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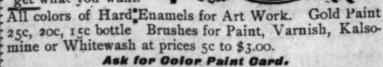
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# PEACE PROPOSAL HITCH OCCURS

British Government Refuse Armistice While Negotiations are in Progress.

Cape Rebels Prove Another Snag - Government has no Information to Give out

London, April 16, Wednesday.-The Daily Mail, in its issue of this morning, says that it understands that a serious hitch has occurred in peace negotiations in South Africa. The RUSSIAN RULER Cabinet council has decided to refuse strongly-worded request from the Boer leaders at Pretoria for an armistice pending the negotiations. This alone is not likely to cause the Boers to withdraw from the conference, says the Daily Mail, but what threatens to stop the negotiations is the fact that the Government declines to place the later Cape rebels upon the same footing as the burghers with respect to amnesty, and is not inclined to with-draw the banishment proclamation, These features are regarded by the Boers as two cardinal points in the irreducible minimum of terms, which Lord Milner, the British High Commissioner in South Africa, went to Pretoria to ascertain, and in return for which the Boers agree to the loss of independence and a general surtinues the Daily Mail, are that Great Britain shall rebuild and restock the farms, take over the legal claims and liabilities of the two republics and grant a representative Government within a shorter period than is now

OPTIMISM STRENGTHENED. London, Apl. 15.-The hopeful tone of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's references to a possible peace, in the course of his budget speech, has somewhat strengthened the optimism of the optimists, but beyond this, and Mr. Balfour's reply to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, nothing official has transpired on which to base even an assumption that final negotiations are in train. The pro-Boers fear that a continuance of operations such as were reported Monday will exasperate the leaders and complicate the posi-

contemplated.

KITCHENER AND MILNER. The Johannesburg correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs that the Boer delegates conferred yesterday with Governor Lord Milner and Gen. Kitchener, who will jointly conduct the recently with the recent in the properties of the the negotiations, which it is now asumed have begun. Lord Milner will forward the Boer proposals to Colon-ial Secretary Chamberlain.

OUTLINED THE BASIS. It is rumored in the lobbies of the House of Commons that Mr. Chamberlain on Monday received a despatch from Lord Milner outlining the basis

NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

London, April 15.—The Government leader, A. J. Balfour, replying to a question in the House of Commons today, announced that the Ministers had no information to impart on the subject of the South African peace negotiations, nor, under the circumstances could any information be imparted at the present stage of the negotiations. The Government, Mr. Balfour added, would immediately inform Parliament of the fact when they had any news to

### OLD BOYS' REUNION

Last evening the financial commit tee of the Old Boys' Reunion met in the office of Chairman O. L. Lewis, and it was decided to postpone action until the next meeting, when it will be decided if the canvass for funds is to be continued.

It was felt by those present that the response had not been liberal enough, and unless some of those who have already subscribed increase the amount of their present subscriptions the scheme will have to be abandoned

### HOLIDAY TRIP

George Walker, of the staff of the local Standard Bank, has returned from a ten days' enjoyable outing, the greater part of which was spent cruising on his brother-in-law's yacht. He was accompanied by Mrs. Walker. Mr. Walker was delighted and im-Mr. Walker was delighted and impressed with his trip. "After a cruise on the Atlantic," he said in chatting to The Planet, "we returned to Albany via the Hudson River, one of the grandest rivers in America. While in Albany we visited the capital building celebrated for sculpture and carving, celebrated for sculpture and carv-ing in stone and granite. The build-ing has cost 22 millions so far and will require 19 millions more to com-Pork Central to Amsterdam, where we met Mr. Sanford and were shown over his carpet factory, employing 4,300 hands. From Amsterdam we took in Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo and other interesting points. It was a very enjoyable trip."

Architect Carswell will ask for tenders for Dr. Hall's office and for the new residences of Geo. Sayer and Stanley Ball.

London, April 15-King Edward gave most cordial reception to Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal yesterday at Buckingham Palace, when the latter presented His Majesty with a Montreal address and gold medal from the Montreal reception 'committee, commemorative of the royal visit to Canada last fall. King Edward said he was highly gratified with the splendid practical loyalty displayed by the Canadians, and that he was much touched with the character of the reception to his son and daughter. Lord Strathcona also presented a medal to Rt. Hon. Mr .Chamberlain,

# ASSASSINATED

who was much pleased.

Minister of the Interior Shot by a Student and Dies of His Wound.

