British News By Cable

British Columbia Sportsmen Receive the Approbation of Writer in Field.

Temperance Legislation of the Dominion Offered as Model to England.

Meeting of Representatives of Pacific Cable Called in London.

London, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Cumming MacDona, M. P., writing to the Field from British Columbia, says there is no finer types of sportsmen in any part of the world than in Vancouver and Victoria.

At a convention of Lancashire and Cheshire Temperance Union, Canon Hicks presiding, he said he would be glad if the government would go straight to Canada or New Zealand and take from either its system of temperance legislation and try it in Great Britain. The speaker cannot imagine a better eye-opener for some of our dilatory statesmen than a study of temperance questions in the colonies. The more we know of colonial life and politics the better for the advance of the temperance cause in England.

Hamer Greenwood has been invited to address an overflow Rosebery meeting at Sheffield on Tuesday.

The Westminster Gazette, commenting on Winston Churchill's letter to Oldham Conservatives, says the policy which would finally emerge if Mr. Chamberlain had his way, would result in a great number of difficult and delicate negotiations with the colonies, of which neither Mr. Chamberlain nor anyone else can foresee the outcome. What would eventually be done would be decided by the colonies quite as much as by the home government.

A convention of the partners in the Pacific Cable Company will take place in London. Nothing as yet has been arranged as to the composition of the tribunal, but it is proposed that a representative from each colony meet in London to confer with the colonial secretary. The question of an all-British cable from Canada to England probably will be discussed.

MILITARY ATTACHES.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Lieut.-Colonel Wm. H. Birbeck, of the British army, and Captain Dudley, of the British navy, who have been specially directed by the British government to attend the military manoeuvres of the army and organized militia at Fort Riley, Kansas, reported to Major-General Corbin, as its chief of staff, today, and were given letters of identification to General Bates, commanding the department of the Missouri, who will be in command of the manoeuvres.

PORTO RICAN ANARCHISTS.

San Juan, Oct. 12.—Governor Hunt returned here today from Ponce, where he attended a banquet in celebration of the extension of the American railway in the island. He was everywhere received with demonstrations of confidence and esteem. During the governor's absence the anti-American Socialists and anarchists had a clash with the police on the plaza of this city. Forty arrests were made and many of the prisoners were today fined and sentenced to five months' imprisonment, including the anarchist Conde, who was recently convicted of insulting the American flag. The police ordered the mob to disperse, and, on meeting with a refusal, they used their clubs freely. Conde delivered a very offensive harangue, in which he approved of the mob resisting to bloodshed if necessary. The city is quiet today. More of the men arrested for attacking the police will be tried tomorrow.

TO HELP CHAMBERLAIN.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—Hon. Geo. E. Foster is to re-enter politics, but not in Canada. Mr. Chamberlain has asked for his assistance in his educational campaign in Great Britain. A deputation from the British Tariff Reform League brought the invitation a short time ago, but Mr. Foster then only now decided that business interests will allow him to get away. He will sail for England on the 17th instant. The present intention is to be gone only six weeks, but if found advisable he may stay longer.

MANY WRECKS ON ATLANTIC SHOALS

Hurricane Leaves a Long List of Missing Craft In Its Wake.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 13.—The first news from the Carolina coast since the beginning of the hurricane last night dispel the hope that the treacherous shoals between Currituc and Hatteras have not claimed their quota of missing craft.

Two vessels are known to have been lost on that stretch of the coast, and further reports are expected to bring news of more wrecks, as at this time three schooners are missing, with one barge. Two schooners and a barge, in addition to those wrecked between Cape Henry and Dam Neck, were lost during Thursday and Friday. The crews of the schooners were rescued, but the barge went down with all on board. The tug Buchanecr, Capt. Joseph Lane, reports that the barge Oracle foundered off Cape Henry with Capt. Cookson, her cook and three seamen, all white.

Observer A. W. Drinkwater, of the Currituck, reached Norfolk today by the inland route, and reported the loss of the schooners Mabel Rice and J. W. Holden Thursday and Friday. The life-savers had seen the Rice about 2 p. m. Saturday, with her crew in her rigging, but she was then two miles out at sea and nothing could be done for her. At 4 p. m. Saturday the life-savers had succeeded in stretching a line across the wreck and rescued the captain and crew of seven men. It is estimated that the cargo of lumber carried by the schooner Rice was worth more than $50,000.

The three-masted schooner J. B. Holden, of Suffolk, is ashore near False Cape, Va., and is a total loss. Her captain, W. O. Cranmer, of Suffolk, and her crew were taken off by the life-savers. The Holden was heavily laden with lumber and attempts to save at least a portion of her cargo will be made. The schooners Isabella Gilla, Mary Lee Patten and Jennie Thomas, bound from the South for Baltimore, are not accounted for and there is grave reason to fear for the safety of these vessels.

