. Deakin predicted a deficit of  
£200,000 in the budget and the impos-  
sibility of paying the old age pensions  
without borrowing.

Premier Fisher of the Common-  
wealth has decided to call Parliament  
at an early date to discuss the ques-  
tion of offering a Dreadnought.

WOMAN ATTAINS  
TO SIGNAL HONOR

Parisian Woman to Preside Over  
Section of Chemists' Congress

Paris, April 8.—Madame Curie, one of  
the discoverers of radium, who was,  
soon after her husband's death, ap-  
pointed a professor at the Sorbonne,  
has been selected to preside over the  
electro-chemistry section at the inter-  
national Congress of Chemists, to be  
held in London, this summer.

Such an honor has been conferred on a  
woman. M. Armand Gautier, member  
of the Institute of France, is to be  
president of all the united sections.

NEW GOVERNMENT AGENT  
IN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT

F. C. Campbell is in the City to Re-  
ceive His Instructions

F. C. Campbell, who has just been  
appointed government agent in the  
Peace River district, is in the city to  
receive his final instructions before  
leaving for his new headquarters.

Mr. Campbell for the last nine years,  
has been mining recorder in the  
Kootenays. He leaves Edmonton for  
the Peace River district on May 10th,  
and his trip will be a troublesome one,  
accompanied by Constable McVicar,  
of Prince Rupert, he leaves Edmonton  
for Athabasca, landing by steamer, a  
distance of one hundred miles. From  
there by steamer they go up the Atha-  
basca river to its confluence with the  
Lesser Slave river and along the line  
named to the head of Lesser Slave  
lake. There is but one portage in this  
portion of it, and it takes place on the  
Lesser Slave river, where there is a  
canyon impossible to navigate.

Then they make a run overland 50  
miles by wagon road until they reach  
Peace River Crossing, when they take  
steamer again until they reach Fort  
St. John. This will be their head-  
quarters.

Mr. Campbell has been instructed to  
look the district over and to report as  
to conditions and its possibilities.

A considerable number of settlers  
have been going in from Alberta, and  
the provincial government has recog-  
nized the necessity of asserting its  
authority over the land in its posses-  
sion.

The Dominion land grant of 2,500,000  
acres in this district lies in a solid  
block, but the province has a large  
extent of territory of its own.

The district is supposed to produce  
coal, oil, gold, and in addition much  
of the land is prairie where horses  
and cattle can graze all winter. Fort  
St. John is on the Peace river, 45  
miles from the provincial boundaries.

CALLED LAURIER A FALSE  
ALARM

Vancouver, B. C., April 8.—In a  
speech delivered before the  
Conservative Club in Vancouver  
last night, G. H. Cowan, M. P.,  
said:

"I feel it my duty to tell the  
people that Laurier is the great-  
est false alarm in the public life  
of Canada."

Referring to the better terms  
question and the Premier's atti-  
tude, he added:

"It is only a white-livered  
coward and a man who has no  
respect for justice who would  
deny us a fair and impartial  
hearing."

Madame Modjeska, Famous  
Polish American Actress  
Passes Away at Her Los  
Angeles Home

BORN IN POLAND WAS  
KNOWN OVER WORLD

Because of Her Magazine  
Stories in This Country  
Russia Forbade Her Return  
to Native Land

Los Angeles, April 8.—Mme. Mod-  
jeska died here this morning after an  
illness of several weeks.

The late Helena Modjeska-Chla-  
powska, the famous actress, better  
known as Madame Modjeska, was born  
in Cracow, Poland, October 12, 1844.

In 1860 she married G. V. Modjeska.  
In 1869, following the death of her  
first husband, she married Charles  
Bosenta Chlapowska.

Educated in a Catholic convent in  
Cracow, she made her debut in Bo-  
chnia, Poland, in 1861. Her first ap-  
pearance in English took place in San  
Francisco in 1877 in "Adrienne Le-  
coureux," which was followed by a star-  
ling tour throughout the United States,  
and then came two famous seasons on  
the London stage, where she played  
leading Shakespearean roles, as well  
as Camille, Mary Stuart, and others.

For many years, owing to several  
articles published by her in the  
"Illustrated London News," she was  
blamed by Imperial Russia for enter-  
ing Russian territory, so that she was  
unable to repeat her former successes in  
Poland and Russia, though she played  
a number of engagements in France,  
Austria and Germany.

THE EBERT MURDER  
TRIAL AT  
LYONS

Testimony Taken in Important  
Criminal Hearing in New  
York State in Which Woman  
Is Charged

Lyons, N. Y., April 8.—Mrs. John  
Ebert, wife of a neighbor of Harry  
Sampson, was a witness in the trial of  
Mrs. Sampson, charged with the murder  
of her husband Harry, last Novem-  
ber. Mrs. Ebert's testimony corrobor-  
ated in many details the evidence  
given by her husband, the parents and  
the relatives of Mrs. Sampson.

