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Troops to Represent Canada at the Coronation Will Sail From Halifax on June 7.

Sudbury, Ont., April 8.—Two finders, named Enal Sarmin and John Kuski, were killed by falling rock in No. 2 mine, Copper Cliff, last Thursday. An inquest will be held by Coroner Struthers.

Conference. Ottawa, April 8.—There will be a two days' conference at Ottawa on Thursday and Friday of next week of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Consumption.

Coronation Corps. Quebec, April 8.—The Canadian coronation corps will sail from Quebec on board the steamship L'Assommoir on June 7th. It will be 500 strong, and will be made up from all over the Dominion. Five hundred of the men will be married.

Rivers Falling. Winnipeg, April 8.—The water in the swollen rivers is beginning to subside. Today the indicator shows it down to two and a half foot mark. The highest point reached was during Saturday night, when the water crept up to 30 feet 2 inches.

Electric Railroad. A. D. Dowd, G. E. Smith and G. E. Sleeper, of Boston, and J. Carson, Toronto, are here looking over the proposed Toronto-Cornwall electric line. Part of the road is expected to be in operation this fall.

Will Not Receive Prisoners. Montreal, April 8.—St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary has been closed to outsiders according to a dispatch from the governor of the family of the guards. The governor of Montreal jail has seven prisoners sentenced to the penitentiary, but the officials refused to receive them until the exchange has been effected.

Snide. Andrew McAdoo, 68 years old, a retired merchant, committed suicide this afternoon, shooting himself through the head. He was despondent through ill-health.

Trade Preference. Hamilton, Ont., April 8.—The board of trade yesterday passed a resolution after the incident. Flushed with their victory over the Laurier and other government vessels on the morning of January 20th, the insurgent steamer Padilla and two small consorts had been preparing at a port of Columbia to cross the isthmus to bombard and take Panama. The cruiser Philadelphia, having withdrawn her shore battalion and moved southward, the war vessels were left for the rebels, but they failed to take cognizance of the French cruiser.

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Liberal Non-nated. Toronto, April 8.—The Liberals of West Huron nominated M. G. Cameron, son of the late M. G. Cameron, as Liberal candidate for the riding.

ORE FOR CROFTON. Report that the Ocar is to Be Employed Carrying Ore.

Nanaimo, April 8.—It is reported that the Ocar, which was engaged in carrying Mount Sicker ore from Ladysmith to the smelter at Tacoma, is to be employed in carrying ore to Crofton. For some time the shipments of ore by the Ocar to Tacoma have ceased. The vessel is believed to have been chartered to carry ore from the Britannia mines on Howe sound to Crofton when that smelter is completed.

Chris Stevens, a resident of this city, arrived by the A-K-I a few days ago. He brings reports of rich finds of copper on the Prince of Wales island. Samples which he brings from a claim in which he is interested have assayed, he says, from 250 to 800 in copper, with values of gold and silver.

LORD KIMBERLEY DEAD. London, April 8.—Lord Kimberley, the Liberal statesman, who had been ill for some time past, died this afternoon.

The Earl of Kimberley was 75 years of age. In various Liberal governments he had been Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, Colonial Secretary, Foreign Secretary, Secretary for India and Lord President of the Council. He was leader of the Liberal party in the House of Lords.

GUNS FOR FAR EAST. St. Petersburg, April 8.—New guns for nineteen batteries had been dispatched hence to the Far East within the last few days.

BRITISH BUDGET.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's Speech Will Take Two Days to Deliver.

London, April 8.—A special order today was issued to the customs staffs of all the ports of the United Kingdom, forbidding them to issue the usual order for entry to all vessels carrying free goods. This applied not only to timber, but to all cargoes at present free of duty. The customs authorities in London are very reticent on the subject of this comprehensive regulation, but the general character of the order is believed to be intended to ensure secrecy regarding the intentions of the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach.

That his budget proposals will be unusually important, is indicated by the fact announced in the House of Commons this afternoon by the government leader, A. J. Balfour, that the budget will occupy the House both Thursday and Friday.

All kinds of rumors are afloat, but, according to the best opinions, the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, will not depart from his traditional free trade policy.

The war expenditure is estimated at £60,000,000, as against £50,000,000 last year. Altogether Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has to meet an estimated expenditure of £171,000,000, as against £197,000,000 last year. It is expected that the chancellor will endeavor to raise £10,000,000 by additional taxation, bringing the revenue, roughly speaking, to £156,000,000, and that he will provide the remainder by a loan for the interest on which he may possibly tap the resources of the Transvaal.

A persistent rumor is current here that besides timber, iron ore will also be taxed.

How the City of Panama Was Saved. REBELS' PLANS UPSET BY FRENCH CRUISER

They Threatened to Sink Revolutionary Steamers if They Opened Fire on Town.

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TO BUILD ACROSS THE CONTINENT

CANADIAN NORTHERN APPLICATION HEARD

Minister of Railways Says the Government is In Favor of Second Line.

Ottawa, April 9.—The railway committee today had under consideration a bill which was practically the granting of a charter for a trans-continental line to the Canadian Northern. The company asks power to build a number of lines and branches which would bring it from the St. Lawrence seaports to the Pacific coast.

