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He stopped. It was apparent that he was endeavoring to find any loophole for escape or explanation.

The superintendent hesitated; then, catching the placid eye of Mr. McAndrew, replied:

"Some information is in our possession, my lord; but we do not propose to produce it at this stage. We depend upon the evidence of the gamekeeper and constable."

"Our duty is clear," said Lord Carfield, but with a reluctance which was distinctly palpable. "We must commit the prisoner for trial. Have you anything to say?" he asked.

At this moment there was a slight disturbance among the closely-packed persons near the door, and Mr. Bartley Bradstone entered. He looked round him with the air of a man determined not to show nervousness, and then up at the face of the prisoner. Had he anything to say?

Harold Faradeane glanced over so slightly at Bartley Bradstone then met Lord Carfield's grave and troubled regard.

"Nothing," my lord," same the reply.

"Remove the prisoner." said Lord Carfield in a low voice, and Faradeane followed the policeman from the dock.

A murmur of pent-up excitement rose from the crowded court, and several ladies who had grown pale and somewhat hysterical during the examination drew long and audible breaths of relief.

"That man is not guilty," said one of them. "I am as certain of it as I am that I am sitting here. No man capable of shooting a defenseless woman could stand up and look as he did. If he were a bad man he would brazen it out, and he would show himself to be a hardened criminal; and if, on the other hand, he were only a weak man, who had yielded to a sudden temptation, he would, this morning, have been utterly cast down and overwhelmed with grief and remorse. Instead of presenting either appearance he looks round like a man, who—who is too noble to have committed the vulgar crime, and still too noble to despise us for suspecting him."

Now, Mr. McAndrew was standing just beneath the lady who had delivered her opinion by no means in a whisper, and he looked up at her, and smiled behind the hand which he passed over his mouth. And he was still smiling, as, shouldering his way out of the court, he came upon Mr. Bartley Bradstone, who in a purposeless kind of fashion was standing and being generally pushed about, as he stared with a species of fascination at the dock in which Faradeane had just stood.

Mr. McAndrew touched his hat.

"Good-morning, sir. Quite a crowd."

"Y—es, yes," replied Bartley Bradstone.

At that moment there came the tramp of drilled footsteps in the corridor in which they were standing, and a cry of "Make way there! Stand back!"

It was the prisoner being escorted to the close fly which was to take him back to the prison.

Bartley Bradstone started and took half a step forward, his eyes fixed on Faradeane's face.

"How is Mrs. Bradstone this morning, sir?" asked Mr. McAndrew, standing right in the way of the policemen and their charge.

"Very ill, dangerously ill still," said Bartley Bradstone, still with his eyes on Faradeane.

Faradeane started and stopped. He had caught the reply. His face went white and seemed to quiver, as if with sudden fury.

"Ill? Dangerously ill!" he said in a hollow voice.

There was still a crowd in the corridor and all eyes were turned upon him.

"Move on, please," said the policeman, not roughly, but firmly.

"One moment," said Faradeane, with a kind of gasp. "Give me one moment—Is she in danger, do you say?"

"You must move on, sir; you cannot be permitted to talk," said the sergeant.

Faradeane sighed and inclined his head, and was passing on, when Mr. McAndrew, who had never taken his eyes from his face, said:

"If Mr. Faradeane desires it, I can give him all the news; but I can only see him at his desire now."

"Yes, yes!" said Faradeane, quickly and anxiously, looking back over his shoulder. "Come at once, please."

The crowd closed up after him, and the shouting and cheering and groaning announced the departure of the fly.

Bartley Bradstone stood in the corridor biting his lip, and looking after the prisoner in a dull, vacant fashion, and had quite forgotten Mr. McAndrew until that gentleman's voice sounded at his elbow.

"Carrying it with a high hand, isn't he, Mr. Bradstone?"

Bartley Bradstone started.

"Eh? Y—es, yes! You think that—that there isn't any chance for him? You think he's guilty still?"

The detective looked at him with a sudden and utterly expressionless stare.

"I never give an opinion myself, sir," he said. "Never. It's unprofessional. But I think the jury, when he goes for trial, will think him guilty."

A strange expression, it almost seemed like relief, shot across Bartley Bradstone's face, but it was gone in an instant, and with a shake of his head he said:

"They'll be a parcel of fools, then. He's no more guilty than I am."

