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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Ontario Conservatives Anxious to Have the Centre Toronto By-Election Contested.

St. John Likely to Secure Direct Connection With London.—Sir Oliver Mowat.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Nov. 12.—George Taylor, chief Conservative whip, was in town today and had a conference with Messrs. Foster and Haggart in regard to the by-election in Centre Toronto. The feeling is strong in Conservative circles outside the city that the seat should be contested. Peter White is mentioned as possible candidate.

There was a meeting of the cabinet today and another will be held on Tuesday at which it is expected Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be present. This will likely be the last one at which Sir Oliver Mowat will attend, as far as he is retained, the order appointing him Lieutenant-Governor will be passed and federal politics will know him no more. The St. John delegation are still here and expect to arrange for a direct railway service from St. John to London. The Alaska line will get the contract. J. J. Kelso, superintendent of neglected children for Ontario, is here to arrange with the Dominion authorities for uniformity of action in England and Canada regarding the importation of waifs. The Ontario government has adopted certain methods and forms for selection, and these they desire the Dominion government to adopt in place of existing federal forms now used in England in passing children destined for Canada.

ALLEGED JUDICIAL BLUFF.

An Unfortunate Who Had Committed "No Real Fraud" Relieved of a Seven Years Sentence.

OTTAWA, Nov. 12.—George Algiers, of Whitley, who was sentenced to seven years for attempting to defraud an insurance company, has been released after seventeen months. He was sentenced about the time that the Henderson murder took place, when great feeling was stirred up in the country against insurance cases of that kind. As there was no real fraud in Algiers case and justice has been done in the matter he has been liberated. The sentence was given as a matter of course.

Toronto, Nov. 12.—The Evening Star places the following sensational and expressive headlines on the release of the prisoner: "Prison does opened wide for convicts—One more blot on closing year of Sir Oliver's political career—Alger for life insurance fraud served one-fifth of his sentence—Released after serving eighteen months out of seven years' term given him."

THAT TRAGEDY IN INDIA.

Court Martial to Investigate the Circumstances of the Deadly Reconnaissance—Terms of Submission.

SIMLA, Nov. 12.—A full representation of the Orakka tribes met General Sir Wm. Lockhart, the British commander, today at Maidan Valley camp and heard the terms which he insists upon for their submission, namely, the restitution of all the rifles captured since the outbreak, their disarmament by another five hundred rifles, the payment of one of 50,000 rupees, and the formal recognition of the tribes to General Lockhart within a fortnight. A portion of the Orakka envoys seemed to demur at these terms.

Despatches received from the British camp in the Maidan valley say that a man who has been brought up brought some details of the killing of Lieut. McIntyre and twelve men belonging to the Northamptonshire Regiment, who met death while endeavoring to save the wounded of the regiment during the retreat from the Saran-Sar mountains. This survivor says that when the lieutenant found himself isolated he dispatched him for aid as the small party was hampered by the wounded and would not desert them. The rest of the party but gallant tale will never be known, but, as shown in the despatches of yesterday, Lieutenant McIntyre and his handful of men sacrificed their lives for their wounded companions, the positions in which the bodies were found showing they died bravely fighting to the last. The enemy was afraid to rush upon the little band, the despatches say, but shot at them from points of vantage. Every man of the British detachment died from rifle bullet wounds.

SIMLA, Nov. 12.—The victory of India, Lord Elgin, has ordered a court martial to investigate the disastrous reconnaissance of a British force under General Westmacott, which on last Wednesday reached the summit of Saran-Sar mountains with little resistance and afterwards retreated with a loss of upwards of sixty killed and wounded.

THE CONFESSED MURDERER.

His Request for Early Execution Not Heeded and a Long Sentence Imposed.

DOVER, N.H., Nov. 13.—Joseph E. Kelly was pronounced guilty of murder in the second degree by Chief Justice Mason in the Stafford county supreme court this morning and sentenced to serve a term of thirty years in the state prison at Concord.

Official Mining Maps at Tax Collector.

DEFEAT FOR ENGINEERS.

