King Alfonso Visits London

Spanish Ruler Receives a Hearty Welcome From the English People.

Prince of Wales Greets Royal Visitor on Reaching Portsmouth.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra Receive Him in State.

LONDON, June 5.—Alfonso XIII., the young King of Spain, was welcomed to England today with the most elaborate ceremonies, every detail of which was supervised by King Edward himself. A deluge of rain at Portsmouth and at London, however, marred all the spectacular effects. The day broke drearily and increased in gloom as the British royal yacht Victoria and Albert crossed the channel from Cherbourg. Approaching Plymouth harbor, the royal yacht passed line after line of Great Britain's greatest fighting vessel, bedecked with flags and flying the Spanish ensign, a score of which fired the royal salute.

The young King, who wore the uniform of a British general with the Order of the Garter, stood on deck, evidently keenly enjoying the spectacle in spite of the pouring rain.

Welcomed by Prince of Wales

The Prince of Wales, representing King Edward, awaited the yacht with a guard of honor, and immediately after the gangway was run up he went on board and welcomed the Spanish ruler, while the same time the Prince's standard broke out alongside that of the august visitor.

The mayor and corporation of Plymouth then presented his majesty with an address of welcome, in responding to which the King said: "I wish to all in this great Empire under your King's sceptre every prosperity, and as you are among the first to welcome my arrival, I request that you also be the first to convey my gratitude to those whom you represent. Assure them that the remembrances of these happy moments will always be cherished in my heart."

King Alfonso, who is the first King of Spain who has ever landed in England, inspected the guard of honor in a drenching rain, and subsequently took a train for London. The special train with the King, the Prince of Wales and their suites, left Portsmouth for London amid the thunders of fresh salutes while the bands played the Spanish national anthem. The train was brought to a standstill by an obstruction on the line at Farington, four and a half miles from Portsmouth. It was at first thought that this obstruction had been purposely placed, but it developed that a piece of Farington station had fallen on the track.

King Edward's Greeting

The King of Spain arrived in London this afternoon. He was welcomed at the railroad station by King Edward. The royal visitor was accorded the heartiest reception the whole length of the route. No untoward incident marked the event.

The crowds were somewhat disappointed. In the first place the police precautions were so strict that few persons could get close enough to see the royal visitor. Besides the wet weather made it necessary for the two monarchs to drive to the palace in a closed carriage, so that only a passing glimpse was obtained of the Spanish King's face as he leaned towards the window to acknowledge the cheers of the people. He appeared to be greatly

Pleased at His Reception,

smiling in a natural manner and lifting his cap continuously. The route was lined with troops for show purposes, but the soldiers were backed by a force of the Metropolitan police.

Inside the palace was afforded a splendid contrast with the unfortunate drizzle outside. At the top of the great staircase Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria were waiting to give their welcome to King Alfonso, who stopped just below where the Queen was standing and kissed the tips of her outstretched fingers. After a few words of greeting, King Alfonso was conducted to the state apartments, and a little later, escorted by cavalry, drove to Marlborough House to pay his respects to the Princess of Wales.

The King then made formal calls on the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and tonight dined quietly with King Edward and the royal family at Buckingham palace.

GARRISON HAS PERISHED.

Reported Loss of German Force in Southwest Africa.

London, June 5.—A despatch to a news agency from Capetown says native reports have been received in official quarters to the effect that Warmbad, the German headquarters in Southwest Africa, has fallen and that the garrison has perished. No news is obtainable except from native sources.

STRUCK A ROCK.

Venture Stranded Near Bella Bella, but Now on Her Way South.

Steamer Venture owned and operated by the Boscowitz Steamship Company of this city, was not greatly damaged as a result of her stranding in northern waters, as reported by the steamer Princess Beatrice on her arrival on Sunday. The Venture, when bound North on Thursday last, struck a reef near Bella Bella, and, according to the advices received in Victoria, was hard and fast.

The Venture was approaching the wharf recently constructed at Bella Bella at midnight Thursday, proceeding at slow speed. She ran onto the reef and grated for some time on the rocks before her engines could be stopped. The engines were at once reversed, but attempts to float the vessel in that way were unavailing. The steamer was still fast when the Princess Beatrice sailed South.

Yesterday a despatch was received by the Boscowitz Steamship Company in this city from Port Simpson to the effect that the steamer left Port Simpson on her way south on Sunday evening, having been little damaged as a result of her stranding. The steamer was floated at high tide on Friday last and continued on her voyage at once.

RAIDED RUSSIAN ROOKERIES.

Japanese Sealers Captured and Crews Held Prisoners.

Harbin, Manchuria, June 5.—The crews of five Japanese sealing schooners, numbering sixty men and including six Americans, have arrived here. They were captured by Russian torpedo boats while poaching near Odima island.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

Over Four Hundred Corpses Found of Victims of Natal Hurricane.