"Just so, sir," remarked Mr. McAndrew. "But it's strange he doesn't say so, isn't it? And Mrs. Bradstone is still in danger, sir?" he broke off respectfully.

"Yes, yes," assented Bartley Bradstone with a heavy sigh, and an anxious, troubled look and he moved down the corridor to the door where a close carriage and pair stood waiting. "Oh, stop," he said, with his hand on the door, and looking back at the detective. "I—I forgot. Mr. Vanley asked me to say that if there was anything that could be done for the prisoner, he should like to do it. I suppose there will be lawyers and a—counsel. Just see to it, will you?"

Mr. McAndrew regarded him with the same stolid stare.

"I'm afraid I can't interfere, sir," he said thoughtfully. "You see, I'm for the prosecution; at least, I'm for the truth!"

Bartley Bradstone shot a glance at him; but the man's face was so wooden that it robbed the words of any significance."

——"But I'll put Mr. Faradeane in the way he should go—I can do that without going beyond my duty, though whether he'll pay any attention to my advice is quite another thing."

Bartley Bradstone got into the carriage and as the footman in the gorgeous Maples livery closed the door, Bradstone leaned forward.

"Anything discovered about the woman—what's her name?—Bella?" he asked.

Mr. McAndrew shrugged his shoulders.

"Nothing of any consequence, sir" he replied.

Bartley Bradstone sank back out of sight, and being out of sight, wiped the perspiration from his forehead.

Mr. McAndrew looked after the carriage for a moment or two, passing his hand over his mouth in the manner peculiar to him, then turned and made his way to the jail.

The governor of her Majesty's prison at Wainford was a certain Colonel Summerford; a gentleman, and a man of sound, common-sense ideas. He had been governor for nearty twenty years, but during all that long experience he had never had so strange and puzzling an inmate as Harold Faradeane. Colonel Summerford knew the ordinary jailbird by heart and understood every song that bird could sing; but this man, charged with the murder of a woman in Hawkwood woods, scattered all the good colonel's experiential theories and ideas like chaff before the wind. In the first place, the colonel saw that his "new man" was a gentleman; and secondly that he was no fool as some gentlemen—too many, alas!—often are. He felt greatly interested in him, and did his best to make him as comfortable as a prisoner committed for trial on a capital offense can be made. He gave him the largest and airiest cell, and, in fact, treated him as a man who, though accused, has not yet been found guilty.

Mr. McAndrews arrived at the prison about half an hour after Faradeane's return, and found the colonel walking up and down his office in deep thought.

"Good-morning, colonel," said the detective, putting his head in at the door and touching his hat with his forefinger in farmer-fashion.

"Ah, is that you, Mr. McAndrew? Come in," responded the governor. "You have just come from court I suppose? You have got a more interesting case than country ones usually are, eh?"

"Yes," assented Mr. McAndrew; "it is rather interesting."

"Confound the man!" exclaimed the colonel, "I wish they hadn't brought him here," and he tugged at his mustache.

"Gives you a lot of trouble?"

"Not a bit. That's just it. Look here, McAndrew, I can't make him out."

"No, colonel?"

"No, and I'm an old hand at 'em, too. I didn't think there could be a case that would puzzle me—I mean so far as the man goes. I'm used to reading them right off the reel; but this man Faradeane baffles me."

"Ah," commented the detective, thoughtfully; "doesn't behave like the usual run, then, colonel?"

"Not a bit," said the governor, testily. "Some of them are sullen, others are hysterical, and others again dogged and taciturn; while I've seen some half-mad. Now, this man just takes the whole thing as quietly as if there was nothing extraordinary in it. If the evidence was not so black I should be ready to swear that he is innocent. It is black, isn't it?"

McAndrew nodded.

"About as black as it could be," he said in a matter-of-fact voice.

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AMERICAN TROTTERS RACE AT PETROLEA

The opening of the Petrolea winter race meeting was held yesterday. The races were contested under favorable conditions. The results were:

First race, 2:12 class, trotting—
Little Payne, W. Lewis, Armada, Mich. 2 1 1 1
Gill, Otto Gutermoser, Detroit, Mich 1 2 2 2
Eldeado, A. Crummor, Petrolea, Ont. 3 3 3 3
Lord Roberts, Dr. Peters, Sarnia, Ont. 4 4 4 4
Time, 2:09¼, 2:10½, 2:11½, 2:13.