The Assassin, Who was at Once Arrested, Fired at Close Quarters.

St. Petersburg, April 15 .- The Minister of the Interior, M. Sipiaguine, was shot and fatally wounded at 1 o'clock isterial offices by a man who held a pistol close to the Minister's person The wounded man died at 2 o'clock.

.The assassin is a student, who gained access to the building disguised in the uniform of an aide-de-camp. He met the minister on the main stairs and emptied a revolver into his body at close quarters. The assassin was immediately arrested.

It was learned later that Sipiaguine was on his way to attend a meeting of the committee of ministers. He had just entered the office of the Imperial Council, when the assassin, who had driven up in a car-riage, approached and handed him a folded paper, saying he had been charged to deliver it by the Grand Duke Sergius. The minister stretched out his hand to take the document, when the assassin fired five shots at him. Three of the bullets struck M. Sipiaguine and one wounded his ser-

pulsory military service for partici-pating in the riots of 1901. He said that he was subsequently pardoned, but that he had not been reinstated at the university, and that he therefore revenged himself upon M. Sipia guine. The minister was taken to the hospital Maximlianovsk, where he died in one hour.

### PRETTY WEDDING

It Unites a Former Chathamite With a Worcester Maiden - Artistic Ceremony.

A society wedding took place this afternoon at 5.30 o'clock, when Dr. N. T. McLean and Miss Bethiah Cheney were married by Rev. H. Jerome White, the ring service being used. The church was splendidly decorat-The church was splendidly decorated in green and white. At 5.30 the wedding party, consisting of the bride on the arm of her father, William H. H. Cheney, and the bridemaid and maids of honor, marched down the aisle of the church, preceded by the ways and ware met at the all at the ushers, and were met at the altar by the clergyman, the groom and his best man, the last being Dr. F. H. Dunbar, of Boston, a classmate of Dr. McLean at Tufts college. The bridemaid was Miss Anita Cady,

The bridemaid was Miss Anita Cady, of Southbridge. The ushers were Dr. P. C. Bartlett, of Danvers, a classmate of Dr. McLean, George M. Cheney, flermar S. Cheney and William R. Olney. The maids of honor were Miss Helene Pilkey, of Chatham, Ont., and Miss Louise Corbin, of Southbridge, nieces of the bride and groom. The bride was dressed in white liberty satin en traine, with veil, and erty satin en traine, with veil, and carried bride roses. She also wore a beautiful diamond brooch, the gift of the groom. The bridemaid was dress-ed in white crepe de chene, and car-ried flowers. The maids of honor were dressed in white swiss mousse-line de soie, and carried pink roses Mrs. W. H. H. Cheney, mother of the bride, was dressed in black grenadine, with white lace, and Mrs. McLean, mother of the groom, wore black striped satin. Many more handsome toilets were seen in the audience.

After the church service a luncheon was served in the home of Dr. Mc-Lean on Everett street to the wedding party. The couple left on the 7.45 train for New York. They will be away for a week or ten days and on their return will live on Everett

Favors of pearl stickpins were given the best man, bridemaid, ushers and maids of honor. Dr. McLean and wife received many valuable presents, among them being a large number of silver and cutglass pieces.—Wor-cester Telegram, April 11,

Dr. McLean is an old Maple City boy. He is a brother of Mesdames boy. He is a brother of Mesdames A. E. Pilkey and J. E. Kerr, of this

# KING AND CANADIANS TRESPASS ACT

Citizens Have no Protection for Their Lawns Unless They are Fenced.

Bowlin Didn't Care-Satisfied With a Conviction for Insulting Language.

Property owners in Chatham who have their front fences down cannot have people arrested for trespass, said Judge Houston this morning. "Anybody could run all over T. A. Smith's lawn, for instance, and Mr. Smith would have no redress. The statute used to read all properties wholly or partially inclosed, the word partially has been struck out of the Act, so that the petty trespass act can only be enforced where properties are wholly fenced. I have called the attention of the legislature to the defective state of the act, but they seem to think that it is all right."