Durban, Natal, June 5.—Up to the present 440 corpses have been found of Hindoo laborers, Europeans and others who lost their lives through the hurricane which recently swept over Natal and the subsequent bursting of the reservoir at Pinetown.

CONFERENCE AT WHITE HOUSE.

Japanese Minister Again Closeted With President.

Washington, June 5.—M. Takahira, the Japanese minister, was again in conference at the White House tonight with the President. He called shortly after dinner and presented six visiting Japanese to the President, and after they left he remained for a conference.

MONEY FOR 'FRISCO.

Two Millions Paid in at New York for Transfer.

New York, June 5.—A deposit of $2,000,000 for transfer to San Francisco was made at the sub-treasury today. It is said that the transfer was a part of the financing of the recent purchases of the American Smelting and Refining Co.

SWEEPS PATH OF DEATH.

Electric Storm in Michigan Works Great Desolation.

Detroit, June 5.—An electric storm, which was general throughout the lower Michigan, late today took the form of a tornado. Through the Tuscola and Sanilac counties it swept a path of death and devastation half a mile wide.

YACHT'S HARD LUCK.

Apache Met With Prolonged Calms and Fierce Gales.

Falmouth, June 5.—The American yacht Apache arrived here during the afternoon. The extraordinary delay in her arrival was due to her going too far north and experiencing a series of calms on the banks of Newfoundland. The Apache's movements were so slow that the crew engaged in codfishing. Subsequently the Apache encountered four heavy gales. She was obliged to heave to on one occasion for eighteen hours. All on board the Apache are in good health.

THE EQUITABLE EMBROGLIO.

Resignation of Directors Upsets Prospective Harmony.

New York, June 5.—Plans to establish harmony in the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society were further complicated today by the resignation of two more directors, making five in all who have retired from the board. A despatch from Boston announced that Jefferson Coleridge had tendered his resignation, to take effect immediately, and this was followed by the resignation of Jacob H. Schiff, head of the banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., who had been a member of the board of directors for twelve years. In addition an announcement came from Cincinnati that E. Ingals would also resign. John A. Stewart, one of the committee of seven appointed by the directors at their last meeting to nominate a chairman of the board, said today that he would not decide on what course he would adopt until the special meeting of the board of directors, called for Wednesday. D. O. Mills, another member of the committee, said that in all probability he would resign, but would not decide positively until the board meeting. It is understood that August Belmont has decided to serve on the nominating committee.

Czar's Preparation For the Crisis

Appointment of Trepoff Came Like a Bolt From the Blue.

Ukase Result of Interview With Fanatical Head of the Church.

St. Petersburg, June 6.—Emperor Nicholas' ukase virtualy creating Gov.-Gen. Trepoff dictator has given rise to a sensation. It is the imperial recognition of the crisis in the internal affairs of Russia, and recalls the step taken by the Emperor's grandfather, Alexander II., immediately after the attempt to blow up the winter palace in 1880, when he appointed a commission of public safety, headed by Gen. Loris Melikoff, except that the position of Gen. Trepoff will be analogous to that occupied by Loris Melikoff when later in the same year he was appointed minister of the interior with full control of the police.

"Reaction and Repression"

will doubtless be the quick interpretation put upon the Emperor's act as soon as it becomes known to the liberals. Buried in the columns of the official Messenger and coming almost without warning, the ukase is not as yet generally known, but to the initiated the future of Constantine Petrovitch Pobiedonostoff, chief procurator of the holy synod, looms large. Behind the scenes the old man remains as stern and as uncompromising as ever. He left what many believed to be his dying bed last Thursday and went to Tsarskoe-Selo, where he spent a long time with his majesty. The decision to place in the hands of the strongest executive officer in Russia, which Trepoff is universally recognized as being, the power to

Crush With an Iron Hand

the political agitation which has brought Russia almost to the brink of revolution, according to public belief, is the fruits of Pobiedonostoff's visit. For as far as can be ascertained, not a single one of the Emperor's ministers was in the secret. The ukase comes like a bolt from a blue sky. M. Bouligan, minister of the interior, could not face the humiliation, and immediately resigned, and it is not improbable other ministers will follow suit. It is rumored in the city that Count Lamsdorff, the foreign minister, has already placed his resignation in the hands of the Emperor.

POOR "JACK" MORRISH.

If He Should Recover From Accident, Will Be Blind and Crippled.

There is very little prospect that Jack Morrish, the unfortunate victim of Wednesday's dynamite explosion at Mount Sicker, will ever again be a fit man. His injuries are of such a character that it would have been better far had Death terminated his suffering at the time of his misadventure, for not only was the skull fractured so that the throbbing of the brain itself was made visible, but one eye was torn out completely and hung by shreds of flesh, and the jaw was broken and the face literally torn away.