Second race, 2:40 class, trotting (unfinished)—
Nettie Star, W. Briggs, Port Huron, Mich. 1 2 0 2 1 1
Little Ted, John Lyons, Marine City, Mich. 2 1 0 2 1 2
Olly Bob, J. Mills, Petrolea, Ont. ....4 3 3 3 dr
Alie Chimes, E. Culver, Richmond, Ont. .....3 4 4 4 dr
Elind Pattie, from Whittsel, owner not given ..5 dr
Sararap, Dettel, Petrolea, Ont. ....6 dr
Time, 2:26, 2:22¼, 2:23, 2:24, 2:25, 2:23.

Failed to Score a Goal In a Semi-Final Match

Speedy Stratford Seven Shut Out by Goderich Team 8 Goals to 0.

Goderich, Feb. 15. — Stratford went down to defeat before Goderich in the intermediate O. H. A. semi-finals game here tonight by a score of 8 to 0 in one of the fastest exhibitions of hockey ever seen in this town. The score at half time stood 3 to 0. For the visiting team Lightfoot, Edmunds and Hern put up an exceedingly fast combination, the former keeping the spectators spellbound by his lightning rushes. No matter where the puck landed he was always on top of it. McNicholl, at point, demonstrated excellent judgment in breaking up the speedy rushes of the Goderich forwards, while Woods, in goal, relieved many hot shots on the Stratford nets. For Goderich forwards little distinction could be made. McIver, who was injured in the Woodstock game, was out again in good form, and, like McDonald, kept the wing checks well in hand. McGaw, at rover, was always on hand to score on a pass, while Wiggins, at center, secured the puck on nearly every face-off. For the penalties the Goderich team suffered slightly more than the visitors, the offenders being ruled off for minor offenses. On this point the referee, F. C. Waghorne, is highly to be recommended on his rulings. Goderich plays the return match in Stratford Friday evening, and with a lead of eight goals should finish well in the two districts.

Tillsonburg, Feb. 15. — In a hockey match tonight between Tillsonburg and Simcoe O. H. A. the former won a hard-contested game by a score of 4 to 3. The Tillsonburg tournament will commence next week.

Kingston, Feb. 15. — The Y. M. C. A. hockey team, a junior organization, won the Beech Grove trophy by beating the Rockwoods, of Portsmouth, by 9 to 7. A protest is talked of.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 15.—The hockey match here last night between the Winnipeg Victorias and the Portage La Prairie team resulted in a win for the visitors by a score of 7 to 6. Play was somewhat rough, one of the Portage La Prairie men receiving a bad accidental smash on the head with a stick at the hands of one of his own team.

Chatham, Feb. 15.—Chatham defeated Windsor here tonight in a fast and exciting game of hockey by a score of 9 to 5. The first part of the game Windsor opened up with a rush and scored in the first minute, and followed with another a few minutes later. Chatham then got one, but the half ended 3 to 2 in favor of the visitors. The second half started with close play, each scoring two. The locals then started in, and when time was called had tallied up 9 to the visitors' 5, Lawson scoring four in succession. The lineup was as follows:

Chatham—Goal, Grace; point, Hicks; cover, Fraser; rover, Brundage; center, Quesnell; left wing, Lawson; right wing, Elliott.

Windsor—Goal, Douse; point, Hartnell; cover, Gauthier; rover, Turnbull; center, Oulette; left wing, Peck; right wing, White.

Brockville, Feb. 15.—Brockville had little or no difficulty in defeating the Dawson City team here tonight, the score being 8 to 2. The locals were faster skaters, superior stick-handlers and played all around their opponents. The game was remarkably free from roughness, although both teams were men of much weight.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—In the junior O. H. A. semi-finals series tonight Cobourg defeated St. Andrew's College by 9 to 6.

Canadians Cut Very Wide Swath at Big Dog Show

Col. McEwen, of Byron, Successful — Defeats J. P. Morgan's Blue Prince

Canadians are cutting a wide swath at the bench show of the Westminster Kennel Club, now in progress in New York. There are a large number of competitors from Ontario, among them being Col. McEwen, of Byron, who took quite a number of prizes with his Scotch collies. In one class his entry defeated one from the kennels of J. Pierpont Morgan.

