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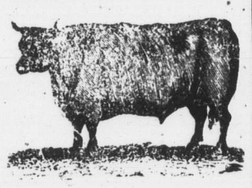

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Aide-de-Camp-General the Grand Duke Vladimir has prohibited the sale of brandy in the regiments of the Russian army.

In the Imperial Parliament on Thursday naval estimates amounting to £26,954,000 were brought down by Right Hon. G. J. Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty.

The latest advices from the Soudan minimize the strength of the Khalifa's forces, though it has been practically decided to send an expedition to finally dispose of him.

Among the new aides appointed to Lord Minto are Lieut.-Col. Otter and Lieut.-Col. Hon. J. M. Gibson, and Hon. Sir John Carling, K.C.M.G., is appointed Honorary Lieut.-Col. of the 7th Fusiliers of London.

The colored troops who were sent to Cuba during the war, having been mustered out of the service, were returned to Atlanta, Ga., on Thursday. They got drunk and began shooting from the car windows as the train moved out of

**50 Corpses Recovered.**

Toulon, March 7.—About 50 corpses have now been recovered from the scene of the explosion of the powder magazine on Sunday morning between La Seyne and Toulon. The remains of several other victims are still buried in the debris. It is said a corporal fired the magazine to be revenged on a private soldier working in it.

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# THE LEGISLATURE

## Hon. Mr. Gibson's Witty Remark on the Ottawa Bill.

## THE BINDER TWINE OUTPUT.

**List of the Bills Which Were Read a Second Time on Monday—An Interesting Budget of Assembly Notes Gathered From Many Departments—The Agricultural College Report Satisfactory.**

Toronto, March 14.—The day was a slow and dreary one in the Legislature yesterday. Many of the members were absent, including the Premier, who has attack of la grippe. As a consequence many of the second and all of the third readings set down were postponed.

The House went into committee with Mr. W. A. Charlton (South Norfolk) in the chair, when the following bills were advanced a stage:

To consolidate the debt of the town of Mattawa.

To incorporate the village of Sturgeon Point.

Respecting the town of Smith's Falls.

To incorporate the Bruce Mines & Algoma Railway Company.

To incorporate the Toronto Western General Hospital.

The committee passed Mr. Pardee's bill for the union of The Toronto General Trusts Company and The Trusts Corporation of Ontario under the name of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation.

The House, on resuming, read the following bills a second time:

Respecting the town of Orillia.

To consolidate the floating debt of the town of Brampton.

Relating to the Sault Ste. Marie & Hudson Bay Railway Company.

Respecting Victoria Hospital of the city of London.

To consolidate the debt of the town of Leamington.

To incorporate the Toronto, Lindsay & Pembroke Railway Company.

To amend the act incorporating the Smith's Falls, Rideau & Southern Railway Company.

To incorporate the Haliburton, Whitby & Mattawa Railway Company.

To incorporate the Thessalon & Grand Portage Railway Company.

On the second reading of Mr. Lumsden's bill respecting the city of Ottawa being called no one spoke either in its support or against it, which led Hon. Mr. Gibson playfully to remark there was a clause respecting Sunday cars in this bill, but all seemed to fight shy of it. (Laughter.)

Mr. Crawford's bill respecting the city of Toronto, as amended by the private bills committee, was read a second time without comment; so was Dr. Pyne's bill respecting the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, Mr. Hill's bill to incorporate the town of York, and Hon. Mr. Davis' bill relating to the County of York.

Mr. Marter (North Toronto) asked: "What were the actual cash receipts from the sale of binder twine manufactured at the Central Prison for the 12 months ending Sept. 30, 1897?"

Hon. Mr. Davis, in reply, said the Government did not sell binder twine, but had an arrangement with the contractor.

Mr. Russell (East Hastings) moved the second reading of his bill respecting civil engineers.

Mr. Hoyle (North Ontario) having asked some questions respecting its provisions, Hon. Mr. Ross said the object of the bill was to improve the status of civil engineers and better equip them for their duties. He scarcely could go so far as Mr. Russell's bill went, but in the legal committee the rights of present engineers could be safeguarded.

Mr. Taylor's bill to amend the Assessment Act was read a second time. Its object is a simple one—that a summary of the assessment roll may be transmitted to the county clerk, instead of the roll itself.

Mr. Pattullo's bill to incorporate the Ontario Historical Society passed the second reading without comment.

**ASSEMBLY NOTES.**

The attendance of members at yesterday's session was very light, only 33 being present—18 Conservatives and 15 Liberals.