The unlucky young man was still standing when help came to him after the explosion, holding his shattered eye. At the hospital he is now suffering uncomplainingly—although his agonies must be terrible indeed. If he should recover—of which there is little chance—it is all but certain that he will be blind for life, and crippled otherwise.

The accident occurred through the dynamite, set to thaw in the smithy, dropping into the hot water. The Japanese helper noted the prospect of an explosion and called Morrish's attention to it. He, without stopping to think of his personal danger, carried it outside, and then—thoughtlessly and imprudently—stood watching it. The explosion followed immediately thereafter.

Morrish is a son of Capt. John Morrish, one of the earlier owners and first manager of the famous Velvet mine in the Rossland camp, the charge of which the son had for a time upon his father's return to England. He married about three years ago, and his wife is now with him—almost prostrated with grief.

Will Test New Mine Regulations

Inspector Dick Has Laid Information for Infraction at Ladysmith.

No. One Shaft at Nanaimo Is Now Out of Business in Earnest.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, June 5.—The first step toward testing the law that has caused the closing down of No. 1 mine here has been opened at Ladysmith today, when, acting under authority of the Coal Mines Regulation Act amendment, Mr. Archibald Dick, inspector of coal mines, laid two informations at Ladysmith charging Harry Carroll, miner, and Mr. A. Bryden, superintendent of the Wellington Colliery Company's Extension mines, with breaking the law which provides that men must not be underground more than eight hours. These cases are to come before two justices of the peace at Ladysmith on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

It is understood that action taken by the government to enforce the law will be made the basis of an appeal to test its constitutionality, as it has been reported that if the law was enforced Mr. Dunsmuir would appeal at once to the higher courts and carry the question to the privy council if necessary.

Situation in Statu Quo.

There is nothing new in the situation here. At No. 1 shaft everything is closed down, the cages are raised and off the chains, the fires are out and the property is being looked after by the watchman, while the mules, released from their stables in the mine, are now out at pasture with their shoes off.

Mr. Stockett, general manager of the Western Fuel Company, returned today from Victoria.

NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN ON.

Another Attempt Will Be Made to Settle Chicago Strike.

Chicago, June 5.—Cornelius P. Shea, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and leader in the strike which has existed in Chicago for the last two months, and Hugh McGee, president of the truck drivers' union, were arrested and taken to jail tonight, both men charged with conspiracy. They were later released on bail.

Negotiations looking toward a settlement of the teamsters' strike were recommenced tonight with some prospect that a tangible result might be reached some time within 48 hours.

Attorney Mayer, for the employers' association, after the failure of the peace efforts of Saturday night, announced that all conferences were off and that he would have nothing more to do with the teamsters. Today he was asked by members of the teamsters' joint council if he would not agree to meet a committee from it with a view to settling the strike. Mr. Mayer replied that he would meet the committee only if it came to him with written power to act. Subsequently the teamsters' joint council appeared as a committee with full power to meet Mr. Mayer. The conference probably will be held some time tomorrow.

Albert Young, formerly president of the international teamsters' union, for whom a warrant was issued, charging him with criminal libel in connection with assertions made that Robert J. Thorne, secretary of Montgomery, Ward & Co., had offered $10,000 to have a strike declared against a rival house, was arrested today and gave bonds.

Mayor Dunne's Reply.

Mayor Dunne has replied to criticisms of himself in connection with the teamsters' strike contained in a report of the grand jury. In a formal statement he asserts that the report is grossly unfair and unjust. Denial is made to the charge that the mayor failed to exert full authority. He says: "The grand jury means that I have failed to call in the militia. I answer that until I fail to get wagons through the streets and maintain law and order with the police, I have no right, legally or morally, to call for the assistance of the militia. I do not intend until it be necessary to deal Chicago and its business interests that horrible blow.

"The animus behind the whole affair is apparent. Over three weeks ago certain interests in this city demanded that I call in the militia. A situation under the law warranting such a call has not since existed. I refused to do so, and I will refuse until it appears that such a step is necessary."

Immediately after his refusal to call for the soldiers, the mayor said that he was attacked in the most virulent manner.

INSPECTORS LAID TRAP.

Came to B. C. Islands and Placed Marks in Wool to Catch Smugglers.

In connection with the arrest of Alfred Burke, an old man who lives on Shaw Island, B. C., by United States customs inspectors, it appears that the American officers came to British Columbia to secure evidence which lead to the arrest. Burke, who is held for trial, has been released on bonds of $1,000, which he has furnished at Port Townsend. United States Customs Inspectors Dean and Ballinger made the arrest. It seems that Burke had come into the wool-growing districts on the British Columbia islands and surreptitiously placed wooden skewers in the wool of some of the ranchers. Then the inspectors watched, and on May 27 Inspector Dean saw Burke weighing wool on the ranch of A. B. Stanford on South Pender island, B. C. In this wool the inspector noticed some wooden skewers and there were similar articles in wool which he afterwards saw Burke load in a small boat. Later Dean, in company with Inspector Ballinger, went to the warehouse of the general store of W. E. Sutherland, who lives on Orcas Island, Washington, and there wool was found containing skewers, which the inspectors state are those placed in wool in British Columbia territory by them. Burke and Sutherland were arrested by the officials.

