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Bogus Stories of the Coming Dissolution of Parliament.

Austria Is Afflicted With Another Cabinet Crisis.

The Peace Treaty Ratified by the Em peror of China - Position of the Protestors.

ITALIAN GENERAL ELECTIONS. Rome, May 3 .- The date of the general Parliamentary election has been fixed as May 6.

CANADIAN BISHOPS AT THE VATICAN.

Rome, May 3.—The Pope today received the bishops of Charlottetown, P. E. I., St. John, N. B., and Antigonish, N. S.

AGROUND IN THE CLYDE. Glasgow, May 3.—The British steamer Circassia, Capt. Shankla, outward bound for New York, today ran aground in the Clyde, near Bumbarton, where she remains. Two tenders have been sent to her assistance.

TO SAVE \$50,000 A YEAR. London, May 3 .- Alpheus C. Morton introduced in the House of Commons this evening a motion to cut off the annual appropriation of \$50,000 received by the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and Edinburgh. The motion was rejected by a vote of 193 to 72.

TEN NEW OCEAN LINERS. Berlin, May 3.—The German Marine Department has contracted with the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American steamship companies for the construction of ten ocean liners, which shall become armed auxiliary cruisers in the event of war.

HEAVY BILL FOR FESTIVITIES. Berlin, May 3.-In the Reichstag today the bill demanding 11,700,000 marks for the expenses of the festivities at Kiel on the occasion of the opening of the Baltic Sea Canal passed its first and second reading. The only objections were made by the Socialists.

> SIGNED BY THE CHINESE EMPEROR.

London, May 3.-The Times corre-Emperor ratified the treaty yesterday. Li Hung Chang will proceed to Chee Foo at once to exchange the ratifica-

TO FIGHT THE OIL RING.

Berlin, May 3.-In the Reichstag today Herr Zimmerman, Anti-Semite, moved an interpellation demanding the adoption of special international measures against increasing the price of netroleum.

Herr Dietticher, Imperial Minister of the Interior, said that the Government would consider the question and adopt the best measures possible against the petroleum ring. In the meantime he could not say what action would be

PURELY FICTITIOUS. London, May 3 .- The stories of great excitement over the pending dissolution of Parliament are purely fictitious. It is generally assumed that the present Parliament will not survive the year, and it is believed that Sir William Harcourt, in his remark that prob-

ably he would not present another budget, merely recognized this likelihood. At any rate, this is the Liberal view of it, but the Conservatives would naturally take the opposite view.

NOTHING IN IT.

London, May 3.—The Central News lobby correspondent says there is not the smallest foundation for the alarmist interpretation put on Sir William Harcourt's remarks regarding his last budget. A Cabinet Minister told the correspondent that Sir William's words had been hastily assumed to mean much, while in fact they amounted to

The Daily News will say tomorrow: We need scarcely say that there is no ground for the absurd rumors that have been revived regarding Lord Rosebery's resignation. The reports of an early dissolution are equally groundless. The Ministers intend to proceed steadily with the business of the session.

AUSTRIAN CABINET CRISIS. Vienna, May 3.—The Hungarian Premier, Baron Banffy, has precipitated another Cabinet crisis by denouncing in the Bulgarian Lower House Archbishop Agliardi's tour of agitation against the ecclesiastical bills. Yesterday the Politische Correspondez contained this semi-official statement: Count Kalnoky does not sanction Baron Banffy's attack upon Archbishop Agliardi. Baron Banffy appears to be unacquainted with the nature of the archbishop's speeches, as well as with the rules of diplomatic usages. This sharp rebuke has caused keen excitement in Buda-Pest. Most Hungarian politicians regard Banffy's retirement as likely. The Premier will dome to Vienna tomorrow, and he is expected to resign his office. The Emperor's action upon his resignation probably will be influenced strongly by the difficulty of finding a successor without turning to Dr. Wekerle, the

last Premier, for assistance. COUNTESS OF KIMBERLEY DEAD. London, May 4.-The Countess of Kimberley, wife of Lord Kimberley, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, died at 3 o'clock this morning. She was Lady Florence Fitzgibbon, eldest daughter of the third Earl of Clare.

THE PROTESTORS.

The Oriental Question Said to Have Been

Completely Settled. Berlin, May 3.-The Cologne Gazette says it is able to contradict the statement that the protesting powers-Germany, France and Russia-are not united upon the question of Japan's accession of Chinese mainland territory. "The protestors," the Gazette says, "must have recourse to energetic action and are resolved to obtain their rights. Japan must be advised to comply with

them without delay. Paris, May 3 .- The Journal des De-

territory, except Port Arthur, and in exchange therefore receives some com-

which is determinable hereafter.

