TRYING TO TURN THE RUSSIAN LINE

OPERATIONS ON RIGHT OF LINEVITCH'S FRONT

Nebogatoff's Squadron Reported to Have Reached Sunda Straits on Way to Join Rojestvensky.

Yiukow, April 17, via Tientsin, April 19.—Few transports are now arriving at Newchwang. This contrast with the rush of traffic since the opening of the Liao river indicates that precautions are being taken against possible interference by the Russian Pacific squadron. Vast accumulations of stores have already been made along the Japanese lines of communication, assuring full supplies to the armies in the field, even if the transport service is interrupted.

APPARENTLY WAITING FOR REINFORCEMENTS.

Tokio, April 19.—Although not reported directly, it is believed that the Russian second Pacific squadron continues the occupation of Kamranh bay, or some other port of Annam, where it is expected to remain until joined by the third Russian Pacific squadron. The report that Admiral Rojestvensky is maintaining a patrol and examining neutral ships off Kamranh bay increases the irritation toward France for permitting the use of that port as a base of operations. The Japanese government continues silent regarding the representations on the subject which have been made to France. The press continues, however, its agitation against France, demanding vigorous action.

An official report from the Manchurian headquarters says: "A Japanese force advanced toward Tunghus, fifty miles east of Hsicheng, and occupied that place on April 15th; the enemy retreated to the north."

RUSSIANS FAVOR AN OPEN SEA FIGHT.

St. Petersburg, April 19.—The keenest interest is manifested in the dispatches referring to the Russian squadron, but the admiralty claims to be as much in the dark as the public regarding the plans of the admiral. The report that part of the squadron was sighted off Hongkong is not credited here, however.

The main question now is whether Rojestvensky will proceed north through the Straits of Formosa or bear off into the Pacific through Bashi Channel (south of the Island of Formosa), or Balintang Channel (north of the Island of Luzon). The conviction is growing stronger that the Japanese heavy division is concentrating close to the shores of Japan, and it is also believed that Admiral Togo will decline to give battle in the open sea. This is what the admiralty officials hope for, as it sincerely believes Rojestvensky would have more than an even chance if the two squadrons lined up in an open fight. The admiralty has no confirmation of the reported cutting of the cable connection between Formosa and the Chinese mainland at Foochow.

REPORTED PROTEST FROM THE JAPANESE.

Chicago, April 19.—A special to the Daily News from Tokio says: "At a conference of the elder statesmen and the principal cabinet ministers to-day, a strongly worded protest was sent to France regarding her frequent violations of neutrality in providing shelter for and rendering assistance to the Russian Baltic fleet at Madagascar, and now at Kamranh bay.

WAR CONFERENCE HELD AT TOKIO.

London, April 20.—The British public is beginning to realize how much depends on Togo's skillful conduct of the approaching naval contest. Until Admiral Rojestvensky actually arrived in the Straits of Malacca there was a disposition to ridicule the efforts of the Russian squadron, but now that there is seen to be a growing likelihood of Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff joining Rojestvensky before the fateful struggle opens, lukewarm interest is deepening into anxiety.

According to one Tokio correspondent, a momentous war conference, lasting five hours, was held there on Wednesday, attended by the elder statesmen, the premier and his ministers. Other Tokio correspondents state that Japan has addressed a protest to France on the Russian squadron's presence in Kamranh bay, but that France has not yet replied. The Daily Telegraph's correspondent declares that a Japanese fleet is ready to sail for Kamranh bay.

RUSSIANS REPORTED NEAR SUNDA STRAITS.

New York, April 20.—A dispatch to the American from Paris quotes a St. Petersburg dispatch to the Matin that Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff's squadron has reached Sunda Straits on its way to join Rojestvensky in the China sea.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—A dispatch from Gunshu Pass says the Russians have discovered a turning movement eighty miles northwest of Kuanchengtsu, about thirty miles northeast of Gunshu Pass, by two forces each of 3,000 Chinese bandits, several thousand Japanese cavalry and twenty-two guns.

Kuanchengtsu is identical with Changhun, the extreme right of General Linevitch's main front, which extends thence towards Kirin.

FLEET IS STILL IN KAMRANH BAY.

Saigon, April 20.—Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet is still in Kamranh bay. The French admiral, Jonquieres, has taken every step to insure neutrality.

IS FLEET BEYOND THREE-MILE LIMIT?

