

Nearly \$4,000,000.

The British Budget Shows a Splendid Surplus.

Probable Satisfactory Settlement of the Nicaragua Trouble.

Seventeen Soldiers Lose Their Lives by Eating Poisonous Meat.

Contradictory Statements Regarding the Jap-Chinese Treaty—An Englishman Made a Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Göttingen.

STRIKE LEADERS IMPRISONED.

Paris, May 2.—Proust and Deville, the leaders of the recent omnibus strike, were sentenced today to six months' imprisonment each for inciting men to disorder and violence.

POISONOUS BEEF.

Paris, May 2.—It is stated that seventeen soldiers have died at the Military Hospital at Vitreux, 21 miles east of Rennes, on the Yvonne, from eating American tinned meat. It is added that 24 others are ill, suffering from the effects of having partaken of the meat.

NO UPRISING IN ARMENIA.

A special from St. Petersburg says: The Ottoman Embassy here contradicts the reports circulated in England of an alleged uprising in Armenia. Everything, it is stated, is perfectly quiet in Armenia.

THE CATTLE EMBARGO.

London, May 2.—Mr. Gardiner, President of the Board of Agriculture, replying in the House of Commons to a question by Sir John Kinloch and Mr. Robert Farquharson, said there was no chance whatever of Canadian cattle being unrestrictedly admitted into Great Britain this season. Since the last report of the Board of Agriculture, he said, the Government of Belgium had also discovered cases of pleuro-pneumonia among Canadian cattle landed at Belgian ports, and the Government of Great Britain was trying to obtain details in regard to the cases. When the details were received the Government would consider whether or not a detailed communication in regard to the matter should be made to the Dominion.

WOMAN TAKES A DEGREE.

Berlin, May 2.—An Englishwoman, Miss Grace Chisholm, has just taken the degree of philosophy at the University of Göttingen, with the express permission of the Prussian Minister of Education. This is the first time ever taken by a woman since Göttingen became a Prussian university, as the Emperor has hitherto opposed the admission of women to the Imperial universities. It is supposed that the conferring of the degree upon Miss Chisholm indicates a change of policy, and is preliminary to further concessions in regard to the higher education of women. The new departure has caused much stir in the German academic world.

THE JAP-CHINESE TREATY.

London, May 2.—The Daily News' correspondent in Berlin says: Japan has not yet answered the triple protest. The statement that a more vigorous protest is impending appears to be unfounded, or at all events premature.

The News correspondent in Vienna says diplomatic circles in Tokyo believe a settlement will be effected by Russia's restoring Saghalien to Japan and China's compensating Russia with Manchuria.

The London Times' correspondent in Shanghai says: The Emperor urgently commanded Li Hung Chang to Peking to consult with him as to the ratification of the treaty. Prince Kung also urged the necessity of Li's presence, as otherwise his labor in Japan was lost. Certain ministers and princes have petitioned the Emperor to pay a vastly increased indemnity instead of ceding Manchuria. Fukien officials have drawn up a memorial protesting against the cession of Formosa, and offering to contribute to a redemption fund. Viceroy Liu Kun Yi and Gen. Sung declare that the Emperor intends to fight to the death sooner than surrender Manchuria. It appears certain that Russia has handed her ultimatum to Japan.

The London Standard's correspondent in Paris says: The general expression of hostility at France's assistance to coerce Japan has had a salutary effect. Now it is intimated that France's purely diplomatic and expostulatory intervention always was meant to be to cover the retreat from an untenable position it is announced that Japan is willing to make concessions.

The Times' correspondent in Odessa reports that Russia has made every preparation for war, and is quite ready to mobilize for hostilities against Japan in case Japan does not comply with her demands.

COUNTESS KIMBERLEY DYING.

London, May 3.—The Countess of Kimberley, who has been ill for some time, is sinking rapidly, and the members of her family have been summoned to her bedside.

EARL PEMBROKE DEAD.

London, May 3.—George Robert Charles Herbert, thirteenth Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, died at Naubem Hese this morning. He was born in 1850 and was Under Secretary for War in 1874-5.

A GREAT CHINESE FEAT.

