

Hands Off!

England Will Not Interfere With
the Eastern Peace Treaty.

Ex-Speaker Peel Voted an Annuity
of \$20,000.

Death of the Conservative Member
for West Dorset.

Flood in Russia—Four Hundred Houses
Wrecked and Many Persons Drowned
—Reported Retirement of the Duke of
Cambridge Denied.

THE QUEEN'S MOVEMENTS.
NICE, April 23.—Queen Victoria
started for Darmstadt at 10:30 o'clock
this morning.

DEATH OF AN M. P.
LONDON, April 23.—Mr. Henry Rich-
ard Farquharson, Conservative mem-
ber of the House of Commons for West
Dorset, is dead. He was 55 years of age.

KAIZER AND CZAR CONFER.
A dispatch from Berlin says: It is
stated the change of policy on the part
of the German Government in regard
to Japan is due to an exchange of
views between Emperor William and
the Czar.

THE TRIBESMEN DID IT.
SIMLA, April 23.—Gen. Sir Robert
Low commanding the British expedi-
tion against Umra Khan, telegraphs
that it was not Col. Kelly who relieved
the garrison at Chitral, but the Khan of
Dhir at the head of 2,000 tribesmen.

DEARER FLOUR.
LONDON, April 23.—A meeting of the
Corn Millers' Association was held at
Leeds today, at which it was decided
to increase the price of the mills by
two shillings a sack in consequence of
the advance in the price of American
grain.

OPPOSED TO THE TREATY.
BERLIN, April 23.—The Koelnische
Zeitung says that the French, German
and Russian Ministers in Tokio have
addressed identical notes to the Japa-
nese Government protesting in a friend-
ly but energetic manner against the
terms of peace.

DISASTROUS FLOOD.
ST. PETERSBURG, April 23.—The
Dnieper River has overflowed the dis-
tricts of Kieff and Tchernigoff. Four
hundred houses have been destroyed,
many persons have been drowned and
an enormous amount of property has
been damaged.

FIGHTING IN MADAGASCAR.
PARIS, April 23.—Dispatches from
Madagascar say that on April 3 the
Hova camp at Miadana was captured
by the French. The native loss was 100
killed and many more wounded. No
Frenchmen were killed and only three
were wounded.

THE GRAND TRUNK.
LONDON, April 23.—The Times will
say tomorrow: "The committee of
the Grand Trunk shareholders in Eng-
land has received the adhesion of the
owners of £13,000,000 worth and 5,000
proxies towards securing a majority
for the selection of Sir Charles Rivers
Wilson. They are now virtually as-
sured that their hopes will be realized."

A NICE ANNUITY.
LONDON, April 23.—Replying to a
question by Sir Thomas Esmond, Sir
Edward Grey said the imprisonment of
ex-Queen Luitpold's son, Prince Louis
of Battenberg, was not a matter in which the Government
could interfere.

Sir William Harcourt moved that an
annuity of \$20,000 be paid to ex-Speaker
Peel.

James Keir-Hardie moved an amend-
ment fixing the amount at \$5,000, which,
he said, was enough. Nobody seconded
Mr. Hardie's amendment, and Mr. Har-
court's motion was carried.

THE DUKE KNOWS HOW TO
HOLD ON.

LONDON, April 23.—In the House of
Commons today the Government was
questioned concerning the terms of the
treaty between Japan and China. Sir
Edward Grey said that the terms of the
treaty had not yet been communicated
to the Government, and therefore they
were unable to make any statement in
regard to it.

Mr. H. Campbell-Bannerman said he
was called upon to deny the truth of
existing rumors that the Duke of Cam-
bridge was about to retire from his
position as commander-in-chief of the
army.

EX-SPEAKER PEEL'S DAUGHTER
WEDS.

LONDON, April 24.—Miss Julia Peel,
daughter of ex-Speaker Peel, was mar-
ried at 2 o'clock this afternoon in St.
Margaret's Church, Westminster, to
James Rochefort Maguire, member of
Parliament for the west division of
Clare. The ceremony was performed
by the Right Rev. William Alexander,
D.D., Protestant Bishop of Derry, Ire-
land. The church was filled with a
brilliant company, including most of
the leading politicians of all parties.
The wedding gifts were numerous and
costly. Bright sunshine prevailed.