C. P. R. STEAMERS.

Three of the Local Coasters Returned to Port on Sunday.

Several steamers of the C. P. R. SS. Co. reached port on Sunday, the Amur from Skagway, Princess Beatrice from Naas and way ports, and steamer Queen City from Ahousaht and way ports on the Vancouver Island coast. The Amur brought few passengers. One of those who came south was Mr. Bizzar of the boundary survey party, who is returning to Ottawa. The Amur brought news that the town of Whitehorse was recovering from the effects of the disastrous fire, the business houses which had been destroyed having recommenced in temporary premises. Captain Sleward, who saved some of his stock, had started business in a tent. The Princess Beatrice, which brought W. H. Dempster from Skidegate, Miss Spencer and Mrs. T. Baxter from Port Simpson, brought news of picking up three sealers of the schooner City of San Diego, who were first rescued in Queen Charlotte sound by the fishing steamer San Juan, and left off Goose Island by that vessel. The sealers were taken to Bella Bella. The Princess Beatrice also brought news that spring salmon had started to run in the northern inlets, though catches were small. Steamer Queen City, from the west coast, brought among her passengers Captain Victor Jacobsen, who went to Dodger's Cove to sign a crew of Indians for his sealing schooner Eva Marie.

SIGNS OF REVOLT.

St. Petersburg, June 6.—The meeting of the all-Russian zemstvo congress called for today, for which 280 delegates from various zemstvos and municipalities, including the mayors of twenty-five cities, arrived here, and at which it was proposed to introduce resolutions calling for the immediate cessation of hostilities, has been prohibited. The order of prohibition, which arrived last night, has aroused the greatest indignation and resentment. Very many of the delegates are determined to defy the government and to proceed with the congress, in which case trouble may be expected.

The more radical of the delegates are proposing measures of an extreme nature and there is the greatest anxiety over the problem's development today. Delegates representing the social revolutionaries and "league of leagues" are also in the city and an effort is being made among them to agree upon a basis of common action.

STANDARD APPLE BOX.

Important Amendment to Act Regulating Size of Fruit Packages.

A circular letter from the Department of Agriculture, fruit division, Ottawa, says: The fruit growers and box makers should bear in mind the amendment to the act regulating the size of fruit packages recently passed, legalizing a minimum standard box. This box has a minimum size of 10 inches by 11 inches by 20 inches, inside measurement. There is no specification as to the thickness of the material, other than that it should be strong and seasoned wood. It is recommended, however, that the ends should be at least five-eighths of an inch thick and the sides at least three-eighths of an inch thick, and there should be no objectionable odor to the wood. There are no specifications as to what grade of fruit shall be packed in boxes. The market reports, however, would discourage the shipment in boxes of anything but apples of the very highest grade: the rest of the fruit can be more economically shipped in barrels.

Russian Dictator

Governor-General of St. Petersburg Assistant Minister of Interior.

Bouligan and Admiral Alexieff Hand in Resignations Owing to Change.

Radicals Fear Appointment as Attempt to Put Down Reform.

St. Petersburg, June 5.—Minister of the Interior Bouligan and Admiral Alexieff head of the committee of the Far East, have tendered their resignations, which the Emperor has not accepted.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 5.—(6:13 p. m.)—General Trepoff went to Tsarskoe-Selo today to thank the Emperor for his appointment as assistant minister of the interior, and to confer with his majesty regarding the exercise of the great powers and heavy responsibility entrusted to him by the ukase which was published in the official Messenger this morning. Curiously the appointment of Gen. Trepoff to his new post is not gazetted, and comment in St. Petersburg today is chiefly busied with speculation on the use which Major-Gen. Rydzefsky, Trepoff's predecessor, as assistant minister of the interior, who is not a particularly strong man, who now like M. Yermoloff, former minister of agriculture, has been given a seat in the Senate, will make of his new powers. In government circles the appointment of Gen. Trepoff as assistant minister of the interior, which widens the scope of his authority so that he may accomplish in the whole empire what he has done in St. Petersburg since Jan. 22, is regarded as an obvious step for the Emperor to take if his determination is not to abandon the fundamental principles of Russian rule, and transform the autocracy into a limited monarchy of the western European type. It is claimed that Trepoff, since his appointment as governor-general of St. Petersburg, has maintained order here, has prevented a recrudescence of the tumults of Jan. 22nd without loss of life, and has handled the situation with the needed firmness, yet without giving cause for complaints, as the late Von Plehve did by the adoption of unnecessary stringent and arbitrary measures.