The Judge was led to make these remarks in connection with the insulting language case of Joseph Bowlin against Frank Healy. Both of the parties are colored. Bowlin is the caretaker of the property on Park this afternoon in the lobby of the Min- street, on which the apple evaporating factory is. Healy was playing ball with some other fellows on the property and was ordered off by Bowlin. Bowlin testified that Healy had called him a dash dash liar. Healy made a good witness against himself. He testified that he had called Bowlin a

liar with only one dash prefixed. Judge Houston found Healy guilty and fined him a dollar and costs, \$3.75 in all, or 12 days in jail. It was in connection with this case that Judge Houston said he thought the petty trespass act was faulty. Bowlin had wanted to lay a charge of trespass against Healy, but he could not, as the property was only fenced en three sides

### NARROW ESCAPE

A five-year-old lad was watching the fish at the fishing grounds up the river past the L. E. & D. R. R. bridge yesterday when he lost his bal-ance and fell in. One of the fishermen was passing at the time and saw some difficulty, rescued the boy. Had not the man happened by at the time the boy would have been

### BINDER TWINE CO.

A number of shareholders, repre senting over ten thousand dollars of stock in the Binder Twine Company, have petitioned the directors to call a meeting as soon as possible; that will probably be considered when they next meet. They are allowed twenty days in which to fix a date of meeting and then ten days must elapse after the notices have been sent out that will bring it about the end of

### MEN MIGHT KNOW

N. H. Stevens tells a good story about the old Indian Joe who used to act as punter for the duck hunters at Mitchell's Bay. Joe stood over six feet high and was an intelligent gen-tlemanly Indian. Some fellows from Toronto were duck shooting at the Bay but, the weather being fine and no ducks in sight, the easterners were quail shooting on the property of Mr. Crawford. Mr. Crawford saw the men and, fearing for the safety of his cattle, ordered them off. The strangers sassed the farmer, who got angry and threatened to have them arrested. Mr. Crawford didn't know the names of the men, but he asked Indian Joe. The Redman said he didn't know but, in all earnestness, told Mr. Crawford to go and ask the men themselves. He was sure they knew their names.

FOR A CONVOCATION HALL. Satisfactory progress is being made in the canvass of the alumni for funds to build a Convocation Hall for the university. The amount represented by the subscription forms signed and returned to the Secretary in \$4,048, being an increase of \$1,381 for the week ending April 12th. The different years in arts and medicine have contributed to date as follows:-1857, \$150; 1862, \$250; 1863, \$50; 1872, \$100; \$150; 1802; \$250; 1878, \$1,000; 1880, \$300; 1881, \$35; 1886, \$200; 1888, \$95; 1889, \$26; 1892, \$75; 1893, \$170; 1894, \$50; 1895, \$70; 1896, \$20; 1897, \$70; \$50; 1895, \$70; 1896, \$20; 1897, \$70; 1898, \$10; 1899, \$25; 1901, \$2. In addition to these amounts \$1,100 has also been subscribed up to date by friends of the university other than gradu-

The plan for the Brisco Benefit Coning, and seats are going at a lively

ates.

### KEEP OUT OF ENGLAND

London, April 15 .- In the House of Commons yesterday. Lord Stanley, Financial Secretary to the War Office, informed Mr. John Morley that Mr. Albert Cartwright had been refused permission to come from South Africa to England. Lord Stanley added that the government had taken this step because they did not consider it advisable to increase the number of persons in England to disseminate anti-British ns. Mr. Cartwright was editor of the Afrikander Bond organ, the South African News, which Lord Milner suppressed. He was sentenced a year ago to one year's imprisonment for treasonable writings. His office was wrecked by a number of Australian volunteers, whom he had describ-ed as the scum of the earth.

# THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Annual Record of the Good Work Done by the Brooke Circle-The Officers.

Most Encouraging Year of Accomplishment-Reports Submitted.

The annual meeting of the Brooks Circle of the King's Daughters, was held yesterday at the residence of Mrs. Greening. The following reports for last year were given:-

SECRETARY'S REPORT. Another year has gone with all its joys and sorrows, and we as a Circle, must give an account of the work done "in His Name." Though our membership is not large, and may feel they might have been more faithful and self-sacrificing, the aid that has been rendered and the help derived from meeting together has done us good, for has He not said that where two or three are met together 'in My Name' there I am," and "it is more blessed to give than received We have a membership of thirtytwo, Nine meetings were held during the year, The president, Mrs. Pilkey, occupied the chair at each meeting. The average attendance was eleven. The choir, visiting and clothing circles have each faithfully performed their duties, the first named by a regular weekly attendance at the "Horse" where with sweet music they helped in the services and gave pleasure to the

### inmates. The visiting circle by reach-Continued on 8th Page.

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