

TORY TRAVESTY AT OTTAWA

HOW COUNTRY SUFFERS BY OPPOSITION TACTICS

Canada's Women and Children Paying Price of Election Bill Burelesque.

Ottawa, May 23.—The very unedifying spectacle of a group of politicians on the opposition benches, rendered desperate by office hunger, vigorously and venomously fighting supply, has been presented to the country within the past few weeks. Incidents of this kind, for centuries has been regarded as the little less than a travesty.

The withholding of supply is the weapon of the people for their constitutional rights, and this safeguard rests with the people's representatives in parliament. In the days when the sovereign was disposed to rule without regard for the constitution, parliament could check him by refusing to vote supply, and the services of the country would cease for lack of funds.

But here in Ottawa there has been an extraordinary application of this principle. There has been an exhibition of self capriciousness on the part of the Conservative government. As is generally known under the inestimable privileges granted by the rules, it is possible for a score of men, liberally endowed with wind and nerve, to contest the House of Commons for a few minutes that number, if they wish.

Mr. Borden and his friends have certainly prostituted this privilege, but it is an open secret that many of the Conservative members from Ontario at least were not at all well disposed toward these tactics. And what was it all about? Merely because the government desired to protect the franchise of the people against unscrupulous manipulators.

Sir Wilfrid, eminently fair, as usual, offered to leave the revision to the Judiciary—in this, by the way, the suggestion of the leader of the opposition, and Mr. Roche, Conservative member for Marquette, Manitoba. When the premier made this offer, the opposition applauded and Mr. Foster, in his following speech, accepted the suggestion with a regal courtesy and grace entirely foreign to him.

But next day a Conservative caucus decided against the suggestion, or, at the prime minister's—although Mr. Borden had recommended it and Mr. Foster had accepted it—and what was the reason? It was because they thought they were something better than the men who grasp their power, by preventing the government from carrying on its business, they could force a dissolution and an early appeal to the country. They reasoned, in consequence, that a scheme, which would not enable the government to complete its programme of important matters, such as the Hudson Bay Railway, and which they approached might gain it an advantage in consequence. Charming scheme, wasn't it? There was no doubt about it, because on the afternoon following the Conservative caucus both Messrs. Borden and Armstrong rancorously "dared" the government to dissolve, which, by the way, caused the prime minister a little amusement, not unshared with contempt. But what must be the condition of a party, when it holds up the granting of supply for the salaries of thousands of government employees throughout the country, upon the mere remaining objection of some of its women and children are dependant, in order to force a dissolution, or even as its members say, to compel the government to go as they wish with regard to the franchise bill.

To explain how it is possible for a minority to hold up the majority, yesterday's proceedings will suffice. The finance minister, Mr. Fisher, moved that the House into committee of supply, the intention being to take up estimates of the various departments. Up jumped Col. Worthington, Conservative member for Sherbrooke, and moved an amendment regarding the Ross rifle, with respect to which he has a mania—and the result was that the House did not get into supply.

in, and his attorney-general, the bellwether of the House. They cannot control the hot, warlike breath of the prairies, to stiffen up the opposition on the franchise bill. They came to force Mr. Borden and his friends to "fight until they are black and blue" in "directions" before they (the authorities of Manitoba) would surrender control of the voters' lists, even to the Judiciary. After working so hard to get those lists into the (2) condition, they were not disposed to have the meddling Judiciary presumptuously convert them into respectability. Their attitude at Ottawa showed them to be the real opposition, and it was in honor of the head of the Conservative party of Canada, who had to "look up" Mr. Roblin at the Russell house, and not Manitoba's premier who made a duty call upon the Conservative leader, Shamus St. Denis, at St. Denis, when he has become necessary for a provincial premier and his attorney-general to stiffen up a great party at the very seat of parliament.

