

IMPERIAL HOUSE.

Austin Chamberlain Vigorously Scores Liberals.

Premier Asked if There is Any Difference Between His and Chamberlain's Fiscal Policies.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—In the house of commons today the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was resumed by Mr. Asquith.

The speaker then declared that Mr. Chamberlain was also becoming incensed with the "malaria of ambiguity" and added that this intolerable confusion menacing and perilous to industry and empire could only be cleared up by a prompt and direct appeal to the people.

Mr. Asquith's amendment to the reply to the speech from the throne was discussed at the evening session. Sir Edward Grey said that next to a foundation of force a foundation of taxes was the weakest upon which an empire could be built.

The discussion was robbed of interest by the unexpected calling of a second cabinet meeting, which sat two hours during the evening. A second cabinet meeting in one day is unusual and created great curiosity and an exit of members to the lobbies.

CAPTAIN HONORED.

Master of Sch. Cordelia T. Hayes Rewarded for Saving Shipwrecked Crew.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The British ambassador has transmitted to the state department a piece of plate which the British government has presented to Elmer Ellsworth Ross, master of the American schooner Cordelia T. Hayes of Portland, Me., in recognition of his services to the shipwrecked crew of the British steamship Kelvin of Glasgow, which foundered at sea on October 7th last.

LIVERPOOL, Feb 16—Ard, str Teutonic, from New York.



COUNTRESS OF DALHOUSIE. An intimate friend of the Princess, and whose title is now being disputed by an Italian lady, the affair having created much excitement.

MONCTON NEWS.

Scarcity of Coal—Cotton Mill Closed—The Record Foundry.

MONCTON, Feb. 16.—T. B. Kidner, superintendent of manual training at Fredericton, has written to the Moncton board of school trustees respecting manual training in the schools here.

There is a scarcity of coal here as well as at other places along the line that depend upon the I. C. R., and unless the conditions improve soon there will eventually be a panic.

Westmorland Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will celebrate the natal day of the order by attending service in the Central Methodist church on Sunday next, and an at home will be given in Castle Hall on Monday evening for the members and their friends.

The funeral of the late William O. Buchanan took place yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Orange order and was largely attended.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Doherty's Organ Factory Completely Gutted.

CLINTON, Ont., Feb. 15.—About 4.30 this morning fire was discovered in the machinery department of Doherty's organ factory. This building, which was the largest brick building in the city and was heavily stocked with organs in process of manufacture, was completely gutted.

LIVERPOOL, Feb 16—Sld, str Ottoman for Portland.

TROUBLE THICKENING IN VENEZUELA.

Revolution Against President Castro Not Unlikely—United States Negotiations at a Standstill—The Situation.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

LA GUIRA, Venezuela, Feb. 8.—The negotiations between United States Minister Bowen and President Castro in the effort to reach an adjustment of the pending disputes between the two countries are practically at a standstill.

SYDNEY'S GROWTH

Has Not Been Very Rapid During Past Year, But Indebtedness Amounts to Almost a Million—Civic Reports Just Issued.

SYDNEY, Feb. 14.—The annual reports of the city of Sydney are published. They contain an account of the civic business transacted during Sydney's first year's existence as a city.

COURT SITTINGS.

Application for Incorporation of St. Stephen Firm.

Hon. Messrs. Labllois and Farris Appointed to Board of Governors of St. John Boys Industrial Home.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 15.—This week's Gazette contains the following: Hon. Messrs. Labllois and Farris are appointed members of the board of governors of the St. John Boys Industrial Home.

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BOOMED ST. JOHN.

Alfred Porter Saw Many Ice Bound Harbors, and Took Pleasure in Telling the People He Met That St. John Was Clear All the Year Round.

Alfred Porter, of Wm. Thomson & Co., returned yesterday from a trip south, made in the interests of the Battle Steamship Line.

The steamer Pandora, one of the Battle liners, was three days in making the trip from Baltimore to Cape Henry, the usual time for the distance being sixteen hours.

In New York Mr. Porter also found the weather very cold. Not for years past has there been so much ice in the harbor, and Mr. Porter says he was told that the fall of snow this winter was within two inches of the record.