Berlin, May 3.—The National Zietung says: We are informed that Great Britain is urgently advising Japan to display a yielding spirit toward the three powers. The question seems to have entered a pacific phase, tending to the advantage of all concerned. London, May 3 .- The Daily News correspondent in Berlin says: I learn that Germany's attitude toward Japan arose

from a conviction that if she held aloof a formal alliance between Russia and France would be effected. She believed this would be a menace to European peace, and therefore joined the protest and prevented the alliance. New York, May 4.-A Herald special

from St. Petersburg says: No definite reply has yet been secured from Japan by the three protesting powers on the subject of annexing the Lias Tong Peninsula. Declarations have been received from the Mikado's Government, however, somewhat modifying the un-compromising attitude it has hitherto maintained, but these are considered insufficient.

The three allied powers are determined upon a full and complete with-drawal by Japan from the debated annexation. England's attitude continues to arouse the hostility of the newspapers here. In Russian official spheres the determination is expressed that contrary to the proposals of the English press Great Britain should not be allowed to take any part in the delimitation of the Russo-Chinese frontier on the Pamirs.

THE TERMS

On Which Britain's Warships Will Withdraw from Corinto.

London, May 3.-The following is the text of an official note contributed by the Foreign Office to the United Press:

As the result of the Salvadorean Minister's communication to Lord Kimberly her Majesty's Government have decided that if the Nicaraguan Government will address a note to the British admiral at Corinto, accepting the terms laid down in the ultimatum and undertaking under the guarantee of the Republic of Salvador that the indemnity of \$75,000 shall be paid in London within a fortnight the British squadron shall in the meantime withdraw from Nicaraguan waters.

New York, May 4.-A Managua, Nicaragua, special to the World says: Volunteer companies are forming throughout the country and military aides are going in all directions. The activity of the military indicates that a crisis is approaching. President Zelaya has called another meeting of leading citizens. Yet there is no doubt that settlement has been reached with England. The minor details are being arranged by Foreign Minister Matus and British Minister Gosling. England has given some concessions, but the

amount of indemnity is unchanged. The Government is pleased, but the people are dissatisfied. British Minister Gosling said yesterday that England has made slight concessions and has received a guarantee for the payment of the indemnity, which will be made in London. The Government of England asks nothing for expenses. Foreign Minister Matus said it was

now safe to say that a settlement had been reached, and that the British marines were already embarking at Corinto. A howling mob is rushing through the streets yelling: "Death to Zelaya and his advisers!" An out-break is imminent. The troops are confined to the barracks ready for an emergency. Reinforcements are arriving from Leon.

A Corinto, Nicaragua, special says: Capt. French, the British appointed governor, visited Admiral Stephenson on board the Royal Arthur at noon yesterday. He afterwards returned, and immediately ordered the embarkation of the greater portion of his men. Only 58 British marines remain on shore now, and these will embark when Capt. French turns the town over to the Nicaraguans. Everybody here is

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TO JOIN OR NOT TO JOIN.

Newfoundlanders Divided on the Confederation Question.

St. Johns, Nfld., May 3.-Dispatches regarding confederation have been received from Ottawa, but from what can be learned they are not satisfactory. It is reported that the Dominion declines to assume the municipal debt of St. Johns. The Government is now awaiting a reply from England respecting the proposed settlement of the French shore question. It has been practically decided to submit the question to the people on the issue of confederation vs. crown colony, the Government hoping that the electors will vote in favor of the former as the lesser of the two evils. Premier Whiteway desires the question to be settled by the Legislature.

MISS LAMONT'S RING.

Durrant Offered It For Sale at a Pawnbroker's.

San Francisco, Cal., May 3.-When the primary examination of Durrant for the murder of Miss Lamont was resumed today, A. Oppenheimer, a second-hand dealer, swore he had seen Durrant in his place of business between the 4th and 10th of April. "What did he have for sale?" "A small diamond ring. It was a lady's ring."

The witness was shown three rings. He selected one of them and said it was the ring the defendant had offered him. The defense objected on the ground that the witness had not positively stated it was

"Was it the defendant who had the ring?" "The defendant looks just the same as the man who had the ring." The witness positively identified the ring.

His statement caused a sensation in court, this ring was one of those worn by Blanche Lamont and sent back to Mrs. Noble. The defense failed to shake Oppenheimer's testi-

CHICAGO REFORMERS.

