INTERNATIONAL AERO RACE

CONDITIONS FAVOR RECORD BREAKING

Nine Balloons Float Away From St. Louis Cheered by 100,000 Spectators.

Mount Vernon, Ind., Oct. 22.—Two balloons in the international aeronautic cup race passed here before midnight. The following message was dropped by one of them: "We passed Mount Vernon, Ind., at 11.40 p.m. Please notify C. J. Glidden, of St. Louis, the official starter. No. 10 balloon, C. Deforest Chandler."

The second balloon passed one mile north at 12.07 o'clock this morning, going in an easterly direction.

The Start.

St. Louis, Oct. 21.—Drifting along in a direction just west of north when lost to view in the dusk, and with a fresh evening southeast breeze behind them, nine big balloons are competing to-night for the honors attaching to the second international aeronautic cup race. A brilliant moon is shining, and throughout the middle west the conditions seem excellent for a record breaking flight. A stiffer wind would have been more welcome to the occupants of the wicker cars, but the five-mile breeze in the lower air stratum this evening gave promise of splendid racing currents in the higher altitudes.

The German took the upper course from the start. The French and English aeronauts were more conservative, and took a middle course, while the American rode away at an altitude which seemed just to clear trees and housetops.

The St. Louis, one of the largest balloons in the race, came so close to the grandstand that it was seized by soldiers and swung back to a safter starting point, whence it was sent away two minutes after the order to go was given.

Contestants.

In the race there are three balloons, representing America, three of Germany, two of France and one of England. The basket of each balloon contains a pilot and his side. With a prospect that the breeze would hold towards the northwest, many predictions were made to-night that the final landing place of the winning balloon would be in Minnesota or North Dakota. Others held that the upper currents would send the balloons further to the east or near Lake Huron.

The beginning of the race was spectacular, and was witnessed by some 100,000 people, gathered in Forest park. All St. Louis gazed skyward during the late afternoon, but a hazy pall of smoke obscured the view for any great distance.

Enthusiastic Send Off.

As many as six of the balloons were visible at one time, the American contestants being the first to disappear in the haze, along the horizon.

The German balloon Pomeran, a bright chrome, yellow globe, containing 77,000 cubic feet of gas, carrying Polit Oscar Erbslosh and A. Rothwere, was first away. The start was made 35 seconds after the scheduled hour—4 o'clock. The contestants followed at intervals of five minutes. As each was got off the crowd broke into cheers, and the occupants of the baskets kept bowing and waving their hats in acknowledge of the demonstration. The American team came in for the greatest share of applause, and when the St. Louis, entered by the Aero Club of St. Louis, took flight, the cheers were louder than all that had gone before. A military band had been stationed in the grandstand and played the national anthems of the nations represented as the various balloons ascended.

The St. Louis was greeted with Yankee Doodle, and then amid renewed cheering the shouts of glee with "I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way." Just before the St. Louis was dragged into start position, a dove alighted on the top of the gas bag and remained there until the balloon was well under way.

Military Atmosphere.

Aside from the international character there was a military atmosphere about the event, three hundred soldiers of the Uinted States being in control of the balloon grounds, while trained men from the Uinted States corps attended to the inflation and ballastings. Bugle notes filled the air at times, and just two minutes before the start of the first balloon the reveille was sounded by the trumpeters. Hundreds of toy balloons of different colors were set at liberty with candy boxes and other artifices attached. The Pomeran, veteran of many European ballooning contests, including the international race of 1906, was the first to start. The Pomeran floated many bits of bunting from the webbing, including the German and American flags.

May Beat World Record.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Major Edgar Russell, acting chief signal officer of the army, from an examination of the weather map, expresses the opinion that the long-distance balloon world record may be broken in the international race from St. Louis, which started this afternoon. The long-distance record in the United States is over 1,100 miles, and was made in 1859 by Wise, who started from St. Louis and landed in New York state.

THE YUKON BOUNDARY.