Paris, April 20.—No confirmation has yet been received of the report that Japan has formally protested against the stay of the Russian squadron in the waters of Indo-China as being a breach of neutrality. The following guarded semi-official statement was issued:

"Nothing is known in the highest French diplomatic sources concerning the protest which, according to certain foreign reports, has been formally addressed by Japan to the French government relative to the violation of neutrality by the Russian squadron. Furthermore, this squadron has been outside French waters for several days past."

In view of to-day's press dispatches saying the Russian squadron was still at Kamranh bay, the last part of the semi-official statement appears to indicate that Admiral Rojestvensky has withdrawn outside the three-mile limit from the shore line of the bay, which, according to French law, constitutes the open sea.

LANSDOWNE DENIES RUSSIAN REPORT.

London, April 20.—Foreign Secretary Lansdowne has taken occasion formally to deny to the Russian government the statement of the Novoe Vremya in regard to the British cruiser Iphigenia, which vessel the newspaper said had transmitted by wireless telegraphy the information that she had passed Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron 140 miles from Saigon. The denial contained the specific statement that the Iphegenia did not even sight the Russian squadron.

WILL HARASS THE RUSSIAN WARSHIPS.

London, April 18.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, expressed the opinion to the Associated Press that Admiral Togo would not give battle to Admiral Rojestvensky with his entire squadron, but would continue the cautious tactics which characterized his attacks on the Port Arthur squadron, not because he feared defeat, but owing to his desire to inflict the greatest amount of damage on the Russians with the least loss to himself. While confident of his ability to accomplish the total destruction of the Russian squadron in a big battle, there is danger of Togo losing one or two of his big ships. Therefore Baron Hayashi believes Togo will employ his torpedo boats and torpedo-boat destroyers, which number more than a hundred, and are vastly superior to the Russian torpedo boat flotilla, in harassing the Russians while gradually picking off the Russian warships.

He said the coasts of Japan, Korea and Formosa lend themselves to night work with torpedo boats, while the narrow channels will make the manoeuvering of large warships difficult and dangerous.

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CONFIDENT OF RESULT.

Nan Patterson Says She Is Sure of an Acquittal This Time.

New York, April 20.—Three lawyers, who are acting as counsel for Nan Patterson in her trial for the murder of Caesar Young, had a conference with her in the Tombs to-day, at which the plans of defence and the personnel of the jury were discussed. Miss Patterson expressed her pleasure at the composition of the jury, which was completed yesterday, and disappointed at the delay in postponing the taking of testimony until Monday. "I am sure of an acquittal this time" she told Lawyer Levy, "and every day only adds to my misery in the Tombs. Ten months and three weeks is a long time to be shut in prison."

Lawyer Levy said to-day: "We have new witnesses who will establish Nan Patterson's innocence beyond a doubt. We go into this trial a hundred per cent. stronger in point of evidence than we did the last trial. We are not going to rely upon the failure of the prosecution to prove its case for an acquittal. We are going to prove the innocence of Nan Patterson."

JUDGE'S COMMENT.

Declared Jury Verdict Was About Worst Miscarriage of Justice He Had Ever Known.

River Head, L. I., April 20.—A jury in the New York State Supreme court, which had acquitted Frank Chanowsky of the murder of Michael Bianco, was told by Judge Wilmot M. Smith to-day that its verdict was about the worst miscarriage of justice he had ever known.

The jury was out eight hours and a half and was at first evenly divided for conviction and acquittal. One of the witnesses testified that she saw Chanowski commit the murder, and others said they had seen the two men together on the day of the murder near where the body of Bianco was found. The defence was an alibi. Chanowsky was set free.

CLEARANCE PAPERS.

Important Order Issued by Collector at San Francisco.

San Francisco, April 20.—An important order has been issued by collector of the port that hereafter no clearances shall be granted to a vessel until the individual consignor's manifests are on fyle in the custom house. This order is the result of protests fyled in the state and treasury departments by the Guatemalan consul at this port, who asserts that arms and ammunition are being constantly shipped on steamers leaving this port for Central America consigned to and for the use of the insurgents now fighting against his government.

