

BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL BUILD EIGHT MORE DREADNOUGHTS

IS PRINTING MORE SPURIOUS TELEGRAMS

Clippings From London Papers Being Run as Special Cable Despatches---False Telegrams Have Fatal Attraction.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Spurious dispatches seem to have a fatal attraction for the Colonist. The painful exposure of the forged Borden telegram is still fresh in the public mind, and the Colonist is the best of reasons for not forgetting it, or the public resentment it aroused. But with a faculty which excites the wonder of even its friends it returns to its bad habits, and in the evening edition which it prints takes the most glaring liberty with the truth. Reprint articles from British and eastern papers are being exploited on its front page as "special cables" to hide its paucity of real news. One of

the most glaring of these appeared last night in the form of a letter addressed by Frederick Harrison, of London, to the London Times about the middle of last month. It dealt with the navy situation and has been read in its original form by hundreds of men in this city. Last night, however, it was made to do duty as a "special cable" on the front page of the Colonist's evening edition, together with other reprint news from Belgrade and other points. The original and the spurious cable are here set down side by side, as an illustration of Victoria's latest type of journalism.

AS A "SPECIAL CABLE" IN VICTORIA.

Special Cable to The Evening Post.
London, April 9.—Frederick Harrison has contributed a notable article on the national defence to the Times. Mr. Harrison's great influence on English life and thought has been directed against aggression and imperial expansion for nearly half a century. In this communication, however, he admits that recent developments have obliged him to modify his anti-militarist policy, and to urge on the country the vital necessity of taking stringent measures for national defence. He says:

"They are trifling with a serious crisis who repeat platitudes about our friendly neighbors, our peaceable ideals, and our magnificent navy. Of course, England desires to live at peace with all men, and does not nurse against any continental nation either jealousy or grudge. And we know that our navy to-day is amply competent to defend our island and our empire against any maritime power in the world. What more can we want?" says the old-fashioned Radical, "on retrenchment, and the new-fashioned labor man, intent on social reform."

Fervish Expansion.
"Well, let us come to the point, and speak plainly on certain facts. The sole ground for serious anxiety as to our national defence arises from what we see as we watch the feverish expansion of the German navy, combined with the domineering attitude of the German government in Europe—plus the ambitious schemes asserted now for a whole generation by the German military and naval chiefs, fomenting the natural aspirations of the great German race."

"Absolutely free as I am from any sort of party allegiance and equally free from any public responsibility, I can speak openly about things which official politicians and judicious publicists have to cover under conventional allusions. Our national existence, I make bold to say, may be in peril, within less than a generation, from the tremendous navy now being hurried on in Germany, from the domineering ambition of the German chiefs, the aspirations and the increase of the German race."

Eventual Amalgamation.
"I say the German race, because the great eastern crisis can mean nothing less than the eventual amalgamation, or the practical control by one hand."

TURKS AGAIN BECOME RESTLESS

SERIOUS POLITICAL TROUBLE IS BREWING

Fresh Mobilization of Troops Under Consideration by Ministers.

Constantinople, April 10.—The failure of Grand Vizer Hilmi Pasha's diplomacy to effect a final settlement of outstanding differences between Turkey and Bulgaria threatens serious political trouble in the former country momentarily. Affairs have never been in a settled condition in Turkey since the revolution. The situation grew worse when the Young Turks forced Kiamil Pasha from the premiership and with the revelation of the fact that Hilmi's work, from the time he succeeded Kiamil, has come to naught, the people are ready to boil over. Hilmi made matters worse by his repeated declarations that his minister of foreign affairs, Rifaat Pasha, had completely settled the Turkish-Bulgarian dispute during his visit to St. Petersburg. This was interpreted as meaning that Turkey would quickly be in a position to secure a foreign loan to settle with its long unpaid army and civil officials and make a start on the work of international development. Discovery that Rifaat's settlement really settled nothing at all, not only left matters as bad as they had been all along, but added the element of bitter disappointment to the situation. Kiamil's party is already showing signs of an intention to take advantage of the situation to regain power. The Young Turks are almost certain to re-

sisit this forcibly, for they either believe or pretend to believe, that Kiamil is bent on the re-establishment of a reactionary policy and perhaps the restoration of despotism. Should fighting break-out it will probably rage until one party or the other is literally exterminated, for no central authority exists with sufficient power even to attempt enforcement of order. The Bulgarian irritation, temporarily lulled, is reviving. A strong disposition is beginning to appear to repudiate the entire St. Petersburg agreement, and at court it is no secret that a fresh mobilization is being seriously discussed.

TRIBUTE TO DEAD OFFICER.

Flags Hang at Half-Mast in New York When Body of Lieut. Petrosino Reaches City.

