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SIR WILFRID AND GENERAL BOTHA

WARM TRIBUTE FROM CANADIAN PREMIER

Says Prime Minister of Transvaal Give Him Cordial Support in Conference.

Ottawa, May 16.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, writing to a friend regarding General Botha, says: "If the counsels of his party had prevailed there would not have been any war in South Africa. When war was declared he threw himself, without any glance backwards, in the breach, becoming a directing force. While a most successful general, he was the last to lay down his arms. As a matter of fact, he did not consent to sign the peace treaty until he had secured conditions which assured to his compatriots a full security of British institutions. We have become great friends and in the work of the conference I have had his cordial support in all points."

AUTOMOBILE FATALITY

One Person Killed and Four Others Injured.

Boston, May 16.—One person was killed and four others injured in an automobile accident in Somerville early today. The dead man is James Broadly, of Salem. The injured include two unknown men, one of whom is seriously hurt.

THE ELECTIONS IN AUSTRIA

THE RESULTS HAVE SURPRISED COUNTRY

Socialists and Anti-Semites Will Be Most Powerful Parties in House.

Vienna, May 16.—The returns from the elections held on Tuesday throughout Austria, while not yet complete, show conclusively that the most powerful parties in the lower house of parliament that will assemble June 12th will be the Socialists and the Anti-Semites. The spoils of the first elections in Austria under universal suffrage have gone to the factions that were possessed of the best party organization. This is especially the case with regard to the Socialists, and the country has not yet recovered from its surprise at this result. The Socialists were splendidly organized and they worked hard. Their gains were mostly in the industrial centres of Vienna and Prague, and in the German manufacturing districts of Bohemia and Moravia. In the latter of these districts the Socialists had only eleven seats, whereas now they have already secured nearly sixty seats, and they are likely to get many more in the re-election. The success of the Anti-Semites has not been so remarkable, but still it is great. They numbered 35 representatives in the old house, and they have already 59 seats in the new, with 30 candidates in the ballots. Consequently there are two distinct features to be seen in the coming house, a Socialist party possibly 70 strong, and an Anti-Semite Clerical centre, numbering perhaps 60 or 70, as the German clericals who secured 26 seats always make common cause with the Anti-Semites. The young Gechs sustained a crushing defeat. In the last house they had 45 seats, while in the next they will have but three.

THE TERRAPIN SCALE

Washington, D. C., May 16.—From every state, east of the Mississippi river and from Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Minnesota and the province of Ontario, Canada, the terrapin, the enemy of the peach and other trees, has been reported to the department of agriculture. Specimens of the pest, in consequence of its wide range of food plants, including both wild and cultivated trees, as a dangerous pest, which may be controlled, but never eradicated. Small parasitic birds are the greatest benefactors in the control of this insect, and a kerosene emulsion has proven an effective measure. Experiments show that lime-sulphur wash, so effective with the San Jose scale and the peach leaf curl, is worthless for the terrapin scale.

THE INDIAN FUGITIVES

Simon Gun-a-Noot's Party Now Numbered Eight—Have Plenty of Provisions.

Vancouver, May 16.—Passengers arriving by the Camosun yesterday declare that the Indian Simon Gun-a-Noot did not perish last winter, as was recently reported to the provincial police. Simon's outlaw party is stated to have been joined by his brother and wife, and there are now eight in the party who have laid in a large stock of provisions. Northerners declare there is no question that these Indians do not intend to be taken alive. They have lately secured new rifles, and the women are as expert shots as the men of the party.

THE STEAMER PRESIDENT

Port Townsend, May 16.—The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's new steamer President passed in to-day at 1 p. m. on her way to Seattle. She will be placed on the Seattle-Victoria-San Francisco route in command of Capt. O. P. Nopander.

BELGIAN RULE IN THE CONGO

GREAT BRITAIN WILL INSIST ON CHANGE

Awaits Details of Annexation Plan Before Taking Any Definite Action.