J. N. Wallace, of Interior Department, Returns From His Work of Delimitation.

Vancouver, Oct. 22.—J. N. Wallace, of the interior department of Ottawa, has returned from the north after spending the season delimiting the sixtieth parallel of the official boundary of British Columbia and the Yukon.

Mining Company Strikes Rimrock in the Shaft.

The Wormald Creek Mining Company, near Ashcroft, has struck rimrock in the shaft at 85 feet, and at the same time a flow of water which windlass and buckets were quite incapable of mastering. A ditch will now be dug to supply water to operate an overshot wheel, and for working gravel; a Cornish pump will be installed, and a shaft house will be constructed, all with the view of continuing the shaft work at an early date.

JAP CRUISER LAUNCHED.

Emperor and Empress Present When the Kurama Takes the Water.

Tokio, Oct. 22.—The armored cruiser Kurama, of 14,620 tons, was successfully launched at Yokosu yesterday in the presence of the Japanese Emperor and Empress. The warship is fitted with modern appliances throughout, and is regarded as being the most powerful of her class afloat.

"WHERE DEATH KEEPS COURT"

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE CZAR IS FRUSTRATED

Men Arrested While Undermining Railway Which Leads to the Emperor's Palace.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 22.—A supposed plot against the life of the Czar has been frustrated by the accidental discovery of preparations to undermine the railway near the Tsarkoe Selo.

The reports differ as to details, but the main facts are that General Kristi was hunting in the Ochotnichy forest, 18 miles from St. Petersburg and close to the Tsarkoe Selo, when his dogs stopped and began scraping the earth at a spot four hundred yards from the Pavlowsk railway, connecting St. Petersburg and Tsaroke Selo.

General Kristi's curiosity was aroused and he had his huntsmen remove the soil, which showed signs of having recently been disturbed. They found beneath the soil a quantity of straw which covered the planks. These were removed and the entrance to the tunnel was discovered. The huntsmen descended into the tunnel and found two men engaged in driving a shaft towards the railway. They were arrested.

The prisoners had in their possession the plans for a mine and a telegram asking how the work was progressing.

IMPROVEMENT IN EMPEROR.

Reports From All Sources Show That Austria's Ruler Is Better.

Vienna, Oct. 21.—For the first time since the first of October, when Emperor Francis Joseph was stricken with his present illness, the information obtained this evening from all sources unite in declaring that the patient is remarkably better. Last night was a good night for him, and to-day has been a good day. The catarrh and dry cough are still of considerable magnitude, but the general condition of the Emperor is much more favorable. He has no fever, there is no pain in the chest, and there are fewer symptoms of faintness.

CONSIDERS OUTLOOK IS SATISFACTORY

Sir T. Shaughnessy Says Money Stringency Is Reflex of Conditions in Other Countries

Winnipeg, Oct. 22.—Last night Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and the party of C. P. R. directors left for Montreal after three weeks in the West. He denied that he knew anything about the projected line along the Thompson river northward to Edmonton.

The more pressing work, he said, was to develop business along existing lines of the Canadian Pacific. In this respect irrigation work along the line between Gleichen and Calgary had been very effective in attracting settlers and the country was rapidly becoming a land of small farms where gardening and extensive culture would be carried on. Beets were already being shipped to the sugar factory in Raymond and the Canadian Pacific has received inquiries from several capitalists about buying land to promote beet culture in this strip of land with a view of building sugar factories. The work of irrigation is entirely satisfactory to the company and will be continued eastward as fast as circumstances will warrant.

The C. P. R. company like other business institutions, is affected by the condition of the money market, but it has no reason to be pessimistic. Its revenues are steadily increasing and its expenditures for the purpose of improving the service are keeping pace with the increasing revenue. Sir Thomas denied that there was any trouble in providing cars for the shipment of coal from the Rockies and their own mines were working full time at Anthracite.

Altogether he considered the general situation most satisfactory and expressed his personal opinion that the money stringency could not be of long duration, as it was only a reflex of existing conditions in other countries.