But, after all, it is pointed out, the public sentiment must be opposed to all this opposition, nonsense. If the government's legislation is not to the liking of the opposing party, its members can vote against it, and leave the ultimate verdict to the country, but here, basing, vaunting obstruction is not to be tolerated.

ELECTION OF R. L. E. OFFICERS.

Columbus, Ohio, May 20.—The following officers of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers were elected yesterday, all by acclamation: Grand Chief, W. S. Stone, Cleveland; assistant grand chief, engineer, F. A. Burgess, Cleveland; Elmer Hartley, Ahs Kennedy, grand chairman of general committee of adjutant, Canadian Pacific railroad, was elected to one of the new positions of assistant chief.

FISHING IN SKEENA.

Vancouver, May 20.—The provincial fishery overseers in the north have refused to grant licenses to boat owners who did not have licenses for their own citizens. The result was that this week fishing is practically suspended on the Skeena. J. P. Babcock has, however, issued licenses to some citizens, but these are not required in the case of boat-pullers.

ALLUDS TO COUNTRY'S UNPROFITABLE SERVANTS

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth Talks Parable of Opposition Members at Ottawa.

Aurora, Ont., May 20.—Addressing his constituents here Hon. A. B. Aylesworth declares the majority must rule. He dropped into a parable, saying: "I am one of three men employed by a farmer and when we three men got on the ground to build a wall fence, I find only one of my companions assists me in putting rails on the fence, while the other man takes the rails off. He will not work for himself, neither will he let us work for him. Now, what do I do? I would surely be less than human if I did not fight under such circumstances. Some men are hired to do certain work, who will neither work or let those work who would. They should have some sense hammered into their heads."

SHE SAYS INSPECTOR WAS IMPERTINENT

Lady Not Permitted to Cross Boundary Line by U. S. Official.

Montreal, May 20.—Mrs. Manville Pierre, wife of the well known contractor, accompanied by her four children, left yesterday on the Delaware and Hudson express for New York, which city her father resides, for the purpose of making him a short visit. When the train passed Rouses Point it was boarded by the United States immigration inspector, to whose questions Mrs. Pierre refused answers deemed satisfactory by the inspector. As a result Mrs. Pierre was refused admission, and as she refused to leave the steamer, in which she had engaged two berths, the railway was obliged to transfer the other passengers to other cars. Mrs. Pierre remained in undisturbed possession all night, and later on was brought back to Montreal. Assistant Commissioner Wallace, of the United States immigration department, says that the case is the queerest that has ever come to his notice, but he stands by the inspector, who merely did his duty. The lady considered Mrs. Pierre remained in undisturbed possession all night, and later on was brought back to Montreal.

CANADIAN MAY CLAIM TITLE.

G. S. Lyon's Entry Only One in Order for Olympic Golf Championship.

London, May 20.—In the Olympic golf games named after the British monarch, received at the office of the council, but were so confused that they were returned for further particulars. To-day the entries close and there has been only one entry fully in order, viz., that of G. S. Lyon, of Canada, the competition is abandoned. Lyon has a walk-over and may, if he wishes, claim the medal.

MAYORALTY VOTE RECOUNT.

New York, May 20.—When the report on the recounting of ballots cast in the late mayoralty election in this city was handed in, Wm. R. Hearst had made a net gain of 88 votes over Mayor George McClellan. The contents of Hearst's ballot boxes, each representing one voting precinct, have been counted in court since the beginning of the hearing, and in all but one of them the corrected count has shown a gain for Hearst. The last box opened to-day showed a net loss of 88 votes for Hearst of three votes.

ONE DEAD IN RUNAWAY WRECK

ENGINE DASHES INTO OVERDUE EXPRESS

C. P. R. Employees and Passengers Injured in Peculiar Accident.

Owen Sound, Ont., May 20.—As a result of the railway accident on the C. P. R. at midnight Wm. Boswell is dead and seven men are injured. The names of the injured are: M. Wilson, fireman; J. C. Croft, conductor; H. Stone, baggage-man; W. V. DeKreit, express messenger; Mall Clerk Kearns; Charles Munroe, a passenger, and John Batts.