No one of his rank is a keener golfer than Lord Dudley, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland and none has done more to promote the interests of the Royal and ancient game. Prior to his appointment in Ireland he was much seen on English and Scottish courses, and since he went to Ireland Lord Dudley has given golf an important place in his propaganda. Lord Dudley has a private course at the Viceregal Lodge and also at his country seat at Rockingham, County Roscommon, and on both he often enjoys a game with some members of his staff, most of whom are also golfers.

BORIS SARAFOFF SLAUGHTERS TURKS

Leader Comes to Rescue of Band and Kills Hundreds of Enemies.

Sofia, Oct. 12.—The details of the new Austro-Russian reform scheme are awaited here with the greatest interest. A despatch from Sofia says that the Austrian and Russian ambassadors will present their proposals to the Porte today. The government here is taking the strictest precautions to prevent insurgents from crossing the frontier. One band is reported to have been fired on by Bulgarian troops near Rila today while trying to assist a crowd of fugitives who were being pursued by Turks. This incident is considered to be evidence of the government's correct intention. Desperate fighting is reported to have taken place at Sdleni, in the district of Dibra, on October 5. Three bands engaged a body of 600 Turks and lost 25 men. After several hours' fighting, Boris Sarafoff, with reinforcements of 600 insurgents, arrived on the scene and killed all save forty Turks. mysterious shooting

MAIL ROBBER CONFESSES.

Denver, Oct. 12.—Albert E. Bell, alias Murray, etc., the alleged mail pouch robber and forger, had a hearing this afternoon before United States Commissioner S. C. Hinsdale. Bell is still confined to his bed, and the commissioner visited him at St. Anthony's hospital, where the hearing was held. Bell confessed to robberies in Germa, Pa., and Springfield, Ill., and his bond was placed at $10,000. He is unable to give the amount of the bonds required and will be kept under guard until he is well enough to be taken to Philadelphia for trial, which will be at least a week.

Return Thanks To Royal City

Ship's Company of H. M. S. Shearwater Acknowledge Courtesies.

Tug Boat Struck Amidships by Monster Whale in the Gulf.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Oct. 11.—In an open letter to the Columbia, signed "A Voice from the Lower Deck," the ship's company of H. M. S. Shearwater profusely thanks the mayor and citizens of New Westminster for the cordiality of their reception and entertainment at the Royal City during exhibition week. They are frank enough to admit that they had not so thoroughly enjoyed their shore leave since they have been on this station.

Another sea-going tug is to be built here which will prove a handsome addition to the tonnage of the port of New Westminster. The Westminster Towing and Fishing Co., Ltd., have let the contract for a sister vessel to their Dauntless built here a couple of years ago. The new craft will be 110 feet overall, 20 feet beam, 12 feet depth and will be built by Mr. Peck, who enjoys a good reputation as a shipbuilder. The order for the machinery has already been placed with a Glasgow firm. The engines will be compound, triple expansion of latest design to develop 350 horsepower, and with boiler large enough to allow a speed of thirteen knots per hour to be developed without forcing the fires. Patent engine-room reply telegraph system and all the latest aids will be installed. She is to be ready for commission by May 1, 1904, and will cost close on $40,000.

Hugh Conderi, a Vancouver man who recently invented a body indicating buoy to be attached to a person's head gear, and which may be the means of saving many lives, has been offered $30,000 for his patent rights, by a Chicago firm which stands ready to advance one-half in cash. The inventor is inclined to hold out for $40,000.

The official recount of the vote for the city in the recent election, made no alteration in the figures announced on Saturday night. An incident of the Dewdney election was the decorating of the ballot boxes. One coming from Coquitlam Lake, the east end of the Vancouver Power Co's tunnel, was decorated with black out of respect for the 12 to 2 against Premier McBride. The box from Lake Beautiful, the other end of the tunnel, was dressed in blue and red, the winning colors of the Westminster Lacrosse team, for the vote there stood 10 to 1 in favor of the Premier. In the former case the officer in charge declined to carry the boxful of disgrace to town.

Four hundred bales of hops from the Chilliwack hop garden have been received here and await shipment East via C. P. R. The hops were saved in good condition this year and are a very superior article.

When the tug Tyhee was coming back from Toby Inlet a few nights ago she was struck amidships by a spouting whale and before the monster could sheer off it was struck by the propellor with such force that the blade buried itself in the flesh and remained there several minutes, thereby stopping the engines. When the engine was reversed the whale was dislodged and the tug came on, but it is found necessary to put her on the ways to have certain repairs made.

Fresh evidences have come to light showing how severe was last Monday's storm on the river. Several fishing skiffs have been found turned turtle, and several scowhouses have been sunk. The only wonder is that no lives were lost.

Mayor Keary had a telegram last night from Deputy Minister Pelletier, Ottawa, stating that thepetition had been granted for the pardon of Mr. W. J. Sloan, who was convicted some months ago for embezzling G. N. R. express funds. Sloan will be given a ticket of leave.

