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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

THE HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK IN BRIEF.

Despatches from points of Interest in different parts of the World—Domestic and Foreign events—The Dark and Sunny Side of Life.

Berlin, Feb. 15—Hermann, the prestidigitator, died here today.

Caracas, Feb. 16—Mr. Francis B. Loomis, the U. S. minister is very ill.

Melbourne, Feb. 15—The fifth Victorian contingent, 1,200 men all told, sailed for South Africa today.

London, Feb. 16—Five men were suffocated yesterday by white damp at the Heath colliery in Fifeshire, Scotland.

Stockholm, Feb. 16—The strength of Queen Sophia is increasing. She is now able to pass a few hours out of bed daily.

Stockholm, Feb. 17—The condition of Queen Sophia is so much improved that it is now believed she will no longer be confined to her bed.

Weimar, Feb. 17—The Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar has signalized his accession to the throne by proclaiming a comprehensive amnesty including political offences.

Cronberg, Prussia, Feb. 16—Prince Henry, of Prussia, has arrived here to visit his mother, the Dowager Empress Frederick, whose condition is said to be fairly satisfactory.

Pondaye, France, Feb. 15—The Count and Countess of Caserta arrived here on the Madrid express. They met with no special incident en route and continued the journey to Nice.

Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 15—A passenger train, bound from Sydney to Hurstville, was derailed near Sydenham and rolled over an embankment. Seven persons were killed and twenty-six injured.

Newburgh, N. Y., Feb. 15—Joel C. Rundy was today sentenced to Sing Sing for life for the murder of Arthur Morgan in July last in the town of Geenville. Rundy is 53 years old and a veteran of the civil war.

Berlin, Feb. 17, 1.05 a. m.—The condition of Dowager Empress Frederick, who is ill at Cronberg, is no worst than last evening. Emperor William and Prince Henry of Prussia paid a short visit to Friedrichsof during the afternoon.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 15—A bill was introduced today in the legislature appropriating $10,000 for a statue for the late United States senator, Cushman K. Davis, to be placed in Statuary Hall, at Washington.

Pretoria, Feb. 13—The Queen of Swaziland has written a letter to the authorities expressing her sorrow over the death of Queen Victoria and her loyalty to King Edward. She expresses the hope that the king will be a friend to the Swazi people.

Belgrade, Feb. 15—King Alexander, the members of the cabinet and numerous high officials, attended a memorial service in the Cathedral this afternoon. The edifice was draped in black and numerous wreaths were deposited.

London, Feb. 16—The Tien Tsin despatch, regarding the reported declaration of war against China by seven nations, is not confirmed from any other source. Possibly the report is only another version of the rumored German ultimatum.

Gibraltar, Feb. 15—Part of the crew of the Prince Line steamer Spartan Prince, from New York, for Naples, Genoa and Leghorn, which is ashore near Alexar Point, were landed today. The weather was too boisterous for any attempt to save the vessel.

Pittsburg, Feb. 15—A car on the Hamilton division of the Consolidated Traction Company jumped the track tonight at the corner of Fifth and Hamilton avenue and toppled over against the curb, completely wrecking the car and injuring 20 or more passengers, four of them seriously but not fatally.

Cologne, Feb. 14—The Rhenish Westphalian Gazette says that the Empress Frederick is suffering from dropsy and cancer. Her physicians regard these diseases in her case as necessarily fatal, and are directing their efforts to reduce the pain and deferring the end as far as it is possible to do so.

New York, Feb. 16. The Jersey City police received word today that a meeting of Anarchists was to be held in a hall back of a saloon tonight. Thirty policemen closed in on the hall at 9 o'clock as the proceedings were about to begin and cleared the place. No arrests were made.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 14. It is stated that the son of an official of the secret police lately committed suicide to escape carrying out an attempt on the life of the czar, for which he had been delegated by a band of conspirators to which he belonged. He left a confession, implicating several persons, who have been arrested.