Chicago, May 4.-The Civic Federation's report of its work for a year shows that it has convicted one man, Charles Chapman, of election frauds, who was given eighteen months' imprisonment. The cost to the federation

pensation from China, the nature of The Accused Woman in the Wit- A Terrible Cyclone Sweeps Over ness Box.

> She Describes Her Arrest and Subsequent Treatment.

How Her Al leged Confession Was Ob tained-She Maintains Her Innocence of the Murder.

Toronto, May 3.-The crown's case in the Westwood murder case was concluded today. The principal evidence this morning was by gun experts, who testified to certain markings on the bullet taken from Westwood's body which corresponded to defects in the revolver found on the prisoner. All agreed that the weapon had probably fired the bullet, but admitted it was very common weapon, of which thou-

sands were made.

Owing to his wife's death, Crown Prosecutor Osler was absent this morning. The defense will probably take until noon tomorrow, and the case will reach the jury by suppertime.

After luncheon, Clara Ford entered the box. She told the story of her arrest, and how she had been taken before Inspector Stark. Detective burn had then roughly catechised her, but she had absolutely denied all knowledge of the crime, and insisted that she was at the Toronto Opera House on the night of the murder. She was taken into the matron's room; then Reburn had still tried to induce her to say she had committed the crime, and to give a motive, but she had continued to deny all knowledge of it. Then she was taken into the commissioner's room. Detective Reburn had come in to her and urged her to con-fess, and had told her that nothing would be done to her, and that \$600 reward had been offered in the matter. He asked her to say that the murdered man insulted her, and he would not say anything about it in court, and that she would be a free woman. The prisoner said she still held out, but the more she denied, the more the detective coaxed, and finally she told the story, already published; how she had dressed as a man, waited on the grounds of Westwood's house, rung the bell, and called young Westwood to the door, shot him when he opened it, and made her escape through a hole in the fence, back into the city, and that she had done the thing because

Westwood had insulted her. This prisoner now said this entire onfession was absolutely false, and that she had given it to Detective Reburn only because she had been con-

fused by the detective. She then again declared that she had been at the Toronto Opera House on the night of the murder, and was crossexamined at great length on this without varying her statement. She mentioned during the course of her evidence that she was a married woman, had been married ten years ago in in the United States.

Chicago, and lived with her husband a year. He was still living somewhere The case will probably go to the jury

tomorrow.

Late Canadian News.

Escape of Jesse Freeman trom the Central Prison-G. T. R Workman's Fatal Fall.

Orangeville has voted to borrow \$45,-000 to build a waterworks system. Alexander Gibb, one of Ottawa's oldst lawyers, died very suddenly Thursday while walking alone.

Mr. Quenton McNoder, for many ears manager of the Bank of Montreal at Belleville, died Friday morning. aged 82. The report sent from Ottawa that

Lieut.-Gov. Schultz was reappointed Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba is incorrect. The Pelee Oil and Gas Company has ocated its first well on the island on

the property of J. S. Brown, in the furthest northern portion. Chancellor Rand, of McMaster University, has placed his resignation in

but it is likely will accept the vacant chair of philosophy. The Hamilton Public Library Board

the hands of the board of management,

has unanimously decided to refuse to place on the files of the library the paper called "The Patriotic American." published in Michigan. Jesse Freeman, of the notorious Free-

man brothers, Chatham, escaped from the Central Prison Friday morning. He was serving a term of 23 months for highway robbery. He has two brothers

The population of Woodstock, according to the assessor's returns, has decreased 97, being 8,791, as against 8,888 last year. The total assessable real and personal property amounts to \$2,-

Albert Rothwell, a G. T. R. workman. fell off the John street bridge at Toronto on to the track below Thursday afternoon. His head was smashed to a jelly and death was instantaneous. He leaves a widow and five children.

Mr. Louis Perrault, died on Friday morning at his residence in Montreal. He was 55 years of age and was unmarried. His cousin, Mgr. Fabre, administered the last sacrament. For many years the deceased was corporation printer. He leaves property worth \$100,000.

The Mendelssohn choir; of Montreal, Que., have presented their collection of 200 splendid volumes of works, dealing with the theory, art, history, etc., of music, to McGill's new Peter Redpath library, where they will be known as the Mendelssohn choir memorial collection.

CAN HE DO IT?

Chicago, May 4.—Arthur E. Smith, in the employ of the Government mail service, left at 3 o'clock this morning for New York on a bicycle, his object being to break the record of six days and ten hours. He will go by way of Buffalo, and does not expect to get any sleep until he reaches that city.

