

The Pacific Cable

H. M. S. Egeria Is to Commence the Work of Surveying at Once.

The Edmonton to Dawson City Railway-Survey Party for the North.

Perrier, Condemned New Westminister Murderer, Breaking Down in Prison.

Vancouver, May 17.—H. M. S. Egeria, survey ship, at present in port, has received instructions to commence at once the survey to Fanning Island for the Pacific cable. All activity on board for a long voyage, and she is expected to sail either the end of this week or the beginning of next.

A man named Lancy yesterday attempted to escape from the island, but was arrested by the police. The motion picture was quite successful, and the chief witness, Mr. Ludgate from cutting timber, is being argued to-day.

V. H. Dupont, of Ottawa, has arrived in this city for the survey along the Stikine river, the object being to obtain a route for a railway between Dawson City and Edmonton. A. T. Kerr is assistant. The party will leave this week for the starting. Part of the route has already been surveyed.

The half-holiday movement was inaugurated to-day, when a majority of the shops closed. A procession of several thousands of people, headed by a band, went out to Brockton Point, where a programme of sports was carried out.

Donald Perrier, who is to be hanged at Westminster on May 30th, is reported to be breaking down. He only leaves his bed for about one hour a day, and lies shivering and cursing everybody that sees him. He shows particular resentment to Sheriff Armstrong, who has visited him once or twice. Warden Armstrong will not allow Perrier to be seen by representatives of the press.

Statement by the Premier.
Ottawa, May 17.—In the House to-day Hon. D. C. Fraser read an extract from a dispatch received from Sir Alfred Milner, Strathcona had asked the Canadian government to modify its plans in regard to the Pacific cable and asked the Premier if he had any information on the subject.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier.—The government has received no such information, as contained in the newspaper extract which has just been read, nor do I believe that Lord Strathcona has mentioned or suggested any modification of the plan accepted three years ago by the Imperial committee and the government does not intend to depart from that plan.

TROUBLESOME CHINESE.

A British Force Sent to Drive Them From the Kowloon Hinterland.

Hong Kong, May 15.—A force of about 1,500 infantry soldiers, 100 artillerymen, 50 engineers and 500 marines have gone to the Kowloon hinterland. The greatest secrecy is observed as to the plants of the British authorities, and nothing is known regarding the actual destination of the troops, but it seems evident that two detachments of troops will advance on Tai-Po-Fu and Deep Bay, cut off the rebels and drive them from the ceded territory. The gun vessels engaged in the operations have been provisioned for eight days.

"THROW PHYSIC TO THE D.G.S."

Chicago, Ill., May 18.—The Tribune says: "A discovery which it is claimed solves the problem of circumventing old age, has just been made public by Professor Joseph R. Hawley and Alexander C. Wiener, of Chicago Clinical School. The return to youth, it is asserted, is produced by hypodermic injections of the lymphatic fluid of animals, particularly young goats. The discovery was made three years ago and subsequent secret demonstrations of its efficiency are asserted. At one of his experiments at the school Dr. Hawley administered hypodermic injections of fluid from the lymphatic glands of a goat to a child known to be 14 years old. The dog was watched carefully for two months, and at the end of that time the animal was as lively as a puppy. A number of human beings, it is said, have been experimented on in Chicago in the same way and with the same results."

A FAMILY HEIRLOOM.

London, May 17.—Lord Francis Hope, brother of the Duke of Newcastle, and husband of May Yohe, the American heiress, applied to the Chancery Court to-day for permission to sell a family heirloom, a blue diamond weighing 444 carats, estimated to be worth from \$85,000 to \$125,000. The gem was unique and another one was recently found weighing 45 carats.

Lord Hope's lawyer urged that the sale was useless for ornament and that it would be wiser to sell it for the benefit of Lord Hope's income than to allow it to remain in the bank's safe for the next forty years. Counsel for the Duke of Newcastle and Lady Beatrice Lister-Kelke, eldest sister of Lord Hope, opposed the sale, which the court eventually refused to sanction.

Dumplings, bolts and humors show that the blood is impure. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best blood purifier that money can buy.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

The Proposal by Colonial Agents-General in London Will Be Considered.

London, May 15.—Mr. Chamberlain to-day had a conference on the subject of the proposed Pacific cable with Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the high commissioner for Canada, and other colonial agents-general, who presented certain modifications of the original proposals. Mr. Chamberlain promised that they should receive the best consideration.