A petition signed by members of The Globe staff has been sent in praying for the adoption of the Hare-Spence system of voting.

Mr. Henry Totten of the License Department is confined to his house, suffering from inflammatory rheumatism. His illness may delay the debate on the license bill.

Mr. Darley, an employe at the Central Prison, has been appointed to superintend the manufacture of binder twine and cordage at the prison at a salary of $1,500 per annum. The salary is to be paid partly by the Government and partly by the contractors.

The Government has been interviewed by Mr. Stuart of the Perth Distillery, who protests against the revenue bill being unfair to the smaller concerns.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt was waited upon yesterday morning by a large deputation of life insurance men, who came to remark that no change was made in the tax on insurance people in the late amendment to the revenue bill. The deputation wanted the tax lowered the same as that in fire insurance companies.

The Department of Agriculture has received a letter from Mr. Peter Byrne, the Ontario agent at Liverpool, stating that owing to illness Mr. J. N. Wigle, representative of the Ontario Tobacco Growers' Association to England, had been forced to return home. English tobacco men like the Canadian product, but the manner in which it is packed will have to be improved. The letter says English manufacturers will use all the properly packed tobacco Ontario can send.

Hon. R. J. Davis, Provincial Secretary, put in a return to an order passed by the Legislative Assembly on Dec. 15, 1897, for correspondence in reference to the case of C. E. Grant of St. Thomas, charged with having obtained copies of the examination papers before the matriculation examination in 1896, which he admitted after a commission of inquiry had been held.

Chief Game Warden Tinsley has received a letter from Passenger Agent Ushler of the C.P.R., stating that in consequence of the exhibit made by the C.P.R. at the Sporting Exhibition at Madison Square Garden, New York, many American tourists had announced their intention of going into the Lake Temiscamingue district this summer.

**Ontario Agricultural College.**

Prof. Mills' report to the Minister of Agriculture of the College and Experimental Farm at Guelph is a very flattering one. The attendance of students during the past year surpassed any previous record—293 in the regular course and 110 in the dairy department. Of those in the regular course 87 per cent. are from Ontario, 7¼ per cent. from other provinces and 5¾ per cent. from other countries. The various professors, the experimentalist, farm superintendent, manager of poultry department and agriculturist, are all satisfactory.

## WILL TRY TO SAVE HER.

**The Boston Towboat Company Will Endeavor to Save the Wrecked Castilian—Plucky Lady Passenger.**

Boston, Mass., March 14.—The Allan Line Steamship Company has made arrangements with the Boston Towboat Company to save, if possible, the Castilian. To-day the tug Storm King and wrecking outfit, consisting of the wrecking lighter Aid, with three large steam pumps and boilers, divers, gang of wreckers, etc., will leave Boston for the scene of the wreck.

**Str. Castilian to Be Abandoned.**

Halifax, March 14.—Captain Barrett and the first and second officers remain on the wrecked Allan steamer Castilian at Gannet Rock; all the rest of the officers and crew are in Yarmouth. The steamer has not yet been abandoned, but must be, as she is now in hourly danger of breaking up.

The weather has been so rough that what was got off was only taken with great difficulty. There is no one on board now to attend to the live stock, and they have practically been abandoned. A tug remains by the steamer. No official explanation has yet been given as to the cause of the disaster.

**Miss Hendrie Took Pictures.**

The shipwrecked people are warmly praising the conduct of Miss Hendrie of Hamilton, Ont., who was the life of the first cabin party, by her merry, entertaining sociability. Miss Hendrie filled in part of the time by taking photographs of scenes on the steamer and of Gannet Rock. One of her pictures shows a group of passengers wearing life belts.

**Passengers at Halifax.**

Eleven saloon passengers of the wrecked Allan Liner arrived in Halifax last night. The remainder of the passengers, including all the second-class and steerage, will arrive to-night in ample time to catch the mail steamer Vancouver, sailing for Liverpool.

**NOTES FROM OTTAWA.**

**Electric Railway Contract Awarded—Canada and the Paris Exposition.**

Ottawa, March 14.—Messrs. Ahearn & Soper have been awarded the contract to equip an electric railway from Quebec to St. Anne de Beaupre, a distance of 28 miles.

Mr. James G. Jardine, who is a member of the Canadian board of commissioners for the Paris Exposition of 1900, is in the city arranging for exhibits in Paris by Ottawa's chief manufacturers. He has been through western Ontario, and has found all the manufacturers there most anxious to make exhibits. In fact, the chief trouble the Canadian commissioners are having is to keep the exhibits down to the space limit Canada has at the Fair.