The Alberca, which was damaged by a storm, was repaired at Newport News, and loaded grain there for Hamburg.

The Hiberna, from New Orleans, and the Cunaxa, from Savannah, have been at Newport News recently bunkering.

The Pandosa discharged a cargo of hemp and ore at Baltimore, from Rio Janeiro, and has gone to Savannah to load for Europe.

The Eretria loaded grain at Baltimore for Copenhagen.

Mr. Porter said that he impressed upon the people of St. John that the harbor was the only one north of Hatteras which was free from ice the year round.

During his trip Mr. Porter visited Baltimore, Newport News, Old Point Comfort, New York and Boston.

CONCERT AT ALBERT.

HOPEWELL HILL via Albert, Feb. 15.—Madame Alberta Bowie, the well known singer, with her newly organized company, comprised of her former pupils, Mrs. N. P. Duffy, Mrs. B. F. Steeves with Miss Dorothy Smith pianist, gave a grand concert in Oulton Hall at Albert last evening.

The concert was a most successful performance, which was the opening of the company's proposed tour, being a magnificent success, applause from the appreciative audience that completely filled the large hall followed the rendition of each and every selection.

CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS

Held Yesterday—Whips Appointed—Trade Figures for Past Seven Months.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—The first caucus of conservative members of this parliament under Mr. Borden's leadership was held this morning. Mr. Bergeron presided, and a valuable two hours was devoted to discussion of the proposed organization of party on the lines laid down by Mr. Borden as one of the conditions under which he accepted the leadership.

Whips were appointed as follows: Chief whip, George Taylor; for Ontario, Mr. Lacombe; for Lincoln and Mr. Ingram; for East Elgin, for Quebec, Dr. Worthington; for Sherbrooke and Mr. Leonard; for the maritime provinces, Mr. Ganong; of Charlotte and Mr. Lefebvre; of Prince Edward island; for Manitoba and the west, Dr. Roche of Marquette.

LOVING CUP FROM BORDEN.

Hon. R. L. Borden has given another example of his whole-heartedness by sending to the children of the White Star Line steamer Baltic, which sailed from this port today for New York.

Royal Baking Powder

45 CENTS a pound can (AT ALL GROCERS) 25 cents a half pound can

Royal Baking Powder is made from pure grape cream of tartar, and is absolutely pure. Royal Baking Powder assures wholesome food; it makes the best biscuits, cakes and all hot-breads; it protects the family from the danger of alum and other injurious substitutes. Royal Baking Powder saves time, saves butter, flour and eggs; saves health.

AT BISLEY.

Lt. Col. W. P. Anderson Gives His Report.

How the London Scottish Made Themselves Practically Invisible in Advance.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—Lieut. Col. W. P. Anderson has handed to the government his report of the visit of the Canadian team of marksmen to Bisley. Of it the following relates particularly to Ottawa:

"While at Bisley I was invited by Col. Eustace Balfour, V. C., to witness a competition for a prize offered by him, which proved so interesting and instructive that although not connected with the National Rifle meeting, I consider it well worthy of mention.

TERRIBLE RESULTS

Follow Explosion on British Submarine Boat.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 15.—Four men were killed and 14 injured, of whom three are in a critical condition, as the result of two explosions on board the British submarine A-5, in the harbor this morning. The killed included Engineer-Artificer Chaffee, a leading stoker and a stoker. Lieut. H. G. Good, commander of the vessel, was blinded. His condition is critical. Lieut. Skinner, an officer of the submarine boat, subsequently died of his injuries. Only one man of the entire crew escaped uninjured.

CHANGE FROM MUSKET TO RIFLE

Field Marshal Earl Roberts Shows Its Disadvantages in the Army.

As regards precision, the musket was slighted to hit point-blank at 150 yards, but so inaccurate was it that Col. Charles Hay, who was appointed commander of the 1st Battalion of the School of Musketry was first stationed there in 1853, made the following remark in his report of the 17th of May, 1855, at the time that the musket was being replaced by the rifle:

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