

AUSTRIA PREPARING.

Reserves Warned and Leave of Absence Cancelled.

London, Feb. 13.—A special despatch from Rome says:—Italy was fully consulted in the course of the Lamsdorff-Goluchowski conference on Macedonia and promised to support the proposed action. The scheme for reforms includes a demand for the assembling of an international congress to adjust the details. This will be supported by a demonstration of European warships off Salonica, where they will remain while the congress is in session. Orders have been given to the Austrian Lloyd's Steamship Company at Trieste to be prepared at short notice to furnish sufficient transports to convey a large army to Dalmatia. Leave of absence has been cancelled; the reserves have been warned and the railroads have been notified to be ready to deal with large bodies of men and supplies.

Constantinople, Feb. 13.—Fourteen battalions of redif emergency militia, of the third army corps, whose headquarters are at Salonica, have been ordered to join the colors. According to official statements these troops are intended to replace the reserve battalions called out to quell the Macedonian outbreak last autumn. The latter are still under arms and it is generally believed they will be kept with the colors.

Rome, Feb. 13.—General Ricciotti Garibaldi (one of the sons of the great patriot), who raised a force of Italian volunteers for Greece during the Graeco-Turkish war, is organizing a volunteer expedition to assist the Macedonians in the rising against Turkish rule which is believed to be impending.

THE BRITISH RACE.

Mr. Chamberlain Deals with the Subject.

London, Feb. 13.—Mr. Chamberlain in his speech at Port Elizabeth pursued the theme of colonial responsibilities towards the empire. He said: "When the war began the great Dominion of Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia sprang to the assistance of the mother country and made your cause their own. They were not directly concerned, but felt that your cause was just. They felt that the honor and the interests of the empire were at stake, and showed a readiness and anxiety to have their share of the responsibilities of the great empire whose privileges they enjoy." Mr. Chamberlain added: "The British race throughout the world is one people. No one in the dominion of the king can be touched or harmed without a thrill of indignation passing through the whole empire."

A BIG WAR IN SIGHT.

Honduras and Other Republics Involved.

Panama, Colombia, Feb. 13.—Advices which reached here yesterday from San Jose, Costa Rica, say that a diplomatic mission from the Republic of Salvador arrived at San Jose on February 6, bringing secret proposals for the formation of a triple alliance between Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica, against Guatemala, and to further the plans for the proclamation of the union of the Central American republics. According to these advices the whole of Central America may be involved in war, as the political conditions are most critical. The civil war in Honduras continues, and Guatemala is aiding the adherents of Bonilla, the elected President of Honduras, who is unable to assume office owing to the opposition of General Siererra, the President of the republic, whose term has expired. Nicaragua and Salvador are understood to be co-operating against Guatemala, and to be furnishing the enemies of the Guatemalan Government with arms and ammunition. About 3,000 Salvadoran troops are reported to be near the frontier of Guatemala.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The State Department has been advised by United States Minister Merry that the President of Salvador has informed him complete tranquility prevails in Salvador, and that the rumored declaration of war is false.

The Guards Controversy.

London, Feb. 13.—The Guards controversy now includes as a side issue a remarkable increase in desertions among the non-commissioned officers and men of the Scots Guards. This is attributed to overwork and bullying. If the charges are well founded it will be an open question whether subalterns are to be licensed to flog one another or not brutal disciplinarians to the men under them. There is a current report that when Grenadier Guards subalterns execute the sentences of the mess room court-martial, the victims, whether the sons of peers or not, are stripped, hoisted upon a whipping horse and flogged. The prestige of these regiments cannot be restored until the truth is known about the methods of "ragging."

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Several persons perished in a blizzard in Newfoundland.

Trade of the Dominion increased \$22,000,000 in the last seven months.

The Right Rev. Dr. Randall Davidson was consecrated as Archbishop of Canterbury.

Centre Bruce Liberals nominated Dr. J. M. Stewart for the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. McCoy Jones was crushed to death under a pile of lumber near Madoc.

The steamer Cedric, the largest vessel in the world, sailed from Liverpool for New York.

Pulp manufacturers waited upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier to ask for an export duty on sulphur.

