

PARLIAMENT FORMALLY OPENED BY MINTO; G. T. P. MAIN ITEM OF THRONE SPEECH

Address of His Excellency to the Senate and Commons.

Amendment to Transcontinental Railroad Agreement.

Dominion Revenue Will Exceed the Expenditure—Hints at a Short Session.

Ottawa, Ont., March 11.—Parliament was formally opened at 3 o'clock today by Lord Minto. The weather was excellent and the crowd was large. His excellency the Governor-General, seated in a carriage drawn by four horses with outriders, left Government House at 2:45 o'clock. An escort from the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards accompanied the viceroyal carriage to and from Rideau Hall. Parliament Hill at the main entrance to the Senate and House of Commons, Lord Minto was received with guard of honor from the Governor-General's Foot Guards. The band of that regiment supplied the music. In the Senate chambers Lord Minto delivered the speech from the throne.

The speech from the throne follows: Honorable gentlemen of the Senate, gentlemen of the House of Commons. In again meeting you in Parliament it is our first duty to express our heartfelt thanks to a beneficent Providence for the abundant harvest with which the country has been favored during the past year and for the general prosperity that prevails in all parts of the Dominion. It is very gratifying to note that the yearly-increasing trade of Canada, which has been marked a feature of the past six years, gives no indication of any abatement, while the number of settlers seeking homes in Manitoba and the territories is without a parallel in the history of the country. These two important facts lend force to the conclusion that long before the transcontinental railway authorized by Parliament at its last session can possibly be completed, its urgent necessity as a medium for carrying the products of the west to our own Atlantic ports will have become apparent independently of the many

NOW IT'S PERSIA British and Russian Interests May Clash in Shah's Empire.

New York, March 11.—The rivalry of England and Russia for Persia is each day accentuating. The British weekly *Windsor* publishes a special dispatch dated Ashrafabad, a Persian city, from a Russian dispatch to the *Herald* which says: "Sistan and Khorassan are full of English secret agents, who are spreading the seeds of Japanese victories, with a view to destroying Russian prestige."

TO CALL AFTER HE DIES A Man To Be Hanged Promises to Visit After Death.

Butte, Mont., March 11.—L. H. Mott, a wife-murderer, who is to be hanged at Missoula, on March 18, has sent a letter to Congressman Joseph Dixon on Washington, asking that he will visit him on Sunday, March 20, at 10 o'clock in the evening. Mott explained his letter by saying that he means to make himself known to Congressman Dixon, in order to fulfill a promise to demonstrate the existence of "Dixon and myself have been close friends for years. I may state truthfully that he has been my friendly adviser solely. Upon many occasions in the last ten years we have discussed religion and the probable future state. Joe was an atheist, but according to a Huxley and Ingersoll and argued their relative merits. "Dixon and I pledged each other that in case of death we would make the living party a call at 10 p.m. just two days after death. Hence my promise to him. I feel that Dixon looks upon me as a firm friend and ardent admirer, having a loyalty of friendship that death cannot quench."

SOLD COUNTRY'S SECRETS The Japs in Possession of Important French Naval Data.

Paris, March 11.—In spite of official reticence and denials from the Japanese legation here, it is again affirmed that a non-commissioned officer, named Martin, who was employed in the ministry of marine, and who is now under arrest, attempted to sell French naval secrets to an attaché at the Japanese legation. The discovery of this alleged attempt came as a result of the accidental opening of a letter addressed to a non-commissioned officer by a naval captain of the same name. This letter was from an intermediary, but it indicated the principals in the affair. It is alleged that several women are implicated, and that one of them has confessed.

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THE NEW "SOO" COMPANY. Detroit, Mich., March 11.—A Philadelphia special says that New York banks already have consented to the proposed change in the personnel of the Canadian Improvement Company, and that it is stated that all of the Philadelphia banks also have promised to sign.

MORE KISHINEV RIOTS Jewish Press Say There Were Fresh Outrages Recently.

London, March 11.—Notwithstanding the official denials, the Jewish World claims to have received trustworthy information that there have been fresh disturbances at Kishinev. No date is given, but they apparently occurred after the passage of the law, after parading the streets, proceeded to the Jewish quarter, where they smashed windows and began looting and beating men and women. When the military appeared the mob dispersed, undoubtedly preventing serious bloodshed. The Jewish Chronicle has similar information.