RUSSIAN POLICE CONTINUE CRUSADE

AND MANY PEOPLE ARE BEING ARRESTED

Revolutionary Literature Has Been Distributed Among the Regiments of the Imperial Guards.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, April 19.—The police are making numerous arrests of workingmen and intellectuals, and the prisons are now full to overflowing. Practically all the delegates to the Schidlevesky commission, which was created in February last to investigate the cause of discontent among the working classes, are in custody.

Mounted police yesterday attempted to suppress a demonstration of employees of the Putiloff iron works after they had attended the funeral of a victim of a crane accident. A conflict ensued, the workmen firing revolvers and the police using the flat of their swords. Many were injured and arrested.

The circulation of revolutionary literature among the troops throughout Russia has now spread to the regiments of the Imperal guards, and a general order has been issued to the guards forbidding them "to read proclamations thrust into your hands in the streets or your lodging, or to listen to those allies of Japan."

The ministry of finance has authorized $35,000,000 for new railroad construction in 1905.

It is understood that the extension of the Zemstvo system to Siberia will be followed up by a similar extension to the Caucasus and Russion Poland.

The plea at Moscow of Kaleieff, who was sentenced to death for the assassination of the Grand Duke Sergius, that a state of civil war exists in Russia, and that he was a prisoner of war and not an ordinary prisoner accused of a crime, is considered here to indicate the position which the terrorists will assume hereafter. Naturally such a position is not acknowledged by the government, but the terrorists will persist in the fiction. Kaleieff, having been tried by a special commission of the state, against which there is no appeal, will be hanged probably within a fortnight.

Urge Reforms.

Viataka, European Russia, April 19.—The local Zemstvo has passed a resolution, which will be forwarded to the government, that the only means of quieting the people is to inaugurate immediately the promised reforms, namely, the convocation of a representative assembly and the granting of liberty of the press and of meetings, etc.

MURDERED BY TRAMP.

Miss E. Lowry, Aged 65 Years, Clubbed to Death.

Rodney, Ont., April 19.—Miss Eliza Lowry, 65 years of age, was foully murdered at an early hour this morning by an unknown masked tramp. The victim was stopping with Mrs. Coville, wife of a section man. About 1 o'clock this morning a knock came to the door, and both women being alone and Mrs. Coville an invalid, Miss Lowry responded, when a tramp asked for money. He was refused, whereupon he seized her, dragged her to the yard and clubbed her to death. The murderer then returned to the house and demanded money of Mrs. Coville. The latter having heard Miss Lowry's cries quickly granted the request. The tramp then made off. Mrs. Coville was unable to arouse the neighbors until about 8 o'clock this morning.

Learning of the murder, the police and farmers started in pursuit of the murderer, who is thought to be in hiding somewhere.

Miss Lowry was an intimate friend of the Covilles, and was asked yesterday to stay with Mrs. Colville because Mr. Coville had been sent to work at a point some distance from Rodney. Mrs. Coville gave a partial description of the man to-day. A mask hid his face, but his hair was very unkempt, and he appeared to be about 45 years of age. He had every appearance of being a tramp and smelt strongly of liquor.

COPPER FOR CHINA.

The Large Contracts Are Attracting Considerable Attention.

New York, April 20.—The enormous contracts for copper to be shipped to China, between 40,000 and 50,000 tons, are attracting much attention among interests identified with Far Eastern trade generally, says the Journal of Commerce. While there is no question but that a considerable amount of this copper is for minting purposes and for the replacing of 1 cash with 5, 10 and 20 cash pieces, in accordance with the present movement in currency throughout the various Chinese provinces, there is a very distinct feeling that no inconsiderable amount of copper that has been ordered is finding and will find other fields of usefulness.

The belief was expressed by a number of Far Eastern interests yesterday that these exports are in some way connected with the Eastern conflict. A suggestion hazarded by one of the largest Far Eastern interests in this city, was that the enforced activity of the Chinese mints was due to the exportation from China of the old copper coins for the conversion of the copper metal contained in them into war material, such possibly as cartridges or electric appliances of one form or another, and on no other hypothesis it is urged are the sudden bursts of activity in minting and the enormous contracts for copper that had been placed in this country explainable.

RETURNING TO WORK.

Rome, April 18.—The strike of employees of the state railroads against the government regulations continues, more men returned to work to-day, and more trains are being moved.

WINNIPEG NOTES.

Building Brisk in Prairie Capital—Nomination of Candidates.