Col. McEwen took first and second in the dog puppies class with Holyrood Consul and Holyrood Conquest, against a field of sixteen. In the novice dogs, Wishaw Hero won the reserve prize, and in the American-bred open dogs his Consul came second, and in the open class, bred by exhibitors, the same dog was first. It was in this contest that Morgan's Blue Prince was defeated.

The Balmoral Kennels, of Ottawa, were well up to the front with Balmoral Baron and Balmoral Rex. The former won first in open dogs, other than sable or sable and white, and was reserve in winners. Balmoral Rex won third in limit dogs and H. C. in open. Dr. C. Y. Ford, of Kingston, had one entry in bitches, Otterburn Dorothy, who won V. H. C. in open bitches bred by exhibitors.

In cocker spaniels, of which only four classes were judged the first day, Canadians did not meet with their usual success. In the dog puppy class J. S. Clark, of Toronto, got V. H. C. with Nogo, and George Dunn, of Woodstock, reserve, with Defender. George Douglas, so often a winner there, was V. H. C., with Bruce. In novice dogs, black Darcey and Moore, of Ottawa, came to the rescue, winning first with Johnny George. Douglas came second with Financier.

George Dunn's Waverly Duke was H. C. J. S. Clark's Lance Farwell took third in stud dogs, black, Financier coming V. H. C. and Wavely Duke C. In open dogs, black, Lance Farwell could get no higher than reserve, Financier being again V. H. C.

Bulldogs had enormous classes; in fact, they had the record entry of the show, 154. Canada had very few entries. In a novice class of 35 only 15 received any mention. Mrs. A. A. Macdonald's Redcroft Imperial was commended, and Mr. Ross Gooderham's Mr. Gamey, that won first in the puppy class last year, was unnoticed. Mr. H. L. Thomas, of Montreal, did well with his two puppies, Little Nipper and Madre of Glen, with each of which he won a third.

In the open dog class, bred by exhibitors, Mr. Gamey was V. H. C. for Mr. Gooderham.

In bull-terriers Mark O'Rourke, of Hamilton, had his usual success. In the dog puppy class of 17 he won first with Wentworth King, though in limit dogs, 30 pounds and over, the same dog was only V. H. C.

In novice dogs the Hamilton Kennels got second with Wentworth Gallagher, and in open dogs and bitches not exceeding 20 pounds Wentworth Queen Nell and Wentworth King Dick won first and second respectively. Another Canadian exhibitor was J. G. Walter, of Ottawa, whose Epsom Wonder was V. H. C., in novice dogs and limit 30 pounds and over.

Mr. John G. Kent, of Gowans, Kent & Co., was elected vice-president at the annual meeting of the Russian Wolfhound Club.

CARLING CUP GAME HAD TO BE POSTPONED

The Carling cup game, which was to have been played in the Jubilee Rink last evening was canceled on account of the fact that the Paris seven were unable to reach the city on time. They came on the G. T. R. Flyer, which is scheduled to get here at 7:45, and which was several hours late. A large crowd had gathered at the rink to see the game and about 9 o'clock they were given back their tickets. The people from Paris are to stay in the city until Saturday, and the game will be played tonight and tomorrow night, when the matches will commence sharp on time. The tickets returned last night will be good for either game.

Dilation of the Stomach

The gravity of enlargement of the stomach cannot be overestimated. One of the principal causes that produce this distressed condition is inordinate eating and drinking. Weakness of the muscles that propel the food to the intestines is also a factor in allowing the food to accumulate in the stomach, and thus stretching it to enormous size. Constipation and inactivity of the liver is also a prominent cause.

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THE TAYLOR CASE WAS DISPOSED OF

Pitcher Exonerated on Charge of Throwing Game—Violated Constitution.

New York, Feb. 15.—Pitcher "Jack" Taylor, of the St. Louis National League Baseball Club, today was exonerated by the board of directors of the association of a charge of "throwing" the game between St. Louis and Pittsburg in the latter city July 30 last. On the charge, however, of violating the constitution and his contract with the St. Louis club, he was found guilty and was fined $300. He was ordered not to play baseball until the fine had been paid.

The directors' decision was later submitted to the league and unanimously adopted.

Four members of the National board of the National Association, which is promoting the demands of the minor leagues that there shall be an increase to $1,500 as the price for players drafted into either of the major leagues from a new minor league class—Class AA—were here today. The matter will come up at the meeting of the American League tomorrow, having been previously agreed to by the National League. Garry Herrmann, of Cincinnati, chairman of the National commission, submitted to the league meeting the proposed rules providing for a seven-game series between the champion National and American Leagues at the close of the coming and subsequent seasons. The rules were approved and will be submitted to the American League tomorrow. When the latter organization indicates its formal approval the commission will make the agreement public. Much time was devoted to considering the playing schedule for 1905.

