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A LESSON IN FINANCE

Cuban Case an Exception to Recognized Code Governing National Debts.

Spain Borrowed Against Her Colonists and Now Should Pay.

United States Will Set Precedent Important to Tyrants and Financiers.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Oct. 21.—The Speaker, in a long article on the peace commission, says: "The reluctance of America to accept the burden of the Cuban debt, while at the same time upholding the doctrine of international law in which such debts incurred by a ruler binds his successors, rests upon a solid foundation.

"It is monstrous that a tyrant should be able to burden future generations simply because he is in possession of the material government. If investors felt that in international law loans incurred against the will of a people would not attach to the country in the event of a change of government there would be less of that monetary support of misgovernment which has disgraced the high finance of the nineteenth century.

"For fifty years Spain has ruled Cuba in defiance of the will of the Cuban people and in spite of the constant protest of the United States. The cost of her military operations was met by loans specially chargeable upon Cuba, in the first place in order to punish the Cubans, and in the second place in order to arrange for a cheap retreat in the event of being driven out by the Americans.

"In a word, the debt has been charged upon Cuba largely with the object of saddling it upon the United States. The bondholders were encouraged to look to the supported doctrine of international law as part security, while they knew they were lending to Spain against the will of both Cubans and Americans.

"It is hoped that the United States while assuming the sovereignty of Cuba will refuse to pay any part of the debt except the money used in the development of the island, thereby setting a most useful precedent by which tyrants and financiers will do well to take note."

"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE."

Harold Frederic's Death Laid to Account of This Form of Treatment.

[illegible] newspaper correspondent and author, who died suddenly on Wednesday morning at Henley, of heart disease, was adjourned to-day until Wednesday next. The evidence presented was pronounced sensational. A despatch from London to the Associated Press on Thursday said it had been learned that Mr. Frederic, previous to his death, had been in the hands of "Christian scientists," and that a doctor was only summoned to attend him a few days before he died.

During the inquest Mr. Frederic's daughter Ruth said her father did not believe in doctors. She added that it was with his consent, but under the influence of others, that Mrs. Mills, a "Christian scientist," was summoned to attend him.

Kate Lyon, a member of the Frederic household, testified that the deceased had asked her to call in Mrs. Mills, and the latter came to the house and expounded the system followed by the "Christian scientists." On the same day Mr. Frederic dismissed the doctors who had been in attendance upon him.

Most of Mrs. Mills' treatment, continued the witness, was what was known as "absent treatment." At the request of the friends of the sick man, the doctors were summoned, but the deceased informed them that when they had previously been attending him he had not followed their directions.

Mr. John Stokes, Mr. Frederic's amanuensis, testified that he had informed Kate Lyons that she might be charged with manslaughter if Mr. Frederic died without receiving medical treatment.

Drs. Brown and Freidberger, physicians who had attended Mr. Frederic, said that the deceased had suffered from rheumatic fever, and that he was paralyzed on one side. His death, they ascertained, was due to syncope. Both declared their belief that with proper treatment the patient would have recovered.

The inquest was adjourned until Wednesday, in order to allow of the attendance of Mrs. Mills.

C. P. R. DIFFERENTIALS.

Adverse Decision of the Arbitrators Not on Merits and New Reference Suggested.

Montreal, Oct. 21.—(Special)—Regarding the decision of the arbitration rendered in Chicago two days ago, Vice-President Shaughnessy of the C. P. R. said to-day: "The arbitrators seem to have rendered a decision adverse to the C. P. R. We are advised that the decision is based on technical construction of the language of the resolutions describing the question which was to be left to arbitration. If we are correctly informed as to the basis of the arbitration, the question must be submitted again in such a form as to obtain a decision on its broad merits."

TWO BRAVE OLD FOLK.

Venerable Parents of Twenty-Four Children Make Their Sixth Venture in Matrimony.

Prescott, Mich, Oct. 21.—Donald B. McDonald, of Reno, aged 98 years, was united in matrimony yesterday to Mrs. Magzie Ann Oregon, aged 84.

The aged bridegroom was married three times in Canada and was the father of 14 children. The bride was married twice, once in Ireland and once in New York, and is the mother of 10 children. John R. McDonald officiated in tying the knot in the presence of the great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren of both groom and bride.

FIGHTING IN AFRICA.

Twenty Thousand Natives Engaged in Settling a Dispute With Transvaal Forces.

Pretoria, Oct. 21.—Serious trouble is feared with the Magate tribe in the Zoupansberg district. The natives recently massacred a Lutheran missionary and his wife at the town of Zoupansberg. The Transvaal government sent an expedition against them. [illegible] assumed serious [illegible] with 20,000 followers, fully armed, and four cannon supplied by white traders, has attacked the laager. Heavy fighting is proceeding.

The ultimatum of the commanding officer of the Transvaal troops, General Joubert, demanding an unconditional surrender, has been ignored by the natives and he has summoned three thousand burgers to reinforce the five thousand now in the field. The campaign promises to be prolonged.

The scene of the fighting is in the extreme northern portion of the Transvaal territory, west of the Casa country (Umphlengaland), and southeast of the country of the Matabele.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Dredging Lease Beneficiaries Given Two Years of Grace—Prohibition's Majority.