The steamers Hamlin and Ramona had a race on the Fraser river, and as a result the Ramona is suffering a damage of over a thousand dollars, and will have to be laid off a week or two for repairs. The steamers were going up river, and each was trying to be the first to reach the railway bridge at Mission. Up the river the steamers careered side by side, and it was not until they were within two hundred yards of the swing that the Hamlin gained any advantage. She managed to squeeze in ahead, and the Ramona was bumped out of her course. She struck the bridge with a smash about fifty feet to the north of the channel span she was heading for. The pilot house hit the bridge timbers and was carried aft bodily. All the upper works, even with the pilot house, were shaved off.

BELLEW'S PLAY A SUCCESS.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Kyrle Bellew presented his new play from Hornung's story, "Raffles, the Amateur Cracksman," for the first time in Washington at the new National Theatre tonight, before a large audience, including many notables of the capital. Raffles, the gentleman burglar, proved a fascinating hero in the hands of the English star. M. Holland as the detective was capital in his running battle of wit with the daring Raffles.

Mainland Happenings

Assize Court Opened At Terminal City By Mr. Justice Drake.

Session of Exchequer Court Opened At Vancouver By Judge Burbridge.

First Field Trials in the Province Are Concluded at Steveston.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Oct. 12. — The Assize Court opened today before Mr. Justice Drake. True bills were brought in against Clyne for net stealing, Earle throwing stones at passing trams; McFadden indecent assault, Omaglias for rape, and no bill against Deff for assaulting a police officer in the discharge of his duty. The Clyne case was concluded tonight, the prisoner being sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

The Exchequer Court of Canada was opened today, Mr. Justice Burbridge of Ottawa presiding. No cases have yet been disposed of.

The first field trials in British Columbia which took place at Steveston, have been brought to a successful conclusion. Roy's Lady, owned by Miss W. E. Davie, of Victoria, was placed first. She was handled by C. H. Sirverster, Whidby Island, Wash. She is by Roy Montes and Victoria Belle II. The second place winner was Taxada, an English setter owned by N. P. Lyne, Texada is under one year old. Critterion, owned by Dr. Findley, of Vancouver, took third place. In the all-age stake, Val's Bolle was first and Val's Rose second, Tony's Destiny third and Lady Roberts fourth. Belle won first in the Pacific Northwest Derby.

Michael Kupler, an Australian, has been committed on a charge of persecuting his former wife. Mrs. Kupler married again, having divorced Kupler, and the latter has followed her from Australia, and persists in waylaying her and entreating her to live with him again. He has elected for speedy trial.

The Rev. Dean Matheson, appointed to be suffragan bishop of Rupert's Land, is a cousin of the Rev. R. G. McBeth, of Vancouver. He visited Vancouver during the summer and attended Mr. McBeth's church while here.

Mr. Thos. Cunningham, provincial fruit inspector, speaks highly of the Victoria Exhibition. He says it was unquestionably a great success, and while the fruit displayed was not as large in quantity as that displayed in Westminster it was of a better quality.

Mr. D. P. Cameron, foreman of the Atlin Dredging Company, is in Vancouver, undergoing treatment for rheumatism. Mr. Cameron reports that the season's operations with the dredge were very successful.

Mr. Harry Weir, formerly of Vancouver, has returned here after sojourning three years in England.

A Chinaman charged with stealing $70 from the safe of the B. C. Packer's Association at Port Essington, has been sentenced by Judge Bole to nine months' imprisonment.

The steamer New England has arrived with a full cargo of halibut.

The steamer Ramona had a mishap in attempting to make the dredge of the Mission bridge yesterday. The current carried the steamer against a girder of the bridge and swept her pilot house to the back of the boat and bent her smokestack. Dr. Young, who was in the pilothouse at the time was not injured.

The Amur left last night for the North with a light passenger list. Among those on board were Mr. and Mrs. Vancurren. Up to October 3rd Mrs. Vancurren was Mrs. Grace Luddy. Mrs. Luddy got a divorce in Los Angeles, October 3rd, but Luddy swore he was never married to her, and he threatened to have his alleged wife arrested for perjury. A. W. Vancurren wanted to marry Mrs. Luddy at once, but being unable to get married in California, they came to Vancouver and were united by Dr. Grant on Saturday, sailing for the North the same evening. Mrs. Vancurren is a striking looking blonde, a head taller than her new husband. Her former husband was 60 years of age. She claims he deserted her.

Twenty-five Chinese prisoners has been the result of another gambling raid. The city jail is now so gorged with prisoners, that the province has come to the relief of the city, and a number of the chinks have been incarcerated in the provincial jail.