Trepoff a Hard Worker.

Trepoff is one of the busiest and most energetic officials in Russia. He requires the same long hours of attention to duty from his staff. The general is at his desk shortly after 7 in the morning, and his subordinates are expected to be on duty at 9 o'clock. Instead of keeping the easy hours exacted by other officers, Trepoff invariably works late into the night, and his secretaries take turns at extra hour duty early in the morning and at night. He will not remove his headquarters to the ministry of the interior, but will direct the affairs of his new position from his present chancellery in the St. Petersburg central government.

One of Trepoff's secretaries said today that it was realized that precautions taken for the safety of their chief must now be redoubled, and the prominence of his new office and the feeling of the radicals that he was appointed as dictator to put down the reform movement will make him a mark for the terrorists, no matter how moderately he may execute his duties.

It is not considered improbable that the general may find immediate employment for his new powers at Moscow, where the social democrats and social revolutionists are planning to hold conventions this week simultaneously with Shipoff's zemstvo congress, to which it is now proposed to give wider scope, the mayors of all the cities in Russia having been invited to send delegates and take a stand in regard to the continuance of the war.

Bouligan in a Huff.

The announcement that Minister of the Interior Bouligan has tendered his resignation is coupled with the report that he did so partly perhaps on account of the augmentation of the powers of his subordinate Trepoff, but chiefly because the work of his commission is finished, and the project for the calling of a national assembly is in the hands of the ministers.

The Novoe Vremya today asserts that the Russ was in error in declaring that the report of the Bouligan commission does not formally outline the form and conditions of the proposed assembly, and the Novoe Vremya gives the principal points of what it claims is the new project. In brief, it is said to provide for a body of 400 or 600 members with limited rights of interpellation, but having the initiative in legislation and power of discussing the budget and auditing expenditures.

Congdon Has Been Selected

Secretary of State Confirms the Report of Former Commissioner's Appointment.

British Columbia Is Now Fifth of Provinces in Point of Shipping Tonnage Owned.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, June 5.—The secretary of state today confirmed the report that Mr. Congdon is to be legal adviser of the Yukon territorial council. Mr. W. W. B. McInnes left for the Coast today to close up his affairs. He expects to reach Dawson about Dominion Day.

The total number of vessels on the register of the Dominion on the 31st December last was 7,152, measuring 672,338 tons register tonnage, an increase of 132 vessels and a decrease of 10,309 tons register tonnage as compared with the previous year. The number of steamers on the registry books on the same date was 2,543, with a gross tonnage of 353,514 tons. Assuming the average value to be $30 per ton, the total value of registered tonnage of the Dominion of Canada on the 31st December was $20,185,140. British Columbia is the fifth of the provinces in number of sailing vessels and steamers. Canada now ranks eighth among the nations of the world in point of number of vessels and tonnage.

Scotch Herring Experts.

The Scottish herring experts who are to visit British Columbia later in the season are now at Canso, Nova Scotia.

The House spent a quiet day advancing supply.

Premier Laurier, replying to questions, admitted that the present printing bureau is too small and unsightly. He advocated the tearing down of the building, converting the site into a park and erecting a new bureau in some other part of the city.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced that the codification of the statutes would be completed this year and a bill will be introduced next session to bring the revised laws into force.

ROYAL WEDDING GIFTS.

Magnificent Silver Service of One Thousand Pieces From Cities.

Berlin, June 5.—Crown Prince Frederick William and the Duchess Cecelia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin today received deputations from the Prussian provinces and cities, who came to Berlin to congratulate them on their marriage, which occurs tomorrow. The designs of the silver service to be given to the bride and groom by one hundred cities were presented. The service itself, consisting of more than 1,000 pieces, will not be ready for two or three years.

Prince and Princess Arusugawa, representing the Emperor and Empress of Japan, personally presented the gift of Japan today. It consisted of two silver flower bowls of antique and artistic workmanship.

The King of Saxony has given four Meissenger vases; the French government two Sevres vases and some Beauvais tapestry; the Sultan of Turkey rare rugs and porcelains; the Austrian Emperor a carriage and two horses, and the province of Posen a state carriage.

Beyond these the presents have not been announced.

TORNADO STRIKES CITY.

Binghampton, N. Y., June 5.—A tornado swept across this city at about 11:15 o'clock tonight. Many houses were blown down and it is reported that several persons have been killed.

THE THREE FUGITIVES.

Russian Vessels at Manila Will Probably Be Disarmed.