London, Feb. 16—King Edward, Queen Alexandra, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York and other members of the royal family have gone to Windsor.

The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon says it understands King Edward will leave London privately on Monday to visit the Dowager Empress Frederick. This trip is intended to be of an exceptionally private character.

Buda Pest, Feb. 15—Several thousands of persons out of work marched through the principal streets here today, carrying mottoes such as "Bread or work is our right," and singing the Marseillaise. They also began smashing windows of restaurants and stores. The police, in force, dispersed the mob after the scenes of violence, during which many arrests were made.

London, Feb. 15—Earl Amherst, presiding this afternoon at a special meeting of the grand lodge of Free Masons, announced that King Edward will assume the title and position of protector of the English Free Masons. The Duke of Connaught was nominated for grand master, in succession to King Edward. The election will take place March 6.

New York, Feb. 18—Evelyn B. Baldwin, the organizer of the Baldwin-Zeigler polar expedition, will leave here on his search for the north pole about the middle of next June.

Constantinople, Feb. 14—Emperor William, in thanking the Sultan for the reception of the mission sent to attend the inauguration of the fountain erected by the emperor in Constantinople to commemorate his visit and that of Empress Augusta Victoria, says he considers it a fresh proof of the Sultan's friendship, and expresses satisfaction at the political impressions received by the German envoy.

Bremerhaven, Feb. 14—Director Leist of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company estimates that repairs to the three steamships of that company that were damaged in the Hoboken fire will cost about $1,200,000, apportioned as follows: For the Saale, $300,000; for the Bremen, $340,000, and for the Maine, $560,000. The official list of the loss of life shows that 50 men of the crews of the various vessels were drowned or burned to death.

Newport, Vt., Feb. 16.—B. W. Flanders, of Coventry, claims to have discovered petroleum upon his farm. He first noticed it in his spring where an oily scum would gather upon the top of the water. By touching a lighted match to the substance it would blaze.

This spring, as soon as the weather permits, Mr. Flanders will make extensive investigations to determine whether oil exists there in paying quantities.

Madrid, Feb. 17—Throughout Spain the weather is intensely cold, the thermometer registering 8 degrees below zero in Madrid. Snow has fallen in Murcia and in Palma, where snow storms have been practically unknown. A heavy gale is sweeping the southern coast and eight small wrecks are reported from Cadiz.

Paris, Feb. 17—Very severe weather and heavy snowstorms are reported through France. Snow has fallen at intervals during the day in Paris. Snow falls are also reported in Algiers, where several natives have been frozen to death. Telegraphic communication with the interior is partly interrupted.

New York, Feb. 14—A Washington special to the Herald says: President McKinley has informed his cabinet unofficially that he had heard from Ambassador Choate and that Mr. Choate is not disposed to accept the attorney generalship. The president made the tender of this place to Mr. Choate several weeks ago, desiring to get the strongest available man to succeed Mr. Griggs. Mr. Choate wishes to continue as ambassador to the court of St. James if that is satisfactory to the president, and no change at that post is expected.

Leavenworth, Kas., Feb. 15—Ex-Captain Oberlin M. Carter U. S. A., serving a sentence in the Federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth for defrauding the government on harbor contracts, today suffered another defeat in his attempt to secure release. Judge Hook, in the U. S. district court, refused to release the prisoner on bail and ordered that he be remanded to the penitentiary to await the action of the United States Supreme Court on the appeal in his habeas corpus case.

Boston, Feb. 16—Miss Edith Talbot, the pretty actress who was mysteriously shot in the forearm on Friday night as she was leaving the Bowdoin Square Theatre, was not suffering much from her wound tonight, and Dr. Kahn, who is attending her, said that if no signs of blood poisoning developed the wound would soon heal, as it was merely a flesh wound.

No further light seems to have been thrown upon the circumstances of the shooting and Miss Talbot still refuses to divulge her suspicions as to the identity of her assailant.

Manila, Feb. 15—Col. Marcus D. Cronin and 80 men of the 33rd Regiment have routed 100 insurgents at Candon, South Ilocos.