Winnipeg, April 20.—Building permits in city have passed the $1,500,000 mark this season. Western towns also report a splendid season's outlook. More than $100,000 worth of buildings are under way in Neepawa, $150,000 in Brandon and $250,000 in Calgary.

Nomination.

The Mountain bye-election nominations took place to-day. The candidates are: D. A. McIntyre, Conservative; Jas. Baird, Liberal.

Open Water.

Open water is visible ten miles out at Fort William, and navigation will probably open on April 28th.

Calgary's Assessment.

Calgary's assessment is about $5,000,000, according to the latest returns.

Sudden Death.

Mrs. J. C. Vanwart, Calgary, died suddenly while under the influence of chloroform last night.

Bank Clearings.

The bank clearings for the week ending were $5,349,840. For the same week last year the clearings were: $4,518,125, and in 1903, $4,432,042.

Closed Doors.

Pickering's private bank at Minnedosa closed its doors to-day. Mr. Pickering is in England. It is believed the assets will meet the liabilities, owing principally to farmers.

LACROSSE MEETING AT TERMINAL CITY

New Westminster and Vancouver Delegates Unable to Agree Regarding Home and Home Game.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, April 20.—After a fruitless discussion concerning the proposed changes in the season's schedule of games, the special meeting of the B. C. Amateur Lacrosse Association was adjourned until this afternoon in the hope that in the meantime the acute differences between Vancouver and New Westminster teams regarding home and home games may be settled.

Right at the commencement there was an animated discussion between Vancouver and New Westminster delegates. The discussion at times became heated and covert threats were made by Westminster delegates that if the schedule which they had prepared were not adhered to, Westminster would withdraw from the league. Victoria delegates took little part in the lengthy discussion, with the exception of several suggestions by President Hooper, looking towards an amicable settlement of the difficulties.

The principal point of contention on the part of Vancouver was that the Terminal City team, according to the schedule which the Westminster team wished to have adopted, was compelled to play the opening game at New Westminster on May 13th, and also the closing game on September 30th, with only two home games with the Westminster team in the interval. The Vancouver delegates pointed out that in the first match—always a hard one—Westminster had the advantage of home grounds, and in the event of a close finish for the championship the same for the final game in the schedule.

When the meeting adjourned Westminster remained obdurate, although urged by the Victoria delegates to play alternate games, as desired by Vancouver.

It is probable that the matter will be settled by cutting out two games from the schedule, and the playing of two exhibitions games—one each in Vancouver and Westminster.

RUMORED FRICTION

Between Lord Kitchener and Major-General Elles—Reported Threat to Resign.

London, April 20.—The correspondent of Calcutta in the Daily Express learns that friction has arisen between Lord Kitchener and Major-General Elles, military member of governor-general's council, whose position enables him to thwart the commander-in-chief's plans, and that Lord Kitchener threatens to resign unless Gen. Elles's duties are restricted to the administrative and spending departments and he, Lord Kitchener, is given a voice in the council or placed in closer relations with the Indian government.

LINER LAUNCHED.

New Hamburg-American Steamer Has Accommodation For 4,000 Passengers.

Belfast, Ireland, April 20.—The new Hamburg-American line steamer Amerika was launched here to-day. She is intended for the intermediate service between Hamburg and New York. Her tonnage is about 22,500, with a capacity of 16,000 tons of cargo and about 4,000 passengers and crew.

LAW SUSPENDED.

Washington, D. C., April 20.—Because the American government refused to permit its diplomatic and consul agents in Peru to issue certificates of celibacy to American citizens, required by Peruvian law as a condition precedent to marriage with a Peruvian, and because the British government took a similar position, the Lima government has indefinitely suspended the law.

TAID OVER.

Albany, N. Y., April 20.—The bill extending the powers of the Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co. was laid aside in the assembly to-day until next Wednesday. Speaker Nixon announced that the bill would then be in the hands of the rules committee, and at the direction of the House the committee would place the bill on next Wednesday's calendar.

WILL BE RETURNED BY ACCLAMATION

NO OPPOSITION TO HON. FRANK OLIVER

Prorogation May Be Reached by Middle of June—Australian Farmers Coming to Canada.

Ottawa, April 20.—There is talk here that prorogation will be reached by the middle of June. R. L. Borden will leave on the 17th of June for Halifax, and will remove his law library and belongings to Ottawa, where in future he will reside and practice his profession. The announcement from Edmonton that there will be no contest there will shorten the session.