The accident was a most peculiar one. Engine 1262, which had just arrived in with a freight train from Toronto, was run up on the roundhouse siding and Engineer Griffith had left it and gone into the office. From some cause unknown the engine of its own accord evidently started to back up, and started down a long track at an ever-increasing speed. A passenger express train here at 10 o'clock was two hours late, and as it rounded the curve at Murray's cut and came down the grade at full speed, it met the runaway engine in front of the Keenan Lumber Company's works.

PORT ARTHUR DISASTER.

Major States Loss Is Not so Heavy as at First Supposed.

Port Arthur, Ont., May 20.—The Mayor of Port Arthur sent a message yesterday as follows: "The damage is not as large as at first supposed. Twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars will cover the loss to the dam. The electric railway and lights are being operated already. The waterworks connections are completed. The city standpipe assures fire protection."

CUSTOM COLLECTIONS.

Ottawa, May 20.—The customs collections for May amounted to three million and three-quarters, compared with May a year ago.

WINNIPEG DEBENTURES ARE UNDERWRITTEN

Stock Totalling \$7,300,000 Goes on London Market at 96.

Winnipeg, May 20.—The city of Winnipeg debentures to the amount of \$7,300,000, which have been for some time in the hands of the Bank of Montreal, have been underwritten at 96, and will be placed on the London market next week.

According to the wording of a message received here by the Bank of Montreal, there is a doubt whether the city is to receive \$96 for each hundred dollars' value of the debentures, or whether the city is to receive \$96 less the expenses of putting the debentures on the market.

STRAIGHT PARTY CONTEST.

Brookville, Ont., May 20.—Yesterday W. E. Brouse, Independent Conservative, headed a statement, to the effect that he had decided not to allow his name to go on the ballot, and would not be a candidate. This leaves a straight contest, with W. S. Buell as Liberal candidate and A. E. Donovan as Conservative.

SOLDIERS' ESCAPEE.

Gall, May 20.—During the visit of the Seventh Fusiliers of London, three of the men were taken to the police station for intoxication on the request of the company's commander. They used their bayonets on the locks and walls, and not only fired, but also freed fourteen other drunks as well.

HIS LAST OUE.

Frederickton, N. B., May 20.—While attending a theatrical performance last evening, Walter McFarlane, of the McFarlane-Thompson Manufacturing Co., fell from a balcony and died from heart disease. He was 70 years old.

HARVARD WINS TENNIS MATCH.

Newhaven, Conn., May 20.—Harvard won the tennis tournament with Yale to-day by five matches to four.

TO DISCOURAGE COOLIES COMING HERE

Vancouver Chinese Board of Trade Adopts Restrictive Resolution.

Vancouver, May 20.—At a special meeting of the Chinese board of trade to-day a resolution was adopted requesting the China association of Hongkong to discourage further Chinese coolie immigration to Canada. The resolution was subsequently carried to Hongkong.

WOMAN'S DIRE VENGEANCE.

New York, May 20.—Declaring that John Mara had committed an assault on her five-year-old daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Mara shot and instantly killed Mara in Brooklyn to-day. She was arrested.

KILTIES' BAND.

Musicians About to Tour West: Receive Royal Send-off at Ottawa.

Calgary, May 20.—The Albertans says under a special wire from Ottawa: "Day's arena held five thousand people last night including the governor general, Colonel Hamby Williams, General Macdonald, Colonel Graves, Premier Laurier, Leader Borden, and most of the house assembled to give a royal send-off to the Kilties band who gave their farewell Ottawa appearance prior to their homeward journey to the world. The mayor gave an illuminating address and banner containing the city coat of arms to be borne by the Scottish Kilties, in their tour of foreign countries."

POOL TRAGEDY.