London, May 3.—A dispatch from Shanghai to the Globe says that the Chinese, with a view of preventing the Japanese from entering Peking, have cut the embankment of the Peiho and flooded miles of country. Hundreds of persons were caught by the rushing waters and drowned.

PROBABLY A FAKE.

London, May 3.—The Birmingham Post says Lord Roseberry and Sir William Harcourt are not on speaking terms and the complications in China and Nicaragua prevent Lord Roseberry from resigning the Premiership immediately. This statement is not taken seriously here. The Sun comments upon Sir William Harcourt's saying in

his budget speech yesterday that it was probably the last time he would introduce a budget to the House.

BRITAIN'S BUDGET.

Heavy Increase in Naval Expenditure To Be Met.

London, May 2.—In the House of Commons today Sir William Harcourt announced that the estimated expenditures for the coming year would be £473,905,000, and the estimated revenue £478,310,000. The increase in the expenditures over last year was due to the additions to the navy. The deficit of £1,555,000, as shown by the budget, must be met by the imposition of a duty upon spirits or upon beer. The strong objections raised by the Irish and Scotch manufacturers of spirits led him to propose the continuance of the duty of sixpence a barrel upon beer, which would yield a revenue of £2,500,000 and cover the estimated deficit.

Sir William Harcourt, continuing, said that the imports and exports for the past year had shown that though low prices ruled much benefit had been derived by the workingmen. Agricultural distress had been keen, and labor troubles numerous, yet the general condition was better than during the previous year. The most gratifying sign of prosperity, he said, was the deposits in savings banks, which amounted in 1894 to a little over \$150,000,000. In 1891 they were \$155,000,000; in 1892, nearly \$165,000,000; in 1893, \$175,000,000, and in 1894, \$225,500,000. Nothing, he said, better proved the sound financial condition of the country.

The budget passed the first reading without a division.

THE NICARAGUA UNPLEASANTNESS

Seems in a Fair Way of Being Soon Cleared Up.

London, May 2.—In the House of Commons today Wm. P. Byles (Liberal) asked the Government if Nicaragua had offered to refer all questions regarding indemnity for alleged injuries to British subjects, including the extradition of British Agent Hatch to an arbitration commission, and if so, why the Government had declined to accept the proposal. He also asked if the Government of the United States had tendered their good offices or suggested the terms of an amicable arrangement of the difficulty, and whether there was a prospect of such terms being accepted.

Sir Edward Grey, Under Foreign Secretary, in reply, said Nicaragua on April 11 sent to the British Government a proposal that the trouble be settled by arbitration. He believed that when the papers in the case should be laid on the table it would be seen that the matter was not a proper subject for arbitration. The United States Government had not tendered their good offices for the settlement of the difficulty. Her Majesty's Government had reason to believe the difficulty would be arranged shortly.

In reply to a further interrogation by Mr. A. C. Morton (Liberal), Sir Edward Grey said it was not a proper case for arbitration.

The Central News says it is learned that the Nicaragua affair has been settled, England making some slight concessions. A special from Corinto, Nicaragua, says the British warships have changed position again. It is understood they are to leave upon receiving from Managua a promise to pay the indemnity. Admiral Stephenson has wired home asking for further instructions. He says the concessions made by England indicate that a peaceable solution of the trouble has been reached.

The Department of State at Washington on Thursday afternoon received a cablegram from Ambassador Bayard at Corinto, Nicaragua, stating that the latter is instructed to leave Corinto.

NICARAGUA HAS THE NICKLES.

New York, May 3.—A special from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to the World says: A telegram from Managua reports that Nicaragua has money enough to pay the indemnity England requires.

THE BRITISH LEAVING.

New York, May 3.—Corinto will be open again before the next Pacific mail steamship is due. The British are preparing to leave.

ENGLAND'S NEXT MOVE.

New York, May 3.—A special from Caracas, Venezuela, to the World says it is believed there that the British are leaving through with Nicaragua. The trouble with France is more complicated. It is feared she will follow England's example.

MUST PAY UP.

Strong Talk From British Papers on the Nicaragua Matter.