In the House of Lords to-day, the Earl of Selbourn, under secretary of state for the colonies, in reply to the Earl of Aberdeen, former governor-general of Canada, who urged the importance of the imperial and colonial governments reaching an understanding with reference to the Pacific cable, said Her Majesty's government were perfectly prepared to review the whole matter in the light of any new representations the colonies might make, with a sincere desire to arrive at a decision satisfactory to all the governments concerned. He assured the House that there was no intention upon the part of the government to throw cold water upon a matter of such great public interest, nor was there any idea of being ungrateful.

The conditions proposed, he explained, were merely such as the experience of the post office and treasury suggested as being the most likely to secure efficiency. If the colonies had any objection to urge against the form of the British proposals, the government were perfectly prepared to review the whole matter.

The Samoan Massacre

Admiral Kautz Sends Full Particulars to the United States Navy Department.

The Failure of the Colt Gun to Work Properly Contributed to Defeat.

Washington, May 16.—Secretary Long has made public so much of the recent report from Admiral Kautz upon Samoan affairs as touches the killing of a number of American sailors by Matafua's adherents near Apia on April 11. The report is an elaboration of the description of the affair which was called at the time by the Associated Press from Auckland. No mention is made at any point of the reported participation in the affair of the German, Hutagael, manager of the plantation where the fight occurred.

It is shown that the failure of the Colt gun to work properly was in a large measure the cause of the American and British defeat.

Admiral Kautz says the expedition was projected by Captain Sturdee, of the Porpoise. For several nights preceding sunset had been fired upon by natives, and it became necessary to drive the aggressors away. Admiral Kautz and all officers who had the matter in charge, were of the opinion that the force was ample to do the work without risk, especially as it was to move out along the beach and return the same way, under the protection of the guns of H.M.S. Royalist.

It is safe to say, says the admiral, they did what they deemed best under the circumstances, and the loss that followed could not be foreseen.

THE INSURANCE BUSINESS.

Sir Richard Cartwright Thinks That All the Companies Should Be Made Public.

Ottawa, May 17.—The fight over the Canada Life Assurance Company's bill commenced at the Banking and Commerce committee to-day. There are two bills before the committee. One was prepared by the shareholders and the other by a proportion of the policy holders, who desire representation on the directorate, and that no shareholders may have more than 40 votes at the company's annual meeting. The company's bill asks that policy holders should have representation on the board of directorate, and that the annual meeting be held in Toronto.

Mr. Foster favored the restoration of the 40 vote clause in the bill, but Sir Richard Cartwright pointed out that this would be no protection, and that Senator Cox, if he desired, could get control, although it might cost him a little more, and place him in the same position as he was to-day. To ensure the greater safety of widows and orphans, whom they ought to consider and who were interested in the Canada Life, full publicity should be given to all doings of this and other insurance companies. It was with that view that the Mackenzie government started the insurance branch of the finance department. As for the 40-vote clause, it was grossly exaggerated.

The committee was strongly in favor of the company's bill, and the preamble was adopted without a division. The committee then adjourned.

The Minister of Militia has completed No. 1 Co's gun show. New Westminster, for the splendid showing made at the recent inspection. The Minister hopes to visit New Westminster this summer.

Alexander Henderson, New Westminster, has been instructed to watch the government's interest in the Deadman's Island embroglio.

NIPPED IN THE BUD

Former British Officers Alleged To Have Been Concerned in a Plot to Overthrow Transvaal Government.

NOW IN PRISON AT PRETORIA.

Incriminating Documents Have Been Found and Further Arrests Are Expected—Boer Artillerymen Are Held in Readiness For Any Outbreak.

London, May 16.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Cape town says the negotiations for a meeting between President Kruger and Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, and the British high commissioner for South Africa, regarding the grievances of Uitlanders in the Transvaal, have culminated finally in an arrangement for a conference, which will probably be held in Cape Town.

Arrests at Pretoria.

Cape town, May 16.—The Argus, of this city, to-day publishes a despatch from Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal, or South African republic, saying N. W. Retz, secretary of state, confirms the report that a number of unusual arrests have been made there. It is rumored the prisoners are British officers.

London, May 16.—The foregoing dispatch probably explains the telegram received by the Argus from Pretoria saying the Transvaal secretary of state confirmed the report that a number of unusual arrests had been made, and that it was rumored that the prisoners were British officers.