Sam North, chief of police for Vancouver, has returned from a holiday trip to several large cities of Canada and the United States. He inquired into the social evil question in these cities, and returns with the expressed conviction that in this respect, in spite of the arguments of several ministers of the city, Vancouver is the best conducted city of any of those he visited. While a lady is safe any hour of the day and night in Vancouver, she cannot go out after 7 o'clock in Cleveland and after 9 o'clock in Montreal or Toronto without an escort without running risks. In Toronto soliciting, which is almost unknown in Vancouver is very prevalent, and the same may be said of Montreal. In these cities the police claim that there are no known houses of ill-repute, but the evil is scattered all over the city. In Quebec they have located the evil in the upper town, and there is no soliciting and a lady is safe on the street at night. The chief is more convinced than ever that if an attempt was made to clean out Dupont street, the evil would spread through the city.

John Birley, a well-known Spokane jockey, while visiting his father in Burnaby, B. C., was kicked by a horse in his father's stable yesterday and fatally injured, the left side of his skull being crushed in.

TO TAKE POISON DIET.

Washington, Oct. 12.—The food tests conducted under the direction of Prof. Wiley, of the bureau of chemistry, of the Agricultre Department, will be resumed tomorrow, when twelve young government clerks, who have pledged themselves to partake of a poison diet for nine months in the interest of science, will go to breakfast in the laboratory dining room. Dr. Wiley said:

"Salicilic acid probably will be the first preservative used in the experiments. The report of the work accomplished with borax last year has been almost completed. So far I have been unable to make any deductions from the experiments."

CHAMBERLAIN RESTING.

London, Oct. 12.—Mr. Chamberlain is now resting at Highbury, his residence in Birmingham, and is not engaged to speak for another fortnight. He will utilize the interval to elaborate his scheme and prepare a reply to the objections raised by his opponents. Meanwhile the fiscal campaign is being vigorously pursued in the country. Speeches will be delivered daily by political leaders of the Liberal party. Mr. Chamberlain's reference to the tin plate industry has been strongly criticized by the experts, pointing out that though trade with the United States decreased there is great increase in the number of mills working in Great Britain and the trade is flourishing.

STRANGE SHOOTING AFFAIR IN PARIS

Roumanian Singer Found Dead In Apartments of a Leading Hotel.

Paris, Oct. 12.—The mysterious shooting of a Roumanian singer, Eliza Paposco, at the Hotel Regina, where many Americans stop, and in the centre of a fashionable quarter of Paris, resembles in its essential features the case of Mrs. Ellen Gore, who was killed in the apartments of Jean DeRydzewski, the Russian singer, in November last. As cabled to the Associated Press Sunday, Frederick Greitgling, editor of an art paper, reported to the hotel clerk that day that a young woman had killed herself in his room, and investigation showed that the dead woman was Eliza Paposco. When the body was examined by a physician today, a bullet wound was discovered in the base of her skull and another wound was found in her temple. The latter caused the woman's death. The physicians declare it was impossible for the woman to have inflicted the wound at the base of the skull. Greitgling is now held on the charge of murder. According to Ginas Paposco, sister of the dead woman, Greitgling proposed marriage to Eliza, claiming he was rich, and saying that he was opposed to her going to Bucharest to fill an engagement at the Royal theatre there.

DOMINICAN AFFAIRS.

San Domingo, Oct. 12.—The Dominican government has informed United States Minister Powell that in view of his protest it will read the bill before Congress here providing for the neutrality of Dominican waters and declaring certain harbors to be free ports.

Urged to Take Blair Back Again

New Brunswick Anixous Late Minister of Railways Returns to Fold.

Government Questioned Concerning Reported Remarks of the Tribunal.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—In the House this morning the government was questioned about the recent statements of Mr. Aylesworth respecting the probable outcome of the Alaska boundary commission. Premier Laurier doubted the genuineness of the report of Mr. Aylesworth's remarks. Similar doubts were expressed regarding Lord Alverstone's alleged condemnation of the Canadian case.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick announced it would take another year to codify the federal statutes.

Mr. Blaine moved a resolution condemning the government for excessive and extravagant expenditures in the census. Hon. Mr. Fisher made a feeble attempt to reply. The motion was defeated by 69 to 35.

The members of the New Brunswick government are here to urge Premier Laurier to make peace with Hon. Mr. Blair. The latter will not re-enter the government unless the Quebec-Moncton section is dropped.

New Brunswick is going to appeal to the Supreme Court for a decision confirming the reduction of the representation of that province in the Commons.

Hon. Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, spoke over four hours tonight in the Senate on the transcontinental railway bill and then collapsed from exhaustion. The debate had to be abandoned.

Senator Dandurand tonight confirmed the report that he has an option on the Soo property for English capitalists. He hopes to get an extension of from thirty to sixty days from Speyer & Co., and expects to save the wreck.

News has reached here of a landslide some twenty miles from Buckingham. Two farms worth about $5,000 each, were piled into the river, and live stock and outbuildings were destroyed. The distance covered by the slide is said to be about three-quarters of a mile. No lives are reported lost.

Daniel McDonald, aged 42, an employee of J. R. Booth, residing at 351 Rochester street, committed suicide on Saturday by shooting himself through the heart while in his son's bedroom. Despondency was the cause of the act.