THE "ONION KING."

Leduc, Alta., Oct. 22.—R. Macdonald, of Wilton Park district, may well be dubbed the "Onion King" of Alberta. This year Mr. Macdonald has about six acres of onions from which he expects to clear $2,000. This is another evidence of what thrift and Alberta soil can do, when combined.

SHORTAGE OF WATER FOR POWER AND LIGHT

Esquimalt Company, in View of Rapid Diminution in Supply, Has Asked Electric Corporation to Turn on Auxiliary Steam.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Esquimalt Waterworks Company has asked the B. C. Electric Company to put into operation the auxiliary steam plant in view of the rapid diminution in the supply of water at Goldstream. The subject is now under negotiation, and in view of the situation it is altogether likely that as soon as the steam plant on Store street can be put in shape it will be put in operation, thus providing the power for running the tramcar service.

For some weeks past it has been known that the water supply at Goldstream has been getting low. In view of the effect which this would have upon the situation in Victoria city, where the tramcar and electric lighting services were dependent upon it, some alarm was felt.

A crisis has now been reached, and the absence of rain has led T. Lubbe, of the Esquimalt company, to ask the electric corporation assist by turning on steam.

The situation is a grave one as far as the city is concerned. It is felt in many quarters that the available water at Goldstream has been allowed to be drawn upon to too great an extent before the notice was served upon the electric company to aid in the work.

Hon. Mr. Gifford, of the London Directors of the B. C. Electric Company, and A. T. Goward, the local manager, were seen this morning by a Times reporter. They admitted that their company had been asked to supplement the power by means of the steam plant and said that they were then submitting a proposition looking to carrying out of this.

They stated that during the past year the company had used on an average about 11,700,000 gallons a day for power purposes. According to the agreement with the Esquimalt company they were to be provided with 15,000,000 gallons if required.

Notice had now been served by Mr. Lubbe, asking for the using of the steam plant as a supplement to the watter supply at Goldstream it being represented that the Goldstream water could not be expected to continue beyond the middle of November unless the precipitation followed quickly.

Hon. Mr. Gifford, who visited Goldstream a few days ago, stated that from what he saw there it was altogether unlikely in his opinion that the supply could be relied upon for nearly that length of time. He stated that the reservoirs seemed to be depleting very quickly.

In his opinion the situation at the lakes was such that it would have been very advisable on the part of the Esquimalt company to have notified his company some time ago of the situation instead of leaving it until the water supply became so alarmingly small.

By using the steam plant the electric company can reduce the consumption of water to one-half what it is at present, or a little less. The power, Mr. Goward says, is about equally divided between the car service and the lighting. The steam service can be used for the car lines. The lighting will have to depend upon the Goldstream power supply.

Mr. Gifford regards the situation as a serious one, but points out that his company is in no way responsible for any inconvenience which may follow.

Asked as to the ultimate solution of the situation and the extension of their systems in Victoria, Mr. Gifford says that it will mean that his company will have to seek additional power. He expects that this will be found at Shawnigan.

Asked if anything could be done at once, he pointed out that it would take a little time. The report upon the Shawnigan proposition had not been seen by him, but it would be ready, he expected, by the time he reached Vancouver. It would have to be taken to London and passed upon by the board there and be financed if endorsed. This will take a little time.

This morning the council of the board of trade met Mr. Gifford and pressed upon him the question of increased power for industrial purposes and needed extensions to their systems.

Mr. Gifford put the situation clearly before them, stating the position of affairs with respect to the water shortage at Goldstream, and pointing out that it was evidenced now that they were right up to their limit at Goldstream as it stood. He showed them that it was impossible to provide any additional supply of power as matters stood. Before that could be done the company would have to settle the question of increased water supply.

The present shortage of water at Goldstream has an important bearing upon the question of that point as a source of supply alone for the city. It is pointed out that were the city dependent upon the water after being used for power purposes, the situation under the present circumstances would have been serious. Either the domestic supply would have to come short or the supply of electricity would have to be cut down.

