

EVENTS OF THE WORLD.

A British force captured Illig, Somaliland, after a fierce fight.

Typhoid is raging among the German troops in South-west Africa.

The Emperor William has returned to Germany completely restored to health.

Japan has placed with the Krupp Co. a large order for mountain guns.

A new palace is to be built for the German Emperor at Posen, at a cost of \$1,273,300.

Eleven people were killed and forty-nine injured in the wreck of a train on the Mexican Central Railway near Zacatecas recently.

The British Government will protest against the Russian edict forbidding newspaper correspondents to use wireless telegraphy.

The Russian Government has purchased three armored cruisers from the Argentine Republic at a cost of about \$3,400,000 each.

Many people have been injured and several killed in a destructive tornado that swept over parts of Texas, Arkansas and Indian Territory recently.

A disastrous fire occurred at Fernie, B. C., on April 29th. The total loss amounts to \$750,000, with insurance for about one-third that amount.

The most destructive fire known in many years broke out in Old London on April 26th. Fifty engines were summoned to pump water on the flames.

Traffic on Hungarian State lines has been stopped owing to a monster railway strike. Over 1,000 strikers have been arrested, and the military called in to preserve order.

By the breaking of a table to which was attached the cage for lowering men into a mine near the city of Mexico, twelve miners were precipitated to the bottom of a shaft three hundred and fifty metres deep, and killed instantly.

It is announced that the contract by which the ownership of the Panama Canal passes to the United States is signed and sealed, delivered and complete. The title to the canal route is now vested in the Government of the United States.

The French Consul at Sydney, N. S., has received word that the squadron of French warships will be sent out this season as usual to protect the interests of the French fishermen on the west coast of Newfoundland. The squadron will consist of four vessels.

The Emperor of Corea, notwithstanding the depleted treasury, is determined upon having the palace rebuilt on a magnificent scale, which will involve an expenditure of \$2,500,000. Hundreds of coolies are at present engaged in clearing away the debris of the fire.

In a Thibetan fort at Gyangtse, which has been partially blown up, the British, among many curious things, found a room containing scores of human heads, of which several had but recently been cut off. Many curios from the fort will be sent to India and Great Britain for distribution in museums.

A secret conference of great importance to steel manufacturers, whose object was to arrange for the reservation of home markets, the prevention of dumping, and the fixing of uniform export prices, began in London, Eng., on April 19th. Great Britain, Germany, the United States, Austria and Belgium were represented at the conference.

Another accident by reason of a submarine mine has occurred at Port Arthur. While several launches were maneuvering at the entrance to the harbor, one of them, containing Lieut. Pell and twenty soldiers, ran foul of a mine, and was blown up. It is believed that the launches were engaged in laying mines quite across the passage in order to prevent the Japanese from entering to attack the remnant of the fleet still in port.

The Hungarian situation is becoming alarming. Rioting has occurred, plundering, and the burning of buildings; the military has been called to suppress the disturbance, and thirty-one people killed. The Socialists threaten to proclaim a general strike throughout the country, and if this is done, it has been stated, Count Tisza, the Hungarian Premier, will put the whole kingdom under martial law.

A cable message from Windhoek, German South-west Africa, to Berlin, announces the arrival of a detachment of Glasenapp's column at that place, with forty-two sick. One hundred and fifty-two men and officers, with six machine guns, have been despatched from Germany to the disaffected district, where Glasenapp is still occupying Onjatu, but reinforcements amounting to several thousand men will probably have to be sent before the rebellion is suppressed.

A conflict between Turkish gendarmes and Greeks is reported from Smyrna. The trouble began in the attempt of M. Delyannis, Secretary of the Greek Consulate, to open the shops of Greek merchants, which had been closed for non-payment of taxes. This was opposed by the gendarmes, and in the struggle which ensued, M. Delyannis was wounded and fired on the gendarmes. A Greek squadron has sailed for Smyrna, and it is feared the affair may lead to serious complications.

The residents of the French shore in Newfoundland, who have been protesting against the disputed clause in the Anglo-French Treaty, by which fishing operations must close by October 20th of each year, have been conciliated. France agrees that the clause applies only to her fishermen. Newfoundland, Canadian and American fishermen are not restricted in carrying on the winter herring fishery. France also agrees to recognize the British Consul at St. Pierre, which will practically end smuggling from that place. Great Britain in return agrees to recognize the French Consul at St. John's.

The first big land battle of the war has been fought and won by the Japanese. After five days of preliminary skirmishing, the opposing armies met on the first of May, on the hill north-west of Yushaukow, opposite Wiju, the Japanese having forced the passage of the river to that point. In the ensuing engagement, the Japanese lost 700, and the Russians 800, in killed and wounded. On the following day the Russians were forced to abandon Antung, so that the Japanese now control the estuary of the Yalu River. Previous to this engagement, the Japanese met with some losses at sea. On April 26th a Japanese military transport, the Kinshiu Maru, was torpedoed and sunk by the armored cruiser, Rossia, of the Vladivostok squadron, the same fate also meeting the steamer Nakama Maru. A coal transport was also sunk by the Russian warship, Rurik. On the Kinshiu Maru, 73 of the soldiers, who would not surrender, went down with the ship; 130 of those on board the coal transport met the same fate, continuing to fire upon the Russians until the waves closed over them. Russia is determined to fight to the end, and has officially notified the world that she will not accept mediation from any quarter to terminate the war with Japan.

I am much pleased with your paper, especially since it has been published weekly. I think it is the best farmers' paper that can be had.
Lanark, Co. JAS. HOUSTON.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Winnipeg is to increase greatly its fire-protection service.

The Grand Trunk Railway will build a \$10,000 station at Walkerville, Ont.