Captain Green, with 50 men, met a force of the enemy at Santa Maria. There was hard fighting for three hours. When their ammunition was exhausted, the Americans retired a short distance. The insurgents then abandoned their position and retreated southward.

Gold discoveries of some importance have been made in the province of Lepanto. Two miners made $3,000 in two weeks.

New York, Feb. 15.—It was reported in Wall street today that a financing company with $20,000,000 capital was organized some time ago by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., E. H. Harriman and associates to acquire such securities of railroad properties as may seem advisable and to issue in their place participating certificates. It is assumed that securities of the Chicago and Alton, Kansas City Southern, Union Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande and perhaps connecting or competing lines of these will be included in the purchases of the company.

Berlin, Feb. 17—The reports as to the condition of Dowager Empress Frederick, who is ill at Cronberg, are quite contradictory. The Lokal Anzeiger paints a despatch from Hohlburg asserting that her condition is satisfactory, that Dr. Renvers, a Berlin specialist, who was called to attend her some time ago, has not been to Homburg for three weeks and that her private physician attended a ball last evening. A Berlin news agency corroborates the statement that her condition is quite satisfactory.

On the other hand the British embassy takes a very serious view of the situation, believing that Emperor William is remaining at Cronberg in anticipation of a fatal issue and refusing to believe the reports that the Dowager Empress goes out driving daily.

From private sources it is ascertained that the end is expected in a few weeks at the latest.

COLIN CHISHOLM DEAD

Close Friend of the Late Sir John Thompson.

Sydney, Feb. 15—(Special)—Colon Chisholm, one of Sydney's best known citizens, died this morning. Mr. Chisholm had been ill for over two months with cancer of the liver and his demise was not unexpected by his friends. By his death Sydney loses an energetic and public spirited citizen, the bar an honest, brilliant and popular member and the Roman Catholic church a liberal supporter.

He was born at Long Point, Inverness county, in 1848. When a young man he developed a fondness for the sea and made two or three mackerel fishing trips to North Bay. But later he decided to commence the study of law and, after passing a preliminary examination, entered the office of the late E. T. Moseley, of Sydney, and afterwards went to Halifax to study in the office of Thompson & Graham.

While there a strong friendship sprung up between Sir John Thompson and Mr. Chisholm, and it lasted until the former's death. Mr. Chisholm was admitted to the bar in 1879, and entered into partnership with the late E. T. Moseley. In 1885 the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Chisholm allying himself with the present Judge Dodd, with whom he remained for a number of years, in fact until Mr. Dodd's elevation to the bench.

Mr. Chisholm then became the partner of Mr. Walter Crowe. A year ago Mr. C. J. Burchell entered the firm and, during the past 12 months the firm was known as Chisholm, Crowe & Burchell.

In 1892 Mr. Chisholm was made a Q. C. He entered politics in 1882 as the Conservative candidate for the local house, but was defeated. However, he was elected in 1886 and sat in the house until 1890. He served two years in the municipal council.

Mr. Chisholm held a position in Sydney which it will be exceedingly difficult to fill. He was at the head of all prominent social and athletic movements and his opinion on all subjects relating to the welfare of the town was eagerly sought. He was a staunch Conservative and was secretary to the Conservative Association for 10 years. He was president of the Sydney Club until his illness commenced, and was a shareholder of the Sydney Hotel Company, Electric Light Company and Roslyn Rink Company.

In private life his generosity was unbounded. In fact few men realize the extent of his generosity. He leaves a widow and six children.

The Sydney Club and members of the bar have sent handsome floral tributes.

WESTMORLAND COUNTY.

Council Revenues Estimates for the Year—Finances Good.

Dorchester, Feb. 16—(Special)—The appointment of Hon. A. D. Richard to the office of registrar of deeds, etc., for this county, in succession to the late William Backhouse, deceased, meets with general approval.