OPTIMISM IN WHEAT CROP

MONEY TO POUR INTO WESTERN CANADA

Manitoba Business Man Says Harvest Will be Best Paying One on Record

Vancouver, Oct. 22.—"The vast majority of the farmers of Manitoba and the Northwest are pleased beyond expression at the splendid results of their wheat crop and the money they will receive for it. In the aggregate much more money will pour into Manitoba and Western Canada this year for wheat than in any single year before. You can look for hundreds of farmers, with their pockets full of money, to come to Vancouver this winter to spend the cold weather and invest their profits."

This statement, carefully and conservatively made, was given this morning by E. W. Leeson, a well-known business man. He has just returned from a visit to Manitoba and the new provinces of the Northwest. Mr. Leeson formerly lived near Brandon, Man., where he still owns a large farm, and off this his men are just finishing harvesting one of the largest and certainly the highest-priced crop that he has ever grown.

Not only did Mr. Leeson carefully observe conditions regarding crops and labor and money and prospective western travel in districts along the railways, but his affairs took him hundreds of miles, driving across the country, and he was able to size up the situation from a broad point of view.

"The crop in all of Central Manitoba is magnificent," said Mr. Leeson this morning. "In the big sections round Brandon and Portage la Prairie they have never before had such a large crop. With the high prices prevailing you can imagine that the farmers are feeling in extraordinary fettle. I made it my business to become familiar with the situation and found that prospects are very rosy indeed. The farmers are rubbing their hands at the surprisingly good results of the season and the prices being obtained are, as is well-known in Vancouver, far better than anything heretofore paid. Sales of wheat were being made last week for some one dollar to one dollar and ten cents per bushel. And some of the farmers are sitting back with the announced intention of selling only when it reaches a dollar and a quarter. It does not take a mathematician to confirm the suspicion that when a man has fifteen or twenty thousand bushels of stuff that will sell at well over a dollar he feels well satisfied with himself and the world at large.

"Away in the south of Manitoba drought somewhat affected the crop, and in the extreme northwest the frost got in deadly work on some farms. There are certainly a few districts that suffered badly from frost, but that does not alter the proposition that the crop all the way from Fort William to the Rocky Mountains will be the best paying one in the aggregate that has ever been harvested.

"It was a question right up to the last minute whether there would be a good crop or almost none at all. The crop was green up to a very late period, but suddenly a few days of fine weather came and fields of wheat which the farmers were preparing to plough under were cut and threshed and turned out well. In the Brandon district the crop ran from 12 to 30 and in many cases as high as 40 bushels to the acre. For instance, a friend of mine, Mr. Robert Hall, of Griswell, Man., a farmer Mayor of Brandon, had a crop of thirty thousand bushels, which had averaged 36 bushels to the acre.

"Money is close on the prairies and has been so since early in the spring. But this has its benefits. I talked with bankers who told me too, that money is not likely to be anything but tight for several months. The farmers were unable to borrow money in the spring and consequently simply does without it; what they are taking in now is practically all profit.

"A great many people will undoubtedly come west, some to locate permanently in British Columbia, but more to stay here for the winter and return to their wheat farms in the spring. The western movement will start about the first of November. From near the city of Moosejaw, an entire settlement is moving to British Columbia and colonizing a section near Salmon Arm. Many Virden people are also coming west. One of these, Mr. Wilcox, a merchant well-known all over the Northwest, will locate permanently in British Columbia."

TRANSFERS PROPERTY.

Harry Thaw and His Wife Make Over $120,000 Worth to Relations.

Pittsburg, Oct. 21.—Harry K. Thaw and his wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, through their attorney have filed four deeds in the office of the Allegheny county recorder to-day, transferring four pieces of real estate in Pittsburg to members of his family, the Countess of Yarmouth and Mrs. Geo. Carnegie, and his brother, Joshia Copley Thaw. The money consideration in each case is $30,000, making a total of $120,000.