Belleville, Ont., May 20.—The two-year-old child, Ruckelshup, met his death by drowning in a pool of water near his home at Banookpurn yesterday. The child was playing with a dog and wandered away from the house.

DEFUNCT SOVEREIGN BANK.

Toronto, May 20.—Anselmus Jarvis, president of the Sovereign bank, has announced that the board of directors to discontinue its annual salary of \$10,000.

QUEBEC BATTLEFIELDS.

Frederickton, N. B., May 20.—The legislature last night voted \$7,500 to the Quebec battlefields scheme.

BLOODSHED IN AEGEAN SEA

PEOPLE OF SAMOS FLEEING TO ATHENS

Protectorate Powers May Send Warships to Protect Natives.

Constantinople, May 20.—According to an official telegram from Athens, a small steamer with 150 women and children refugees from the island of Samos, has arrived at Syra Island, and reports the continuation of a serious situation on Samos.

The refugees state that a battalion of Turkish troops recently arrived at Vathy, the capital of the island, and at once commenced to fire indiscriminately upon the refugees, who were wounded. The story of the refugees is not believed here.

The Greek government is urging the three powers under which Samos is being protected, France, Great Britain and Russia, to send warships to the island. The port is anxious for a settlement of the trouble with the least possible bloodshed and has instructed its officials there to act with the greatest moderation. There is little sympathy here for the Samos, who are thought to have brought on the troubles by their own folly.

RACING AUTOIST MEETS TERRIBLE DEATH

Italian's Car Turns Somersault While Travelling 70 Miles an Hour.

Baltimore, Md., May 20.—Emanuel Cedrino, the noted Italian auto driver, was instantly killed on Pimlico race track last evening. He had been preparing for the races in which he was to have taken part to-day, and was making good time. His car, which had just been finished in 51 seconds, and had just passed the grand stand and rounded the first corner of the track when the spectators saw his car shoot into the air and turn an irregular somersault, landing on the track upside down.

Those who rushed to the spot found Cedrino stretched on his back, dead, with a fractured skull. The head and portions of his brains scattered about. He was some distance from the car, from which he had apparently been thrown as it went over, and it is supposed that his head struck the fence.

Cedrino was considered to be a fearless and skilful driver. Several times he had met with accidents, the most notable being prior to that of yesterday in the Big Four cornered race in Cuba, in 1906. Cedrino, who was driving a one hundred horsepower, ran into a tree on the first lap at a double S curve and overturned. The car turned turtle and Cedrino and his mechanic were thrown out. The calf of Cedrino's left leg was torn, and he was cut about the face and received numerous contusions.

The tragic death of Emanuel Cedrino, who was to have been the star performer of the day and who promised to win the big prize, has caused the announcing its terms so excellent that he would attempt to establish a new world record to-day, cast a damper on the enthusiasm of those who had looked forward to the automobile races this afternoon. The weather is cloudy with but little wind. The entry list is large and promises fine races.

BIG BELLINGHAM BLAZE.

Bellingham, May 20.—The plant of the Seaman Lumber Company was burned this morning. The loss is estimated at \$120,000. There was some insurance. Only the dry kiln was saved.

ANOTHER FAILURE.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 20.—Late yesterday afternoon Attorney James Beal was appointed receiver of the Washah-Pittsburg Terminal Railroad Company.

AUCTION AT MURDER FARM

GHOULISH INTEREST IN LAPORTE RELICS

Property of Belle Guinness Fetches Big Prices—5,000 People Present.

Laporte, Ind., May 20.—The auction sale of the personal property left by Mrs. Belle Guinness yesterday was attended by between four and five thousand people. Many of the articles brought five and ten times their cost price. It is estimated that the total receipts were more than three times what they would have been at an ordinary sale.

The postal card vendors and fakers and refreshment and luncheon stand owners did a thriving business. At one time during the day more than five hundred rings were tied about the farm. The greatest interest centered in the sale of the horse and cart driven by the Guinness children, and a shepherd watch dog. All of these were secured by local people, and all brought fancy prices, the dog alone selling \$100.