New York, April 10.—Tribute to the bravery of Lieut. Jos. Petrosino, of the New York police department, was paid yesterday when his body arrived on the Slavonic. He was assassinated at Palermo, Sicily, on March 12th, while on a mission for the United States authorities to fight for the suppression of anarchy and the "Black Hand" in Italy. Flags were hung at half mast when the detective's body arrived and there was mourning throughout the portions of the city where he was known. His funeral Monday will be attended by some of the most prominent men in the state.

TWO MAY DIE.

Santa Ana, Tex., April 10.—Robert Rick, a wealthy planter, and his wife are dying to-day from the effects of wounds inflicted by the same bullet. He attempted to commit suicide, his wife tried to take his revolver away from him and during the struggle it was discharged, wounding both.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what is the difference between "well" and "good"?—I have noticed, my son, that about the only time you are good is when you are not well.—Scottish American.



EX-CHIEF DEASY ANSWERS ANOTHER CALL.

ENLARGING OF PARLIAMENT GROUNDS

Government Negotiating For Purchase of Land on Superior Street Alienated in Crown Colony Days.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

There is a prospect that the property on Superior street alienated in the sixties may become government property and the block occupied by the parliament building may pass entirely under the control of the province with the exception of the drill hall. It is reported on excellent authority that the provincial government is taking steps to acquire the line of lots extending from Government street to Menzies' street facing on Superior street. If this is carried out it will turn the entire block, bounded by Government, Belleville, Menzies and Superior streets, to public purposes. There has been a feeling that the private property alienated in the sixties should be acquired by the province so as to complete the block. The present buildings are already too small for the purposes and additions will have to be made in the near future. If this property could be acquired there would be a solution of the difficulty as departmental buildings could be located on a part of it, allowing the conversion of some of the rooms now occupied for that purpose being turned to other uses connected with the business of the legislature. If the government pursues a course in connection with the transaction which does not conflict with the recog-

nized constitutional practices there is no doubt that the transaction would be regarded with general favor. The sanction of the legislature would be essential to such a step being taken. The block on which the buildings are situated was originally set aside by the Hudson's Bay Company for the purposes of government buildings. Sometime in the sixties, to the infinite disgust of Governor Douglas, block Z, extending along Superior street, was alienated. It was sold to a syndicate with L. Loebner as agent. The sale formed the subject of considerable correspondence between Governor Douglas and the Imperial authorities and the Hudson's Bay Company, the governor protesting vigorously against the alienation. In spite of this the transaction was carried out and the land passed. A strip of the block fronting on Government street, formerly known as Bird Cage Walk, was also alienated, but before the new buildings were erected the provincial government took steps to acquire the whole of the strip from Belleville street to the present bounds of the government grounds. All the alienations took place in Crown colony days, with the exception of the grant made by the province to the Dominion government of the site for the drill hall on Menzies street.

SEVEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

NUMBER OF MEN ARE ENTOMBED IN MINE

Victims Overcome by Fumes and Perish in Underground Workings.

Johnstown, Pa., April 10.—At least seven men were killed and several others are entombed as the result of two explosions in mine No. 37 of the Berwind-White Coal Company, near Windbar, late last night. Two other men have been brought to the camp here seriously injured. Inexperienced miners placed overcharges of dynamite in six holes in the rock of the mine and paid for their mistake with their lives. When the holes were drilled the miners placed between 150 and 200 sticks of dynamite in them, lit the fuse and retreated down the tunnel to what they thought was a place of safety, 500 feet away. When the dynamite exploded ten of the men were dazed by the concussion and before they could recover their senses the fumes caused by the explosion had closed in around them and another several to death.

FAIL TO AGREE.

Conference Regarding Construction of Hankow-Canton Railway Not a Success.

Pekin, April 9.—A conference held yesterday by the English, French, German and Japanese representatives who have been trying to hit upon a feasible plan of co-operation in the construction of the Hankow-Canton railway was not a success. Germany alone benefited by the conference as one-half of the railway construction engineers are Germans and the other half Japanese.

ENGLAND LOSES FAMOUS POET

ALGERNON C. SWINBURNE HAS PASSED AWAY

Dies After Illness Which Lasted for Several Weeks.

London, April 10.—Algernon Charles Swinburne, the poet, died of pneumonia at 10:45 o'clock this morning at his home, the Pines, at Putney. He had been ill for several weeks but his condition was not considered serious until Wednesday, when he began to fall rapidly.

Algernon Charles Swinburne was born in London, England, April 5, 1837. He was the son of the late Admiral Charles Henry Swinburne and Lady Jane Henrietta, daughter of the third Earl of Ashburnham, grandson of Sir John Edward Swinburne, sixth baronet of that name. He was educated in France and at Balliol college, Oxford, but did not take a degree. He spent some time in Florence with the late Walter Savage Landor. Some of his most famous works are: Atalanta in Calydon, 1865; Chastelard, tragedy, 1865; My Stuart, a tragedy, 1881; A Century of Roundels; Marino Faliero, a tragedy; A Study of Victor Hugo, 1886; Locrine, a tragedy, 1887; studies in prose and poetry, 1894, and The Queen Mother and Rosamund. His strongest hobbies were swimming and boating.