Work on the pier of the inter-provincial bridge, which was suspended last fall owing to an objection from the chief engineer of the Railways and Canals Department, as to the method of construction, was resumed yesterday. Engineer Dunn, who has charge of the work, says this objection has now been overcome, and the work will be rushed until the ice moves.

There is an agitation on to raise hotel rates in the city.

**Mr. Kipling's Future Movements.**

New York, March 14.—Though Mr. Kipling has made no definite plans for the immediate future, an intimate friend said yesterday morning that his visit to this country will be a short one. So soon as he is strong enough he will go to Brattleboro, Vt., for a few weeks. In all probability he will return to England early in the spring. He will not go to Mexico. He continues to improve.

**Spanish Colony in Mexico.**

City of Mexico, March 14.—A large number of Spanish officers and soldiers who participated in the recent war in Cuba are to be colonized in the districts of Montezuma and Arizpa, State of Sonora, where a tract of land comprising 33,000,000 acres has been secured. The colony will have abundant capital for starting agricultural and mining operations.

**To Complete the Great Northern.**

Montreal, March 14.—Messrs. Ross, Barry & McRae have undertaken the contract of completing the Great Northern Railway, extending from the end of the track at Shawenegan to Hawkesbury, a distance of 88 miles. All the bonds, subsidies and bonuses have been transferred to these gentlemen, and they will finish the road in 18 months.

**Canadian Buffalo Not Extinct.**

Winnipeg, March 14.—Mr. C. Fraser of Fort Chippewayan is registered here. He left Chippewayan in January, travelling by dog train a distance of 400 miles. He says he saw a herd of buffalo, and that there are about 1,500 of them in the neighborhood of Chippewayan, which are increasing, as the Indians are now prohibited from shooting them.

**Baron Russell, Probably.**

London, March 14.—The Times says: "The Government will probably appoint Baron Russell of Killowen (Lord Chief Justice of England) to succeed the late Baron Herschell on the joint high commission."

**Smallpox in North Carolina.**

Raleigh, N.C., March 14.—Dr. William Lewis, Secretary of the State Board of Health, says smallpox is steadily increasing in North Carolina. He reports the disease prevalent in 17 counties.

**Savings Banks in Schools.**

Galt, March 14.—Yesterday witnessed the inauguration of the new system of school savings banks. About $75 was deposited by the pupils of the three schools.

**THE BUSINESS WORLD.**

The newly organized Consolidated Smelting & Refining Company will be capitalized at $65,000,000. M. Guggenheimer Sons are the only big smelters not in the combination.

The New River and Kanawha coal operators have effected a consolidation of 50 operators, representing an annual production in coal and coke of $4,000,000. The officers of the new company will be elected on March 21.

Mr. W. W. Ogilvie, the big Montreal miller, said that if the proposed machinery tax law in that city became a fact he would move out bag and baggage and establish his mills in western Ontario or Manitoba. The Montreal mills employ over 300 hands.

**THE DEAD.**

Mrs. Keating, relict of the late Dr. Keating of Guelph, died on Saturday of pneumonia.

After the private funeral services of Josephine Kipling the body was taken to the Fresh Pond crematory and incinerated.

# HAS SEIZED MIAOTAO.

## The Islands Opposite Port Arthur in Hands of the British.

## CECIL RHODES IN GERMANY.

**Death of M. Secretau Who Floated the Copper Bubble in 1888—The Final Entombment of Prince Bismarck's Body—Radical and Irish Attack on the Naval Budget—Cable News.**

London, March 14.—The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail says: The Chinese here report that Great Britain has seized the Miaotao Islands, opposite Port Arthur, in the strait of Pechili, north of Tengchaufu, in the northwest portion of the Shantung Peninsula.

**GERMAN BUDGET WRANGLE.**

**A Relief That Dissolution Will Grow Out of It.**

Berlin, March 14.—A number of leading members of the Reichstag of all parties last night were of the opinion that the Reichstag to-day will vote the budget committee's report by about 200 against 168, and they believe a dissolution will follow. The Centre, however, does not believe there will be a dissolution, but thinks it is a mere bluff upon the part of the Government.

The plans of Cecil Rhodes, the British South African magnate, who is in this city with the view of pressing upon the German Government the advisability of co-operating in the building of the Cape to Cairo Railroad, which will pass through a portion of German African territory, will be submitted to colonial and commercial experts, on whose reports the Government will act.

**Cecil Rhodes in Berlin.**

Berlin, March 14.—Emperor William, it is said, has sent an aide-de-camp, inviting Mr. Cecil Rhodes to another audience.