Coroner Mack last night filed another inquest report on one of the identified bodies. He is unable to determine the cause of death, though it is charged that the man was murdered by persons, to the coroner unknown.

VICTIMS OF FLOOD RECOVERED.

Durant, Okla., May 20.—From Red River yesterday were recovered the bodies of J. E. Hollis, his wife, his child and his mother, who were drowned yesterday just above Denton. The child was locked in its mother's arms.

J. L. Baer, his wife and two children are four of the number who were drowned by the submerging of an island in Red river. Seven workmen are known to have perished also. Their names may never be known.

TRANQUILLE SANATORIUM.

Vancouver, May 20.—The executive of the B. C. Anti-Tuberculosis Society met last night and decided to call for tenders for the erection of permanent buildings for patients at the sanatorium at Tranquille at a cost of seventy-five thousand dollars.

WORLD'S AEROPLANE RECORD IS BEATEN

Italian Succeeds in Flying Over Seven Miles in Fifteen Minutes.

Rome, May 20.—Delagrè, the aeronaut, beat the world's aeroplane record to-day, flying 17,760 metres and remaining in the air 15 minutes and 28 seconds. Englishman's feat.

Ghent, May 20.—Harry Farman, the English aeroplaneist, to-day covered 1,247 metres, or 4,088 feet, in his aeroplane with two men on board. His companion was M. Archdeacon. The feat was performed in a dead calm.

By this performance Mr. Farman wins the bet of \$1,000 made with A. Charon in March of this year, who held that an aeroplane would not be constructed within a year capable of carrying two persons, one of them to weigh not less than 150 pounds, a distance of 1,000 metres.

Americans Claim Record.

Paris, May 20.—Wilbur Wright, one of the Wright brothers, the American aeroplaneist, was informed to-day that Leon Delagrè, the French aeroplaneist, had succeeded in flying 17,760 metres, or over seven miles, at Rome. He manifested considerable interest, but no anxiety, in this performance.

"We are not worried," he said. "We already have tripled the distance made by M. Delagrè this morning. Our confidence in our leadership rests upon the essential difference between our machine and those used in Europe. We have a practical aeroplane capable of flying in the wind."

TAILOR'S STOCK BURNED.

Regina, Sask., May 20.—The entire stock of J. Lee, tailor, was destroyed by fire this morning. A gasoline stove exploded and threw the flames among the clothing. The building was saved by the efforts of the fire department but the wind through the open back door caused the entire destruction of the goods.

EMPEROR WILLIAM MARK OF ANARCHIST

Vagrant Arrested in Italy Confesses Design on Imperial Personage.

Bari, Italy, May 20.—Two weeks ago the police arrested here a vagrant Paul Nicholas, 29 years old, a mechanic of Charlottsburg, Prussia. The German consular authorities were notified and requested the police to hold the man until it was possible to ascertain the reason for his presence in Italy.

"Becoming tired of waiting longer in prison Nicholas has now confessed that he is an anarchist, and that he came from Berlin in April pledged to kill some person in the imperial court who left with Emperor William for Cortu. The man refused to give further particulars concerning his errand, or a hint as to who he intended to kill. The man was killed, but it is believed Emperor William himself was the intended victim."

WIFE MURDER CASE.

Jury Could Not Arrive at Verdict in Whitmore Crime.

New York, May 20.—The jury in the trial in Jersey City of Theodore S. Whitmore of Brooklyn, charged with the murder of his wife, Lena, to-day reported a disagreement. Judge Swamy sent the jury back to their room with a request that they agree, if possible.

After a few hours of deliberation the jury in the Whitmore trial again reported that they were unable to agree on a verdict and they were discharged by the court. It was reported that the jury stood one for conviction on the first degree, two for conviction in the second degree, and nine for acquittal.