BOY DROWNED.

Everett, Wn., April 9.—The three-year-old son of Wm. Little late on Thursday stepped between the boards covering a cesspool that had just been dug and was drowned. The accident was not noticed at first, and the child was rescued too late to save his life. The largest pin factory in the world is at Birmingham, England. It turns out 37,000,000 pins every day.

MINISTERS FORCED TO BOW TO PUBLIC OPINION

Naval Programme Will Be Enlarged and Work Will Be Rushed on Warships Now Under Construction.

(Special to the Times.)
London, April 10.—The government has been compelled to give way to public opinion in the matter of its naval programme and has decided to build eight Dreadnoughts. The government has also decided to accelerate work on other warships.

PREPARES FOR ARCTIC JOURNEY

LEFFINGWELL WILL START ABOUT MAY 1st

Explorer is Now at Seattle Superintending Construction of Boat.

Seattle, Wash., April 10.—Ernest de Koven Leffingwell, geologist and Arctic explorer, who will spend the next three years in mapping and surveying northern Alaska, is in Seattle to-day. He will remain in the city for the next three weeks superintending the construction of his yawl the Argo, which will carry him and his little party into northern waters. The party, consisting of Leffingwell and a crew of three men, will leave Seattle about May 1st for Flaxman.

SHAH'S LIFE IS IN DANGER

HAS SENT APPEAL TO RUSSIA FOR TROOPS

British Cruiser is in Persian Gulf Ready to Protect European Residents.

St. Petersburg, April 10.—Threatened by assassination in his own palace at Teheran and by rebellious Tangistani tribesmen, who may sack the cities along the Persian gulf at any moment, the Shah of Persia is in a state of abject terror to-day. Messages received from Teheran state that a British cruiser is anchored off Bushir in the Persian gulf, ready to protect European residents if the tribesmen attempt a massacre. This has greatly complicated the situation as the Shah has already requested the Russian government to send troops to occupy Teheran and protect him from assassins whose plots he had discovered. As a result a clash between England and Russia, each of whom jealously watches the others' every move in Persia, seems imminent. The Shah's request for Russian troops was received several days ago but was taken under consideration as the Russian government had no desire to openly antagonize the British. The action of the British to-day in assuming command of the shore of the Persian gulf will probably result in Russia sending soldiers to Teheran. What the outcome will be cannot be forecasted. The plots against the life of the Shah are veiled in mystery. Nothing was learned of them in Persia until a request was received here for troops. Although it is now generally believed that the plots were hatched by revolutionaries, there are also reports that the royalists who believe the Shah too weak a man for his place are in the scheme to remove him.

MANITOBA FARMER FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

Winnipeg, April 10.—Richard Hodge, a prominent farmer of Macgregor, Manitoba, has been arrested charged with aiding, by negligence, in the death of Herbert Owens, a Barnardo boy, who had his feet frozen last winter and died from gangrene.

MECHANICS CONTRADICT

C. P. R. DISPATCH

Declare Message Sent Out by Press Service is False.

Winnipeg, April 10.—The C. P. R. press service sent out a dispatch last night, stating that the settlement with the mechanics had resulted in no change in that schedule, the open shop remaining, and that pensions will not be restored, etc. The mechanics' committee this morning state the story is false from beginning to end.

TWO KILLED WHILE ON WAY FROM CHURCH

Montreal, April 10.—Joseph Macdonald, aged 9, and Joseph Liner, aged 14, were killed by a street car on Mount Royal avenue last night. The boys were on their way home from church and passed behind the street car just as it was backing up to take a switch, which it had run over. No one saw the accident, and it was not until the car had passed that the bodies, terribly mangled, were found lying between the rails.

MAN KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Point Richmond, Cal., April 9.—One man is dead, two are dying and three are badly hurt as the result of an explosion of an oil still at the big Standard Oil works here this morning, which caused a property loss of \$150,000.

MRS. SAMPSON ACQUITTED.

Lyons, N. Y., April 10.—Mrs. Georgia Ailyn Sampson, who has been on trial since Monday, charged with murdering her husband, Harry Sampson, was acquitted last night. Mrs. Sampson to all appearances to-day is on the verge of a breakdown from the strain to which she has been subjected since the beginning of her trial.

Chas. A. Bingerman, of Pittsburg, Pa., who is visiting the Pacific coast with a view to settling permanently, is in Victoria.

FIRE

FLAMES DESTROY

Man Blown Injure

Point Richmond, Cal., April 9.—Four of the five men who were killed in the explosion of an oil still at the Standard Oil works here this morning, were followed to the scene of the explosion. One of the men was blown into the air and fell into the water. The private plant here was incensed by the explosion. The private plant here was incensed by the explosion. The private plant here was incensed by the explosion.

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