The schedule submitted by President Pulliam in general was approved. A few minor changes were made, but the schedule practically is complete and will be announced as soon as President Pulliam has exchanged certified schedules with President Johnson, of the American League.

It is said that the New York City transportation companies collected 1,000,000,000 five-cent pieces last year. This means that $50,000,000 was collected.

About ten thousand gross of pens are procured from a ton of steel.

A woman at Mount Vernon, N. Y., horsewhipped a man short time ago, and now she has repented and married him.

The McClary Teams Agree To Amalgamate

The McClary Wholesale League team was very much dissatisfied with the treatment accorded it near the close of the 1904 season, and in consequence it will not be identified with the organization this season.

On the contrary, it will amalgamate with the McClary City League team, and thus form a nine which it is expected will make a very strong bid for the pennant.

The officers chosen by the united teams are: Honorary president, Col. Gartshore; honorary first vice-president, J. K. H. Pope; honorary second vice-president, S. W. King; honorary third vice-president, J. W. Rowlands; president, James Nicholson; vice-president, Wm. Lehman; manager, J. W. Smith; secretary-treasurer, J. E. McConnell.

HOCKEY.

Delaware, Feb. 14.—With a mixed team of juniors and seniors, Delaware succeeded in defeating Poplar Hill here tonight, in a very fast game, by a score of 19 to 0. Fowlie, of Mount Brydges, in goal for the visitors, played a star game.

TOLEDO CURLERS PLAY LONDONERS

Win and Lose by Small Margins—Londons Successful at Glencoe.

Rinks from both the London and the Thistle clubs were engaged yesterday.

Two rinks from Toledo were in the city, having come to play in the Western Ontario tankard series, but as they were a day too soon they put in the time by playing friendly games with the Londons and Thistles. The visitors were by no means poor players, showing themselves quite expert at the roarin' game.

In the afternoon the Toledo clubs were guests of the Londons, and were defeated by two shots, one of their rinks having one up, while the other was three down. The score:

London.		Toledo.	
D. Fraser,		B. L. Paine,	
J. A. Carrick,		N. D. Cochran,	
J. Stevenson,		J. H. Pheatt,	
C. A. Andrus.....	12	S. O. Richardson..	13
J. C. Trebilcock,		A. B. Couldwell,	
W. A. Tune,		A. H. Coldham,	
A. Evans,		W. Marrett,	
J. P. Evans.....	16	W. W. Coldham...	13
Total.....	28	Total.....	26

Majority for London, 2 shots.

The visitors were entertained by the Thistle Club curlers in the evening. In this contest Toledo came out uppermost, winning by a single shot.

The rinks:

Toledo.		Thistles.	
B. L. Paine,		A. Tillmann,	
N. D. Cochran,		J. W. McIntosh,	
J. H. Pheatt,		C. M. R. Graham,	
S. O. Richardson..	14	A. Talbot.....	6
A. H. Coldham,		W. F. Boughner,	
A. B. Couldwell,		S. D. Swift,	
W. Marrett,		W. T. Strong,	
W. W. Coldham...	7	Dr. L. McDonald..	14
Total.....	21	Total.....	20

Majority for Toledo, 1 shot.

At Glencoe the London rinks did very well, defeating the home rinks by a margin of nine shots. Both of London's rinks were up. The score:

Glencoe.		London.	
G. Parrott,		W. Smith,	
J. Hayder,		E. McAlpine,	
A. Finlayson,		J. W. Couse,	
F. J. McCreery....	13	G. H. Backus.....	17
H. Gillespie,		F. Magee,	
G. A. Parrott,		F. G. Rumball,	
J. Stevenson,		G. B. Harris,	
M. C. Campbell....	12	A. Thomas.....	17
Total.....	25	Total.....	34

Majority for London, 9 shots.

FIVE TEAMS FOR THE CITY LEAGUE

Perrin Nine Deserts Wholesale for the Stronger Organization.

An important meeting of the City Baseball League was held at the City Hotel last night, with representatives present from the Rockets, Blue Labels, Londons and McClarys.