The new registrar is well known throughout the county and province. He was a member of the Westmorland municipal council for a number of years. After resigning that position he entered local politics and became one of the representatives for the county. He took a prominent place in the house and for a time held the portfolio of solicitor general.

The special session of the county council, called to transact the business of the county, is proving somewhat lengthy.

In addition to the general routine business transacted, there has been a complete revision of the by-laws of the county. This was much needed as the county regulations have not been thoroughly overhauled for some years. No very important changes have been made with the exception of the dropping of a number of obsolete by-laws.

The auditor's report shows the finances of the county to be in a very satisfactory condition. The bonded debt of the county has been reduced during the past year from $6,800 to $4,100. The amount to the credit of the county when report was submitted was $6,163.39. The assessment on parishes during the year, including assessors' fees, amounted to $27,851.93, of which some $2,314.60 remains unpaid. The general receipts during the year were $37,055.91; the expenditures something over $32,000.

The estimates submitted by the finance committee for the following year are:

Schools	$12,445 00
Board of health	225 00
Moncton hospital	200 00
Clerk of the peace	125 00
Sheriff	250 00
Commission on school money	125 00
Lunacy	250 00
Lunatic asylum (to be assessed on parishes)	243 75
Secretary and treasurer's salaries	875 00
Criminal proceedings	800 00
Sinking fund	700 00
Interest on debentures	200 00
Jail	200 00
Insurance	200 00
Councillors' expenses	525 00
Royal Bank of Canada (interest)	303 21
Reform school	150 00
Bills assessed	2,327 44
Botsford school money	2,202 44
Total	$23,136 88

The sum of $250 was voted towards the maintenance of the Moncton hospital.

The accounts of expenses incurred in connection with the recent smallpox epidemic are occupying the attention of the council. Last night a resolution was passed allowing the matter to remain over until the July session, and appointing a committee to wait on the local government during the interim, and make arrangements as to the payment of a part of the expenses by the province. It was thought advisable, however, this morning, to rescind that motion and take up the accounts immediately and submit to the local government the definite amount, and then a contribution. The council adjourned till Monday, when the accounts will be gone into.

For general information, it may be said that the total expenses incurred in connection with the smallpox epidemic are less than the most sanguine estimates. Nevertheless the bills thus far submitted to the local board of health make the fairly respectable sum of $10,325.67. The medical fraternity comes in for the lion's share of this—$5,000; the cost of guarding the quarantined districts and houses, $2,163.88; for general supplies, $2,850.51; printing bills, $11.58, and other expenses, $100.

BRITISH HOUSE.

South African War Policy the Chief Topic.

CHEERS WERE GIVEN

By Opposition When Labouchere Spoke of Boer Honor—Press Censor Speaks on the Campaign—German Press Attacks the King's Speech.

London, Feb. 15—In the House of Commons today the debate was resumed on the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of parliament. The discussion ranged from hospitals in South Africa to arsenicated beer. The principal subject, however, was the government's war policy in South Africa. Many members spoke.

Mr. Labouchere elicited some opposition cheering by the remark:

"It is a noble determination on the part of the Boers to incur all risks rather than submit to a foreign power, and I honor them for it."

Lord Stanley, Conservative, member for West Houghton, who was aide-de-camp for Lord Roberts in South Africa and press censor, said:

"I do not think anyone can regard the Boers as devoid of honor when we consider the humanity they have always shown toward the British sick and wounded, but the Boers have a sense of honor peculiar to themselves. They do not think it dishonorable to fire under a white flag. We do.

"The new way of dealing with Boers who surrender is to keep them in a big camp. Lord Roberts did his best to communicate with the Boer generals and was always ready to discuss terms. I believe he would never have issued the proclamation allowing the burning of farms if it had not been calculated to bring the war to an end in the north. It did good, but farm burning has now been stopped."