The National Zeitung says: "Before he left England Mr. Rhodes had an audience with the Queen, and he was the bearer of her salutations to the Emperor."

**A Great Schemer Dead.**

Paris, March 14.—M. Secretau, founder of the Societe des Metaux, and chief agent in the great copper ring of 1888, died yesterday. M. Secretau, in February, 1888, formed a French syndicate to raise the price of copper, then very low, by a monopoly. The syndicate had everything its own way until March of the following year, when it came to grief through M. Secretau's wild speculation in copper, its collapse being followed by a widespread panic.

**Bismarck to Be Entombed.**

Berlin, March 14.—The body of the late Princess von Bismarck was transferred yesterday from Varzin to Friedrichsruhe and was placed next to the body of the late Chancellor in the Friedrichsruhe Castle.

On April 1 the final funeral ceremonies of both will be held, when it is expected that the town will be crowded with people from all over the Fatherland. The day has been selected because it is the anniversary of the birth of Prince Bismarck. The new mausoleum which has been built will be finished by that time.

**LABOUCHERE AND DILLON.**

**Are "Agin the Government" on Proposed Naval Expenditure.**

London, March 14.—During the discussion of the naval estimates in the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Henry Labouchere, Liberal member for Northampton, moved a reduction in the vote. He argued that the Government was "playing the game of beggar my neighbor" against the whole world, declared it "foolish swagger to boast ability to build more ships than any other country." Great Britain, he asserted, was not richer than the United States, nor than France and Russia combined.

Mr. John Dillon, Nationalist member for East Mayo, in supporting the reduction, said: "British statesmen who attempt to induce the United States to abandon their traditions by embarking in a wild career of naval competition with Europe, will bitterly regret it, for the day will come when England will be hard driven to maintain naval equality with the United States alone. The First Lord of the Admiralty (Mr. Goschen) is trying to compete with six powers."

Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, the Government leader, denied that either the First Lord of the Admiralty or the Government had any such insane idea. The First Lord of the Admiralty, he declared, had deliberately based his policy upon the accepted principle that Great Britain's navy should be equal to the force of any other two powers.

The House rejected the motion for a reduction in the estimates by 147 votes against 19.

**Picquart Goes to the Civil Prison.**

Paris, March 14.—Col. Picquart, in accordance with the decision of the criminal section of the Court of Cassation, has been handed over for trial to the civil authorities, and has been transferred from the Cherche Midi Military Prison to the civil prison of La Santo.

The steamer Alameda brought news to San Francisco of the finding of a gold nugget in western Australia weighing 90¼ pounds avoirdupois. The strike was made in the Pilbarra gold fields.

Justice Osler gave judgment on Saturday at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, that the petitioner must pay the cost of publishing the notice of trial in an election petition. The point arose out of the East Middlesex petition.

A petition signed by over 70 millers of western Ontario has been forwarded to the Ottawa Government, praying that the harbor of Goderich be deepened as speedily as possible to admit the largest grain vessels now trading in the upper lakes.

McMaster University, Toronto, intend shortly to build an addition to the present premises. For some time the accommodation has been found to be all too meagre. The under-graduates have taken hold of the matter and have already subscribed $1,500 to this end.

**Almost in Despair.**

"My wife suffered with pain and distress from an affection of the throat and stomach. She was almost in despair of ever obtaining a cure, but finally procured a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and after taking six bottles of this medicine she was completely cured." JOHN WECKNAR, Galt, Ontario.

That disease after grip is prevented by one or two of Hood's Pills. They don't gripe.

**BRITAIN BACKS ITALY.**

**Mr. Morgan Said It Was a Mistake, But the Government Persists.**

London, March 14.—In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. William Pritchard Morgan, Liberal member, who recently, on behalf of British and American syndicates, obtained what appears to be an immensely valuable concession in the Chinese Province of Szechuan, moved to adjourn, in order to call attention to the support given by the British minister at Pekin to Italy's demand for the lease of Sanmun Bay. He declared Great Britain, the United States and Japan needed expansion of trade, and it was a great mistake to support Italy, whose demand, he claimed, was another step towards the disintegration of China.

The Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, Right Hon. William St. John Broderick, defended the Government's action. In so doing, he said Italy had for many years been the friend and ally of Great Britain, and, so far as Great Britain was concerned, if by diplomacy Italy could persuade China to make concessions, Her Majesty's Government would welcome Italy's appearance in the far east as an ally of Great Britain. Continuing, Mr. Broderick said the policy of Her Majesty's Government was to safeguard British interests, and as long as these were not threatened not to stand in the way of friendly powers taking steps to safeguard their interests.