The Long Struggle With the Employers Likely to End Soon With Nothing But Loss.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—It is expected that when the conference is held between the Employers Federation and the Amalgamated Society of Engineers it will be found that the combatants are disposed to end the dispute. The terms under which the conference will be held amount to a defeat of the engineers. They are to withdraw their strike notices prior to the discussion, while the lockout notices given by the employers will not be withdrawn. It is probable that work will be resumed on November 23. The employers are expected to give their consent to a reduction of working hours if there is a corresponding reduction in wages. The union leaders may accept these conditions in order to be able to say that they secured something in return for the immense expenditure of funds by the engineers' society, but the rank and file will probably prefer to return to work on the old terms rather than to accept any reduction in pay. An indication of the weakness to which the Amalgamated Society is reduced is that it has applied for admission into the federated trades.

C. P. E. YUKON STEAMERS.

Traffic Manager Kert Speaks of the Company's Intentions.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 12.—(Special)—Robert Kerr, traffic manager of the C. P. E. Western division, says of the C. P. E. Yukon service: "We are putting on a fleet of steamers of our own from Vancouver, returning to Dyea and Wrangell, to accommodate those going over the passes or going over the lower route or Stikine river. We are purchasing boats of the country, where they are not being constructed. The boats will have a tonnage of about 4,000 tons each. We will also have a railway line of narrow gauge from the head of navigation on the Stikine river, to Teelin lake, about 120 miles, from which point it is easy sailing or rafting into Dawson."

POPE AND PRESS.

His Holiness Fleeted With the Courtesy of the Journalists of Montreal.

MONTREAL, Nov. 12.—(Special)—It is stated in ecclesiastical circles that Pope Leo XIII has signified his intention of issuing a brief to the journalists of Montreal expressing the thanks of His Holiness for the advice which the Montreal press, irrespective of creed, presented to Mr. Broche on the eve of His Grace's departure for Rome. This is perhaps the first time that such an event has taken place in America, although the thanks of the Papacy have on more than one occasion been tendered to certain sections of the French and Italian press.

"MARCHING BACKWARDS."

Great Britain's Alleged Performance in Competition With Protectionist Rivals.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—A series of articles which are attracting much attention, under the heading "Marching Backwards," have been appearing in the Daily Mail. The writer has shown that Great Britain is falling behind in the great industrial race, and has demonstrated that the United States, France and Germany can show increased exports to the amount of \$21,000,000 in the first five years extending from 1888 to 1895. It is further proved that the exports of the United Kingdom in the same period decreased \$3,000,000. Commenting upon this showing, the Daily Mail expresses the opinion that the main reason for this falling off is said to be the want of business instinct and the lack of business patriotism, as evidenced by shipowners carrying foreigners' goods at lower prices than Britishers.

A NICE CASHIER.

Who Had a Position of Trust After Serving Five Years for a Great Robbery.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Frederick Fishel, formerly cashier for Alexander Ullmann, the well known bookmaker, who left this city suddenly a week ago after robbing his employer of \$19,500, was arrested yesterday at Petersburg, Va., and brought here for trial. This is not Fishel's first experience as an embroiler. He was arrested on January 1, 1888, charged with robbing his employers, Bernheim & Bauer, clothiers, then doing business at 513 Broadway, of \$75,000. Fishel was never brought to trial for this robbery. He was held in jail, where he lived like a prince, until 1891, when he was liberated. Fishel stated he had lost money gambling, and it was said at the time of his release that certain gamblers had settled with the firm.

PULLMAN NO GREAT CATCH.

And the Termination of a Notable Engagement Now Formally Announced.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—Formal announcement is made of the breaking of the engagement of Mr. George M. Pullman and Miss Felicitie Oglesby. The news of Miss Oglesby's engagement to one of the Pullman twins came as a great surprise to the friends of the young people over two years ago, and the rumors concerning the date of the wedding have been countless since that time.

One Free Whaler.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—The bark Horatio, Capt. West, twenty-seven days from Okhotsk sea, arrived in this port last evening. She has on board 560 pounds of walrusbone and 500 barrels of whale oil.

SIR WILFRID'S VISIT.

Canada's Premier Reported to Have Made a Good Impression at Washington.