Charged With High Treason.

Johannesburg, May 16.—A number of men have been arrested on a charge of high treason.

Further Arrests Expected.

Pretoria, Transvaal, May 16.—The arrest at Johannesburg of seven alleged former British officers on a charge of high treason has caused intense excitement here. The news was then declared to be without significance, but to-day's news throws a more serious light on the movement, and it is certain there will be great sensation in London when the news of arrests becomes generally known.

RIOTOUS CUBANS.

A Street Fight Results in One Man Being Killed and Seven Injured.

Cienfuegos, Province of Santa Clara, Cuba, May 16.—About five o'clock last evening a gang of Cuban dock laborers called upon Captain Barker, captain of the port, and demanded back pay. As they were violent, Captain Barker drew his revolver. The laborers retired, but returned soon after with fifty others with a similar demand, using obscene and profane language, insulting Captain Barker and making threats. The Cuban police were ordered to arrest the men, and a general street fight followed, in which one laborer was killed and seven persons, including three of the police, injured. As the Cuban police became very insulting and threatened revenge, an outbreak is expected, and the Second United States Infantry, regulars, have been ordered into the city. Troops are now patrolling the town.

CARNEGIE ANNOYED.

London, May 16.—Andrew Carnegie left London to-day for Siboe Castle. In an interview just published he is quoted as saying: "I am looking forward to protection in my highland solitude, from the army of mendicants which every hour is importuning me for subscription to every conceivable object. Even were I disposed to accede to these applications for promiscuous assistance, my resources for philanthropy are already fully hypothecated, and bombardment, me with further appeals is simply adding to the postal revenue."

EX-PREMIER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

London, May 16.—Special despatches from Vienna say it is reported there that Count Radezi, former prime minister of Austria, recently tried to commit suicide on account of losses sustained on the race course. The fortune of the former premier has been estimated at \$2,500,000.

GROWTH OF BELGIUM.

Within the last ninety-five years the population of Belgium has doubled itself, rising from 3,000,000 to 6,000,000. But the records of the larger cities make a still more interesting showing. Antwerp in a century has risen from 53,000 to 257,000, an increase of 383 per cent; Liege has advanced from 46,000 to 160,000; Ghent from 55,000 to 125,000, and Brussels from 63,000 to 187,000.

VENEZUELAN ARBITRATION.

New York, May 17.—Ex-President Harrison sailed on the St. Paul for England to-day, where he goes as chief counsel for Venezuela in the boundary arbitration proceedings.

IT RANKLES DEEP.

Sir Hibbert Still Smarting From the Hitching He Got in the Yukon Debate.

Ottawa, May 16.—It was again made plainly evident to-day when the House met that the government does not intend proceeding with the business of the country until the redistribution bill is down.

Sir Hibbert Tupper, on the orders of the day being called, moved a motion to adjourn, so as to kill time, and proceeded to discuss that public accounts should from staking or acquiring claims in the Yukon. This was a mere pretence so as to permit him to refer to the Manitoba election frauds, a matter which was up before the committee last year and was not closed, and in this way he managed to drag Hon. Clifford Sifton's name into it. He will never forgive the Minister of Interior for the dressing down he gave him (Tupper) on Yukon affairs.

An order on the House for copies of orders-in-council affecting the staking of claims by officials in the Yukon, was answered yesterday. It contained an order-in-council of 29th March, 1899, prohibiting employees of the government from staking or acquiring claims in the Yukon. The remainder of the return consisted of a batch of the orders-in-council since 1882 giving permission to land agents and Indian agents to acquire public lands, etc.

The Edmonton & Slave Lake Railway Bill was read a third time yesterday.

The Island Dispute

An Injunction Has Been Granted to Prevent Further Work.

The Case Will Be Brought Up in the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

Vancouver, May 16.—The latest development in the Deadman Island situation is the granting of an injunction by Chief Justice McCall to prevent further work. This morning Mr. Ludgate again sent men over to the island to work, but they had only been engaged a short time when they were served with the injunction, which had been granted on the application of Hon. Mr. Martin. The injunction holds "good" until Wednesday, when arguments to make it permanent will be heard.

Mr. Bowser, Mr. Ludgate's solicitor, says the case is now just where he wanted it, as the Supreme Court will settle the vexed question once for all. He says he has no doubt as to the outcome.