The league last year included only four teams, but this year it will include five, the new-comer being the nine from the Perrin Company, which figured in the Wholesale organization in 1904. The West London Grays also sought admission to the league, but this was refused. With a five-club organization, one team will have an off-day each Saturday.

The admission of the Perrin nine is expected by some to prove the death-knell of the Wholesale League. What will also tell against the Wholesale League is the decision of the McClary teams—one of which was in the Wholesale—to amalgamate, forming one strong City League Club.

The league will elect officers for 1905 at a meeting to be held on Wednesday next.

The representatives present at the meeting were: Rockets—W. Wilson, T. Porter and G. Woolley. Blue Labels,—C. Stein, and A. Borland. Londons—A. Sippi and E. Stein. McClarys—J. W. Smith, E. Jackson and J. E. McConnell.

THE TURF.

YESTERDAY'S TURF WINNERS.

At New Orleans—Brunswick, 6 to 1; Bannock Belle, 15 to 1; Rankin, 9 to 10; Bertha E., 14 to 5; Gracious, 4 to 1; Tambourine II., 6 to 1.

THE PLUNGER'S ESTATE.

New York, Feb. 15. — Letters of administration were granted today by Surrogate Thomas on the estate of Geo. E. Smith, known in racing circles as "Pittsburg Phil," to his mother, Elizabeth Downing, of Allegheny county, Pa., and to Walter Keyes. The petition stated that the deceased was possessed of about $1,000,000 in personal property and of $25,000 worth of real estate in this state, and gave as his heirs and next of kin, his mother, his brother, William C. Smith, who resides here; his nephew, James McGill, also a resident of New York; and his niece, Eleanor Ewing, who lives in Pennsylvania.

HOCKEY.

In a fast game of hockey on Wednesday night at the Princess Rink, the St. John's Juniors defeated the Shamrocks by a score of 4 to 2. Graham's was a feature. Referee, Mr. Jack Nash.

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KAISER GIVES UP DESIGNS ON CHINA

Abandons the Spheres of Influence Policy.

THE OTHER POWERS MAY AID

Germany Will, However, Insist Upon Building a Fortress at Kiaochau.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15. — Germany has gone a step farther in establishing the sincerity of its purpose to act with the United States in maintaining the integrity of and the open door in China.

Not only has the Berlin Government come out squarely and unequivocally in support of these principles, but it has specifically declared its abandonment of the policy of spheres of influence in the Celestial Empire.

This is great news, and has aroused the most sanguine expectations in administration circles not only as to the negotiations which will follow the end of the war, but as to the future generally of the Chinese Empire.

The correspondent is authorized to say that it was only communicated to the President yesterday by Baron Speck von Sternburg, the German ambassador to the United States. The way had been prepared for it by the recent response which Germany made to Secretary Hay's circular note inviting the powers to state whether they still favored the principles of the integrity of and the open door in China.

It remained, however, for Baron Speck von Sternburg to communicate orally as well as in writing to the President the personal views of the Emperor of Germany and of the German Government which mark the complete abandonment of the past "land grabbing" attitude of Germany in China and the inauguration of a policy of unselfishness and international fair play.

Germany's action insures, the Administration believes, the eventual abandonment by other powers of the spheres of influence which they possess. Great Britain claims the Yangtsekiang Valley, an immense region, the most populous of the Chinese Empire, as its sphere. British control has been formally recognized by Russia and Germany. France has proclaimed the two Kuang provinces, which adjoin the French possession of Tonquin, as its sphere of influence. Japan also has a sphere of influence in China which is comprised in the Province of Fukien.

The ambassador went to Berlin in December. He knew the condition of affairs in China as a result of the years spent in that country as the representative of his Government. He knew that the policy of the integrity of China and the open door had become a cardinal principle of American doctrine. He knew, moreover, that Japanese victories were aimed, not only at Russia, but beyond her at any country which sought to extend its sovereignty over Far Eastern territory.

He laid these considerations before his Government and the result is embodied in the following authoritative statement, which was given out tonight:

"Germany's policy in China is that of the United States — the maintenance of the integrity of the empire and the preservation of the open door. There is no reservation or condition of any kind in the assurances which Baron von Sternburg has communicated to the President and Secretary Hay.