Prosecutor Vickers said that Whitmore would be tried again, probably next fall. The accused made no comment on the result as he was taken back to jail.

METHODISTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

Baltimore, Md., May 20.—Adverse action yesterday by Methodist Episcopal general conference on an apparently unimportant motion is said last night to have had of it a determination on the part of a large number of delegates to bury the question of whether or not paragraph 248 of the book of discipline, which deals with amusements, shall be changed. The motion in question was that a time be set for consideration of the report of the committee which had the matter under consideration. The motion was lost by a decisive vote.

TESSIER BILL.

Regina, May 20.—The bill to create Wilfrid Tessier a member of the college of physicians and surgeons of Saskatchewan came before the committee of the House again yesterday, and was amended to permit of a special examination being given. The bill was then read through committee, and the whole morning was occupied with the discussion. The report of the amendment was carried, but this bill will likely be moved back to committee on the third reading.

SAYS DRINKING IS "LINK WITH HELL"

Pronouncement of United Presbyterian Assembly on Saloon Question.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 20.—At the request of the Anti-Saloon League of America, it has been decided by the United Presbyterian General Assembly, in session here, to send a delegation to the next convention of the league.

The report of the committee on temperance, presented by the chairman, Rev. Dr. J. T. McCrorry, of Pittsburg, contained recommendations to the effect that the assembly return to the original day, the fourth day of November, as "Temperance Sabbath."

Concerning the saloon question, drinking was characterized as a "covenant with death, a link with hell." Emphatic declarations were made that the Bible should be taught in the public schools.

CONFESSION IN ALLEY

MURDER MYSTERY

Arrested Youth Implicates Companions in Foul Chicago Crime.

Chicago, May 20.—David Jacobson, 19 years of age, who was arrested on suspicion of having a knowledge of the murder of Robert C. Holmes, the purchasing agent of the Edison Commonwealth Company, who was found dead in an alley on the morning of May 21st, has confessed to the police that he was present at the killing of Holmes, although he denies having taken part in the actual murder. Jacobson, in his confession, implicates other men who are in custody. They are Samuel McEwen, colored; Charles Lewis and George Miller. Their ages range from 15 to 24.

Jacobson told the police that McEwen attacked Holmes and knocked him down, and that Lewis struck him on the head with a hammer. Jacobson said that he, McEwen, Lewis and Miller, had been employed at the Randolph street depot of the Illinois Central Hill midnight. They came up the street together, and near Adams street saw a large man who they determined to rob. McEwen, Jacobson declares, struck Holmes, knocking him down, and Lewis beat him on the head with a hammer which he drew from his pocket. They then dragged Holmes into the alley, where his body was found afterwards, and robbed him.

The arrests of the three other men was promptly made, and all of them after having been connected with the murder in any way. They admit having been with Jacobson on the night of May 21st, but all told a consistent story of their whereabouts and their statements are now being investigated.

SODA CARGO FOR CANADA.

Montreal, May 20.—The first ocean cargo of nitrate of soda ever brought direct to Canada is due here about the middle of next month. The consignee is for P. W. Ferns and is in the nature of an experiment. The soda comes from Chili and is used for explosives and fertilizers. Hitherto this product has been shipped to United States ports direct.

RACE POSTPONED.

Hilton, N. J., May 20.—The Irvington-Milburn bicycle road race which was to have been held to-day was postponed until next Saturday, because of a heavy rain storm.

ANGLO-FRENCH RAPPROCHEMENT

BONDS OF EUROPEAN POWERS DRAW CLOSER

Russia May Be Party in Triple Alliance—Isolation of Germany.

London, May 20.—With the conclusion of the visit to England of President Fallières of France, increased attention is being given as to whether the conversation between King Edward and President Fallières and the British and French foreign ministers will lead to the developing of the existing entente between Great Britain and France into an alliance in which Russia will be a party.