Australians Coming.

D. H. Ross, commercial agent at Melbourne, writes that a large number of Victoria farmers are selling out and going to British Columbia and Alberta.

MASSACRES IN BALKANS.

Bulgarians Slain by Greeks—Turks Kill Servians—Turkey Does Not Interfere.

Vienna, April 20.—The condition of affairs in the Balkan states is causing much uneasiness in official circles here. The hope of a comparatively peaceful spring, which has previously been expressed, is growing less, and it is declared that the reform work has now been conclusively proved without good or lasting results.

In Zagoricham, province of Koritza, early this month, Greeks fell upon and killed more than 130 Bulgarians, and in Kumanovo, province of Uskub, Turks have killed several Servians. Thus it is seen that Christians and Mohammedans continue fighting each other, while Turkey seems unable or not desirous of affording protection to the people and stopping the disorders.

Formerly there was only the passive resistance of Turkey to contend with, but now the situation has been aggravated by the growing bitter hatred of the various nationalities against each other. There also is a possibility that some of the Balkan states may actively enter the field under the pretence of protecting its subjects.

GERMAN MISSION.

Officers Selected to Accompany Special Envoy to Morocco.

Berlin, April 20.—The officers Emperor William has assigned to go to Fez with Count Von Tattenbach Ashold, the special German envoy, to arrange for a special German Moroccan commercial treaty, are of the flower of the service, namely Colonel Von Schenk, inspector of the infantry school and formerly commander of the First Regiment of Grenadiers of the Guard of which the Emperor of Russia is honorary colonel; Major Baron Von Senden, who is now with the Emperor, and who is military attache at Madrid, and Captain Von Kleist, of the general staff of the corps of guards.

POSTED AS MISSING.

German Steamer Mars Probably Foundered During Storm in the North Atlantic in February.

London, April 20.—The German steamer Mars, which sailed from Pensacola, Florida, on February 1st, bound for Leer, Germany, has been posted at Lloyd's as missing.

It is probable that the Mars foundered, and all hands were lost during one of the terrific storms which swept the North Atlantic in February. The Mars had a crew of about 29.

CASE IS REMANDED.

Chinese Accused of Gambling Are Out on Bail, Pending Hearing.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The twenty-three Chinamen charged with gambling have had their case laid over until next week. Twenty of them are out on bail, sureties being furnished to the amount of $100 each. The precaution has also been taken to have all these accused men photographed. This latter measure is taken in consequence of a former attempt in a Chinese gambling case to defeat the ends of justice by impersonators appearing when the case was called and alibis attempted to be proved. This attempt was checked, but nothing will be allowed to afford an opportunity to repeat this.

The raid upon No. 40 Cormorant street, which resulted in the capture of twenty-four Chinamen, has an interesting story back of it. A determined effort is being made by the police commissioners and Chief Langley to put a stop to Chinese gambling. Ever since the murder trials in connection with the death of Mah Quon, in the Chinese theatre, there has been a determined fight on between the opposing factions in Chinatown. The attempt has been made on the part of each faction to close up the gambling establishments of the other. So fierce is the conflict between these parties that there is danger of bloodshed. Realizing this, the police commissioners have decided that gambling shall be stopped as an effective way of avoiding an outbreak of trouble. After carefully considering the situation Chief Langley was instructed by the commissioners to spare no pains to stamp out the gambling practices in Chinatown as a preventive step.

The present raid worked to the discomfort of the Wong faction, and much to the joy of the opposing section of Chinatown. The case will be carried to the higher courts, so anxious are the faction leaders to gain an advantage.

HAS BEEN RELEASED.

Chicago, April 20.—Convinced that George Gould acted in self-defence when he shot and killed Alonzo R. Hammond, a jury in Judge Talbot's court has brought in a verdict of not guilty, and Gould was given his freedom.

ROOSEVELT SHOT BEAR.

Secretary Loeb Has Given Out Official Statement.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., April 19.—Secretary Loeb has given out the following statement:

Elmer Chapman, a courier from the President's camp, arrived at the Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs, last evening and reported everybody well at camp and having a fine time. Early Monday afternoon the Deans tracked a big black male bear. He was so big that he would not tree but made a walking bay, killing one dog and crippling or wounding half a dozen others. By hard climbing up the mountain side the President got near enough to shoot him.