Berlin, Feb. 15—The Lokal Anzeiger says King Edward's speech at the opening of parliament yesterday is more remarkable for what it omits than for what it says, adding:

"It passes over England's foreign policy, momentarily so interesting, with a meaningless allusion, and entirely avoids touching on the subject of Emperor William's visit and the attendant circumstances which, at least, open important prospects, unless changed relations have intervened. What he says about the Transvaal appears decidedly too optimistic to any person who has followed South African events. Those who indulged in hopes of peace will be thoroughly disappointed with the King's words."

The Vorwaerts say the speech clumsily conceals behind pompous words, discomfort over the South African war. The paper misses an allusion to special intimacy with Germany.

RECOVERING FROM STORM

Tracks Being Cleared and Trains Are Doing Better.

The St. Stephen branch of the C. P. R. and the line north of McAdam were all cleared yesterday and the trains were running better. The Atlantic express was about three hours late arriving here yesterday afternoon. The railroad men are looking for some soft weather to prevent the snow from drifting.

The blockade on the New Brunswick and P. E. Island road to Cape Tormentine has been cleared so that mails are again going forward to P. E. Island. No improvement has been made in the condition on the other lines.

The Portland express was over an hour late arriving last night and the accommodation from Moncton an hour and 45 minutes late arriving this morning.

The steamer Stanley is still in the ice off Pictou light. It is reported that the passengers have reached the shore by walking over the ice floe. The mails are being sent to the Island by the Cape Tormentine ice boats.

A sudden chill often means sudden illness. Pain-Killer is all that is needed to ward it off. Unequalled for cramps and diarrhoea. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

The oftener the lids are closed in reading the worse for the eyes. With candle light the eyes blink 6·8 times a minute, with gas 2·8, with sun 2·1, with electric 1·8.

Thousands of Canadians can vouch for the efficacy of that peerless cough remedy, Pyny-Balsam. It cures a cold very quickly. 25c. of all druggists. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

Every mineral and metal of value in the arts and industries is found within the limits of the United States.

The emphatic statement that The D. & L. Menthol Plaster is doing a great deal to alleviate neuralgia and rheumatism is based upon facts. The D. & L. Plaster never fails to soothe and quickly cure. Manufactured by the Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

At Schonbrunn, the Austrian emperor's palace, is the finest collection of orchids in the world, numbering 18,000 plants.

The D. & L. Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil will build you up, will make you fat and healthy. Especially beneficial to those who are "all run down." Manufactured by the Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

While Mrs. P. T. Bulger, of Portland, Ore., was travelling on a train toward Spokane, Wash., the other day, she gave birth to twins. The elder, a boy, was born in Oregon, and the other, a girl, in the state of Washington an hour later. This is the first case on record where twins were born in different states.

ACTRESS SHOT.

Pretty Edith Talbot Receives Bullet in Her Arm.

Boston, Feb. 15—Miss Ethel Talbot, one of the prettiest members of the Bowdoin Square Theatre Stock Company, was shot in the arm, but not dangerously, tonight, as she claims, by a man whose identity, if it is known to her, she absolutely refuses to disclose. According to the story she tells, she left the theatre about 10 o'clock tonight, by the rear entrance on Bowker street, and when she had gone but a few steps she was shot in the fleshy part of the arm by a bullet from a revolver in the hands of a man.

After the shooting, Miss Talbot rushed back to the theatre, where she told her experience and medical aid was summoned. The wound was found to be slight, although very painful, and after it had been dressed she went to her lodgings.

Fred West, of Somerville, who chanced to be in the vicinity, heard the report of the revolver and ran to the place of the shooting. He says that there was no man in sight when he reached the spot, but in the street he picked up a 32-calibre revolver, three chambers of which were loaded, while the other had evidently just been discharged.

The theatre management and the police made every endeavor to learn the particulars of the affair, but Miss Talbot could not be induced to tell more than is outlined above.

A coincidence is the fact that Miss Talbot's photograph was displayed in this evening's edition of one of the New York dailies, in connection with the statement that she was to be married on Saturday to a young St. Louis millionaire, who had seen her but once and whom she had never seen.