St. Petersburg, June 5.—Both the foreign office and the admiralty say that the decision whether to disarm the three Russian cruisers at Manila or effect repairs there and endeavor to reach a Russian port, was left in Admiral Enquist's hands to determine according to his best judgment. Little doubt was felt that the cruisers would be interned until the end of the war, as before the repairs which Enquist cables are imperative, could be effected, a Japanese squadron would be off Corregidor island waiting to capture or sink them. The admiralty has given out a cabled statement of the dead and wounded on board the three cruisers at Manila, but asserts that no report from Rear Admiral Nebogatoff has yet been received.

Washington, June 5.—The Japanese minister has formally inquired at the department of state what action the United States government intends to take respecting the Russian war vessels now in Manila bay. Acting Secretary of State Loomis this afternoon responded that these vessels would be interned provided they did not leave the harbor at once. This exchange has taken place in order to formally establish the responsibility of the United States for the detention of vessels in Manila harbor until [illegible] of hostilities.

TOOK CONGRESSMEN NORTH.

Party Were Invited to Visit Victoria by Premier—May do so on Return.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Steamer Cottage City, which sailed for Lynn canal and ports of Alaska early this morning, had among her passengers some distinguished citizens of the United States, who were invited to visit Victoria by the premier, Hon. Richard McBride. The passengers were members of the United States congress, who came west to visit the Portland fair, and incidentally Alaska. Hon. Richard McBride telegraphed to Congressman Tawney of the party at Tacoma on Saturday, in the name of the Lieutenant Governor and members of the British Columbia government, inviting the party to visit Victoria. As it was found that the steamer Cottage City arrived at Victoria at 3 p. m. and remained but an hour on her northward trip, it was decided that no stop would be made by the party on its way north, but, if it can be arranged, a stop will be made at Victoria on the way south. Premier McBride has received a telegram to that effect from Congressman Tawney.

The party is made up of twenty-five. Included are: Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, speaker of the house; Senator James A. Hemenway, son and daughter, of Indiana; Representative and Mrs. C. D. Bartlett, of Georgia; Representative and Mrs. William A. Rodenburg, of Illinois; Representative and Mrs. Henry C. Loudenslager, of New Jersey; Representative and Mrs. H. C. Adams, of Wisconsin; Representative and Mrs. James A. Tawney and daughter, of Minnesota; Representative Joseph C. Sibley, son and Blaine Harrington, of Pennsylvania; Representative J. A. McAndrews, of Illinois; Henry Casson, sergeant at arms of the house, and Mrs. Casson; Alexander McDowell, chief clerk of the house; W. L. Busby, secretary to Speaker Canon, and Mrs. Busby.

ANTICIPATE REVOLUTION.

Russian Journalists Circumvent Police and Formulate Demands.

St. Petersburg, June 5.—The union of Russian journalists today chartered a steamer and cruised in the Neva for six hours so as to hold a meeting free from police interference. The meeting passed a resolution demanding a constitutional assembly in the event of a Russian revolution.

SALMON AND OYSTERS.

Inspector Taylor Pays a First Visit to Traps—Big Oysters at Cowichan.

Inspector Taylor, of the Dominion department of fisheries, yesterday paid his first official visit to the salmon traps on the southern shores of Vancouver island, going out with the steamer Earle, accompanied by Mr. D. E. Campbell, Mr. Anderson of the St. Mungo Canning Company, Captain Kelly and Manager Leary of the Capital Canning Company. Inspector C. B. Sword of New Westminster at the same time went out by auto, Mr. W. Todd acting as chauffeur and host, and the others of the party being Mr. William Munsie and Mr. D. R. Harris, C. E. Incidentally some slight dispute had arisen as to the alleged trespass of certain trap apparatus, and the inspectors made it their business to look into the matter thoroughly, anticipating an amicable and satisfactory adjustment. All the traps in the vicinity were visited by Inspector Taylor, including Mr. Helgesen's at Beechy bay, Mr. Todd's at Sooke, the B. C. Packing Company's and Findlay, Durham & Brodie's. No fish were running and only a few stragglers were finding their way into the traps, chiefly those at East Sooke.

With respect to the announcement from Ottawa that the Dominion government is sending out a large supply of choice Eastern oysters from the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island beds for transplanting in the waters contiguous to this island, Inspector Taylor says that he was given to understand by Mr. William Sloan, M. P., upon his return from the capital a few days ago, that this course would be adopted. The Prince Edward island oysters, from which the supply for British Columbia will principally be drawn, are not very widely known, but are pronounced by experts unexcelled for size and quality the continent over. In order to be ready for the importations when they arrive, Inspector Taylor a short time ago made an extended tour of the Island coast, looking for suitable waters for the planting, and testing the waters of various seemingly suitable places for density and temperature. It is probable that some of the Eastern oysters will be deposited at Barclay sound, and another lot inside Gabriola island. The oysters that are being sent out are half matured and very carefully selected, and the first shipment will amount to about 100 barrelsfull. At the same time 50 barrels of live lobsters will be brought to the Coast, it having been again decided to make a test of the possible acclimatization of the lobster in British Columbia.