ANOTHER ADVANCE.

New York Butchers Increase the Price of Meat.

New York, April 19.—A further advance of one to three cents a pound in meats has been agreed upon by the west side butchers in this city. At a mass meeting of the trade it was stated the packers had added another half cent to their raise of last week, which makes an advance of three cents in three weeks.

It was considered useless by those who attended the butchers' meeting to draft resolutions denouncing the western packers, or to frame a schedule of increased prices for Manhattan butchers, but all those present agree that they must raise their prices.

THE RECESS.

Parliament Will Adjourn Until Tuesday Next—Autonomy Bill Debate.

Ottawa, April 19.—W. A. Galliher in the House to-day introduced a bill to incorporate the Anthracite Coal & Railway Company. David Henderson resumed the debate on the Autonomy Bill. The House will adjourn at 6 o'clock until Tuesday next for the Easter holidays.

Only One Tender.

The British government asked for tenders in Canada for St. George's channel, Bermuda. Only one tender has been received in this country. It is that of George Goodwin, Ottawa. The tender will be forwarded to Bermuda through the colonial authorities.

JUMPED FROM TRAIN.

Twin Brothers Leaped Through Window—One Instantly Killed.

Seattle, April 18.—Emil and Oscar Trapp, twin brothers, on their way to this city, leaped from a window of a day coach of the Great Northern overland train last evening when within a few miles of Seattle. Emil's neck was broken and he died instantly. Oscar sustained serious injuries, but will live. The man who is still living stated when he arrived in Seattle that he and his brother had decided to kill themselves and the first method that prevented itself was jumping through the car window.

PROFESSOR RESIGNS.

Chicago, April 19.—Professor John F. Jameson, head of the department of history at the University of Chicago, has resigned to accept the post of director of the bureau of historical research in the Carnegie institute at Washington, D. C.

IN ANNUAL SESSION.

San Antonio, Texas, April 19.—The sixty-first annual meeting of the American Medico Phychological Association, is in session here. The meeting will continue three days. It is presided over by President T. W. Burgess of Montreal.

APOPLEXY CAUSED DEATH.

Huntingdon, Va., April 19.—Col. K. W. Emmons, founder of Huntingdon, was stricken with apoplexy at the breakfast table to-day and died within a few minutes. He was 78 years of age.

THE NEW MINISTER.

New York, April 19.—A Berlin dispatch to the Herald says: "A dispatch from St. Petersburg states that Baron Rosen, former Russian minister to Japan, will succeed Count Cassini at Washington."

LEAVING ROME.

Many Foreigners Move From City Fearing a General Strike.

Rome, April 20.—The railroad strike situation has somewhat improved to-day and foreigners profited by the partial re-establishment of train service to escape from Rome, fearing a general strike. During the last 24 hours the exodus from this city reached 7,000.

DESERTERS ESCAPED.

Nanaimo, April 20.—John Newman and Ernest Witworth, deserting blue jackets of H. M. S. Egeria, who have been locked up here a week waiting for the warship due here to-morrow, broke the lock on the door of the city lockup and escaped during the night.

WELL-KNOWN SHOT DEAD.

Alpena, Mich., April 19.—Martin Chase Benjamin, a famous character of the Thunder Bay region, is dead at Hubbard lake, aged 85 years. Benjamin was a wonderful rifle shot.

GREATER PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 20.—Governor Penny Packer to-day signed the Greater Pittsburg bill which provides for the consolidation of the cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny city.

SECRETARY HAY'S CONDITION.

Nervi, Italy, April 20.—Secretary of State Hay's physician reports that Mr. Hay has recovered his health. He will leave Nervi to-day for Genoa.

TAKES A HOLIDAY.

St. Petersburg, April 19.—The British ambassador, Sir Charles Hardinge, started to-day for England on a month's holiday.

UNION REORGANIZED.

Local Garment Makers Withdraw From International Body.

At a meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council Wednesday, President Coldwall, on behalf of the executive, reported that the Garment Workers' Union of this city had ceased to exist as a branch of the garment workers' international body, because the local agent of the international persisted in his refusal of the union label to Turner, Beeton & Co. The union has been reorganized under a charter from the American Labor Union.

The secretary reported that the room in the Strathcona wing of the Jubilee hospital furnished by organized labor would have a brass plate on the door stating this fact.