A FIENDISH CRIME.

Atlanta, Ga., May 16.—Winnie Bosch, a Malatto woman, was nearly lynched by a mob of negroes last night. The crime she and her husband are charged with is of brutally burning four children by lighting paper saturated with kerosene, with which their bodies had been wrapped. One of the children had the flesh burned from its legs in several places and will die. The other three were badly burned.

MRS. MAYBRICK.

Her Friends Think They Will Shortly Be Able to Secure Her Release From Prison.

New York, May 17.—A London dispatch says that many developments have occurred which encourage the friends of Mrs. Florence Maybrick in their struggle for her release from prison. With much difficulty they have succeeded in bringing the facts to the notice of Queen Victoria herself, and it is believed that she is now disposed to grant a pardon. Mrs. Maybrick's friends intend to lay her case early in July with a tremendous array of recommendations.

MARTINS LEAVE FOR LONDON.

New York, May 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin took formal and final farewell of New York society last night at the Waldorf Astoria. The Martins leave to-day for Europe and will hereafter reside in London.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Pure Orange Cream of Tartar Powder. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD

Does This Mean War

News of the Arrest of Englishmen in the Transvaal Confirmed.

One of the Prisoners Makes a Statement Implicating Great Britain.

He Says He Was Acting Under Instructions From the War Office.

London, May 17.—The Consul of the Transvaal here has received the following telegram from his government, dated Pretoria, May 16:

"Richard Nicholls, describing himself as a colonel; Geo. Patterson, a captain; Edward J. Tremlett, Charles Ellis and John A. Mitchell, lieutenants, and Fries and Hooper were arrested yesterday morning on the sworn declaration of three Englishmen, on a charge of high treason in connection with the alleged object of the enrollment of troops to create a revolution, seize Johannesburg fort, and hold possession of the town until British troops from Natal could come to their assistance.

"One of the prisoners alleges he was acting under instructions from the British War Department."

Securities Flat.
London, May 17.—South African securities opened flat on the stock exchange to-day, but the news of arrests at Johannesburg was not taken seriously. The bears quickly covered.

Prisoners Remanded.

Pretoria, Transvaal, May 17.—The seven alleged revolutionists who presented the appearance of ordinary loafers, were arraigned this morning in court and were charged with high treason. They were remanded for a fortnight.

Sworn affidavits allege that two thousand men have been called for military service, that it was intended to arm them and at a given signal, they were to seize Johannesburg and hold it for 24 hours, pending the arrival of British troops.

A UITLANDER'S OPINION.

The Statement That Prisoners Were Instructed by War Office "Too Absurd for Refutation."

London, May 17.—A representative of the Associated Press gave a number of prominent South Africans connected with the leading concerns of Johannesburg to-day. They all declared they had not heard a word from their own agents at Cape Colony, indicating they added, that the affair was "trumped up by the Boer police," and that in any case the men arrested were irresponsible nobodies with fictitious military titles affixed by the Boers with the object of discrediting the British in the eyes of the continental powers.

It is now believed that Tremlett was formerly a captain of the volunteers in Cape Colony and that he is now a mining agent. Patterson is described as a butcher and a labor agitator; Mitchell is said to be a storekeeper; Hooper is classed as a carpenter; Ellis is alleged to be a private detective and the occupation of Fries and Nicholls unknown.

A prominent Uitlander said to a representative of the Associated Press: "My own view is that a few, unknown and irresponsible people met together to discuss means of defence in case the necessity for such action arose. Those who are acquainted with Johannesburg know that such precautions are necessary. There was the greatest unrest and ferment there when I left, but the statement that there has been a conspiracy during the past four months, and that the South African League was connected with it is untrue. No Uitlander is allowed to possess a rifle, yet at every corner are policemen armed with rifles and revolvers. The feeling of alarm on the arrival of the Boer artillery can be conceived. It is a significant fact that the feeling which in 1885 was limited to the capitalist class has now gone lower down and has reached the ordinary working class of shopkeepers of Johannesburg."

In response to inquiries on the subject made in government circles, the correspondent of the Associated Press was told to-day that the statement that the men arrested at Johannesburg acted under instructions from the British War office, was "too absurd for refutation."

THE FIGHT.

Cruise of the Cachalot With a Sperm Whale.

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