London, May 3.—Commenting on Nicaragua affairs the St. James Gazette says: "If President Zelaya plays us false we will not only occupy Corinto but will wipe off the map one or two other places with it. If any of the great powers had behaved towards Great Britain as Nicaragua did in the case of Mr. Hatch, we would have been at war with them before the end of a week."

NICARAGUA MUST PAY.

London, May 3.—The Globe, in an editorial article on the Nicaraguan dispute, says: "Nicaragua must pay and apologize. The American Republic shows a disposition to interfere in disputes between the small states and Europe, which is objectionable and unasked for. The tone of the American press, has reflected clearly as usual the tone of the country, though their bluster has been louder upon this occasion, because it was felt that there was little chance of being listened to."

DURANT HELD FOR MURDER.

San Francisco, May 2.—Durant was held without bail for the murder of Minnie Williams.

FRANCE GIVES UP.

New York, May 3.—The Pall Mall Gazette says that in consequence of the difficulty of transportation by reason of the rough country and the inefficiency of troops, the French campaign against the Hovas has been temporarily suspended.

JOHN BROWN'S BODY.

Sandusky, Ohio, April 3.—Capt. John Brown, jun., died at his home on the island of Put-In-Bay last night. Capt. Brown was 74 years old, and was the son of John Brown, the hero and victim of the historical scene at Harper's Ferry, and the subject of the war march. "John Brown's body lies a-moulding in the grave."

Live News in a Line.

The assessment of Belleville is \$4,083,000. The population has increased to 10,318.

Mr. Henry Armstrong, of McKellar, has been appointed sheriff of the Parry Sound district, to succeed his brother, the late Mr. Samuel Armstrong.

At Kincardine the coroner's jury in the case of Mrs. Morrison, a widow 38 years of age, who died suddenly on Tuesday last, found that her death was due to natural causes.

Burglars broke into W. H. Richardson's hardware store in Essex early Wednesday morning, found the safe open and walked out with \$30. Part of this was money belonging to the church.

The report that Germany has asked the Cabinets of Vienna and Rome to renew the triple alliance is denied.

The Detroit Chamber of Commerce dedicated its new building with a banquet Thursday evening.

Indication point to a general strike of garment workers in Baltimore, which will affect 2,000 persons and paralyze the clothing business.

Harris G. Rogers, president of the Binghamton, N. Y., National Bank, and treasurer of the Binghamton Savings Bank, dropped dead on the street Thursday afternoon as a result of apoplexy.

The Swedish sailing vessel Capt. Kruhnberg, which plies between European and South American ports, sank at her anchorage at Buenos Ayres on Thursday with all her cargo. Among the six drowned was the captain.

A Marshalltown, Ia., dispatch says a place on the track of the Chicago and Great Western road, between Green Mountain and Gladbrook, wrecked the north-bound passenger train on Wednesday night. The baggage man and brakeman were slightly hurt.

GENERAL GRANT'S DAUGHTER

Will Marry General Douglas—A Quiet Affair.

Chicago, May 3.—Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris and Gen. Henry Kyd Douglas, of Maryland, are to be married, and the wedding is to take place in the near future. The report was published in Washington, and was promptly denied. Notwithstanding this, Gen. Douglas has been most faithful in his attendance upon the widow.

It is understood that the wedding is to occur at the residence of Mrs. Sartoris in Washington, and will be very quiet. Few guests outside of the family will be asked, and it is said Gen. and Mrs. Douglas will sail on the next steamer for Europe.

Gen. Douglas, who was a member of a Confederate regiment, is the adjutant-general of the State of Maryland, is a handsome man of 50, and belongs to an excellent old Southern family. He is not rich, but has a comfortable fortune.

Mrs. Sartoris is handsome in her present matronly beauty, and this winter when she appeared was usually accompanied by her tall and manly son, Algernon.

A HUNDRED PUPILS SNEEZING.

Belleville, Ont., May 2.—A hundred pupils at the Deaf and Dumb Institute are laid up with influenza.

FIRE AT CLINTON.

Clinton, Ont., May 2.—A fire broke out in the stable of the Mason Hotel this evening, destroying it and other frame buildings to the north. Loss at present unknown.