London, May 16.—In winding up an animated but resultless debate on the Congo question in the House of Commons yesterday, Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, said that those interested in the matter would naturally wait to see what the conditions of the proposed annexation proposed by the Belgian parliament were to be and that pending this information he was reluctant to set forth definitely what would be considered satisfactory to the British government. For this reason, the speaker continued, Belgium would be allowed to act in the matter without interference or pressure of the outside. The British government must wait a reasonable time, but it could not wait indefinitely. In case of a break-down and the passing of the Congo into other hands, the government would share with the other powers in the responsibility. There must, however, be a change in the system of governing the Congo, Sir Edward declared, it being impossible for the state to continue under its present irresponsible rule.

DR. TELFORD IN COURT

Vancouver Medical Man Charged With Practising Without Authority.

On Tuesday, Dr. R. G. Telford, of Vancouver, was called upon to answer a charge of practicing surgery without authority. The history of Dr. Telford's case will readily be recalled to mind. The medical council after investigating charges against him, struck his name off the list of practitioners for the province. Appeals were taken to the courts and later to the medical council, but without any change.

CIGAR, BLAZE, BANK BILLS DESTROYED

Stage Coach Burned—Loss in Notes and Registered Mail Reaches \$28,000.

Los Angeles, May 16.—According to the story of Ed. Love, the driver, the Death Valley stage was destroyed by fire near Ash Meadows on Sunday afternoon, \$15,000 in bank bills and \$13,000 in registered mail being burned.

ENGLISH RIFLEMEN

Team Will Compete For Palma Trophy at Ottawa Early in September.

London, May 16.—The National Rifle Association has accepted the invitation of the Canadian Rifle Association to contest for the Palma trophy with American and Canadian rifle teams at Ottawa on September 8th. Arrangements have been completed by which the British team will stay in Canada while on their way to Australia, to participate in the matches for the Empire trophy.

NEW WHARF FOR ALASKA COMPANY

CONSTRUCTION WORK NEARING COMPLETION

Every Convenience Will Be Offered the Travelling Public at the Landing Place.

By the end of this week the construction of the new wharf for the Alaska S. S. Company on James Bay will be out of the hands of the B. C. Contract Company. Nothing will remain to be done except the painting and the installation of the electric lighting and the office fitting.

THE G. T. P. RAILWAY

Parties Are Now at Work in Central Part of the Province.

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MINES ACTIVE AT KEDA BAY

JAPANESE COMPANY HAS RICH CLAIMS

Oriental Miners Are Provisioned From Japan and May Begin Shipping Very Shortly.

That the Japanese have secured one of the best mining districts in British Columbia is exemplified by news which was brought to port last night. By the C. P. R. steamer Amur, the concern is the Ikeda Mining Company which was organized some time ago, and both the company and the district where the mines are situated are named after the founder and owner.

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MEXICO AND GUATEMALA

Guatemala City, Guatemala, May 16.—The Mexican minister to Guatemala, Senor Gambo, has informed the foreign office of this Republic that his government is without information of any kind to the effect that Guatemala refugees are preparing to invade Mexico. The minister adds that were this the case the Mexican government would at once put a stop to the movement as it has done on similar occasions in the past.

LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE

Ottawa, May 16.—The Minister of Labor has sent F. A. Acland, secretary of the department, to Montreal to explain the provisions of the Lemieux bill to the longshoremen, as it is clear the dispute comes under the act, and try to get them to come together.

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Boise, Idaho, May 16.—Out of respect for the memory of Howard Nugent, the first judge of the Ada County District court after Idaho became a state, the court over which he presided as one of the predecessors of Judge Fremont Wood, will not proceed with the preliminary stages of the trial of Wm. D. Haywood, charged with murder of former Governor Frank Steuneger, until 2 o'clock this afternoon. Judge Nugent was the father of John F. Nugent, one of the counsel for Haywood.

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