"No one is so blind to his own faults as a man who has the habit of detecting the faults of others."—Faber.

There is some prospect of building an international bridge over the Detroit River between Detroit and Windsor.

"The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be."—Socrates.

Mr. Ernest Pacaud, one of the ablest and most enterprising French-Canadian journalists in Quebec, is dead. He was 54 years of age.

The Ontario Government has guaranteed a two-million-dollar loan to the Canadian Improvement Company for the re-establishment of the works at the Canadian Sault.

"A good garden will help to lessen the expense account. There is no other acre that will pay as well as the one devoted to a garden."—A. L. Foote, in Wallace's Farmer.

Mr. Chamberlain has expressed approval of the employment of Asiatic laborers in the Transvaal. Chinese labor, he says, would pave the way for a greater number of British workmen.

After 1st of July next, the management and control of the St. Lawrence Ship Channels will be transferred from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

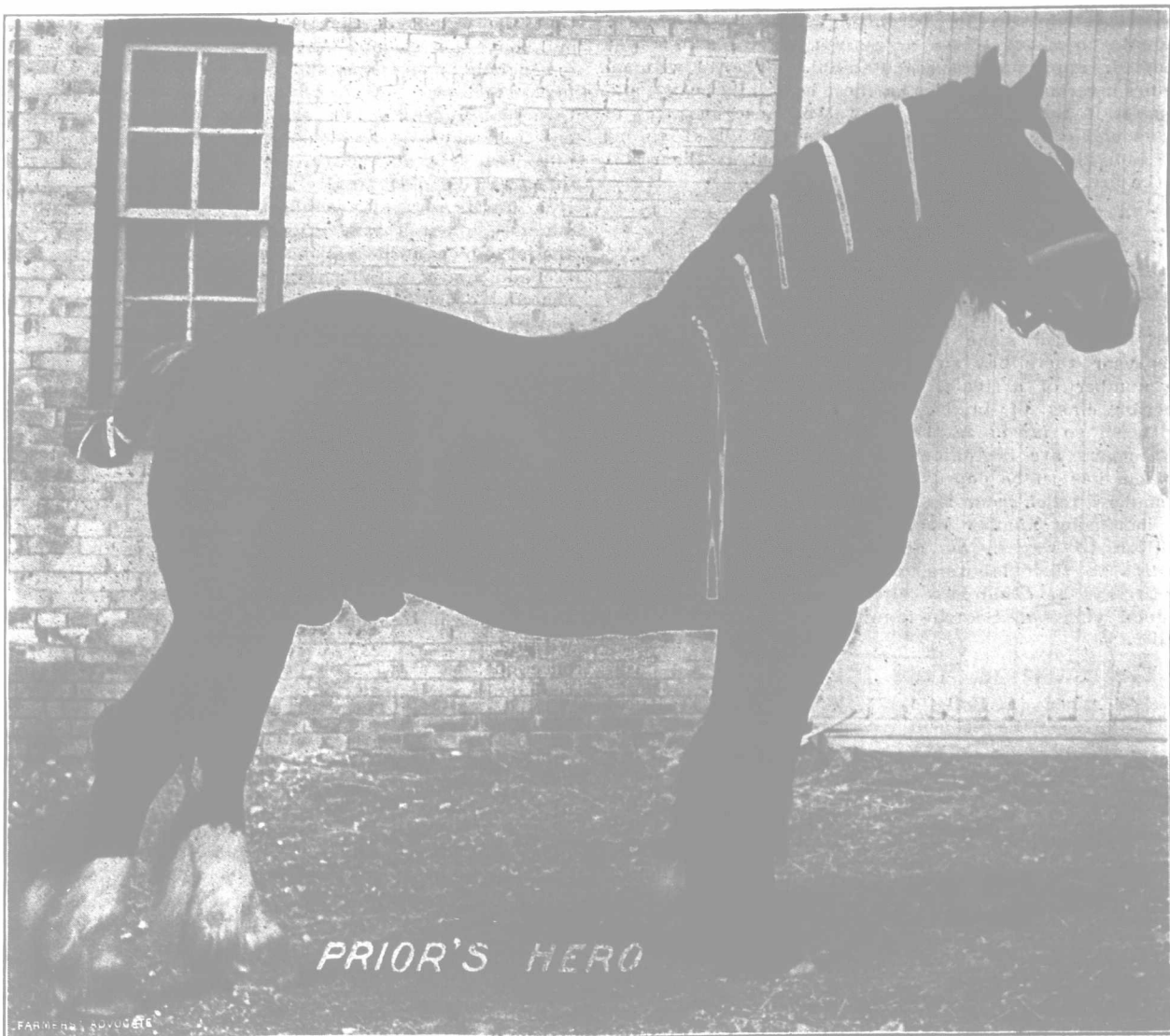
The warrant under which John Bunyan was apprehended and placed in jail at Bedford for six months, during the reign of Charles II., was sold at auction in London recently for \$1,525.

"A house without books is like a room without windows. No man has a right to bring up his children without surrounding them with books, if he has the means to buy them."—Horace Mann.

Signor Marconi is expected in Cape Breton early in June, when, it is stated, he will open the trans-Atlantic wireless telegraphy service. A considerable amount of new machinery has been installed lately at Table Head.

The ravages of the great fire will have the effect of stopping house-building in Toronto, as all available material and labor will be needed for the restoration of the wholesale houses. It is expected that rents throughout the city will be materially advanced.

Every farmhouse should possess a fairly good dictionary. How often the whole point of an article is lost because, perhaps, of the use in it of one word



(Photo by Senior, Eeter.)

Prior's Hero.

Shire stallion, imported and owned by Mr. T. J. Berry, Hensall, Ont. (See Gossip, page 661.)