THE MISSING DISCOVERY List of Passengers That Embarked on Ill-Fated Steamer.

Seattle, Wash., March 11.—The names of the 28 passengers who embarked from Nome on the ill-fated steamer Discovery, Oct. 16, which has not since been heard of, have been learned from a Nome paper. The list is as follows: Carl W. Larsen, F. A. Seaberg, E. C. Weaver, H. Logan, Gene Lum, X. B. Jones, Annie Lones, August Foster, Otto Maple, N. M. Claughton, H. Verrier, O. Borgh, F. J. Stewart, Miss Caton, Miss Christensen, B. Mitchell, F. Anderson, J. North, George A. Schrack, L. M. Davis, Oscar Graff, D. Gurnoy, H. Steider, C. Langton, M. J. Hicks, H. Rooby, H. Herman and A. E. Johnson.

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St. Petersburg, March 11.—7:10 p.m.—The Russian torpedo boat flotilla left Port Arthur at broad daylight this morning, and attacked the Japanese fleet. One Japanese torpedo boat was sunk and one Russian torpedo boat destroyed. The *Besposhtednaya*, was sunk. The fate of the latter's crew is not known.

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BLOWN TO PIECES. New York, March 11.—Two Italian workmen were blown to pieces and a third severely injured while blasting in the Bronx today for a sewer. A blast that had been prepared failed to explode until the workmen had returned to the trench.

FATAL QUEBEC FIRE Young Man Loses Life in an Early Morning Blaze.

Quebec, March 11.—Early this morning a disastrous fire occurred on St. John street, which besides causing considerable loss to property, resulted in the death of Napoleon Gingras, aged 25, stepson of Joseph Laliberte, cabinet maker, in whose establishment the fire originated.

The entire family with the exception of young Gingras, were taken out by the firemen before the fire had spread. Miss Laliberte, stepmother of the unfortunate young man, says she found the latter in his room overcome by smoke, and dragged him along the passage until she almost fell herself, and had to run to the window. The building was badly damaged and is partially insured.

POWER WITHOUT WIRES Nicola Tesla's Scheme for Tapping the Niagara Falls.

New York, March 11.—As an appropriate celebration in its 8th anniversary "The Electrical World and Engineer" has issued an exceptionally large number, filled with reminiscences. Several of the articles were contributed by men of note. One of them came from Mr. Tesla, who described his experiments of 1890, made in Colorado, with a view to the transmission of power without wires. He says that the Canadian Niagara Power Company has invited him to try the system on an industrial scale. He has been designing a plant for that corporation which is meant to transmit 100,000 horsepower at a pressure of 100,000 volts, "which," Mr. Tesla adds, "I am able to produce and handle with safety."

THE WAR SITUATION. Alexeff has forwarded his official report of yesterday's bombardment of Port Arthur. It gives only the barest facts.

The Russians seem mystified as to the Jap maneuvering in this last fight. Instead of attacking the fleet or batteries they merely shelled the city. This may have been simply to worry the Russians. On the other hand it may have covered an attempt to land troops. Reports as to movements of troops in Korea are largely speculative. So rigid is the Jap censorship that little that is definite leaks out. The Mikado is supposed to have 200,000 men in Korea, and it is thought that a general advance has commenced. By way of London comes another report that the Vladivostok squadron was destroyed, at a terrible cost to the Jap fleet in ships and men. The Russians are believed to be moving north with the object of making a stand at Wiju. They are reported to have lost 2,000 men in the recent skirmishes.

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Windsor, Ont., March 11.—The Windsor police have been requested to examine into the married life of Edward Morasky, a barber living in Windsor, and working in Detroit. Morasky married Miss Etta Crozier, of Windsor, on Saturday night last, but relatives of the bride have since learned that he already had a wife living in Chicago. Morasky admits his first marriage, but claims to have been divorced.

RELIGION-CRAZED Woman Attempts to Sacrifice Her Baby in Church.

