

SOCIALIST CONGRESS.

Declares Against Standing Armies—The Irish Land Bill in the Lords.

Bomb Throwing in Marseilles—Dr. Jameson's Case—Hurricane at Hongkong.

LONDON, July 31.—The abolition of standing armies and the substitution for them of international arbitration was discussed in the Socialist Congress to-day.

The congress later adopted after discussion the report of the committee on organization, favoring the establishment of a permanent international committee and international bureau of information.

In the Commons to-day, the first lord of the treasury, Mr. Balfour, replying to question, said the time had not arrived for the consideration in connection with the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of Queen Victoria of the release of the Irish political prisoners.

Sir Mathew White Ridley announced in the House of Commons to-day that after considering all the circumstances in the case, he had declined to grant a writ of habeas corpus to the prisoners.

The Berlin correspondent of the Standard states that the press have no intention of blockading Crete.

The Times asserts this morning that Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, will not preside over the special parliamentary commission to inquire into the administration of Rhodesia and the circumstances connected with the Jameson raid.

H.M. Privy Council has reversed the costs in the decision of the Supreme court of Canada in the case of Toronto Railway vs. the Queen, involving the sum of \$56,044, paid under protest by the railway company as duty on steel rails.

Dr. Jameson and his fellow prisoners were taken back to Holloway jail from Wormwood prison this afternoon.

A hurricane prevailed at Hongkong yesterday, and considerable damage was done to shipping in the harbor.

The British steamer Clan-Cadada was totally dismantled. The British steamer Macduff dragged her anchors and collided with the Norwegian steamer Brand. Both vessels were damaged.

An attempt was made last night to blow up the residence of Judge Julien in Marseilles, and for a time great excitement prevailed in the neighborhood of the judge's house.

The 11th round of the international Porges and Pillsbury drew a Ray Lopez after 31 moves. Walbrod and Schiffer drew a Sicilian defence after 44 moves. Janovsky beat Lasker in a Ruy Lopez after 71 moves.

It is informed that the only foundation for the report lies in the fact that about 200 police were sent there after the murder of Crown Surveyor Harrison.

SHORT A PORTFOLIO.

The new "get-off-the-earth" puzzle is easy compared with the one Mr. Laurier has to work out.

Mr. Samuel, an American delegate, contended that the congress ought not to pay much attention to the proposed arbitration, asserting that the middle classes would never resort to arbitration unless there was more money in it than in war.

That we should have a larger administration than the United States has, with its 70,000,000 people, seemed to the Liberals not only a rightful anomaly, but also a blessing wrong, which they would redress the moment they came to power.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

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VANCOUVER, Aug. 1.—Ore reduction works will be built immediately at the foot of Columbia avenue.

The affairs of the German consulate will be administered in Victoria until Col. Wullifohn's return.

The Cl. W. A. provincial championship meet, will have here during carnival week, Wellington having retired in favor of Vancouver.

There were 52 cases in the police court this morning.

The Point Roberts Fishing Co. have shipped 15,000 sockeye salmon to the Fraser during the past week.

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QUEEN VICTORIA. LONDON, August 1.—It is believed the rumors of the early retirement of Her Majesty gained much strength from the statements attributed to her during her last visit to this city upon the occasion of the marriage of the Princess Marg.

OTTAWA, July 30.—(Special)—Since the opening of navigation 2,611 vessels have passed through the Canada Soo canal.

THE OFFICIALS of the interior department estimate that the immigration to Canada to date this season is fully five per cent. below the arrivals of last year.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER. TORONTO, Aug. 1.—(Special)—The Montreal correspondent of the World sends a story to the effect that Rt. Hon. Mr. Chamberlain is urging his colleagues in the Imperial government to appoint Sir Charles Tupper Governor-General of Canada at the expiration of Lord Aberdeen's term.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION. (Special to the Colonist.) QUEBEC, July 30.—Lieut.-Col. Forest is having 300 Lee-Enfield magazine rifles prepared and packed in the citadel armory for shipment to Ottawa.

SIR THOMAS, July 30.—A romantic marriage was celebrated here last night between Ambrose Lovelace, of Essex, Ont., and Miss Lena A. Foster, of Providence, R.I.

PORT ARTHUR, Aug. 1.—Hon. B. T. Cable, president of the Rock Island railway system, is in town with a party of a dozen guests.