"The assurances mean that Germany is today against all spheres of influence, that she has abandoned all pretension to a sphere of influence over the Province of Shantung. They mean also that she is against all special favors in trade, railroads, or anything else. All she wants is a naval stronghold, which she has such as other powers have and which she feels she must have in order adequately to protect her subjects and interests.

"At Kiaochou, which has been a German possession for seven years, the policy of equal rights for all nationalities is observed. Mr Morgan, who was appointed American consult at Dalny before the war, has visited Kiaochou and has established to the satisfaction of the American Government that German subjects enjoy no greater privileges than Americans or the citizens of other countries.

"The policy of Germany is commercial, not territorial. China, in its opinion, should be allowed to develop without the interference of other nations. Any privileges the Pekin Government might grant should be given equally to all nations, not to one. To put it tersely, Germany stands for fair play for all in the Chinese market."

The President and Secretary Hay have accepted the German assurances at their face value, not only because the good faith of the Berlin Government is pledged by them, but because its interests command that it should follow this policy. Before the war it was plain that if Russia permanently acquired Manchuria, Germany would take possession of Shan Tung Province. Russian acquisition of all of Manchuria has ceased to be regarded by the officials as a possibility.

But as an excuse is easily manufactured, the officials say the more important fact is the present within striking distance of China, and particularly of Shan Tung, of powerful Japan. As the sea is the only means Germany has to communicate with her stronghold of Kiaochou, it would be in a far more unsatisfactory situation with reference to its defense than Russia is with respect to Manchuria. The latter has the Trans-Siberian Railroad for the transportation of troops and supplies. The fall of Port Arthur has shown Germany that even modern fortresses are not impregnable when attacked by such plucky soldiers as the Japanese.

Therefore, if it is to hold Kiaochou—if it is to preserve its prestige and be able to push its trade in China—it has come to the conclusion that it is important that it should put itself en rapport with the United States, the influence of which it regards as incalculable, and with Japan, which is fighting for the principles which Mr. Hay enunciated.

PORTER WANTS A PENSION FUND

Resolution Presented to Commons for Act to Care for Infirm Citizens.

Ottawa, Feb. 15. — In the House today the Premier presented telegrams, explaining the situation in regard to the member-elect for the Yukon.

Pierre Ledieu, returning officer, wired from Dawson City under date of Feb. 8th:

"Alfred Thompson was declared elected yesterday by a majority of 618. My report, with writ, will be sent in a couple of days."

Later the following telegram was received from the same officer:

"Was served today with writ of subpoena in a case of conspiracy ordering me to produce on March 1 the writ of election, the voters' lists, the poll books and all other election papers. Shall I obey the order of the court or not? Dr. Thompson is leaving for Ottawa on the 15th. (Signed), Pierre Ledieu."

To this the Government returned the following answer: "If there has not been any demand for a recount under section 90, Dominion election act, then your duty is to return the candidate-elect and conform to all the requirements of section 92 of the act."

Mr. Borden asked for all correspondence in possession of the Government with reference to the Anglo-American treaty, signed in 1900, referring to holding, devolution and transfer of real estate by subjects of one country residing in the other. This treaty was not to apply to any British colony unless notice was given within a year after the signing of the treaty. Mr. Borden wanted to know if this notice had been given. The treaty provides that when a citizen of one country owning land in another dies, his heirs may have reasonable time to sell it and withdraw the proceeds without any more taxes than if they lived in the country where the land was. If such a one dies intestate his nation's counsel shall be informed that he may notify persons interested.

The Census Measure.

The House then went into committee again on Mr. Fisher's census bill. Some objection was raised to the section empowering the minister to collect and publish, if he wished, statistics concerning manufacturing and other industries. After great argument, Mr. Fisher consented to allow the section to stand.

Quebec Estimates.

The remainder of the sitting was spent in discussing items aggregating $600,000 for public buildings in Quebec Province, 34 in number.

The discussion was closed by Mr. Bergeron, who paid a tribute to the courtesy of the acting minister of public works in giving information concerning the estimates.

Wants Pension Fund.

Mr. Porter has given notice of a resolution declaring "That the time is opportune and the necessities of the case require that provision should be made by act of parliament to provide a pension fund for the relief of old, infirm and disabled citizens of Canada, who are unable to support themselves, and for distribution of the accumulations on such fund amongst such deserving poor as will come within the restrictions and provisions of the bill." It is understood that a similar law is in force in some European countries and in some countries for partial relief, or where it is limited to certain classes, such as the militia, etc.