Mr. G. A. Stokes of Wharton has been appointed Grand Trunk station agent at Lindsay in place of Mr. Nicol, resigned.

Lord Salisbury will make his first speech since he retired from the Premiership at a banquet to be given in London on March 3.

Mr. Alexander Saunders, Watford, Registrar of the High Court, Clerk of the County Court, and Registrar of the Probate Court of Lambton, vice W. R. Gamill, resigned.

MR. SLEEMAN'S EVICTION.

The Big Guelph Brewer in Difficulties—Traders' Bank Action.

Guelph, Feb. 13.—For years past it has been known to a few that Mr. George Sleeman, the well-known brewer of Guelph, has been financially involved. Some three years ago he put his business into a joint stock company, retaining the management. Being unable to carry it on he was compelled to retire, the business being insufficient to liquidate his liabilities. He was then called upon by his creditors for a statement of his personal and other assets. His failure to furnish this is presumably the cause of an action taken by the Traders' Bank. Since Mr. Sleeman retired from the management of the old brewery, Sleeman Bros. erected a new brewery in the city, which his sons are now managing. The creditors are anxious to know where the money came from to build this brewery and also to find out the whereabouts of a valuable collection of coins, formerly in his possession, said to be one of the best and most valuable on the continent. Outside of his business of brewing, Mr. Sleeman was engaged in other enterprises, such as silver mines and the building of the Guelph street railway. The railway is now under option to parties who propose to extend it to Hespeler and other points, for which purpose a by-law was passed the other day granting financial aid to the extent of \$25,000. Ten years ago or over Mr. Sleeman built a magnificent mansion, costing about \$40,000, this, with the large amount of money invested in the railways, etc., being no doubt instrumental in causing his financial difficulty. It is rumored that Mr. Sleeman's indebtedness will foot over \$300,000. He has recently been supposed to be worth half a million. His large and well-equipped brewery, together with the large amount of real estate he owns in the city, would lead to the conclusion that his liabilities must be very large.

THE HUMBERT TRIAL.

Accused Frequently Interrupted a Witness.

Paris, Feb. 13.—The trial of the suit brought by M. Cattani, a banker, against the Humbert family, which began in the Ninth Correctional Chamber Wednesday, was resumed yesterday. There were large crowds inside and outside the court room. The prisoners maintained the same defiant attitude, Mme. Humbert and her husband frequently interrupting the witnesses with angry contradictions.

With the hearing of Senator Cremon's testimony the taking of evidence closed, and counsel for both sides addressed the court. M. Rodolph Rousseau spoke lengthily on behalf of the plaintiff, Cattani. Maitre Henri Roberts defended Mme. Therese Humbert and Frederick Humbert in a brief and witty speech. Maitre Chenu said a few words on behalf of Maria Daurignac, and the case was then postponed until next week for judgment.

Madrid, Feb. 13.—The French Embassy here has paid a reward for revealing the hiding place of the Humberts in this city. Cotorello handed over the money to a charitable organization.

BURNED HIM IN EFFIGY.

Demonstration of Laval Students in Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—A large crowd of Laval students marched to the residence of Recorder Poirier of St. Hubert street yesterday carrying an effigy of that official on a stretcher, which they burned in front of the house to the accompaniment of a great deal of noise. The cause of the demonstration was the firing of Luis Mathieu, a Laval student, earlier in the day for assaulting a policeman who arrested him.

MR. MARCONI COMING BACK.

Improvements at Cornwall and Table Head Stations.

Halifax, Feb. 13.—Mr. Marconi will return to Cape Breton in less than three months. At present Cornwall and Table Head stations are not quite as complete as the one at Cape Cod. Mr. Marconi is now supervising the installation of machinery at Poldhu station, and as soon as that work is completed he will come to Glace Bay to place that station on an equal footing with the others. Commercial messages will not be transmitted until his return.

LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

The Cedric Has Sailed From Liverpool For New York.

Liverpool, Feb. 13.—The new White Star Line twin screw steamer Cedric, the largest vessel in the world, sailed yesterday for New York, via Queens-town. The Cedric has a gross tonnage of 21,000 tons. H. J. Haddock, R. N. R., formerly master of the White Star steamer Germanic, is in command of her. It is expected that the Cedric will make the trip to New York in about eight days.