If He Will Meet the United States Half Way He May Secure Some Concessions.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—While the plans of the Canadian contingent now in Washington in connection with the conference are not fixed, it is the present expectation that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will see Sir Louis Davies and his personal following will leave Washington on their return home Monday or Tuesday. The experts on seal life of England and Canada, Messrs. Thompson and Macoun, will, however, remain here for a time pursuing the conference in which they are now engaged with the United States experts. They will resume the session on Monday. Something of the view of the Canadian mission taken by the United States government perhaps may be gathered by the utterances of a high administration official who has dealings with the Canadian Premier. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not only been received by the government with great consideration but has met an excellent impression upon all the gentlemen with whom he came in contact. A staunch Canadian statesman, he naturally demands concessions from the United States, but at the same time he has shown a liberal spirit towards the plan of increasing the commercial intercourse of the two countries, and if he meets the views of the United States half way there is a very fair chance of removing from the present field of view the most important questions which have produced so much friction between the two countries during many years.

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AGAINST \$350,000 AT THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, OR AN INCREASE OF \$7,152. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF \$3,500 OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1895. AS THE WINTER MONTHS ALMOST ALWAYS SHOW LARGER EARNINGS THAN THE SUMMER ONES, AND TRADE PROSPECTS IN THE DOMINION ARE NOW GOOD, THE STATEMENT TO THE END OF APRIL WILL PROBABLY COMPARE FAVORABLY WITH THOSE OF FORMER PROSPEROUS YEARS.

THE YUKON TRAFFIC.

Eastern Capital Promoting Still Another Steamship Enterprise.

NEW WHARFON, Nov. 12.—Arrangements have been completed between Capt. R. A. Talbot, of Sioux City, and P. A. Smith, of St. Paul, and other eastern capitalists and citizens of Bellingham Bay, to run a steamship line to Dawson City next summer. An ocean line making regular trips will connect with two Yukon steamers at St. Michael.

The company has purchased an ocean vessel in New York, which will come around Cape Horn in sixty days. It will carry 800 passengers. Captain Talbot will run the river steamer.

MISSION TO GOLD DIGGERS.

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GREAT BRITAIN ABROAD.

A RUSSIAN EXPEDITION TO ASSIST FRANCE IN THWARTING THE BRITISH IN AFRICA.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The speech of the Marquis of Salisbury at the Guildhall on Tuesday last, Lord Mayor's day, again proved him to be a most master of saying nothing in many soothing words. It was essentially a peace speech and did not contain a single indication as to how far the government is prepared to go in the Indian, Egyptian or Niger affairs, beyond in a general way that what can be done will be done. Even the supposed menace to France has since been explained as not intended to excite French feeling. The Premier's utterances on the subject of international federation leads to the conclusion that the government is wearying of Great Britain's "splendid isolation," and the imperialistic plans of the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, have not yet progressed enough to permit Great Britain to maintain her policy of separation from the rest of the world. The monetary check caused by the Marquis of Salisbury's speech has been followed by a reaction in London in France, which has been intensified by the arrival in Paris yesterday of the band of the Czar's Preobrazhensky Regiment, which has been sent to the French capital as an earnest of Russian friendship.

Another thing is found in the announcement that a strong detachment of Russian cavalry and artillery will soon sail from Odessa and Dniepropetrovsk to go to King Menelik's capital with the object of assisting the French to thwart the British in grabbing Central Africa. On the other hand Great Britain is not idle. Thirty army officers left Liverpool to-day for Lagos, on the west coast of Africa, and it is asserted that Captain Frederick Roberts and the Royal Niger Company, with thirty more British officers, will start for Africa next week with instructions to lead the land expedition on the Niger and the Benue rivers with the Niger gunboat Sottia. Great Britain is to make the evacuation of Russia by the French a sine qua non.

CERIE RHODES PLANNING.

He Aims to Replace President Kruger With a Boer More Friendly to Mining Interests.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The reason for the activities of Mr. Cecil Rhodes for the opening of the railroad to Bulawayo is said to be due to ill-health, but to be a part of a well organized plan to defeat Kruger in the election for President of the Transvaal, which occurs about two months hence.