NEWFOUNDLAND IS SWEPT BY STORM

Worst Experienced This Season--Marine Disasters Are Feared--Frost in Ontario.

St. Johns, Nfld., Oct. 22.—A violent storm, the worst of the present season, raged all along the Newfoundland coast yesterday. Many marine disasters are feared as a large number of fishing vessels are moving along the coast from Labrador.

Frost in London.

London, Oct. 22.—The thermometer yesterday touched 22. All flowers grown outside have been destroyed.

Fruit Damaged.

St. Catherines, Ont., Oct. 22.—Frost yesterday did damage to the fruit and garden stuff here.

RENEWED ACTION.

Prescott Merchant's Suit Against Bank For Alleged Conspiracy in Connection With Lands.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 22.—The divisional court has granted permission to Edward Smith, a merchant of Prescott, to renew action against Joseph Steel, a contractor, and the Merchants Bank of Canada for an alleged conspiracy in connection with the possession of certain lands in Prescott. Smith claimed $20,000 damages. The case was dismissed last June owing to the plaintiff's non appearance.

COMPLAINS OF MEAGRE DOLES

WESTERN BAPTIST MISSIONS AT FAULT

Secretary Asserts Contributions Are Inadequate--Arraignment of Chewing Gum Habit.

Woodstock, Ont., Oct. 22.—At a convention of the Ontario and Quebec Baptists yesterday General Field and Secretary Daniels complained of the meagre contribution to western missions, and declared there were two men in the convention who had spent twice as much money themselves as had been contributed to the western missions by the denomination.

Ontario and Quebec Baptists declare they are sending their funds west for investment purposes, and they don't turn them over in a month. The report of the western mission read by John McNeil, of Toronto, stated that while there had been progress all along the line in western fields, yet the increase in the offerings had not been so great as the importance of the situation demanded. The committee itself is face to face with a lack of means to enter into the field, and even sometimes to hold those missions already established.

Chewing Gum Habit.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 22.—Rev. Campbell declares that the chewing gum habit is almost as great an evil as the tobacco habit. In some respects it is worse, for while the tobacco user could indulge the appetite only in certain places, gum chewers were omnipresent, being seen in the house of God.

Slothful Indians.

S. S. Marie, Ont., Oct. 22.—The advisory union of Algoma municipality has decided to send a delegation to Ottawa to request the opening of the Indian reservation at Garden River. It is claimed that considerable valuable farming land is reserved for Indians, who are not taking advantage of the action of the government in giving it to them. The Indians refuse to engage in agricultural purposes for which the land is peculiarly adapted.

DEEPENING ANNIEVILLE BAR.

King Edward Dredge to Commence Operations on Fraser River Channel.

The government dredge King Edward which has for some time past been engaged in deepening the Fraser river channel opposite the Brunette Saw Mills, will, before long be commissioned to undertake the more important work of deepening the channel across the Annieville Bar, which has been considerably silted up during the summer freshets; considerable dredging will also be done with a view of deepening the approach from the main river to the wharf at Ladner.

MOTORMAN KILLED.

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 21.—Information reached here this morning of a head-on collision between two traction cars on the Cleveland, Akron & Bedford line, about thirty miles from this city, in which a motorman was killed and a large number of persons are reported hurt.

HOPEFUL REPORT.

General Booth's Condition Improving—May Fill All Engagements.

New York, Oct. 22.—Col. Piercefield, secretary of the Salvation Army, is in the city. Late last night he received the following telegram from Commander Miss Booth, daughter of the commander-in-chief, in regard to her father, who was reported seriously ill in Chicago, where she had been attending him:

"The General's condition is quite satisfactory, and is improving in such a manner that we expect he will fill all engagements."

HARTJE DIVORCE CASE.

Philadelphia, Oct. 22.—Counsel representing Augustus Hartje, who was refused a divorce from his wife, Mary Scott Hartje, by the Allegheny County court, appeared before the State Superior court here to-day to argue the re-opening of the case on the grounds of newly discovered evidence. The matter was taken under advisement.

