

BOWELL DESERTERS TELL THE REASON

It is known to have encountered a terrible storm in April, last year, and has not been heard of since, nor have any traces of its movements been discovered by Uruguay, which sent out a party to its rescue.

M. Charles Rabot, a member of the committee of the Society of Geography, in Paris, intends to organize another search party to ascertain its fate.

GALICIANS CONFESS

Admit the Killing of George King, a Negro, at Winnipeg.

Negro, at Winnipeg.
Winnipeg, Feb. 11.—The crown has scored a strong point in the case against the six Gaicians who are now having their hearing before Magistrate Daly on the charge of murdering Geo. King, Jan. 17. Confessions from each of the prisoners were read, in which the facts are told with extreme clearness, and seem to show beyond the shadow of a doubt just how the negro came to his death. That of Fred Swerda puts the blame on himself, Roman Cyncar, Lazaruk, and Ivan Hoga. Swerda was chased to St. Paul, Minn., and brought back Sunday.

**PT. ARTHUR MEN
FOUGHT LYING**

Stoessel Says It Was Case of Surrender or Blow Up the Fortress

New York, Feb. 11. — A dispatch to the Times from Aden, Arabia, speaking of the arrival there of Gen. Stoessel, the defender of Port Arthur, on a French steamer, quotes him as saying in an interview:

"It is a sad thing to return vanquished; but we are conscious of having done our entire duty in holding the fortress as long as we did. We could not have held Port Arthur at the most for more than four days longer. The

"In the garrison there were 30,000 men of whom 18,000 were in hospitals and 4,000 more were in the city."

"The Czar will judge whether I should have prolonged my resistance or by a heroic but criminal act have blown up the fortress. I prefer a less

B. and O. Shops Burned.
Lorain, Ohio, Feb. 11.—The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad shops were destroyed by fire last night, entailing a loss of about \$100,000. Six locomotives in the erecting shop will be almost complete wrecks. Three hundred men are thrown out of employment.

d, Canada from the decision of Chief Justice Meredith and Judge Teetzel, directing a new election. They claim the

the numbering of ballots in a pollin subdivision should not disqualify the electors, and consequently that Mr. Sealey, the Liberal, should be declared

Mr. Smith may retain his seat in the House of Commons.

AMENDED TO DEATH

Newfoundland Not Likely to Accept the Hay-Bond Treaty.

New York, Feb. 11. — The Tribune publishes the following from its Washington correspondent: The Hay-Bond reciprocity treaty is dead. Newfoundland is not likely to accept it.

to death," according to leading authorities in the senate. It is certain that no further attempt to secure ratification will be made at the present time and it is improbable that any effort will be made to reach a vote at this session. Moreover, the action of the senator in the executive session of yesterday afternoon demonstrated, according to the leaders, the absolute

impracticability of effecting any
changes in the tariff by reciprocity

COMMENTS ON CABINET

Ottawa Citizen Does Not Indorse the Selection of Dr. Reaume.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The Ottawa Citizen

says: "The Whitney Cabinet is a very strong combination, representing all sections of the Province, except New Ontario, which is expected to furnish the Minister of Mines later on. There can be little criticism as to the selections, though

some surprise may be expressed at the appointment of Mr. Reame to one of the most important portfolios in the Government. No doubt Hon. Mr. Whitney has good reasons for the selection, but there are many who expected that Hon. J. Hendrie would have had that position for which he is peculiarly qualified. He is a large manufacturer and contractor and a gentleman of great executive ability.

Failed to Notify.
Windsor, Feb. 11.—Judge McHugh has given his decision in the case of Green vs. the Wabash Railway Company, arising out of the loss of some hogs shipped by A. J. Green, in favor of defendants, allowing no costs to either parties. Mr. Green failed to notify the company in writing within the time specified in the contract.

Premier Denies Having Sent Mr. Brodeur to Heal Breach in the Quebec Cabinet.

then Mr. Oulmet and Sir Adolphe Caron followed suit. They all had a right to do so, but they definitely disagreed with the Government's policy. The Government's policy, then there was an attempt to reconstruct the Government. Sir Charles Tupper was in the country, and he, too, believed in the best of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, and some of his colleagues. It was well known at the time that the party was dying for lack of good management. Sir Mackenzie Bowell was a federal leader at Ottawa. It was with the consent of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, as well as the rest of his colleagues, that Sir Charles Tupper was asked to form a Government. There are facts to show that Sir Mackenzie Bowell was not a man but would have been loyal to Sir Mackenzie but for this. But Sir Mackenzie Bowell was a man who was dying for lack of good management on to life, he hung on to his position, but he did not carry out his resignation as his colleagues expected him to.

than the remedy we took at that time. We may have been wrong; we may have made a mistake at the time, but we did it, thinking it was in the best interests of the Conservative party and the people, and in effecting the party. From that moment on, the only thing I have never felt sorry for was what I did at that time. My honorable friend performed the same act at that time, and I am confident that he did it for the right reason, it was in the interests of his country, at least in the interest of the Conservative party. There was nothing else left for us to do, and we did it. For these reasons I now rise for the purpose of defending my honorable friend."

Mr. Foster followed Mr. Haggart along the same line. He claimed he had sworn no oath of allegiance to any Premier, and was at liberty to leave if he so desired. He said his reasons for leaving had satisfied the Governor-General, but he did not tell the House what the reasons were. He said that before they resigned Bowell knew of the decision and intentions of the seven.

Sir William's Reply.

Sir William Mulock briefly replied. He justified his reference to the conspiracy by Sir Mackenzie Bowell's reference to the "nest of traitors." Nobody questioned the right of any member of a Government to resign. The question was the coincidence of seven ministers resigning after the House was called, after the speech from the throne had been presented and when the Government was in a chaotic state. Those were features of the case that had not been explained.

"If my honorable friend had more information he could understand them better," suggested Mr. Foster as the minister took his seat.

"Give it to us then," came back from the Ministerial benches, but Mr. Foster remained silent.

The Quebec Trouble.

Mr. Monk wanted some information about the cabinet crisis in the Quebec Legislature. He wanted to know why, if Mr. Brodeur had been sent there by the Government to heal the breach, he

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he regretted being unable to gratify the curiosity of the honorable member. It was true there had been crises before, and would be again, but the Government of Can-

ada was taking no part in the crisis, and no part would be taken by it. He said, however, that he was personally very much interested in the crisis, as doubtless was every honorable gentleman opposite. But if the Minister of Inland Revenue went to Quebec he

Mr. Foster also spoke on the subject, charging the Premier with interference.

had given Mr. Brodeur any instructions—certainly none involving money considerations, as hinted at by Mr. Foster.

Then the subject was allowed to drop.

Government Measures.

At the opening afternoon session, Mr. Fitzpatrick introduced a bill providing that any public works contracts amounting to over \$5,000 should hereafter be let by contract, subject to approval by council.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave notice that for the remainder of the session Government orders have precedence on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Prime Minister observed that the conditions of the order paper warranted this course being adopted.

Mr. White (Renfrew), secured from the Minister of Public Works a promise that the instructions to the Georgian Bay Canal survey engineers would be brought down.