

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Chief Justice Strong's Narrow Escape—Mr. Mulock Making His Staff Work.

Another M. P. Demands Dr. Guay's Promised Job—The First Gin Distillery.

Mr. Sifton at Last Helps Yukon Staff to Resist Temptation to Dishonesty.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Mr. Sifton, desiring to weaken opposition criticism at the coming session, has at last decided on a policy which has been urged upon him for months past by Conservative speakers and newspapers.

The department of inland revenue has been advised of the opening in the province of Quebec of the first gin distillery in the Dominion.

The High Commissioner has sent a communication to the department of trade and commerce, pointing out that a good market exists in England for wood-wool or wood flour which is used as an absorbent for nitro-glycerine in the manufacture of various explosives.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association will be held on the 25th of April. Capt. Helmer, of the 43rd Battalion, Hull, is being boomed for the adjutancy of the Bisley team.

Major Basil Bell, of the 43rd, who died on Saturday, was buried in the morning at military honors, the four local corps all participating.

While Chief Justice Sir Henry Strong was being driven to the Supreme Court this morning the horses ran away and brought the hack into collision with a street car at the crossing of Albert and Kent streets.

There is great tribulation in the post office department because the hours of work have been made 9:30 to 5:30, an increase of an hour and a half daily.

MADE THE OCCASION FOR MANY COMPLIMENTARY REFERENCES—The Patient No Worse.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The curious developments in Mr. Kipling's illness have caused widespread anxiety and pain in England.

Only in his thirty-fourth year he has written what has been permitted to very few young men to do in this or any other age.

WEST INDIAN VISITATION. Islands Almost Overwhelmed by the Sea—Great Loss of Life and Property.

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 27.—Further advices from the islands state that a great storm of February 13 and 14, say that it was the longest and most severe in the memory of the inhabitants.

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ONTARIO'S NEW TAXES.

Brewers and Distillers and the Banking and Insurance Companies Liberally Levied Upon.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—The government has decided to divide the bill to supplement the provincial revenues into two parts.

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TOO MUCH ELECTRICITY

An Overcharge Bursts the Bulbs and Sets Many Fine Residences on Fire.

Families Barely Escape in Night Clothes—Quarter Million Gone in Five Minutes.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Feb. 27.—An overcharge of electricity started fires in several of the finest residences in New Orleans, which were provided with electric light, at an early hour yesterday morning, destroying several of them.

The first fire was at the residence of Mr. Lawrence Stern, on St. Charles avenue. The bulbs burst and the house was set on fire in a dozen places at the same time.

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A CHARMING GIRL....

Has many admirers but no bells of the ball was ever more fascinating than our large display of Up-to-date FURNITURE, RICH CARPETS and RUGS, HANDSOME CURTAINS, BEAUTIFUL CHINA, GLASSWARE, SILVERWARE, Etc.

We have a large illustrated Catalogue of Home Furnishings, which will be mailed free to any address. Be sure and write for it—it will be of service.



WELER BROS. VICTORIA, B. C.

BERESFORD'S CHINESE MISSION. Fifteen Hundred Dollars Reported Lost—Military Basket Ball—Death of Former Visitor.

New York, Feb. 24.—At the Beresford reception to-day Charles Stewart Smith, chairman of the committee, presented the admiral to President Alex. Orr, of the chamber of commerce, in a short speech, and the latter delivered a cordial welcome, referring on the seriousness of the Eastern situation, and expressing the hope that the matter would be satisfactorily adjudicated.

What remarks I have to offer may be somewhat stale, as it is difficult not to repeat when speaking for two days running. With regard to the development of trade in China and Japan about which you desire me to speak, I will say that as a result of my investigation I found that the total trade of China was \$275,000,000.

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FILIPINOS GETTING TIRED.

Many of Them Have Had Enough Fighting and Want to Make Peace—American Casualties.

Manila, Feb. 27.—Two Spanish commissioners, Senors Rosate and Abogade, who were permitted to pass through the United States lines and confer with Aguinaldo with reference to the Spanish prisoners at Malolos, returned this morning with sealed despatches for the Spaniards.

Shortly afterwards the rebels sent out a flag of truce borne by Commandante de la Cruz and several hundred of the enemy left the Filipinos lying carrying "No quere," "no combate," "America no guerra."

The casualties to date by regiments are as follows:

Table with columns: Killed, Wounded. Rows include: First California, Washington, Idaho, Fourth cavalry, Fourteenth infantry, Wyoming militia, Sixth artillery, Third Kansas, Twentieth Kansas, Tenth Pennsylvania, First Colorado, First North Dakota, First South Dakota, Twenty-third, Thirtieth Minnesota, Second Oregon, Medical department.

OCEAN TRAVEL CHEAPER.

Atlantic Combine Broken and the Fares to Come Down.

London, Feb. 28.—The Daily Mail this morning announces the breaking up of the trans-Atlantic liner combine.

The city council last night voted the usual annual grants, to the mayor \$1,500, Aldermen, \$300 each; Alexandra orphanage, \$800; City band, \$500; Y. W. C. A., \$100.

Mr. William Loye, well known in Victoria as one of the pioneers of British Columbia, died yesterday in New Westminster. He was in his fifty-fourth year, and was a native of Lybriidge, near Plymouth, Devon.

MAILS BY ST. MICHAEL.

Three Trips at Fifteen Hundred Dollars Each Arranged for Next Season.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Bids have been opened by the post office department for carrying the mails by steamer from San Francisco or Seattle via Unalakleet, St. Michael and points along the Yukon river to Alaska, Dawson, and Dawson Canada.

Minneapolis Tribune Building Destroyed and Adjoining Blocks Suffer.

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APPEALED TO LONDON.

Japanese Authorities Will Further Protest Against Restrictions Upon Their Laborers.

Expectation That Ottawa Government Will Veto Act at Suggestion of London.

Canadian Products About to Be Granted Preferential Tariff by Japan.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Feb. 27.—Hon. S. Simeau, Japanese consul for Canada, has called to the minister of foreign affairs at London the reply of Finance Minister Cotton to the request of the Dominion government that certain Japanese legislation be rescinded.

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THE NEW COLONIST

From the Mining Record. Probably no Canadian cited more attention 4 years than the one referred to, and in consequence criticism which has been directed against the government calling this concern at those who were made with it, we thought it best to call attention to the advantage of upon the spot what character of the company, and made during the year a position as would establish a record for work.

On the 1st of July 1900 the company will have a forest, with no permanent Placer Creek, and distance 80 miles, and Forest distance to mill, and the hitherto brought in of wagon—the latter of 100 miles; and the cost of the freight on a pound. It will be seen that the cost of the freight on a pound is only a year since we have accomplished since this Canadian enterprise establishing a record for work.

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