NORTH RENFREW.

Mr. E. A. Dunlop Nominated by the Conservatives For the Legislature.

Pembroke, Feb. 13.—A large gathering of Conservatives of North Renfrew assembled here for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the riding in the interest of the party. Mr. E. A. Dunlop of the firm of Dunlop & Co., hardware merchants of Pembroke, was the unanimous choice of the convention. Addresses were delivered by the candidate, Mr. J. P. Whitney of Morrisburg, Col. Matheson, Hon. Peter White, Peter White, jun.; Geo. Smith, Conservative organizer, Mattawa, and others. The following officers were elected:—President, Gideon Delahay; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Sparling, Sam. Sunstrum; Secretary, H. W. Perrett.

POSSIBILITIES OF THE GREAT CANADIAN WEST.

A Sure and Abundant Source of Wealth—Wheat Raising to Rival the Gold Mines of the Empire.

We advise our readers to notice the subscription offer, which will be made in this paper in a few days, of the British-Canadian Wheat Raising Company, which has been organized for the purpose of raising wheat in a wholesale way, on ten thousand acres of the best farm land in Assiniboia, North-West Territories. This land is the property of the Company, who propose to raise wheat at the lowest possible cost by employing the most modern steam machinery, etc.

The success of this Company is assured. It will be noticed that its Directors are composed of some of our leading citizens, some of whom are connected with the leading Railroads, and the Canadian Government; some are members of the bar and some merchants. The affairs of the Company are in the strongest hands, and backed by financial interests that will enable the Company to broaden out its operations to a great extent.

The shares of the British-Canadian Wheat Raising Company present an opportunity to the investor that cannot be equalled by any other commercial enterprise in the British Empire. The agricultural year just closed with a record of the greatest wheat crop in stock. The conditions of the region are such as to make practically certain a uniform yield. As Canadian hard wheat is of the best quality produced in the world, it commands the best markets and highest returns. A good deal of capital has already been invested both in land enterprises and in the actual industry itself. Companies like the British-Canadian Wheat Raising Co., Ltd., are prepared to operate farms comprising thousands of acres.

Only a limited amount of the Company's Treasury shares will be offered to the public at the present time at their par value of \$5.00 each. These shares will undoubtedly command a high premium in a very short time, on account of the great earning capacity of the Company, which expects to start out by paying dividends of fifteen per cent. annually, and leave a large surplus in the Treasury. These shares will be listed on the various Exchanges in due course, and, owing to the small amount in the hands of the public should be traded in at a great advance over the subscription price.

Investment will recommend itself to every person who desires an absolute, assured income together with an advancing value over the price they paid for the subscription shares. The profits to be made are practically assured, as the market for the Company's wheat product is the same as for gold—it is unlimited. There will be a constant appreciation of the Company's lands, and a constantly increasing amount of product for the market, and unlike gold mining, or similar enterprises, the resources are unexhaustible.

It is the policy of the directors to increase the acreage of the British-Canadian Wheat Raising Company, from year to year, so that it will ultimately be the largest Wheat Raising Company in the world. This Company will be the largest in the British Empire, and is now only second to the famous Dalrymple farm located in North Dakota.

The property of this Company is located almost alongside the tracks of the Canadian Pacific Railway, where the Company proposes to have its own elevator to deposit their grain, and secure the highest market prices from time to time. On account of the large product this Company will have yearly, it will receive every assistance and facility from the various Canadian railroads, for the transportation of its grain to the seaboard.

Prospectus, with colored maps, giving full particulars of this Company, may be had free on application by addressing the Trusts and Guarantee Company, Ltd., 14 King Street, West, Toronto, Ont.

The Chatham Loan and Savings Company

The report of the twenty-second general annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company, which appears on another page, gives very gratifying results of the past year's business.

The financial report presented shows satisfactory progress in every respect. After paying all expenses of management and of the earnings, which were much greater than any year in the history of the Company, two half-yearly dividends were paid to the shareholders at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and a considerably larger sum than usual added to the reserve fund.

There is also shown a steady growth in the assets of the Company, which now amount to \$800,000.