Speaking of big oysters, Inspector Taylor states that only a few days ago he was shown an oyster very similar to that known as the Eastern oyster which had been taken accidentally in Cowichan bay, and which was as large as a man's hand, and of the same delicate flavor and white flesh as the Eastern. Another, even larger, had been secured a few weeks before. It is obvious that there are deposits of big oysters in the waters near Cowichan bay, and prospecting would very possibly be richly rewarded.

Ilford Carried Guns to Japanese

British Steamer Now Here One of Fleet Which Took Naval Guns to Togo.

Were to Replace Worn Ordnance—Sealing Fleet Will Be a Small One.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

In the Royal Roads is a British steamer which was one of a fleet of British freighters which carried new heavy Armstrong guns to Japan that Togo's warships might have the guns which had been used in the earlier part of the war replaced with new and more effective weapons before Rojestvensky assumed the Straits of Korea.

The British steamer Ilford, which arrived from Salinas Cruz, Mexico, after taking 1025 Korean coolies from Chemulpo and Fusan to the Mexican port, carried 30 new 30-ton naval guns made by the Armstrongs for the Japanese governmnet, two torpedo boats in sections, and five hundred tons of cordite to Kure, one of the naval yards of Japan. Other steamers, the Dulwich, Romford and other tramp steamers, also carried consignments of heavy naval guns and explosives from London to Japanese naval yards—and these heavy naval guns were used to replace those on board the warships of Togo's fleet, which had been damaged with long usage in the previous part of the war. The life of a naval gun is not long when it is used often in battle, and the shipments sent from England were eagerly awaited by the Japanese.

Captain McKechnie, of the British steamer Ilford, now seeking cargo here, has been in many of the ports which figured in the present war. He carried contraband from England, so he stated yesterday, in the form of naval guns, torpedo boats and cordite, and after landing these things at Kure, he carried a cargo of charcoal to Newchwang for the Japanese army—charcoal is used to a considerable extent by the Japanese, mostly in small braziers called "hibachi," which are used to heat the soldiers' quarters. He went to Chemulpo in March last under charter to a Japanese emigration company formed to send Korean coolies to Mexico.

Salving the Variag

When at Chemulpo Captain McKechnie saw the salvage operations incident to the saving of the former Russian cruiser Variag, built by the Cramps of Philadelphia for the Russian government at a cost of $6,000,000. On March 29, Captain McKechnie said, the work of building a coffer dam about the steamer was complete, and it was expected that the vessel would be quickly raised. He thinks that she will have been recovered and in the hands of the repair crew long ere this. The Variag had been lifted once from where the Russians sank her after she hobbled into Chemulpo harbor at the conclusion of the battle in which she was given such a gruelling by the Asama and her mates in the squadron of Admiral Uriu. When the cruiser was raised, however, an accident occurred and she slid back into deeper water than where she had been formerly lying. The work of placing a coffer dam about the vessel was resumed without any delay and it was complete on March 29.

The Russian cruiser Korietz, which was sunk by her crew at the same time as the Variag, will not be recovered. She still lies with every part of her submerged with the exception of the top of her stack and her masts. Divers have reported that the condition of the vessel is such that she is not worth salving. The hull is badly twisted as a result of an explosion which took place on board her before she foundered. The transport Sungari, sunk at the same time, was raised seven or eight months ago and taken to Nagasaki.

Troubles With Coolies

The Ilford had considerable trouble in getting her coolies on board at the Korean ports, and there were fights galore during the voyage, but Captain McKechnie managed to get all his human cargo safely to the Mexican port. There the Koreans attacked some Japanese cooks with knives and trouble threatened, but it was averted by the captain sending ashore for a score of soldiers. The sight of the shotted rifles and the gleaming bayonets of these prevented further trouble. The Ilford expected to go back for another load of coolies, but since her departure the company has suspended business. It is understood that the Korean government would not allow further emigration by its subjects to Mexico.

After landing the Korean immigrants at Salinas Cruz the Ilford came to Royal Roads, and is still here, awaiting a charter.

FLEET IS SMALL.

Sealing Fleet Which Will Go to Behring Sea This Season Not a Large One.