A microscope stood on the desk of  
the district attorney today indicating  
that expert testimony regarding the  
bullet-hole in Harry Sampson's shirt  
and whether the perforation showed  
powder or not, will develop before the  
day is over.

In cross-examination Miss Sampson  
said that Mrs. Ebert asked her if she  
saw the bullet-hole in the shirt and  
that she did not want to. "What did  
Mrs. Ebert say?" "If you don't want  
to see her you need not," said Mrs.  
Sampson.

Percy Sampson, a brother of Harry  
Sampson, took the stand to say that  
he was at the Allyn home the day of  
the shooting but did not see Georgia.  
Earl Cervick, of Macedon, said he  
knew Robert Manson who had visited  
him last summer. Manson, it has been  
testified, wrote a letter to Georgia  
Sampson inviting her with Mildred  
Cervick to spend a few days at Ni-  
agara Falls.

Mrs. Geo. Sampson, mother of Harry  
Sampson, with her daughter Gertrude  
Sampson and son George W. Samp-  
son sat within the rail and listened to  
the testimony.

Mrs. Ebert said she went to the  
Sampson house after the shooting and  
during the day she cut up a piece of  
the clothing which she found wrapped in  
a piece of paper for a cat, this is the  
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place that it was in his hand when he  
was shot. Miss Gertrude Sampson, sister  
of Harry, said she visited her brother  
the evening of the shooting.

Miss Sampson asked for Georgia  
this evening but did not see her. Miss  
Allyn was followed by her mother,  
Mrs. Harriet Sampson, who said that  
she and her husband called at the  
Allyn home the day Harry was shot.  
Mrs. Sampson said she did not see  
Georgia that day.

Highwaymen Attended Theatre  
Ogden, Utah, April 8.—Five robbers  
walked into the White Elephant  
gambling house last night, held up the  
play and robbed the place of between  
\$1,500 and \$2,000.

## Pedigreed Canines Which Shared Final Honors in Closing Hours of Kennel Club Bench Show



## CHINA WAKING AT LAST SAYS GELL

Explorer Returned From Long  
Trip Around Great Wall  
Says China Is Becoming Im-  
mense Military Power

London, April 8.—William Edgar  
Gell has reached London on his way  
to America after exploring the Great  
Wall of China from the sea to the  
farthest western traces. He intends to  
write a description of the wall and tell  
the story of how and by whom it was  
built.

China seems to be the most inter-  
esting and most important country in  
the world yet undeveloped," said Mr.  
Gell. "Throughout those immense re-  
gions the people are already awak-  
ening. They are among the smartest and  
most progressive of peoples and are  
becoming a tremendous military power.  
Troops are being systematically

## NEW EARTHQUAKE FELT AT MESSINA

Messina, April 8.—A violent  
earthquake was experienced here  
last night about a quarter be-  
fore ten o'clock. It was accom-  
panied by subterranean rum-  
blings.

trained in the villages everywhere.  
China has 80,000,000 able-bodied men,  
and 50,000,000 could go to war, leaving  
30,000,000 to cultivate the soil.

Historic Traditions  
"The Chinese have great historic and  
imperial traditions and the time is  
coming when they will command the  
most anxious attention of the world."

"Within five days of Tibet I found  
an American engineer constructing a  
great steel truss bridge over the Yel-  
low river. Though the city of Lan-  
chow is in the most remote and dan-  
gerous of the northwestern provinces,  
I found there an American-built modern  
boulevard."

## INSANE PLUMBER USED SHOT-GUN

Aurora, Ill., April 8.—John Ander-  
son, a plumber, becoming violently in-  
sane, killed Mrs. John McVickar, nar-  
rowly missed slaying her husband,  
wounded Mrs. John Banger and tried  
to blow his head off with a shot-gun.

## SPOTTED MEN FROM COUNTY CORK

Redmond and Others Under  
Examination in Police Court  
as Result of Noisy Scenes in  
National Convention

Dublin, April 8.—The noisy pro-  
ceedings at the recent Irish Nation-  
alist convention in the Mansion  
House, were further described in the  
police court here on the continued  
hearing of the summonses under the  
Public Meetings Disturbance Act by  
Eugene Crean, M. P., against Joseph  
Devlin, M. P., and Denis Johnston, of  
the United Irish League. The case  
arises out of the disapproval by Wil-  
liam O'Brien, M. P., of the Land Bill  
policy adopted by the majority of the  
Irish parliamentary party. Mr.  
Crean is a supporter of William  
O'Brien, and Mr. Devlin is a member  
of the majority. Mr. Crean claims he  
was assaulted. The prosecution al-  
leges that a number of men were  
brought by special train from Bel-  
fast and supplied with batons to pre-  
vent Mr. O'Brien and his supporters  
being heard at the convention.