EXTENSION OF THE KETTLE VALLEY LINE

Report That Substantial Subsidy Has Been Granted For The Work.

Grand Forks, Oct. 12.—A private despatch from Ottawa states that the Dominion parliament has granted a subsidy of $6,400 per mile in aid of the extension of the Kettle Valley line up the north fork of Kettle river to a point within fifty miles north of this city. It is expected that the proposed road will afford shipping facilities to a large number of mining properties along the route, including the Volcanic, Seattle, Hummingbird, Diamond Hitch and Pathfinder. The objective point of the railway is Franklin camp, fifty miles north of this city. The surface showings of Franklin camp are described as larger than those of the Boundary camps, and the values are considerably higher. A branch may also be extended from the forks of the river to the coal fields, where there are also valuable timber lands. It is expected that construction of the proposed road will be undertaken next spring.

A party of C. P. R. officials left here today for Rossland and the Coast, after making an inspection of the Boundary district. It comprised W. R. MacInnes, freight traffic manager, Montreal; W. B. Lanagan, general freight agent, western and central lines, Winnipeg, and F. W. Peters, assistant freight traffic manager western lines, Winnipeg. The railway men visited various mines and smelters. Mr. MacInnes stated that he was amazed at the marvelous increase in ore tonnage of the Boundary since his last visit a year ago. The C. P. R., he added, had completed arrangements to handle the additional tonnage, and more will be produced within the next five or six weeks. Then two additional furnaces at the Granby smelter, and one additional furnace at Boundary Falls, will be blown in. Three new freight engines will be added at once to the equipment on this division.

As an Eton boy, Mr. Arthur J. Balfour (says Cassell's Saturday Journal) won some reputation for his skill as a football player and was a member of the first school team. He was also an indefatigable walker, and used to astonish his schoolfellows by the length and vigor of his perambulations. Oddly enough, when one considers his present excellence as a speaker, although he diligently attended the school debates, he rarely, and then inconspicuously took part in them.

The world's deepest coal mine is the Lambert, in Belgium—3,490 feet deep.

Troops Start For Korea

Transport Leaves Port Arthur With a Detachment For Kingdom.

Russian Minister to China Declares Manchuria Convention Lapsed.

Date For Hostilities Between Russia and Japan Said to be Fixed.

Yokohama, Oct. 12.—The announcement by M. Lessars, the Russian minister to China, that the Manchurian convention between Russia and China has lapsed is received here with ridicule.

Despatches from Chefoo report that a Russian warship and a transport with five hundred troops left Port Arthur October 4th for Korea. Sixty Japanese civilians left Port Arthur for Nagasaki October 10th. The Russian forces at New Chwang are reported to have been increased.

General Odama, the Japanese home minister, has been appointed chief assistant to the military staff. The premier will assume General Odama's portfolio.

The premier and the ministers for the Navy and Foreign Affairs had an audience with the Emperor today. Baron Von Rosen, the Russian minister, and Baron Komura, the Japanese foreign minister, have not yet had a conference.

CONVENTION HAS LAPSED.

Russian Minister to China Announces That Time Limit Has Been Reached.

Yokohama, Oct. 12.—Baron Von Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, is still awaiting instructions from his government in the matter of the negotiations now proceeding between Japan and Russia.

A Russian regiment from the Baikal military district is reported to have arrived at Fengcheng, about 150 miles northeast of Pekin and ninety miles from the Russan frontier.

M. Lessar, Russian minister to China, has announced that the Manchurian convention has lapsed.

The Manchurian convention between Russia and China was signed April 8, 1902, and according to it the evacuation of the three Manchurian provinces was to be carried out in three successive periods of six months from the signing. A note of M. Lessar was appended to the convention, declaring that "if the Chinese government, notwithstanding the assurances given to it, violates any provision of the convention, the Russian government will not hold itself bound, either by the terms of the Manchurian agreement or by the declarations previously made in connection with the matter, and will be compelled to repudiate any reponsibility and consequences that might arise therefrom."

China was to be permitted to maintain whatever force she thought necessary in Manchuria after the evacuation of that territory. Russia also agreed, if Tientsin was restored to the Chinese within the first six months, to evacuate Newchwang at the time this restoration was made. The allies turned over Tientsin to the Chinese on August 15 last year. The convention was to have been ratified within three months, but this was not done.

Last month M. Lessar, in his note to the Chinese foreign board, promised to begin the evacuation of Manchuria October 8, provided China accepted several conditions, which China has refused to do, under pressure principally from Japan and Great Britain.

WAR IS IMMINENT.

Correspondents of London Papers Say Date for Hostilities is Fixed.

London, Oct. 12.—The correspondent of the Morning Post at Chefoo telegraphing under date of October 10, says:

"It is stated that the Japanese have decided to declare hostilities tomorrow on the expiration of their ultimatum to Russia. The Russian fleet has cleared from Port Arthur. It is reported that the Japanese are landing troops at Masanpho, Korea.