The sealing fleet which is to go to Behring sea this season to engage in pelagic sealing will be a small one, but a dozen, possibly thirteen, schooners. They are now being made ready, ten by the Victoria Sealing Company and three by independent owners. Of the schooners which are being prepared by the company, four were out on the coast engaged in the spring cruise, the Victoria, Captain Byers; Allie I. Algar, Captain G. Heater; Libbie, Captain W. Heater, and Dora Sieward, Captain McKiel. The additional vessels which are to go to Behring sea and which did not go out on the coast this spring are the Director, Captain D. Macaulay; Fawn, Captain A. Olsen; Carrie C. W., Captain V. Gullin; Alnoka, Captain W. Delouchrey, and Ida Etta, Captain H. Brown. It is probable that the Zillah May will also be sent, in command of Captain R. Balcom. The independent schooners to go to Behring sea will be the Umbrina, Captain J. W. Peppit; Jessie, Captain J. Haan, and Eva Marie, Captain V. Jacobsen. Captain Jacobsen returned on Sunday by the steamer Queen City from Dodger's Cove, where he shipped a full crew of Indian hunters with twelve canoes for his Behring sea cruise. Other schooners are now signing

STILL OBDURATE.

Shipping Master Refuses to Act Without Official Notification.

It was ascertained yesterday evening that notwithstanding that the Ottawa government has refused to uphold the ruling of the local shipping master, W. E. Laird, in the matter involving the certificate of the captain of the steamer Princess Victoria, Captain Hickey has not been reinstated, Mr. Laird contending that he has not yet received definite instructions on the point. Further telegrams to the Ottawa government are understood to have been forwarded yesterday evening by Captain Troup, and no doubt Mr. Laird will be adequately instructed very shortly.

Dominion News Notes

British Columbia's Native Sons Make Goodly Showing at McGill.

Deportation Case at Toronto Involves Interesting Question on Alien Laws.

Fire Again Raging in the Coal Mines at Frank Near the Entrance.

MONTREAL, June 5.—The results of the medical examinations at McGill were announced tonight. The following British Columbia men graduated: J. A. Briggs, New Westminster; J. W. Dykes, Nanaimo; J. W. B. Hanington, Victoria; A. E. McMicking, Victoria; A. R. Robertson (honors), Victoria.

Textile Merger Off.

Shareholders of the Montreal Cotton Co. at a special meeting held today accepted the advice of the president of the company, S. H. Ewing, and a number of the directors, and decided not to accept the offer to purchase the company, made by the Royal Trust Co. on behalf of interests connected with the Dominion Textile Co. The meeting was very largely attended and the opposition to the offer being accepted was so general, that at the close it was decided unnecessary to take any stock vote and the directors will notify the trust company of the Montreal company's refusal to accept the offer.

Dead Robber Identified.

After the attack on the Lancaster bank and the shooting of Dixon, one of the robbers, by Teller Metzke, Chief Detective Carpenter of Montreal was convinced that the deceased man could be traced under another name. Accordingly he had a large number of copies made of Dixon's photograph and these were sent out to chiefs of police throughout the States and Eastern Canada. All towns were drawn blank until today, when Carpenter received a letter from the chief of police of Balderville, Mass., which seems to satisfactorily locate the dead robber. Deceased was a man named Alvin Wentworth, who was reared by relatives named McIntyre, at North Adams, near Goldenville, and who has been away from the district since the end of 1903. In September of that year he was arrested and convicted on a petty charge and after undergoing a term of imprisonment he left the township and has not since been seen there.

Alien Law Attacked.

Toronto, June 5.—A writ of habeas corpus, granted by Justice Angell, was issued this morning restraining the Dominion government from deporting E. E. Cain and James Gilhull, Pere Marquette railway officials of St. Thomas. The question will be argued on its merits on Friday. J. C. Mackenzie, representing the railway officials, said that if the treaty of 1794 between Great Britain and the United States is still in force, both the latter country and Canada under it are prevented from passing alien legislation.

Declined the Job.

Kingston, June 5.—The steamer Dorothy, laden with dynamite, was refused admission to the drydock here to have a new wheel adjusted, because of the dangerous character of her cargo. The steamer, which is American, in coming up the canals from Montreal lost her propeller and had to be towed here.

The body of Capt. Frederick Gouillard of the steamer Scout, wrecked by a gas explosion some weeks ago, has been found in the harbor here.

Peace of St. John's River.

St. John, N. B., June 5.—The Van Buren Lumber Co. has extended the olive branch, and hereafter Pond and his fleet will be able to pass up and down the St. John river in peace. Pond and his solicitor proceeded to St. Leonard's on Saturday and interviewed the Van Buren Co. with satisfactory results. The company agreed to meet the wishes of Pond rather than prolong the strife, which both sides realize has not been conducive to their interests.

Winnipeg Wirings.

Winnipeg, June 5.—The electrical contractors and workers reached a settlement this evening and the men return to work tomorrow morning. About 100 men have been out since Thursday.

News reached here tonight of the drowning in Whitemouth river of Rudolph Kuhn and Gottele Graven, two men employed on dam construction, working at Lac du Bonnet. Their canoe upset in the rapids and both men were swept away. A companion escaped.

Fire at Frank Mines.

Blairmore, N. W. T., June 5.—Fire is again raging in the Frank coal mines. It broke out last night about a mile from the main entrance.