SAND LAKE IN RUINS.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 2.—LaPorte, formerly known as Sand Lake, a hamlet 25 miles from this city, was almost totally destroyed by fire to-night. Out of 75 buildings only a dozen escaped. Loss, \$60,000, with partial insurance.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

Pembroke, Ont., May 2.—About 5 o'clock this evening Mrs. Gamble, aged 55 years, was killed by the Winnipeg express, going north. She was crossing the track, when she was struck by the engine. Her death was instantaneous.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

New York, May 2.—The annual meeting of the Nicaragua Canal Company of New York (the company which holds the concession for the Nicaragua Canal) took place today. The new company took over the assets of its predecessor on April 25, and expects to resume work on the canal in the near future. Arrangements have been made for funds.

WON BY TWO VOTES.

St. Catharines, Ont., May 2.—A closely contested election was held in the newly united St. Patrick and St. James ward here today, resulting in the election of W. B. Burgoyne, editor of the Standard, over his opponent, John S. McLeilan, editor of the Star, by a majority of two votes, to fill the vacant seat in the city council caused by the resignation of one of the aldermen.

DEATH OF MRS. B. B. OSLER.

Toronto, Ont., May 2.—Mrs. B. B. Osler, wife of B. B. Osler, an old and young at 8 o'clock. The deceased had been invalid for many years. Her husband was in court on the Ford murder case this afternoon, the condition of Mrs. Osler not being supposed to be alarming. It is possible this event may necessitate suspension of the case for a day or two.

CHICAGO HORSE MARKET.

There arrived at the Chicago stock yards last week 3,329 horses, the second largest April receipts on record. The month's receipts are 13,190. The market this week opened firm, with good stock in brisk demand. Drivers sold in the auction at \$65 to \$160, with a few sales of fancy animals at \$250 to \$500. Drafters quoted at \$60 to \$175; streeters, \$50 to \$75, and light horses, \$30 to \$55.

TWO DROWNINGS.

Paris, Ont., May 2.—About 6 o'clock this evening, Harold Jones, a young lad 7 years of age, youngest son of Mrs. Stewart Jones, of this town, while in company with some schoolmates, was accidentally drowned by the upsetting of a boat near Penman's mill.

Westmeath, Ont., May 2.—Nelson Lingsmire, aged 19, was drowned on Thursday afternoon while boating logs for Tucker & Hodge's mill.

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Manitoba Will Not Obey the Remedial Order.

But the Government Will Go to the Country—Legislature Meets Soon.

Winnipeg, May 3.—It is said on good authority that the reply of the Manitoba Government to Ottawa on the school question next Thursday will be this: "That inasmuch as this Legislature was elected to support national schools, it must adhere to that policy on account of which it was returned to power, and that before this Government can give any other answer than that the national school system is to be maintained it must discover a new attitude of the people of Manitoba upon this question." In other words, the Government will say "No" to the remedial order, and will go to the country for an expression of opinion upon its action. A Liberal caucus of members will be held next Wednesday, at which the reply of the Government will be presented.

An editorial from the columns of the Montreal Gazette was published here this afternoon, suggesting that Manitoba should adopt the Ontario separate school system as a compromise, and combatting the theory that the Manitoba Government have no alternative but to return a negative reply to the order-in-council. A member of the Manitoba Government, on being shown the dispatch, said: "The article derives special interest from the fact that it is a plausible acknowledgment on the part of the Government at Ottawa that they have got themselves into an exceedingly unpleasant position. The remedial order was a blunder, and the wording of the remedial order was an even greater blunder. The Gazette, at the direction of the Ottawa Government, tried to suggest that Manitoba make certain amendments to its school act. The blunder of the Ottawa Government cannot be bolstered up in any other way."

The remedial order is all that is before the Government of Manitoba, and nothing has been said or done which gives our Government any certain knowledge that anything less than the literal direction of the order would be accepted. If the Ottawa Government desires to negotiate with the Manitoba Government on the question of the modification of the school system, the time to open such negotiations was before the issuance of the order. At the present time all that is before us is the order, which is to be accepted or rejected. The adoption of the amendments to our school system would neither be in law nor sense a carrying out of the terms of the order, and could not be regarded as an answer to the order, which in brief is as follows: "Is before the Government of Manitoba."