STILL ON STRIKE.

PARIS, April 23.—The strike of om-
nibus men continues with little or no
change in the situation. Very few ve-
hicles are running, and each of these
is accompanied by three gendarmes. The
strikers are very quiet and seem con-
fident of winning. The strike greatly
inconveniences the public, the annoy-
ance having been greatly augmented
by the strike of the employees of the
North Paris Omnibus Company last
evening on grounds similar to those
taken by the first strikers—higher
wages and shorter hours. The North
Paris Company declare that their fi-
nancial condition will not permit them
to increase their rates of compensa-
tion.

The majority of the tramway men
have joined the strikers. This evening
there were several encounters between
the police and the strikers.

JAPAN'S MODEST AMBITION.

PARIS, April 23.—The Journal des
Debats publishes a report of an inter-
view with Sone Arasuke, Japanese min-
ister to France, upon the results of the
Chino-Japanese war. The minister de-
clared that European trade would be
unable to withstand the competition of
Japan. This, however, he said, was

purely a pecuniary question, and could
be modified in accordance with the
adoption by European countries of a
bi-metallic standard or the retention
of the existing standard. Japan, he said,
does not project any conquests. Her
ambition is to advance in the path
of progress and develop the trade and
industries of the country she has re-
cently acquired. The fears of Spain that
Japan will encroach upon the Philip-
pines, the minister said, are
groundless. Japan is perfectly satis-
fied with the possession of Formosa.

OSCAR WILDE.
LONDON, April 23.—The prosecuting
witnesses in the Wilde-Taylor cases are
being lodged with a number of police-
men in Croydon street to prevent them
from being mobbed.

The Exchange Telegraph Company
says that Wilde will probably plead
guilty to one offense.

UNDER A CLOUD.
LONDON, April 23.—Rev. Jonathan
Bell, a Primitive Methodist clergyman,
living at Primrose Villa, Blackheath,
Rowley, in Staffordshire. This address
resembles strikingly the one given by
the clergyman accused in Detroit, of
being Miss Hall's betrayer, which was
Primrose Villa, Station road, Black-
heath, via Dudley. Bell has been in the
ministry twenty years. He was in
Michigan at the time when, according
to the Detroit police, Emily Hall's be-
trayer arranged for her reception at
the lying-in hospital. His voice failed
last summer owing to an affection of
the throat and he applied to the trust-
ees for a three months' vacation,
which was granted. No rumor has
reached his flock that the Detroit police
are inquiring after an Englishman of
his name to clear the mystery of Em-
ily Hall's betrayal and death.

HANDS OFF.

LONDON, April 23.—The Daily News
will say tomorrow: We understand
that the Government will not join any
combination of European powers to in-
terfere with the results of the Japanese
victories. While the Ministers are will-
ing and anxious to avert war, they do
not regard the British interests as af-
fected by the terms of peace.

A dispatch from Yokohama says the
Japanese have denied officially that the
treaty of peace will place the Chinese
customs under Japanese control. The
treaty contains the optional condition
that Japan will give up Wei Hai Wei
upon the payment of the second in-
stallment of the war indemnity, pro-
vided China pledges her customs to the
payment of the balance; but this
condition possibly will not be ob-
served.

A dispatch to the Central News from
Shanghai says Pekin advises state that
some modifications in the Chinese-Japa-
nese treaty of peace have been before
Judge Muir. As this is the first case
of the counterfeiting of American post-
age stamps that has ever occurred, that
Government seems determined to spare
no effort in making it the last. The
evidence against the prisoner was very
strong. Judge Muir will render his de-
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THE TAKING OF EVIDENCE at Hamilton
in the extradition case against Mrs.
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A LIBERAL VICTORY.
LONDON, April 24.—The Parliamentary
election in the mid-division of Norfolk
yesterday resulted in the return of
Mr. Gordon (Liberal) by a vote of 4,112
to 3,994 for Mr. Wilson (Conservative).

TO BE TRIED ON FRIDAY.