"There are strong indications that Germany favors hostilities on the ground that it would enable her to extend her sphere of influence in China.

"A number of field guns were embarked at Port Arthur yesterday for an unknown destination. All the available force of workmen is employed on the fortifications.

"The cholera and the plague have broken out among the Russians at Newchwang."

Another despatch to the Morning Post from Chefoo, dated October 11, 8.50 p.m., says:

"The situation is unchanged. All is quiet at Port Arthur. Hostilities are still believed to be imminent. It is asserted that the Russians have fixed Friday next for their commencement.

"There is an exodus of Chinese merchants from the Yalu valley. They are arriving at Chefoo."

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Shanghai telegraphs:

"Careful inquiries show that the only Japanese troops at Masanpho are in the small territory conceded to Japan in connection with railway building, and their presence is, therefore, in accordance with treaty rights."

A Singapore despatch to the Daily Mail says that the British admirals of the China, Australian and East Indian squadrons have arrived at that port and will convene aboard H. M. S. Glory tomorrow to discuss the question of naval concentration and strategy in the Far East.

NO ALARM FELT.

Russian and Japanese U. S. Embassies Confident No Clash Will Occur.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—At the Russian embassy the officials are not alarmed over the situation in the Far East. The view held is that neither Russia nor Japan desires war, though both may be making preparations to that end, and that there is really no question at issue which cannot be settled without recourse to arms, provided the negotiating parties are disposed to use diplomacy rather than the sword. The embassy has received no advices from St. Petersburg for more than two weeks.

INJUNCTION GRANTED.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—Justice Briton today granted the Consolidated Lake Superior Company an injunction until tomorrow preventing any further proceedings in any one of the Speyer companies at the Soo. The Consolidated company say Judge Johnston, of the Soo, has not the authority to appoint a receiver. The whole case will be argued here tomorrow.

VENEZUELAN CLAIMS.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—A number of claims against Venezuela have been settled by the agent of the United States government who has been prosecuting them before the special courts constituted for that purpose. Some important claims are yet pending.

I. O. O. F.—Columbia Lodge I. O. O. F. will meet in the lodge room this evening, when second degree work will occupy the attention of the brethren.

MOST DISASTROUS FLOODS ON RECORD

Lackawanna Valley Suffers as Never Before Known In Its History.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 10.—The most disastrous flood in the history of the Lackawanna Valley created havoc and destruction along the course of the Lackawanna river from Forest City, eighteen miles north of here, to Pittston, eight miles south of here, where the river empties into the Susquehana. Mines are flooded, electric light plants are under water and electric railways are at a standstil. Steam railways are also great sufferers. No trains have arrived here from New York since last night. The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and the Jersey Central are the chief sufferers. The Delaware & Hudson, whose trains for a time were stalled, began operations today. The New York, Ontario & Western railroad is completely tied up.

The plants of over a dozen manufacturing concerns along the low lands of the Lackawanna river have been forced to shut down. The principal electric light company, on which the city depends for light, and on which many factories depend for their power, was under six feet of water today, but the river is subsiding rapidly.

AGREEMENT.

Mistress—"Oh, Bridget, you forgot to put any salt in the bread again this week. I don't see how you can be so careless."

Cook (genially)—"Shure, mum, it's frequent oi'm surprised at mesilf."

Johnstown Horror May Be Repeated

Dam at Creston Expected to Break and People Terror Stricken.

Men Ready With Dynamite to Remove Obstruction From Flood.

Paterson, N. J., Oct. 10.—The flood situation tonight is very grave. The water at Garfield avenue is higher by fifty inches than the point reached in 1902. The damage to the city is estimated at over $2,000,000. Crowds of men are guarding the gate house at the mill race, and at the first intimation that the gate will break away at Bruce street the gate house will be blown up with dynamite so as to turn the water into the chasm of the Passaic falls. The people are expecting the great Dundee dam to go at any time and a gun was fired at 10 o'clock to give the signal of extreme danger to the horror-stricken people. Should this dam give way it is feared that there will be a repetition of the Johnstown disaster. The bridges in the city are giving way one by one, causing a panic among the people. Already tonight five bridges have gone down under the strain of the frightful current. They are the Straight street bridge, Hillman Market, Moffatt and Broadway bridges.

At 11 oclock tonight the water is within three inches of the boiler in the Edison Electric Light Works. The bridge of the company is washed away. The large bridge used by the Susquehanna Railway is weakened. The company abandoned running trains over it tonight, passengers being transferred and the women carried by railroad employees. A three-story building at Athenia, three miles from here, was washed away. There were eighteen people in the building. They were rescued with difficulty.

STAMPING OUT REBELLION.

Last Band of Ninety-three Insurgents Annihilated Near Monastir.