Late Canadian News.

Big Piles of Pine Will Be Rafted to Michigan's Shores.

According to a Montreal dispatch, the Toronto and Montreal Steamship Company is being organized to acquire the Persia and other vessels.

The ceremony of unveiling the statue of the late Sir John A. Macdonald at Montreal is to take place on May 24 or June 6, the latter date being the anniversary of Sir John's death.

Mrs. Spear, of Dundas, was taken ill on Tuesday night, and went to her bureau to get some medicine. In mis-reading the clock she took a quantity of poison, and it is feared she will not recover.

Wm. Sexton, ex-M.P.P., died at his residence on Hunter street, Hamilton, on Thursday morning, aged 77. He was one of the best known men in the country and was a staunch temperance advocate.

In order to allow the defense to secure evidence (by commission) from Philadelphia, the opening of the Hyams murder trial at Toronto has been postponed until Thursday, when Judge Falconbridge will preside.

Galvin Houston, bookkeeper for J. H. Taylor, Montreal, dealer in railway supplies, has disappeared. Examination of the books, it is alleged, reveals the fact that he had been robbing the firm for the past five years, his pecuniary total some \$5,000.

It is estimated that nearly 35,000,000 feet of Canadian pine will be rafted across the lakes to the Saginaw mills during the present season. In addition to this, the Michigan Central Railway will take at least 125,000,000 feet from points along the Mackinaw division, and the Flint and Marquette will carry 50,000,000 feet.

CLARA FORD'S TRIAL.

Toronto, May 2.—Nothing of any importance transpired at Clara Ford's trial this afternoon. The confession made by Clara Ford to Detective Reburn at the time of her arrest was put in, and the detective cross-examined her in the best manner. The confession agrees entirely with what has been published, showing that the prisoner dressed herself as a man, rang the bell and brought young Westwood to the door and shot him as he stood there.

THE DOMINION ALLIANCE.

Toronto, May 3.—The Dominion Alliance executive met yesterday. Dr. Macdaren presiding. Arrangements were completed for the meeting of the legislative committee at the Parliament buildings, Ottawa, at 10 a.m. on May 8. Senator Vidal, in the Senate, and Dr. Roome and Mr. Flint, in the Commons, will be asked to invite the temperance members of Parliament to a meeting. The executive decided to publish a prohibition handbook of about 500 pages, compiled from the royal commission reports, to be edited by Mr. J. S. Spence.

REV. DR. ROBERTSON'S PLAN.

Ottawa, May 2.—Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of Presbyterian missions in the Northwest, delivered a mission address in Knox Church last evening. During his address he said the people of Manitoba should be allowed to settle the school question for themselves. They knew much better what to do than the politicians at Ottawa. He thought that, to get over the difficulty, a committee, not of bishops, priests or clergymen, but of laymen, should be appointed to deal with the matter, and when this committee would report the country should abide by and carry out the committee's recommendations.

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At 15c —American Ducks —Irish Hollands. —Striped Zephyrs.	At 9c —Twelve inch Bradford Checks.	Black Corded Bengaline, 90c. Black Silk Mervellieux, 70c. Black Poie De Soie, \$1.15.
At 20c —Colored Crepons —French Lawns. —English Zephyrs —Dotted Organdies.	At 12c —Forty-four inch All-Wool French Veilings, all colors.	Black Corded Bengaline, 90c. Black Silk Mervellieux, 70c. Black Poie De Soie, \$1.15.
At 25c —French Crinkles. —Irish Lawns. —Printed Pique. —Batiste Broche. —Scotch Ducks. —Linen Drills. —Striped Coverts. —Dotted Organdies.	At 18c —Forty-four inch All-Wool French Veilings, all colors.	Black Corded Bengaline, 90c. Black Silk Mervellieux, 70c. Black Poie De Soie, \$1.15.
At 20c —Forty four inch fancy Tweed Suitings.	At 25c —Forty-two inch All-Wool French Serges, all colors.	Black Corded Bengaline, 90c. Black Silk Mervellieux, 70c. Black Poie De Soie, \$1.15.
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