The Saturday Review, which has much inside information regarding South African affairs, believes there is a fair working chance of Mr. Rhodes' defeating Kruger and electing a Boer more friendly to the mining interests. Had Mr. Rhodes appeared at the opening of the railway, that would have converted the whole affair into a personal triumph for him, which would have antagonized the Boers and have done all the work of the politicians, the sole object of which is to defeat Kruger.

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A LOST WITNESS.

Case of Attempted Killing Banished by Absence of the Intended Victim.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 13.—Martin Enslay, of Memphis, was on trial to-day before Judge Hirsell at Collins, the county seat of St. Louis county, on the charge of assault with intent to kill Charles D. Collins, last June. He is also charged with killing \$3,000 from Collins, the robbery being alleged as the motive for the assault.

Collins failed to appear as prosecuting witness. He is a Canadian by birth. In the early sixties he was head clerk at the Kennard house, Cleveland. An effort is to be made to locate Collins and compel him to give evidence.

DEADLY STORMS IN SPAIN.

Traffic Interrupted, Human Lives Lost and Herds of Cattle Perished.

MADRID, Nov. 12.—Further details revealed regarding the storms in various parts of Spain, notably in the provinces of Saragossa, Valencia and Malaga, where a railroad traffic and telegraphic communication have been seriously interfered with, show that fifteen corpses have already been recovered. In the neighborhood of Valencia enormous numbers of cattle have perished, and the villages of Graoa and Nazaret have been completely inundated. Many houses in these places have collapsed.

GALES OFF NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Grand Banks Swept With Great Damage to Several Craft.

GLoucester, Mass., Nov. 12.—Dispatches from Nova Scotia points indicate that terrific gales swept over the Grand Banks of Newfoundland last week. The schooner A. T. Clifford, Capt. Groves, has been towed into Lunenburg, N.S., in a badly disabled condition. The schooner Helen E. Wells is at St. John's, Nfld., with deck loose, sails, deck load and boats gone.

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ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

Norwegian Expedition Going Out for Two Years—Proposed Ice-Breaking Steamer.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 12.—Capt. Severdrup, of the Fram of Nansen expedition fame, has arrived here to take part in the proceedings of a conference for the discussion of the feasibility of constructing an ice-breaking steamer to penetrate the Arctic sea, especially along the coast of Siberia. Next June Capt. Severdrup will start in the Fram for Greenland, at the head of a Norwegian exploring expedition, which it is expected will be absent about two years.

TRANSVAAL RAILROADS.

Fifteen Million Dollars to Be Borrowed for Their Construction.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 12.—It is announced that as a result of President Kruger's recent speech suggesting to the volksraad of the Transvaal that the time was ripe for making a loan for the construction of railways, a bill authorizing a loan of \$15,000,000 for that purpose is now awaiting the action of the volksraad.

AUSTRIAN POLITICS.

Proposal to Impose the Ministry Defeated on a Close Vote.

VIENNA, Nov. 12.—The Unterhaus discussed to-day a proposal to impeach the ministers for an alleged violation of their ministerial powers by the issuance of a decree authorizing the official use of the Czech language in Bohemia. The members of the left retired from the chamber at the beginning of the sitting, after the declaration that they would readily co-operate in a constitutional settlement of the question, if necessary by peaceful compromise. The impeachment proposal was finally rejected by a vote of 177 to 171.

A DISCREET BARONET.

He Politely Apologizes Rather Than Cross Swords With an Irate Foreign Duke.

PARIS, Nov. 11.—Sir Robert Peel promised to fight a duel to-morrow with Duc de Cereira as a result of a dispute at Monte Carlo, and swords had been deeded upon as the weapons. The affair, however, is now off. The quarrel was the outcome of an argument over the justification for the imprisonment of Capt. Dreyfus for selling military secrets to a foreign government. The duke considered himself insulted by certain letters from Sir Robert Peel, and having come especially from Geneva sent his second, the famous French amateur swordsman, M. Thome Guex, to call upon Peel.

M. Thome Guex recently had a duel with words with an Italian amateur, Sig. Casella, which arose out of a dispute as to the stretched shirt which the Count of Turin wore during his recent duel with Prince Henri of Orleans.

The husband of Mrs. C. Robert Peel met the duke's seconds this evening at the