LONDON, April 24.—Counsel for Oscar
Wilde made application in the Old
Bailey court this morning for a post-
ponement of his client's trial. Tay-
lor's counsel, however, was desirous
of proceeding, and the prosecuting
counsel argued in opposition to the
postponement, saying Wilde had had
ample opportunity to prepare for trial.
The court refused to grant a postpone-
ment, and fixed Friday as the day for
trial. The sale of Oscar Wilde's ef-
fects by auction upon the order of the
sheriff is regarded as indicating that
his pecuniary means are exhausted.

GETTING CRITICAL.

Britain Gives Nicaragua Three Days to
Pay Up.

Failing that, British Warships Will
Blockade Her Ports and Troops
Will Land.

New York, April 24.—The Herald's
special from Nicaragua says: Com-
mander Stokes, of H. M. S. Royal Ar-
thur, which is at Corinto with the Sat-
terley and Wild Swan, arrived here last
evening, and at the end of a conference
which only lasted ten minutes handed
the Nicaragua Minister of Foreign Af-
fairs the British ultimatum. The ul-
timatum gives the Government of Nic-
aragua three days in which to settle the
claims made by Great Britain, failing
which settlement England will block-
ade the port of Corinto, and also land
troops and occupy the city.

A meeting of prominent Nicaraguans
is being held now to decide upon a plan
of action. The general opinion is that
Nicaragua will arrange to pay the in-
demnities demanded by Great Britain.
Everything is quiet in the capital. Men
anxious to serve in case of opposition
to England's demands are offering
themselves in large numbers.

BRITAIN'S ACTIVITY.
New York, April 24.—The Herald's
special from Panama says: News have
been received from Venezuela that
Great Britain has been encroaching
still further on the disputed territory.
A revolutionary expedition is reported
as being fitted out in Curacao to invade
Venezuela.

STILL ANOTHER.

Charlotte, N. C., April 24.—Cashier J.
Holland, of the Merchants' and Farm-
ers' National Bank of Charlotte, is a
defaulter to the amount of \$60,000 or
more.

CATASTROPHE AT A COCKFIGHT.
NEW YORK, April 23.—A special
from Leon, Mexico, says six men were
killed and several wounded at the vil-
lage of Huatla, west of here, yesterday
by the collapse of an amphitheater sur-
rounding a cockpit.

SAD FATALITY.

PAISLEY, Ont., April 23.—This af-
ternoon a train No. 5 from the south
was nearing Paisley, Engineer Prime
noticed a dog just ahead on the track,
and when very close the dog sprang
from the track, only to reveal the fact
that a child named Cormack, about 3
years of age, had been behind it. The
engine struck the child on the head,
causing instant death. No blame can
be attached to the driver.

Steamers Arrived.

April 23. At From
La Corunna..... Havre..... New York
scandia..... London..... New York

Late Canadian News.

A Father Drowned in Trying to Save His
Son—Child Fatally Scalded.

Lake Superior navigation will be
opened this year by the steamer Dia-
mond, which will leave Lake Linden
for the lower lakes.

William Keating, assistant to the late
Philip J. Slater, has received the ap-
pointment of city passenger agent of
the G. T. R. in Toronto.

Misses Josephine and Philomena Del-
orme, young Hamilton girls, rescued
from drowning some boys who had
fallen from a boat into the bay.

At Yarmouth, N. S., the 2-year-old
son of Clarence Dunn, was scalded to
death by upsetting a pail of hot water
upon himself. The child lingered 24
hours in distressing agony.

The Majestic, the magnificent new
flagship of the Great Northern Transit
Company, was launched on Tuesday
at the Collingwood Dry Dock and Ship-
building Company at Collingwood with
appropriate ceremonies.

John Foster, a Toronto milkman, was
found dead in his milk cart Tuesday
at the corner of King and Simcoe
streets. Deceased leaves a family of
young girls, his wife having died three
years ago.

On Monday evening, at West Pub-
nico, N. S., James Amiro was drowned
while endeavoring to rescue his son,
who had fallen overboard from a boat.
The accident happened a short distance
from the shore. The boy was saved,
and Mr. Amiro's body was found short-
ly afterwards. He leaves a wife and
several children.