Monastir, Oct. 10.—The military operations in the northern part of the Monastir villayet are nearly finished. The last remaining band in this district, numbering ninety-three was annihilated by the Turkish soldiery on October 6th after a desperate fight. The band sought to stop the Turkish advance by rolling huge boulders down a mountain side. A number of Turks were killed and wounded. The Turks continued their advance and after a desperate battle on a ridge sixty-three insurgents were killed. The remainder surrendered later.

ALASKAN TRIBUNAL IN SECRET SESSION

First Meeting to Consider Verdict Yesterday And Banquet in Evening.

London, Oct. 12.—John W. Foster and the American counsel of the Alaskan Boundary Commission entertained the arbitration commissioners and the English counsel at dinner tonight at the Carleton hotel. Ambassador Choate, Lord Strathcona and Sir Thomas Sandherson, Permanent Under Foreign Secretary, were the guests of the evening, and 41 persons were present. No speeches were made.

The last stage of the Alaskan boundary arbitration began this morning at the Foreign Office, when the commissioners met in secret session to consider their verdict.

United States Senator Lodge and Prof. Sir Louis Jette, one of the Canadian commissioners, were early on hand and Secretary Root and Senator Turner followed them into the cabinet room, where the deliberations will be held.

Then there was a long delay with some forebodings, as Commissioner Aylesworth, of Canada, had not appeared. With any one of the commissioners absent no verdict could be rendered. Finally Chief Justice Alverstone asked one of the secretaries, who sat in an outer room, to telephone to Commissioner Aylesworth's hotel and find out the cause of his non-appearance. The tension was relieved by the receipt of news that the Canadian commissioner had just returned from the country, and was starting for the Foreign Office. Mr. Aylesworth arrived at 11.40 a.m., and the secret session commenced.

STUDYING IN POSEN.

Berlin, Oct. 12.—The Weilkoplining, published in Posen, says the government has informed Archbishop Stablewski that it is necessary that the students for the priesthood in the seminary at Posen attend lectures on German literature in the new academy, otherwise the seminary will be closed.

MACEDONIAN RELIEF.

Archbishop of Canterbury Urgently Asks Help for Sufferers.

London, Oct. 12—The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued an appeal, urgently representing the necessity for subscriptions to the Macedonian relief fund.

Guns Will Boom In Far East

Strong Warlike Feeling Prevailed in Japan When Empress Sailed.

Naval Squadron Is Being Mobilized And All Vessels Commissioned.

Southern Army of Japan is Preparing and Transports Have Been Secured.

Steamer Empress of Japan, which arrived yesterday from the Orient brought news that war is looked upon as imminent in Japan; the Japanese people were in a most bellicose mood. The government was engaged in negotiations with Baron Rosen for Russia at Tokio, but it being stated that Russia would not accede to Japanese proposals the clamor is strong for war. Manifestos were being addressed to the Japanese government, urging a declaration of war, but the government was calm and everything that diplomacy could do was being done in the effort to avert the final resort to arms.

The Japanese government was maintaining great secrecy as to its attitude, but many prominent statesmen were quoted by Japanese papers as stating that it seemed as though war could not be averted. Admiral Alexieff, the new viceroy of the Far East, appointed by Russia and given absolute control of Russian policy in the Orient, is taking a strong position against Japan, and the more conservative journals say that the position now is that Japan, while not seeking war, may have it forced upon her, and therefore all preparations are being made for such a contingency.

There was great naval and military activity throughout Japan when the Empress sailed and the Japanese populace was wildly excited; in fact, fired with the idea of imminent war. Few of those who arrived by the liner would have been surprised to hear of the opening of hostilities on their arrival so strong was the war feeling in Japan. The Hochi, prominent Tokio paper, says the Japanese warships in the reserve have been put in order for active service, and the torpedo boats, completely manned by officers and men, have been formed into several fleets, so as to be in readiness for immediate action. The transport vessels have also been arranged and are available at a moment's notice. The 12th division, stationed at Kokura, is also fully equipped for transportation. All these things, says thepaper, tend to show the resolution of the government, and that it will lose no time in commencing active operation in the event of any development in the diplomatic situation. The Hochi also attaches great significance to the movements of the Japanese squadron in Korean waters. As already reported, a portion of the standing squadron mobilized at Saseho, comprising the warships Asahi, Yashima, Fuji, Hatsuse, Mikasa, Chitose ,Yoshino, Kasagi, Takasago, Suma, Asahio and ten torpedo destroyers and torpedo boats, left Saseho yesterday in the direction of Chinhai bay, Korea, for training purposes. Inasmuch as the Russian Pacific squadron is holding naval manoeuvres in the Korean sea, both squadrons may probably approach within sight of each other.