Bangor, Maine, March 11.—Maniacal proceedings are reported among the 500 members of a so-called religious sect living in a colony on Beal's Island, near Jonesport. One woman who tried to kill her children, after announcing at a revival that God had ordered her to make the sacrifice, has been adjudged insane, and brought to the hospital here. Jonesport deputy sheriffs and citizens have gone to the island to calm the excited inhabitants. Persons just returned from the scene assert that during the revival the woman who was brought to hospital, called out that the voice of God had told her that a certain dog must be killed. The animal was brought into the meeting house and slain. Then she announced that she had received another divine command that a cat in the village should be put to death. The execution was carried out, but when she arose a third time, and declared she had been commanded to slay her baby, a furious discussion was precipitated which broke up the meeting. The authorities heard of the affair and seized the woman before she could carry out the "command." The islanders are now destroying their watches, jewelry and other articles of ornament.

RUSSIAN SHELLS SWEEP BRIDGE Premier Spoke of "Calumny" in Attack on His Lordship—Sensation in the Upper House.

London, March 11.—An extraordinary incident in the customary decorum of the House of Lords occurred today in a recent debate in the House of Commons, Premier Balfour had used the word "calumny" with reference to some statement made by Lord Rosebery in the House of Lords. When the House of Lords met, Lord Rosebery asked Lord Lansdowne, the British Secretary, what justification existed for the Premier's use of such a word.

Lord Lansdowne admitted the Premier had used the word in the heat of debate. He said he thought the circumstances justified some remark of the part of the Premier, but that he had consulted with Mr. Balfour, who told him that he did not desire to import the word "calumny" into the House of Commons. Lord Rosebery again rose and declaring the explanation had not been satisfactory, he said he would not be satisfied until the Premier had apologized. When the Premier rose to read the list of members, he read the name of Mr. Bruce, J. E. Armstrong in East Lambton, and Dr. John W. Daniel in Mr. Blair's old stronghold of St. John's. The House was probably one-third full, and the galleries thronged with spectators. A few minutes past 3 the summons came for the members to attend in the Senate chamber. The message was transmitted with all due haste by the clerks. Usher of the Black Rod, Capt. Chambers, who was required with applause from both sides of the House for the dignity of his department and the correctness of his delivery in both languages.

THE CAR FERRY SHENANGO BURNED Pere Marquette Boat Destroyed at Conneaut Harbor—One Man Perished.

Conneaut, Ohio, March 11.—The big car ferry steamer, which left Lehigh, Pa., on March 10, and was en route to Conneaut, Ohio, was burned to destruction at Conneaut harbor, and it is feared will be a total loss. The ferry was carrying four men when it was burned to death on the vessel. "Late that day a Russian torpedo boat chaser was seen and shots were exchanged at a distance of about 3,000 yards. The second-class cruiser Chitose and two other smaller vessels were dispatched at 9 a.m. on Feb. 9 toward Port Arthur to reconnoiter. They reported sighting five of the enemy's boats who fired on them. The fortress did not fire, so Admiral Togo signalled: 'Attack the main fleet.' "As the Japanese fleet proceeded toward Port Arthur they met coming out of the harbor a Japanese and Russian merchantman, the Manchuria. The Russian vessel was captured without firing a shot. "At 11 a.m. at a distance of 10 knots from Port Arthur one of the enemy's scout boats was sighted and two shots were sent after it. It returned to the harbor. "Then the Japanese fleet formed in fighting line and approached the harbor. We saw the Russian men of war trying to get back under shelter of the fort's guns. The Mikasa fired first, and then raised the attacking flag, the enemy answered, and the engagement became general. The Russian shells fell short, but the fire from the fortress damaged the fleet slightly. "Our men behaved splendidly. They showed no excitement, but great enthusiasm in their work at the guns. We tried to continue the fire, but the shells from the shore batteries were falling alarmingly close, and we feared the torpedo boats, so the signal was given to retire. "Our casualties in this first attack on Port Arthur were: Killed, 2 officers, 3 non-commissioned officers, 1 man seriously wounded, 2 officers, 1 man seriously wounded, 4 midshipmen, and 18 men; slightly wounded, 4 officers, 5 non-commissioned officers and 25 men."

ARCHBISHOP BOND HEAD OF CHURCH Succeeds Archbishop Machray as Anglican Primate of All Canada.

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