David Provost, liquor dealer, 143
Broad street, Ottawa, notified the police
Tuesday that he had been done out
of \$10,000 by a confidence man. The
latter, trusted Provost with a box said
to contain \$10,000, and in return for their
confidence he drew \$605 out of the post-
office savings bank to accommodate his
newly-found friend. The box really
contained nothing but scraps of paper.

A telegram from Calgary says: A
melancholy drowning accident hap-
pened in Bow River last night. Mrs. John-
son, of Winnipeg, sister of Mr. Taylor,
manager of the Hudson Bay store here,
was walking with a lady friend on the
ice, and when coming to an open place
which had been cut out for the pier of
a bridge, she walked into eleven feet of
water. The strong current at once took
her under the pier.

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SUCCESSFUL SWINDLE

Carried Out by an Orange Dealer of
Palermo.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Receivers
of oranges and lemons have been made
more alert by the report at this port
of goods that suggest the gold brick
swindle.

When frost ruined the Florida crop
dealers turned to Sicily as a source
of supply. The Sicilians had lost their
hold on this market by the growth of
the Florida trade, and the probability
that the call on that quarter for fruit
early in the season would not be re-
peated seems to have impressed Ferdin-
and Perrell, of Palermo, with the idea
that he might as well make a clean
sweep at once. It is the first time
receivers to place credits in foreign
banks in the fruit-importing season,
and to let shippers draw on those cred-
its or the invoices. Shippers usually
get \$1 a box out of 4,000 boxes, any balance
being payable after delivery.

E. L. Goodsell, of 103 Park Place,
placed abroad a credit of \$2,000. The
bank paid Perrell \$700 on papers show-
ing the shipment of 700 boxes of or-
anges and lemons. When the goods ar-
rived they were found to consist of a
single layer of inferior oranges or lemons
in each box, the remaining space
being filled with stones and sulphur.
Freight, duty, insurance and commis-
sion amounted to \$170 per box. This
fruit was not worth the freight, and
Mr. Goodsell abandoned it to the Gov-
ernment. About 4,000 boxes of this kind
of stuff have been brought to a re-
ceiver in the city of late. The Italian
chamber has taken up the grievances
of the victims, and has asked the Ital-
ian Government to take action to pun-
ish the swindlers, even if it may not
recover the money lost.

THE DETROIT TRAGEDY.

Emma Hall's Parents Located in England
Had Not Heard From Her.

LONDON, April 24.—The family of Em-
ma Hall, who is supposed to have
died in a lying-in hospital in Det-
roit, Mich., two months ago, are re-
siding at Halesowen, seven miles south-
west of Birmingham, where the father
is employed in a chemical factory. Mr.
and Mrs. Hall express the greatest
anxiety in regard to their daughter,
her parents not having heard directly from
America. Emma, as she was called
by the family, left home immediately
after Christmas to visit some friends
in Leeds. Three weeks ago she wrote
travel with a lady, and since that time
she has not been heard from. Her
friends in Leeds wrote that she had
left there, but did not know her where-
abouts.

Emma was the only daughter. She
was 22 years of age, and of medium
height. She had light hair, and was
rather pretty. Her manner was re-
served and reputation good. The police
of Birmingham district had not up to
last evening received any communica-
tions from America in regard to Miss
Hall.

MRS. PARNELL DYING.

BORNTOWN, N. J., April 23.—
Late tonight Mrs. Parnell's physicians
reported that it was probable that she
would die before morning.

Servants Are Easily

Secured

By a want ad. in

THE ADVERTISER.

15 words three times

30c

Cheap and sure results. See next page.

April 23. At From

La Corunna..... Havre..... New York

scandia..... London..... New York

IN A QUANDARY.

Art School Directors May Have To
Move the School

When the Mechanics' Institute Changes
Hands—Short of Funds—The Teacher
Will Receive the Fees Hereafter.

The directors of the Western Govern-
ment School of Art are in a quandary.
First, they do not know exactly where
the school will be in a month or so
when the Mechanics' Institute build-
ing passes into other hands, and sec-
ondly, they hardly know where to raise
funds. A meeting of the directors was
called for yesterday. As the notices
read, it was held "for the purpose of
considering the financial position of the
school, also the question of continuing
the school for another year, and other
business."