The motion to adjourn was eventually negatived without a division.

## INSURGENTS WHIPPED.

**The American Advance Began Disastrously for the Filipinos on Monday—Some Details of the Fight.**

Manila, March 14.—At daylight yesterday Brigadier-General Wheaton's divisional brigade, consisting of the 20th U. S. Infantry, the 22nd Infantry, eight companies of the Washington Volunteers, seven companies of the Oregon Volunteers, three troops of the 4th U.S. Cavalry and a mounted battery of the 6th Artillery, was drawn up on a ridge behind San Pedro Macati, a mile south of the town. The advance was sounded at 6.30 a.m., the cavalry leading the column at a smart trot across the open to the right, eventually reaching a clump commanding the rear of Guadaloupe.

Supported by the Oregons, the advance force opened a heavy fire on the rebels. The response was feeble and desultory, apparently coming from handfuls of men in every covert.

While the right column was swinging towards the town of Pasig, the left advanced, pouring volleys into the bush.

Insurgents made a determined stand at Guadaloupe Church, but they were unable to withstand the assault.

At 7.30 a river gunboat started towards Pasig. The Filipinos were first encountered by this vessel in the jungle near Guadaloupe.

Steaming slowly, the gunboat poured a terrific fire from her Gatling guns into the brush. For all of an hour the whirring of the rapid fire guns alternated with the booming of the heavier pieces on board.

**Shore Battery Took Part.**

In the meanwhile Scott's battery ashore was shelling the trenches and driving the insurgents back. The artillery then advanced to the ridge of bamboo and drove a few of the Filipino sharpshooters away with volleys from their carbines. The artillery then advanced and met with little opposition. In the meantime the infantry had been sent forward in extended order, the Washington Regiment resting on the bank of the river, each regiment deploying on reaching its station and furnishing its own supports. The artillery moved to a ridge commanding Pasig and Pateros. By this time the insurgents were in full flight along a line over a mile long, and the firing was discontinued temporarily, in order to give the troops a rest before making the attack on Pasig. Their loss was believed to be severe, but only eight Americans were wounded. At this stage of the engagement it was raining heavily.

**The Attack Resumed.**

After a short rest General Wheaton resumed the attack on Pasig. At 11.30 a.m. the column came in contact with the insurgents, and a gunboat steamed to the firing line and cleared the jungle on both sides, while the battery took up a position on a bluff at the right. The first shot from the American field pieces, at 1,200 yards range, dislodged a gun at Pasig. A hot fire on the rebel position was maintained along the whole American line until 2.30 p.m., when preparations were made for the attack. At 3.30 p.m. a large body of the Filipinos was discovered working around our right flank, and the 20th Regiment was moved to a commanding ridge. The insurgents were met opposite Pateros, but they bolted. Thirty of them were killed; 16 were also taken prisoners. The Americans lost six men wounded.

**Cavite Women Fought.**

Tacoma, Wash., March 14.—Oriental papers brought by the steamship Victoria contain the following extract from The Republica Filipino, the insurgents' paper:

"Splendid demonstration of the Cavite women, without distinction of class or age, unanimously requested with enthusiasm to be permitted to take the place of men if the men perish in the struggle against the Americans for the defence of the independence of the Philippines. They say that irrespective of the weakness of their sex, the love of their country will make them strong and will animate to keen combat against the Americans."

A telegram published in The Republica says that a letter has been found in Baltimore offering $50,000 reward for the assassination of Aguinaldo.

**SPANIARDS ARE VERY SORE.**

**Talk of Appealing to Powers in Philippine Prisoner Matter.**

Madrid, March 14.—Gen. Rios, the Spanish commander in the Philippines, in an official despatch acquainting the Government of the fact that Major-General Otis has stopped the negotiations for the release of the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the rebels, says: "I protest in the name of humanity, and believe the time has arrived to appeal through the consuls to the good offices of the powers." The despatch says also: "I am told that the Filipinos are at war with the Americans, and that the prisoners cannot be ransomed for money, as that would improve the position of the insurgents. In view of my situation between the Americans and the Filipinos, I await the orders of the Government."

A copy of the despatch was sent immediately to Senor Silvela, the Premier, who had a long conference with Gen. Polavieja, Minister of War. Both admit the gravity of the situation, and the despatch will be submitted to the Cabinet Council to-day.

The plan of negotiating with Aguinaldo direct, without reference to Washington, has been abandoned.

The Toronto Humane Society has passed a resolution asking all humane societies in Canada to co-operate in asking for the appointment of a humane commissioner at Ottawa.