The Niroku, a vernacular paper of Tokio, publishes despatches to the effect that the 12th division of the Japanese army, stationed at Kokura, Kyushu, has been busily preparing new uniforms, tents, winter coats, etc., and that the barracks are thronged with people bidding farewell to the soldiers. The Ontara firm is said to have obtained a provision contract for the supply of carpenters and war coolies, and the Kyushu Railway Company has instruction to be in readiness for the transportation of troops at moment's notice. A certain Colonel of the commissariat corps is reported to have been conducting secret investigations at Moji and Bakan as to the quantity of war necessaries available and the rates of compulsory purchase.

The Yorodzu corroborates the rumor to a certain extent, and publishes an alleged statement of the military authorities to the effect that judging from the progress of the Russo-Japanese diplomatic negotiations, it appears unavoidable that recourse will be had to ultimate measures.

The Japanese War Office on September 30th summoned the representatives and agents of the news agencies in Japan before it and cautioned them to be more discreet in the publication of irresponsible reports, which they say, when telegraphed abroad, gave the impression that Japan was taking an aggressive stand, whereas in truth, Japan was in the position of not seeking war, but with a probability of having it forced upon her. The War Office did not deny that the naval and military activity was as stated by the newspapers. Japan was, they said, preparing for war if such a contingency arose.

The visit of Baron Rosen, who is conducting the negotiations with Japan for Russia, to Port Arthur to confer with the new Far Eastern viceroy, Admiral Alexieff, was expected to have a considerable effect on the situation. It is stated on the authority of the Niroku—although the reports are questioned as to their authenticity by some other Japanese papers—that although Russia was at a craven attitude. But we do believe that the government is doing its best, while not relinquishing the attitude it has taken up, to find a solution of the difficulty other than arbitrament by the sword. The satisfaction to be obtained by war—by a successful war—is small in comparison with the loss, and no imputation of cowardice rests on those who are endeavoring to act in the best interests of their country."

Korea is the probable battlefield if the final resort to arms is reached, and the Japanese government is making every preparation for the transport of troops and otherwise seeking strategic advantages in Korea. Japan has secured a concession for the main part of the construction of a railroad between Seoul and Wiju. Railway concessions are already held between Seoul and Fusan and Seoul and Chemulpo. The latest addition is considered an important strategic gain.

Russia is also active in Korea and in Manchuria, preparing for the expected war. The entrance to Port Arthur is said to have been partially blocked, leaving only a small channel for vessels entering and leaving. Admiral Alexieff, under whose control all the troops in the Amur circuit have been placed, was holding war manoeuvres at or near Liaotung peninsula, which began on September 2. His headquarters were at Yinchow. Twenty thousand Chinese brigands employed by Russia, are about to be despatched from Liaoyang to various quarters around Fenchwancheng.

From the Yalu reports were received of the arrival of a large Norwegian steamer, whose name is given as the Violun, with a cargo of ammunition. The Norwegian vessel entered the Yalu and landed her cargo on the bank, where it was received by Russian troops, who covered the ammunition with hay and forwarded it to Fengwhancheng. A Wiju despatch says that the Russians have secretly completed a cable across the Yalu river.

Prince Nicholas, of Montenegro is a poet as well as a man of action. He writes dramas which have been acted in Cettinje, and translated into German and Italian. He is a great admirer of Tennyson, and often recites "The Charge of the Light Brigade" in English.

The Camp In

Chairman of M Explodes Tin Falls

Austen Chamb the Governm Suppo

London, Oct. 12.— kins, formerly Libera of parliament for Car man of the Swanse speaking before the Trust tonight said th ports as to the condit were unwarranted, of the present year, years ago, showed an tone. No tinplate b ported since early in Wales was able to co with the world and abl a rate which gave ne Americans' "dumping Sir Henry Fowler, a big and enthusiast in St. Andrew's Hall Mr. Chamberlain beg paign. Lord Tweedm Sir Henry Fowler re from Lord Rosebery the objects of the me Fowler delivered a speech, declaring that stronger today than cially. He ridiculed contention of declining ed that the colonies n keep within the empire to waste on the iron an he said. Where one on a British industr opened. The country hold its own in the p struggles.

Austen Chamberlain, lor of the Exchequer, of congratulation at A cestershire, his parlia ency, tonight, stated the new issue had lost valued supporters and in entire harmony w programme as outlin There was a great d complacently assuming ain's fiscal policy ne He declared that it w canous of sound financ tax, the nation's firs of war, should stand peace.

Mr. Chamberlain an government would not lessons of the South mission report had be War Office reorganized

The foregoing inter ment confirms the g that it is thought to ment's intention to and proceed with busi fiscal policy problem any attempt at legisla This idea is also shared M. P., who at Tunbrid expressed the belief th no general election un lain was ready. The said, would be the div fear of Mr. Chamberlai the electorate.

Lord Stanley, the General, in a speech a himself in favor of Mr field programme, but Chamberlain's food tax

THE LORD PR

London, Oct. 12.—Th nouncement is made th quis of Salisbury (late borne), will enter the privy seal, the office h until his retirement las Balfour assumed the po the salary of $10,000