Mr. Healy, K. C., M. P., for Mr.  
Crean, informed the magistrate, Mr.  
Swift, that after the rising of the  
court last Friday, a number of per-  
sons who had gathered round the door  
outside shouted at William O'Brien  
the same expression which had been  
used at the convention by the same  
people. "Down with the Russian  
Jewess!" The crowd was headed by  
a member of the Dublin corporation.  
It was most reprehensible that in  
these proceedings there should be in-  
troduced the name of a charitable  
lady, whose good deeds had been

## DOG WITH A CLARE ACCENT FIGURES IN CASE

Mombassa, British East Africa, April  
8.—According to native reports re-  
ceived here, the Mullah of the Somalis,  
inhabiting the desert country north of  
the protectorate, is showing further  
signs of unrest and is massing troops  
on the northern boundary of Kenya  
province.

This became evident some six months  
ago, and there has been apprehension  
of trouble in the dry season, when  
travel is easier. This northern dis-  
trict always has been a territory to  
watch closely. When the natives go  
out for trouble they generally bear to  
the westward in the direction of set-  
tled districts and good hunting  
grounds.

There is today some local anxiety,  
particularly as a majority of the pro-  
tectorate groups are at Kerbera, in  
British Somaliland. It is said here  
that the Colonial Office in London has  
issued instructions to the governor of  
the protectorate to surround Mr.  
Roosevelt on his trip with the utmost  
precaution for his safety.

An Indian for Kermit  
The plans for the hunting trips of  
the Roosevelt party are reaching com-  
pletion. It has been decided that Ker-  
mit Roosevelt is to make a number of  
short trips with an Indian guide named  
Silvia, who is famous as an elephant  
hunter.

For the first fortnight of their stay,  
the party will be the guests of Sir  
Alfred Chase, a well-known hunter,  
who has a large establishment at Kil-  
ima; the second fortnight they will  
be the guests of George McMillan at  
his ranch.

## ARE THERE CHRISTIANS IN ENGLAND?

London, April 8.—A British  
Columbia miner sending \$100 to  
the Lord Mayor to help the  
starving people who tramp the  
Thames Embankment, asks  
whether there are any Christians  
in England.

## ORDERS ARE OUT TO PROTECT TEDDY

Mullah of the Somalis Is Get-  
ting Ready for His Periodi-  
cal Outbreak and British  
Government Protects Party

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ment decided today to expel Cipriano  
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## MUST BE UNIT ON STABILITY OF EMPIRE

Lord Strathcona Says That All British  
Must Stand To-  
gether

London, April 8.—Lord Strathcona,  
speaking at the graduation ceremony  
of Aberdeen University, spoke on the  
desirability of being a unit in all that  
affected the stability of the Empire.

## POOR OLD CASTRO MUST MOVE ON AGAIN

French Government Decides to  
Order Him Away From Mar-  
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## CASTRO WON'T BELIEVE DECREE

Fort-de-France, April 8.—  
Shortly after returning from a  
drive through Fort-de-France  
this morning, Cipriano Castro,  
began suddenly ill. He com-  
plained of severe pain in the ab-  
domen, and it was apparent that  
he suffered greatly. The ac-  
cident left by the operations performed  
in Berlin has opened for a dis-  
tance of several centimetres, and  
his conditions undoubtedly is  
grave. The former president of  
Venezuela was informed today  
of the decision of the French  
government to expel him from  
Martinique. He appeared not to  
believe the news.

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## GALE SWEEP ATLANTIC COAST

Hurricane That Spread Havoc  
Through Middle States and  
Ontario Yesterday Struck  
Coast Today

BLEW NINETY-TWO  
MILES AN HOUR

Fires Which Broke Out Spread  
Rapidly and Caused Great  
Deal of Damage—Chelsea  
in Panic

Boston, Mass., April 8.—The hurri-  
cane over the St. Lawrence river  
dragged an air movement across New  
England today of velocities ranging  
from 50 to 82 miles an hour. Such a  
gale has not been experienced in this  
vicinity for many years.

The storm came unrelieved for  
no cautionary signals were hoisted by  
the weather bureau. A number of  
vessels were caught off the coast.  
Three barges were reported to be in  
distress off the southern Rhode Island  
shore at 8 a.m. today.

The highest wind velocity that has  
been reported in New England for  
sixteen years was reported from Blue  
Hill observatory at 8.30 a.m. today,  
with the flying whirling anemometer  
cups registering 92 miles an hour.

The velocity has only been seen  
once in twenty-five years in the his-  
tory of the observatory when one  
hundred miles an hour was registered  
in 1833. The wind blew fifty miles an  
hour off Cape Cod and forty-five miles  
an hour in this city.

Caused Fire Near Saugus  
Saugus, Mass., April 8.—A northwest  
gale caused a fire in a heavy stable in  
the village of Cliftondale at 9 a.m. to-  
day with such vigor that it spread to  
adjoining buildings and half an hour  
later three houses had been destroyed  
and four others were on fire. Help  
was summoned from the nearby cities  
of Lynn and Malden. Despite the ef-  
forts of the firemen, the fire continued  
to spread and at 10 a.m. ten houses  
had been destroyed or were in flames.  
The village of Cliftondale is situated

at the northwest corner of the town  
on the Saugeen branch of the Boston  
and Maine railroad within a short  
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