A. Johnson reported the organization of the Building Laborers' Union.

It was decided to appeal to the various unions asking them to subscribe to a fund in aid of the children's ward in the Jubilee hospital, the council promising to head the list.

A resolution was presented to the effect that "we endorse the action of the city council in refusing to allow the C. P. R. and Mr. Haggerty to run cars into the gravel pits." It was finally decided to let the matter stand. Most of those present expressed sympathy with the people of Spring Ridge, although the matter was hardly within the province of the council, but more properly the business of the Laborers' Union, which would undoubtedly take it up.

A letter from Samuel Gompers dealing with trouble among the metal workers was read and discussed, and general satisfaction expressed that no trouble existed in this part of the country.

W. Lawry presented credentials as a delegate from the Tailors' Union.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

Annual Meeting of the Church of Our Lord Wednesday Evening.

At the annual meeting of the Church of Our Lord (Reformed Episcopal) Wednesday the wardens presented the report of the work, together with the financial statement, showing the church to be in a prosperous condition. The wardens were complimented on their capable work.

The congregation considered several applications for the rectorship, rendered vacant by the lamented death of Rev. H. J. Wood, and as the prospects seem very bright for securing the services of a rector, further consideration was deferred. In the meantime it is satisfactory to note that the congregation has been fortunate enough to arrange with Rev. Mr. Ewing to take the evening services and assist the Ven. Bishop Cridge in the morning services until the end of next month.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rector's warden, E. A. Jacob (re-elected); people's warden, Richard Jones (re-elected); trustees, Senator Macdonald, H. D. Helmcken, K. C., J. C. Newbury, C. Hayward, Wm. Wilson, John M. Langley, Richard Jones, Edgar Fawcett, E. A. Jacob, R. S. Day and J. L. Hughes; church committee, Joshua Kingham, J. P. Hibben, A. L. Pengelley, T. H. Laundy, C. C. Pemberton, C. Schwengers and George Hargreaves; auditors, R. S. Day and A. L. Pengelley.

A PARROT FARM.

Dispatch to a Montreal Paper Says That It Is in Victoria, B. C., Is Its Location.

An Associated Press dispatch from Vancouver to the Montreal Witness will give residents of Victoria a more golden opinion of the climate they live in than possibly they ever entertained before. Parrots thrive here, but there are few who know that they are found wild on this Island. The article is headed "A Remarkable Ranch Near Victoria, B. C.," but this is evidently an error. The place referred to is probably Victoria, Australia.

The dispatch says: "The latest Pacific Coast enterprise is a parrot farm which is enabling its founder, Mr. Martin Holts, to accumulate a fortune. He purchased a large tract of forest near Victoria, which teemed with wild parrots. He fitted up a ranch in a remarkable way. Wire netting was placed around and over the trees and the birds were confined therein. Then he started to teach them to talk. He has a pretty good knowledge of Spanish, French and German, as well as English, and some of his parrots are good linguists."

CONCERT AND DANCE.

Employees of the Street Railway Will Celebrate Sixth Anniversary of Organization.

As has been previously announced, Local Division No. 109, of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, will celebrate the sixth anniversary of their organization with an entertainment and dance in room No. 3, A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, on the evening of Thursday, the 27th inst. The various committees in charge are leaving nothing undone that will tend to make this, their initial effort, a complete success. It is expected that Vancouver and Westminster will be well represented.

To prevent any misunderstanding, the managing committee desire to announce that only friends who have received invitations and employees will be admitted. This is announced so as to prevent any unpleasant misunderstanding that might otherwise occur on the night in question.

The various numbers on the programme will be presented by members of the various departments of the company's service. The membership of the local division express their sincere thanks to a number of prominent artists who very generously volunteered their services, but which were reluctantly refused owing to the above mentioned feature. Messrs. Sehl and Bantly will supply the music for the dancers, D. Arnason will act in the capacity of floor manager, while Messrs. M. Brinkman and T. Targett will superintend the work in connection with decorations and menu. The tramway have generously granted a special car service for the occasion, and guests attending the entertainment and dance will be carried home without charge.

MARRIED AT NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, April 19.—M. Bevelockway, a well known merchant, and Ethel Simpson Hunter, daughter of H. S. Hunter, were married this morning at St. Paul's church by the Rev. A. Silva White. They left for Vancouver by the Joan for their honeymoon, and will return by way of Victoria.