This has been made the basis for a theory that the shooting may have been the result of jealousy on the part of a rival suitor for her affections. That, however, is mere speculation and the authorities are still in the dark as to the true facts.

PREVENTION OF CONSUMPTION.

Canadian Association Makes Ottawa Official Headquarters—More Supporters.

Ottawa, Feb. 15—(Special)—The executive of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis has made the following additions to its membership:

Dr. P. H. Bryce, secretary of Ontario provincial board of health; J. Arbuthnot, mayor of Winnipeg, delegate for that city; Dr. Robertson Stratford; Rev. F. A. Cassidy, M. A., delegate from Guelph Branch Association; Dr. Coventry, Windsor; Dr. Stewart, Montreal; Prof. Dr. Adami, Montreal; Mr. D. Maurice, Montreal; Sir William Hingston, Dr. W. F. Hamilton, Montreal; Dr. H. H. Choan, Winnipeg; J. H. Burland, Dr. R. Wilson, Mr. R. Prefontaine, M. P., Dr. Blackadar, all of Montreal; W. R. Brock, Toronto; Senator Cox, Toronto; J. M. Courteway, Ottawa.

It was decided that Rev. Dr. Eby should be known as the general organizing secretary, and Dr. Richer, of Montreal, as the secretary of the association, and that Ottawa should be the official headquarters.

Details in regard to the operation and regulation of committees were adopted.

Sour Milk Stopped a Train.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 14—There is a new engineer at the big milk depot in Cincinnatus. His name is of small importance and his personality would probably have remained in peaceful obscurity if he had not set a whole railroad by the ears by a simple matter of oversight.

Part of the duty of this engineer is to direct a pump which carries the milk in various stages to the vats of the creamery. As a matter of accommodation a pipe has also been run to a creek near by, and from this the locomotives of the Erie and Central New York Railroad are accustomed to get their supply of water before making their run to Cortland.

Passenger train No. 2, which left Cincinnatus for Cortland at half-past seven o'clock and was due in Cortland an hour and a half later, stopped at the milk station yesterday morning. The engineer started the pump working. After sending aboard a sufficient quantity he stopped the pump and the train started on its run.

It had not gone far before the steam dropped rapidly, and such a sputtering about the guage took place that Jenny Miller, the engine driver, became frightened. At Freetown he notified the despatcher in this city that his engine had gone wrong and requested that an extra be sent to haul his train to the end of its run.

This was done and the locomotive on its arrival here was sent to the yards for inspection. It was discovered that the boiler had been filled with sour milk which the heat had turned into curds that stopped the pipes.

At about this time a despatch from Cincinnatus was received protesting against using milk for running the engines of the road and saying the railroad would be expected to settle for the quantity taken that morning. The boiler and tank were emptied and filled with water and the engine made its remain trip without difficulty.

The fireman explains the mistake by the fact that owing to the peculiar arrangement by which the water is emptied into the tank he could not see the liquid flowing, and had no suspicion that he was filling the tank with anything but water.

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without the necessity of an operation.

Everybody dreads the surgeon's knife. More especially is this so in the case of the cancer sufferer, as he can receive no assurance that operations will be of any avail to cure him. Next to the dread of the knife is the dread of the plaster with its cruel and painful "drawing." Our remedy has superceded these tortures of bye-gone days, and we are able to give you a pleasant, but effective, constitutional remedy, which will cure in the quiet of your home. It is a powerful antidote to the cancer poison, yet harmless to the most delicate system.

Our new book, "Cancer, Its Cause and Cure," sent to any one interested on receipt of two stamps. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Captured Guns and Ammunition to Be Sunk.

A GERMAN STORY.

Severe Quarrel Between Sir Alfred Milner and the German Consul General in Cape Town—Smith-Dorrien Occupies Two Towns—More Horses for South Africa.

Berlin, Feb. 15—The Berliner Tageblatt refers to a "severe quarrel" which, it alleges, recently took place between Sir Alfred Milner and Herr Von Lindequist, German consul general in Cape Town, regarding the "brutal treatment of a German inhabitant there."