Sunday Services

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For Particulars of To-Morrow's Church Services.

One Hundred People Killed and Many Villages Destroyed.

Iowa.

Lightning Aids in the Deadly Work-The Fields Stripped.

Sioux City, May 3.—Sioux Center, in this county, was devastated by a cyclone this afternoon. A school house near the town was blown down, the teacher and several children killed, and others injured. The exact number and names not yet learned.

One man who arrived in Sioux Center late in the evening reported that his house was blown away and his family killed. He says that at least 100 people must have been killed. Accurate reports cannot be obtained. It is said that the town of Perkins, between Sioux Center and Doone, was

directly in the path of the storm, and is almost entire wined out. Sioux City, Iowa, May 4.-Probably 100 persons were killed by the cyclone that passed through Sioux county from southwest to northeast an hour before sunset yesterday. Half a score of prosperous little hamlets were touched by the flying storm, and hundreds of farms laid waste. The territory devastated is as rich and populous as any in Iowa, but the storm mainly kept clear of the railroad tracks and telegraph lines.

It will be many hours before the extent of the ruin and a full list of deaths can be compiled. Sieux City, Iowa, May 4.-A pitiful feature of the disaster was the number of youthful lives crushed out by the cruel wind. Four school houses near Sioux Center were destroyed while school was in progress, and at each one from three to ten children were killed or injured. Many of the children were carried from a quarter to half a mile before they were dropped. Two little daughters of John Koster, a farmer near Sioux Center were picked up as they were leaving the school house and dashed into a wire fence and both killed. Two sons of C. H. Haggie, at the same school, had their legs broken and received other injuries, from which they will die. Mr. Haggie's house is near the school, and although he es-

caped, his daughter was so badly injured that she cannot live. The parents of many of the children escaped the storm, and are nearly frantic with anxiety to learn whether their little ones are dead or alive. The towns of Sioux Center, Ireton, Orange City, Doon, Hull, Sheldon, Alton, Ashton, Sibley and Lemaro were

almost directly in the path of the cyclone. Fatalities have already been re ported from Sioux Center, Ireton, Orange City and Perkins. How many of the thrifty country folk on the busy farms between these little towns met death in the rushing wind can only be conjectured. The cyclone was followed by a furious wind and rain storm. Telegraph lines are down throughout the counties, and railroad tracks are washed away in many places. Fatalities are estimated at: Sioux Center, 50 dead; Perkins, 40 dead; Doon, 10 dead; Sibley, 5 dead. It is believed that returns from the country will greatly increase the death list. No intelligent estimate of the damage inflicted can be

made, but it will reach into the mil-

lions. A curious feature of the cyclone was the accompaniment of electric violence. Many deaths by lightning are reported. Numerous victims were found lodged in the trees where they had been hurled by the storm, and so seriously injured that death is expected momentarily. Two grown boys who had come from the field near Alton were caught by the storm and were injured while in the barnyard, one of them probably fatally. Wires were completely stripped from the poles. Horses, cattle and vehicles were hurled through the air like chaff, and the country for three-quarters of a mile wide and many miles in extent is entirely wrecked. Where fine residences stood nothing could be found but a cellar hole, and in some cases a few twisted timbers, while strewn on the ground were portions of buildings and furniture bearing not the least semblance of their original form, and useless except for kindling. Fields that were as beautiful green carpet swinging with grain are now as bare as the bleak mountains in winter. The roots were uprooted, and all is desolation along the trail of the destroyer.

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NO MORE OIL FOR FUEL.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 4 .- The Standard Oil Company has served notice on a number of local factories which have been using crude petroleum for fuel that it can no longer furnish them with fuel oil. This means that the use of oil as a fuel must be abandoned.

A TERRIBLE WRECK. Port Townsend, Wash., May 4.-Word reached here yesterday from Kodiack Island, Alaska, that the steamer George R. White, of Seattle, was wrecked in a gale on April 4. Seventeen of the crew were either drowned or frozen to death. Eight men reached shore and will sur-

WAR ON AMERICAN APPLES. Washington, D. C., May 4.-The war upon American dried apples by German officials, of which warning was given in advance, has begun. United States Consular Agent Alfred Krauss, at Zittau, Germany, reports to the Department of State that American evaporated apples offered for sale there have been submitted to a chemical analysis and found to contain oxide of zinc. No case could be found where the fruit had caused illness.

Dr. Julius Zeleye, ex-president of the Amherst College, Mass., is very ill, and is expected to live but a few days.

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