CONFIDENCE IN NEW YORK BANKS

CONTROLLER OF STATE ON RESPONSIBILITY

Says Situation Is Improving Every Day--"Never So Much Money on Hand."

New York, Oct. 22.—"New York City banks are all right. If there was any danger it has passed and other state officials, and myself charged with the custody of the public moneys feel confident that the large sum the state has on deposit in New York City is safe."

This statement was made by Martin H. Glinn, controller of the state, concerning the local financial situation.

"The situation is improving every day," said the controller. "Immediately on hearing the first rumors that the New York clearing house deemed it necessary to take radical action, it has take to force certain banks to put themselves in sounder condition—it became our duty to co-operate with its committee and we have done so with the best results.

"Our responsibility was great as the state never had so much money on hand as now, containing the general fund, the canal fund, that of the inheritance tax, the forest preserve money, and the smaller sums we have in charge as officials, about $18,000,000 deposited in state depositories all over the state, about $9,000,000 being in institutions in this city. It is true the state is safe-guarded by surety companies which bond all the state's depositories far beyond the amount in state money deposited with them, so the danger of the loss of the public money through bank troubles is not great."

It was learned that at no time did the officials suggest that they may withdraw any of the state funds from the city, but it is said there was some shifting of deposits by unanimous agreement, after the first day's report by the bank examiners.

This was also done with the approval of the members of the Clearing House Committee.

MET DEATH IN AN ELEVATOR

Lift Dropping Suddenly Kills One and Fatally Injures Another--Accidents in Ontario

London, Ont., Oct. 22—Charles Doyle is dead and Wm. Patrick is dying as a result of an accident at the International Harvester Company's warehouse last night. Doyle and Patrick, in company with a man named Turville, were descending in an elevator. A board which was lying across the opening at one floor stopped the elevator, but the cable continued to unwind. Turville stepped off to ascertain the cause of the stop, and the same instant the board broke, and the elevator dropped, carrying Doyle and Patrick with it. Both were taken to the hospital, where Doyle died shortly afterwards.

Impaled on Fork.

Lindsay, Ont., Oct. 22.—Albert A. Murtha, a young man living at King's wharf, jumped off a straw stack and alighted on the upright handle of a fork. The handle penetrated his abdomen, and he is now in the hospital in a precarious condition.

Cut Down to Die.

Peterboro, Oct. 22.—Word has reached here that Geo. Heffernam, aged 19, son of Pat Heffernam, had both his legs cut off in Turner's lumber camp on the north shore of the Lake Superior, and expired shortly after being taken to the hospital.

AN EMPEROR'S THANKS.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 22.—The Emperor has addressed a rescript to M. Nelidoff, who was president of the second Peace Conference, thanking him for his services at The Hague.

NEW MANITOBA REGIMENT.

Winnipeg, Oct. 22.—Active steps are being inaugurated at once with a view of the organization of a new regiment of Eighteenth Mounted Rifles, which is to be formed in Eastern Manitoba. The headquarters are to be at Winnipeg.

VISIT OF COURTESY.

Paris, Oct. 22.—M. Iswolsky, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, called at the foreign office here yesterday, and remained an hour in conversation with the French foreign minister, M. Pinchon. According to a statement given out later no political questions were discussed.

PRETENDER WINS FIRST BATTLE

FORCE OF ABDUL AZIZ ROUTED IN MOROCCO

French Reconnoitring Party Ambushed and Two Killed--Warships Hurrying Southward

Tangier, Oct. 21.—The first conflict between the forces of the rival sultans, Abdul Aziz and Mulai Hafid, occurred on Oct. 17th, near Hettat, between Shawla and Mequinez, according to reliable reports received here from Mazagan, with the result that a detachment of troops fighting with Mulai Hafid, the Sultan of the south, and consisting of eight regiments under Mulai Raschid, and known as the first division, defeated the force of Abdul Aziz, the Sultan of the north, and captured Kaid Bushta Bagdani, the commander-in-chief of all Abdul Azis's forces in the field, who had with him eight pieces of modern artillery. The favorable effect of the victory on the standing of Mulai Hafid is incalcuable.