At a conference between Sir Edward Grey, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, and M. Pichon, the French foreign minister, the subject of a more formal agreement between the respective countries and the coming visit of King Edward to Emperor Nicholas was discussed, so that King Edward as well as Sir Charles Hardinge, permanent under secretary for foreign affairs, and former British ambassador to Russia, who will accompany his Majesty, will be able to place before the Russian Emperor the views not only of their country but those of France also with respect to a closer understanding between Great Britain, France and Russia.

King Edward and the British government, it is believed, favor a military alliance and the further isolating of Germany, but there is much opposition in this country to such an agreement on the ground that it would necessitate an increased military expenditure, and possibly conscription, and also would lead Great Britain into continental quarrels in which she was not interested.

A majority of the press and of the public are saying that it would be better for Great Britain to leave well enough alone and devote her efforts to assuring the continuance of the entente with France.

LONDON OLD BOYS.

Reunion Will Be Held in Ontario During July—Excursion From Coast.

Vancouver, May 20.—Old boys and girls of London, Ontario, are holding their reunion in the home town during their first week in August and old boys' associations are being organized throughout the United States and Canada. An energetic association has been formed in Vancouver, and it is planned to run a coastwise excursion from this point, leaving during the last week in July. An attractive railway rate is being secured and it is expected that one of the largest excursions ever started from the Pacific coast will be set in motion when the London old boys and girls commence their trip across the continent. Membership tickets have been issued and may be secured from either President John T. Stephens, 1287 Davie street, or W. W. Stroyan, 74 Eighth avenue west, Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, who will be pleased to give any other information to those interested in the trip.

The London Old Boys' Association is the pioneer Old Boys' Association on the continent and old boys and girls from all parts of the world are expected to be present at the week's carnival in August.

FREIGHT WAR CONTINUES.

Rates on Grain From Portland to Orient Cut Lower Than Any Previous Figure.

A Portland dispatch states that freight rates for the transportation of wheat and flour on the regular Oriental liners from all Pacific coast ports to Manila have been cut from \$4 to \$2 a ton, which is the lowest tariff that has ever been in effect to that point by the regular lines.

The cut was decided upon because of the low rate at which Jacobsen & Co., of Seattle, an independent concern, have been hauling freight across the Pacific. The British steamship Sheila, operated by that company, and now loading at Puget Sound, will carry wheat and flour to Hongkong and other ports at \$1 less than is charged by the owners of the regular lines. Competition has become so keen that shippers are expecting still further reductions.

CARRIED TREASURE.

President Sailed Last Night With Full Cargo and \$111,000 in Bullion.

On the steamship President, of the Pacific coast line, which sailed for San Francisco at 10 o'clock last night, was carried a full cargo of bullion amounting to \$111,000 which was landed at Seattle, in transit, from Trendwell.

The President carried 250 passengers and a full cargo. She was delayed for a couple of hours on the Sound.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

New York, May 20.—Former Judge Alton B. Parker, Democratic candidate for president in the campaign of 1904, will be chairman of the Democratic national convention this year, according to a statement made yesterday at Tammany Hall. It is stated also that Mr. Parker will be requested to write a platform to be submitted to the convention. W. J. Bryan is said to have turned over to the committee of Mr. Parker as chairman of the resolutions committee.

JAPANESE WATER POWER.

Tokio, May 20.—The development of the water power of Japan has been hindered by the Japanese-English-American syndicate. At a meeting yesterday \$5,000,000 was pledged for this purpose, the Japanese contributing half of the amount.

MAIL MATTER F

Ottawa, May 20.—The parliament has been adjourned until the first of June. The first steamer leaving about June 4th. Postmaster instructed to accept all matter at the ordinary Yukon points from Jun

NO MILITIA BECAUSE OPPOSIT

WON'T GRANT

Canada's Soldiers Childish Antics at Ottawa

(Special to THE TIMES.) Ottawa, May 20.—The cancellation and withdrawal of training for rural police, there will be no militia. Quebec for the celebration of the centennial