In response to the summons the fol-
lowing attended: President, C. F. Leon-
ard, Mrs. T. Macbeth, Mr. Wm. Bow-
man, Mr. James Cowan, Mr. Fred Hen-
ry and Mr. J. H. Griffith, secretary-
treasurer.

It was pointed out that in event of
the purchase of the property the direc-
tors might be given three months' no-
tice to move the school. The possibility
of getting a room in the new Free Li-
brary building was discussed, and the
total cost of the school, the president
was appointed to look into the mat-
ter and report at a meeting to be
held shortly.

The financial standing was next con-
sidered. "We need \$200 to close up this
year's business," said the president.

"What are we going to do for next
year?" asked Mr. Henry.

"I don't know, I am sure," answered
Mr. Leonard; "we will have to go back
to the old system, I guess; i. e., Mr.
Griffith to take the fees from the pupils
as his salary."

"That will be satisfactory to me,"
said Mr. Griffith. "Of course, the board
will carry out the present agreement
until the end of the current year."

This was thought to be the best plan,
and the directors adjourned to meet on
May 7, when they will know who they
will have to deal with about rent, as
the institute will be sold on May 3.

WHERE IT GOES TO.

Statement Showing Just How the
Taxpayers' Money Is Spent,

And How Little It Can Really be
Called Controllable.

To the average ratepayer who thinks
that the council has all the say concern-
ing the amount of tax rate the follow-
ing figures will be of more than passing
interest. They show just how the tax-
payers' money is expended, and, fur-
ther than that, just how little the alder-
men have to vote on in striking
the rate. It will be seen that prac-
tically speaking, only \$43,941, or less
than three mills on the assessment, is
absolutely controllable. And when
there are necessary appliances, etc., to
be purchased, that have been stored off
by previous councils, it makes the mar-
gin even smaller.

MEMORANDA RE RATES OF 1895-20 940

MILLS ON THE DOLLAR.

Debt charges, \$119,253 72, (wards 1 to

5,840 mills and No. 6

26-40 mills), \$122,652 65

Schools, public, \$65,573 29

Schools, R. C., 4,715 00

\$70,588 29 (47-10 mills) 71,337 70

L. C. Institute, 21,949 00 (15-10 mills) 22,773 50

Total receipts outside of general rates,

\$26,233 35 which is equal to about

6 mills net; rate for purposes other

than above, 61-10 mills net—making

(approximately) 67-10 1-10 mills

Actual General Rates..... \$188,706 00

At 6-10 mills..... \$2,612 27

Receipts..... 95,533 96

Total..... \$188,946 23

Administration—

Administration of justice..... 7,100 00

Police..... 27,932 00

Electricity..... 530 00

Insurance..... 700 00

Police Society..... 500 00

Hospital..... 7,500 00

Board of Health..... 2,000 00

Free Library..... 2,500 00

..... \$48,672 00

Controllable—

Law..... 1,500 00

Printing..... 2,000 00

Refunds..... 200 00

Incidentals..... 3,000 38

Salaries..... 16,000 00

Requests..... 100 00

Debt service ex-

cess..... 100 00

..... \$26,792 33

Streets and

Cleaning..... 31,400 00

City Hall and

town hall..... 1,750 00

City Hall (spe-

cial)..... 3,000 00

Exhibition

buildings..... 1,700 00

Parks..... 2,700 00

Brigades..... 1,000 00

Sewer and cul-

verts..... 2,900 00

Registries..... 574 00

Camp and

pounds..... 150 00

Road roller..... 5,200 00

Concessions..... 500 00

Markets..... 975 00

Street watering..... 5,250 00

Street lighting..... 23,500 00

Fire depart-

ment..... 15,120 00

Fire truck..... 3,500 00

Fire hall..... 1,000 00

Relief..... 5,000 00

..... \$55,820 00

Water for fire depart-

ment..... 8,875 00 8,875 00

The above statement shows that the

total controllable expenditure (deduct-

ing \$48,672 which is uncontrollable as