During the night of October 18th some of Mulai Hafid's men made a third raid on the custom house at Mazagan and seized 100,000 cartridges, and on the following night they made a fourth raid on the same place and captured 200,000 more cartridges.

The first division of the imperial troops, consisting of 800 men, destined for Mogador, arrived at Tangier today. Communication with Mogador is interrupted.

The officials at Mazagan have received information to the effect that Mulai Hafid started on October 19th for Charab and Fez. Hafid has issued a notice to the effect that he guarantees the protection of all the foreigners at Morocco City, inviting certain foreigners who have gone to Mazagan to return to Morocco City and resume their business there, and ordering his representatives to furnish them with everything necessary in order to enable them to make the return trip to the capital of the south. Hafid is showing a strong hand in controlling certain Moorish sects which are demanding the proclamation of a holy war, to which he is opposed.

Some of Raisuli's followers have deserted him and come to Tangier. The native report of the occurrence gives as a reason for the desertions that Raisuli is retaliating for the French interference in the steps taken to secure the release of Kaid Sir Henry Maclean. It is stated that Raisuli intends to kill Maclean by inches.

The ambushing of a French reconnoitring party while proceeding yesterday from Casa Blanca in the direction of Taddert, resulting in the killing of Captain Jandey and a private of the Chasseurs d'Afrique, and the wounding of six men will, it is said, result in the resumption of hostilities on the part of the French troops commanded by General Drude.

The importance of the disturbances in the southern part of the empire is proved by the departure from here today of the French squadron. The warships are running south under full steam. They were mobilized by means of wireless telegraphy.

French Reprisal.

Paris, Oct. 22.—A dispatch received from Admiral Philbert, the French naval commander in Moroccan waters, said that the five thousand Moors who attacked the French reconnoitering party recently belonged to the army under the command of Mulai Rachid. Rachid did his utmost to prevent this attack, but his men could not be controlled. General Drude, who came to the rescue, pursued the aggressors for four miles and inflicted severe losses upon them. Colonel Defretay, commander of the reconnoitering party, is held partially responsible for the incident, he had gone beyond the limit of operations, fixed in his instructions. The colonel has been placed under a close arrest for a period of thirty days.

EDITOR ARRESTED.

Asselin Libel Case Postponed Until Next Assizes of King's Bench Court in Quebec.

Montreal, Oct. 21.—Oliver Asselin, editor of La Nationaliste, of Montreal, accused of criminally libelling Hon. Jean Prevost, and who failed to appear when his case was called at the last session of the Court of King's Bench in Quebec, a bench warrant being issued for his arrest, was taken into custody this evening under that document at his residence in Montreal, leaving later for the capital. The Asselin case has been put over into the next term of the court. There is some curiosity as to what will happen to him in the meantime.

BOURASSA'S CHARGES.

Quebec, Oct. 21.—The provincial cabinet this morning appointed Sir Francis Langelier, chief justice of the superior court of Quebec, and Justice Napoleon, chairman of the superior court, Richelieu district, as a royal commission to inquire into the charges made by Henri Bourassa, M. P., and his friends against Hon. Mr. Turgeon, Prevost and others, as a result of charges of graft by Baron Lepine. The commission has full power to go thoroughly into the matter and sift it to the bottom.

SHOT HIS SEVEN-YEAR-OLD SON.

Homesteader Arrested While Boy Lies in Precarious Condition.

Prince Albert, Oct. 21.—Geo. A. Barrett, a homesteader from Egg Lake, north of Prince Albert, is under arrest at the police barracks, charged with shooting his seven-year-old son. It appears Barrett and his wife were quarrelling, when the boy attempted to interfere. This so enraged the father that he picked up a revolver and shot him through the arm. The little fellow lost a great deal of blood and lies in Victoria hospital in a precarious condition. Barrett was arrested.