According to the Tageblatt, Sir Alfred Milner finally showed Herr Von Lindequist the door, refusing to see him afterward!.

Colesberg, Cape Colony, Feb. 14—Plumer's column engaged De Wet between Colesberg and Phillipstown Feb. 13 and gradually pushed back the Boers. The British had a battery of field artillery and the Boers one 15-pounder. The sharpnel burst splendidly. Ten of the British were wounded during many hours' fighting. An occasional dead Boer was found. The engagement is being continued today.

All the males at Grasfontein have been arrested. There is plenty of evidence that they were assisting the Boers.

Willing to Fight Boers.

Berlin, Feb. 14—The anglophobia which at present prevails in Germany is placed in a somewhat peculiar light by a despatch sent out by the Herald bureau, according to which the British embassy and the British consulates throughout Germany receive daily a large number of applications from German subjects who desire to serve in South Africa against the Boers. As neither the embassy nor the consulates can accept these offers, the officials have been forced to have circulars of declination printed, which are sent.

More Horses.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 14—The British steamer American, Captain Howell, under charter of the British government, cleared from this port yesterday for Cape Town with 1,100 horses for the British military service.

Canadian Unidentified.

Ottawa, Feb. 15—(Special)—The militia department has received a cable announcing that Sergt. Craddock, of the Canadian scouts, was wounded Feb. 4 at some place unknown. The authorities here cannot identify him.

Sinking Guns and Ammunition.

Lorenzo Marquez, Feb. 15—The ammunition, guns and shells surrendered by the Boers to the Portuguese at Komatipoort will be sunk at sea.

Methuen and Smith-Dorrien.

Cape Town, Feb. 15—For a month Lord Methuen has been scouring the country between Kuruman and the Transvaal, bringing in women and children, cattle and food from all the farms. Fifty women and 100 children, together with a few men, he has sent to Vryburg. On one occasion while he was pursuing a commando the Boers sent off their wagons in charge of women and girls in one direction and went themselves in another. The women were such expert drivers that the British had considerable difficulty in catching the convoy.

Gen. Smith-Dorrien occupied Amsterdam and Taungs Feb. 9.

The Strathconas.

London, Feb. 15—King Edward, accompanied by Queen Alexandra, this morning inspected at Buckingham Palace 350 officers and men of Strathcona Horse. His majesty presented the regiment with the King's color and gave medals to the men. Col. Samuel B. Steele, of Strathcona's Horse, was presented to King Edward, who proceeded to inspect the regiment. The color was borne to the regiment, the band playing God Save the King.

Afterwards the Canadians marched past and the King, accompanied by Lord Strathcona, advanced and addressed the troopers. He welcomed them and said neither he nor the British nation would forget their services.

KENT COUNTY NEWS.

Agitation to Change the Name of Kingston Post Office.

Kingston, Kent county, Feb. 14—Business is at a complete standstill here at present. It has snowed, with heavy winds, almost every day for three weeks. The Kent Northern Railway is completely snowed under. They have a force of men at work trying to clear it, but are making slow progress. The country roads are almost impassable. Our mail driver is sometime late, but he always gets through.

We are experiencing an epidemic of grip of a severe type. In many cases whole families are down with it. Rev. Donald Frazer has been very ill with it. He is slightly better, but will probably be confined to the house for some weeks.

There is an agitation on foot to change the name of our post office. There are so many Kingstons in Canada that it entails endless confusion. Letters and parcels go astray and frequently goods billed to here are carried to Rothesay on the supposition that they are intended for Kingston, Kings county.

ATE OYSTER STEW.

One Man Dead and Others Ill from Effects.

Toledo, O., Feb. 16—One man is dead, one is not expected to live and four other persons are ill, as a result of eating an oyster stew at supper last night. The dead man is C. R. Burnett, of Columbus. Michael McDonald is not expected to live. The others whose condition is doubtful are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bellman and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Bellman.