The Minister of Railways said that the government looked with favor on a second trans-continental railway to the Pacific coast, and anything they could do or ask parliament to do to aid in the promotion of that undertaking they proposed to do so. There were subsidiary matters which required more critical consideration. He did not feel at present like putting any one company in unlimited possession of such a great extent of country as the Canadian Northern would cover with two parallel lines across the prairie. The charter which they were asking would practically give them two lines, and it would be time enough to give them a second when they made the first a success.

The bill was discussed at length and all sections were passed except the one relating to capital.

A line from Swan River to Yellowhead pass with withdrawal by the promoters after Hon. A. L. Blair's protest. This makes but one trans-continental line from Quebec, via Pine pass to the mouth of the Skeena river.

Oriental Question. All the Liberal members of British Columbia waited on the members of the government yesterday and asked that the Chinese and Japanese reports of the royal commission be printed, and that the government at once carry out what the commissioners recommend. The members asked that this be done this session. It is doubtful, however, if this can be done, as the government is waiting for the information contained in the report to be circulated in Eastern Canada before legislation is introduced on the subject.

Speech on Budget. Hon. W. Paterson delivered a speech on the budget in the House explaining the expenditures made by the government, justifying the same and asking the opposition to vote against them if they did not like them.

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DURING FIGHT WITH BOERS IN TRANSVAAL

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Commandant Prinsloo is also reported to have been killed in the fight as well as several Boer officers.

Boer hands were well treated by the enemy.

Volunteer for Service. Halifax, April 7.—The third special service battalion, stationed at Halifax, has volunteered for service in South Africa. Lieut. Col. White states that a large percentage of officers and men are anxious to go. The regiment is near one thousand strong.

H. D. Gardiner, of Nelson, B. C., and B. J. Henderson, of Cranbrook, B. C., two invalided members of the South African constabulary, arrived by the Corinthian this morning, and left for the West this afternoon. Henderson suffered with fever and Gardiner was kicked by a horse. They say the Canadians are thought well of by Imperial officers in South Africa.

Krugers Take Oath. Pretoria, April 6.—Jasper Kruger, eldest son of former President Kruger, and twenty-four relatives of Mr. Kruger, bearing the names of the latter, swore among those who have recently taken the oath of allegiance to Great Britain.

The Negotiations. Kroonstadt, Orange River Colony. April 6.—Owing to the great distance separating the members of the Transvaal mission here from Mr. Steyn and Gen. Buller, the negotiations between the Boer leaders and his colleagues will shortly leave here for a more convenient place from which to conduct the negotiations.

Boers in Field. Pretoria, April 6.—Careful computation gives the total strength of scattered Boer commandos between 6,000 and 9,000.

Crowder's Mission. Chicago, April 5.—Col. E. H. Crowder, of Chicago, connected with the adjutant-general's department and now assigned to the department of the lakes, according to the Tribune's New Orleans correspondent, is the officer sent to Port Chalmette, La., to enquire into the conditions at the military camp reported to be under the management of the British government at that place. Colonel Crowder, the Tribune says, is in New Orleans awaiting instructions from the war department. Col. Crowder has already been confined into conditions at Chalmette. He has found that the Port Chalmette railroad people, says the Tribune's correspondent, claim to have full control of the land occupied by the pens and stables. Colonel Crowder investigated the court records pertaining to the suit brought by Gen. Pearson in a recent effort to prevent the sailing of two transports. It is found that nearly all the documents in the cases were forwarded to Washington as a part of Governor Heard's report to the secretary of war. Today, it is held, will decide whether there will be a thorough and immediate inquiry.

It is estimated that there are now 1,000 horses and four hundred mules penned at Port Chalmette. At the wharves three transports are waiting to clear for Capetown the moment the animals are on board. A "committee" of British officers and veterinarians are busy passing up the four-footed recruits that come in daily from all points of the week in grazing districts.

For Boer Consumption. New York, April 8.—There is little faith among the Boer sympathizers here that peace is imminent in South Africa, and the Tribune correspondent from the Hague. Hearts are hardened in consequence of the conference held at Utrecht. Boer envoys and refugees are asserting in a louder key than ever that warfare will last for years longer, and that there can be no peace without independence. The credulity of the burghers in South Africa is matched by the assumption of their agents here that their deliverance is coming from England's foreign complications when there is not a cloud in the sky. When the three Boer commissioners were sent to America it was assumed that a good case would be made out for an investigation of the military conduct of the war and the shipment of supplies and horses and mules from the United States would be prohibited. These illusions were dispelled when the delegates returned, but a new fiction has been supplied. The Boer advocates are asserting that England is fatally embarrassed by her alliance with Japan, and certainly will be drawn into a war of tremendous magnitude in the Far East. The Boer sympathizers are consequently justifying an indefinite continuance of the guerrilla warfare and forecasting the ultimate triumph of the cause of independence when British troops cannot be spared from the larger theatre of European operations.

Appeal for Funds. New York, April 8.—In an address before the Holland Society in this city, Montagay White, the Boer representative, appealed for funds to aid the women and children and other Boer prisoners. The society agreed to expend \$1,000 for relief work.

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