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LETTER BOX

NOT COMPANY IN QUESTION.

The following letter has been received by The Planet in reference to an item which appeared in the columns of this G. M. J., in which it was stated that H. P. Corey, of Petrolia, was looking for the Colonial Securities Company to issue a writ against them. The Securities Company was promoting the Dominion Oil Company and were using Mr. Corey's name in pushing their sales of stock. The Colonial Securities Company, of New York, desire it understood that they are not the Company that is promoting the Dominion Oil Company and have written the letter appended.

Editor Chatham Daily Planet, Chatham, Ontario:

Dear Sir,—We notice in your paper the fact that a Mr. Corey had placed in his attorney's hands a matter regarding a certain Colonial Securities Company and a Dominion Oil Company, and we note further that you again make mention of it in your columns. We write you this letter to inform you that the Colonial Securities Company of New York should be confused with the Colonial Securities Company handling the Dominion Oil Company.

We beg to state that the Colonial Securities of Maine, under which State we understand that the other Colonial Securities Company is organized, endeavored to do business in New York, representing themselves as the Colonial Securities Company of New York. We placed the matter in the hands of our attorneys, the State attorneys and the post office authorities, and we were informed by the Colonial Securities Company of Maine that they had ceased to do business in New York State. They seem, however, to desire to continue, and yesterday we took active steps to wind their interests up for good and for all in the State.

We would deem it an act of courtesy on your part if you would make mention in your columns of the difference between the two Companies, as the Colonial Securities Company of New York does business and will do a great deal of business in Canada, in connection not only with the Canadian Steel and Coal Company, but in other matters, and we do not care to be mistaken or identified with the other Company.

Respectfully yours, COLONIAL SECURITIES CO., Louis B. Jennings.

STUDENTS SCRAP

Wild and Bitter Times at the Detroit School of Medicine—Mob Freshmen.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 13.—"They choked Mr. Kanter till his tongue stuck out, and he was blue in the face. You can just tell them that I said so. They put a rope across the passageway and when the professors came they wouldn't let them up. Then they challenged each other, and four or five of those juniors jumped on one poor boy. They nearly killed him, but he got over it after a while."

At the Detroit College of Medicine yesterday, the misdoings of the bad juniors caused much excitement, according to a spectator. It was shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, that the freshmen and the juniors of the college came together on the second floor of the building. As near as can be learned, several juniors appropriated a few freshmen and in a spirit of fun took them into their own rooms and proceeded to mop the floor with them.

The freshmen retaliated in kind, then the battle became general, and in time it swung over to the juniors' room, where regular challenges were issued and fought out.

When Drs. Shurly, Hitchcock, Aaron and Stephenson came to preside over the final classes of the day they found the halls jammed and approach to the class rooms impossible. They wisely gave up the attempt as a bad job and went home. After breaking a few seats, banging in the walls, and bruising one another's anatomy, the future physicians also descended to the street.

The faculty of the college has found that the students' rushes resulted in much damage to the college furniture and, consequently, heavy bills for repairs. At the beginning of the session now, students are required to make a deposit of \$5 each for breakage and the cost of furniture damaged in rushes will be deducted from the total of the deposits. Any balance remaining at the end of the session will be returned to the students pro rata. When the students get a "rush" fever now, they will let it break out on the street.

The most satisfying thing in life is love and sympathy; but these, like fame, must come spontaneously and indirectly, if they come at all, and not be sought as a specific end of direct aim in themselves.

Notice to Contractors

Sealed separate and bulk tenders will be received by the undersigned, until noon, Feb. 13th, for the erection of a brick block on King St., including heating, plumbing, metal work, etc. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of T. J. Ratley & Sons, Architects. Tenders to be addressed to undersigned and left at the office of architects. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A. SHELDRIKE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

Bulk or separate tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned until six o'clock Wednesday, Feb. 18th, 1903, for the various works and materials required in the erection and completion of a brick residence for Mrs. J. Ferguson, said residence to be built about four miles from Chatham. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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SPECIALS FOR THE WEEK.

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Mixed Pickles, 15c. per qt.
5 lbs. Tapioca, 25c.
3 Cans Blueberries, 25c.
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