Within five minutes after eating the oysters the five persons named were seized with vomiting spells and miscalling cramps. After twelve hours of this Burnett died.

SOLDIERS ARRIVE.

Fourteen Fighters for Empire Land at Halifax

Halifax, Feb. 15—(Special)—On mail steamer Lake Superior, which arrived early this morning from Liverpool, were 14 Canadian soldiers who had been invalided from South Africa, most of them suffering with enteric fever. All appeared in fairly good health and made the trip safely, but many of them still feel the effects of the attack of enteric.

Private James Threadkill, of the C. M. R., formerly of the Manitoba Dragoons, was among the worst sufferers among the Canadians from fever and for a time his life was despaired of. Nearly all the other members of the party were in hospital at Shorncliffe, their cases being not so serious.

The soldiers say they received the best of attention on the Lake Superior, and spoke particularly of the kindness of Purser Jones and his assistant, John Caffrey. Mr. Caffrey went to South Africa in the Monterey and is well known among the soldiers. Before leaving the steamer the detachment handed an address to the purser, requesting him to forward it to the head office of the steamship company.

The names of the soldiers are:

C. A. Whitehead, Strathcona Horse.
J. Lloyd Edmondson, sergeant Strathcona Horse.
B. H. Reynolds, R. C. D.
Chas. J. Powell, Strathcona Horse.
A. W. Gee, Strathcona Horse.
Oreil M. Roberts, R. C. I.
Colin J. Isbester, S. H.
J. Threadkill, C. M. R.
J. Moscrop, corporal R. C. A.
John H. Dixon, R. C. R.
E. Eagleson, R. C. D.
Private Stephen Court.
Private Jas. Lefcure.

Sergeants Whitehead and Edmondson belong to Calgary, and C. J. Powell was formerly of Madras, India, and later of Vancouver, B. C. Pte. Gee hails from Fort Steele, Isbester from Ottawa and Roberts and Dixon from Victoria.

The steamer had on board a number of Italian, Russian and Finnland immigrants, most of whom are bound for the west. One, who was suffering from favus, tried to land here, but was put back on the steamer. The Lake Superior left for St. John shortly after noon.

DISORDERLY HOUSE CASE.

Higher Court Supports Conviction in Halifax.

Halifax, Feb. 15—(Special)—Justice Ritchie today filed his decision in the habeas corpus application in the case of the King vs. Lena Roberts, who was convicted by Stipendiary Fielding on Feb. 12 of being an inmate of a house of ill-fame and sentenced to pay a $60 fine or, in default of payment, to be further imprisoned for six months.

His lordship found that this was summary trial of an indictable offence and not summary conviction. The application was to test the legality of the conviction. In his lordship's opinion, the jurisdiction of the magistrate to try the offence charged and inflict punishment awarded was quite clear and no ground had been shown for discharge of the prisoner. The application refused.

Spain's Troubles.

Madrid, Feb. 15—(Midnight)—The minister of the interior, Senor Ugarte, in the course of an interview, asserted that calm reigned in all the provinces and that, if the same pacific behavior of the people continued until after the carnival next week, martial law would be discontinued in Madrid and throughout Spain, except in Catalonia.

General Weyler says that for the present, rigorous martial law will be maintained, but that, if the same tranquillity continues as has characterized the last two days, he will soon issue a milder proclamation.

El Heraldo publishes a proclamation by General Weyler saying that he will do his best to avoid interfering with the powers of the civil authorities, but that as martial law has been proclaimed, his duty is to maintain order, independent of all political questions.

Madrid remains perfectly calm, although the talk of a probable change of ministry after the carnival is very strong. El Dia has been suppressed.

Two persons were killed and several others wounded yesterday in Granada.

Madrid, Feb. 16.—El Heraldo publishes a despatch from Valencia saying that troops occupy strategic points in the town and that the compositors of the Republican newspaper El Pueblo have been arrested.

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