Furniture Men Protest Against Bartering Their Interests—A Market for Apples.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, Oct. 21.—The board of governors of the Victorian Order of Nurses to-day decided to ask the Countess of Minto to be honorary president. The several district superintendents for Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax, Toronto and Klondike were admitted to full membership, and the badges approved by the Queen were presented to the Ottawa nurses who had passed the course of training.

Lord Herschell, General Lord Seymour and Miss Flora Shaw were visitors at Government House to-day.

Mr. Sontum, Canadian agent in Christiana, says the apple crop in Norway is ruined and that there is a splendid opening for Canadian fruit, especially Baldwins, and also evaporated apples.

Canadian furniture men were here to-day to protest against Mr. Charlton's proposition to include this class of goods in the reciprocity treaty with the United States. They saw Sir Wilfrid Laurier [illegible] have been received by the clerk of the Crown in chancery, Mr. Chapleau, who says the majority for prohibition for the whole Dominion will be about 13,000.

Holders of dredging leases for Dominion waters in the Territories have been given until 1900 to place their dredges on the ground.

THE HALIBUT FISHERY.

Another Vessel Operating for the Sound on Northern Banks.

Tacoma, Oct. 20.—The steamer Edith, belonging to the Pacific Halibut company, was yesterday inspected by Messrs. Cherry and Bryant, United States inspectors of boilers and hulls, and found in good condition. She sails to-day on her first voyage of the season to the Alaskan halibut banks. She cleared at the custom house yesterday for the deep sea.

The catch of the Edith will be sent to New York and Boston for the Atlantic Halibut company, one of the largest halibut concerns on the Atlantic. The fish will cross the continent in refrigerator cars.

Since last season the Edith has been put in first class condition for the halibut business at the expense of $10,000. Her hull has been repaired and cleaned, she has received a Scotch marine boiler just from the factory, complete electric light plant, a searchlight, a new rudder and other improvements and repairs.

The steamer carries thirty men, eighteen of whom are fishermen. She has nine dories. While fishing two men occupy a dory. Each man attends to two lines each 300 feet long and on which are from 110 to 180 hooks attached to leaders. Herring are used for bait.

ANGLICAN DOCTRINE.

As to Real Presence—Voluntary Confession Sanctioned—Prayers for Dead Commended.

London, Oct. 15.—Since John Kensit's anti-Ritualistic crusade, churchmen have been waiting anxiously for an utterance by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the grave questions raised, which have agitated the whole body of churchmen. In a series of charges to the clergy, delivered this week, the primate spoke in no uncertain voice. He caused a profound impression in church circles and deeply aggrieved the Low Church party.

The primate declared plainly that the doctrine of the Real Presence, as embodied practically in the doctrine of consubstantiation, is permitted, though not expressly taugh, by the Church of England; that, although compulsory confession is absolutely illegal, voluntary confession is legal and no clergyman is justified in refusing to hear it, and he commended prayers for the dead, but forbade invocation of the saints or the virgin. He declared that the elevation and reservation of the sacrament and use of incense are not permissible; but he approved of a certain revival of the ritual, in conformity with the prescriptions of the prayer book.

Practically the primate sanctions all the doctrines and practices which the Low Church men have condemned so vehemently and the High Church men are elevated proportionately. Though they disagree with some points the majority of the clergy of the Church of England fall into line with the primate's charges or injunctions.

Kensit, whose followers have been somewhat shaken by Truth's exposure of him, promises a demonstration in a thousand churches during the first Sunday in November.

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WANTED IN 'FRISCO.

A Fourteen Year Old California Girl Sent Home on the Direct Steamer.

Said to Have Been Abducted, But Her Story Is of Too Cruel Stepfather.

When the Pacific Coast steamship Walla Walla sailed for California last evening, she carried one girl passenger, who has in recent weeks given the detectives and police of San Francisco no small amount of worry. The young lady is Miss Ava Hess, and the anxiety she has caused is due to a very sudden leave of absence she took from parents and home a fortnight ago. A man named Isaac Wolfe is held responsible for her actions, and is under arrest in the Bay City, charged with the abduction of the girl and the sending of her to Victoria for immoral purposes. Ava was searched for in all directions, and was soon located in Victoria, being found soon after her arrival in the Palace lodging house. From there she removed to another quarter, but was kept under almost constant surveillance by the police until last evening Detective Palmer and Officer Monatt saw her safely off on the Walla Walla. To these two officers Ava confided some of her troubles. She says she was never abducted from home, and that she ran away to avoid the ill-treatment of a cruel step-father. She did not object strongly to having to return to the Golden Gate, and embarked with apparently a light heart, prepared, as she told the police, to face all troubles.

Ava is a very attractive girl in appearance. She is 14 years of age, and her case has been taken up by Detectives McMurray and Anthony, in the interests of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

POLICE CHIEF INDICTED.

Accessory to Killing of Prize Fighter Because of Taking Money to Allow Contest.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 21.—The jury in the inquest over the body of Wm. Walker, the prize fighter, killed in a fight at South Omaha by Andy Dupont, last Monday night, returned a verdict this afternoon holding Dupont as principal and Chief of Police Carroll, of South Omaha, accessory to the killing.

The testimony shows that Carroll had received money to allow the fight to proceed. Warrants in accordance with this verdict will be at once issued.

THE COAST PIRATES.

Seattle Trio Sentenced at Nanaimo—Additional Year for Threatening Police.

(Special to the Colonist.)

Nanaimo, Oct. 21.—James Murphy, Thomas Smith and James Morrisy, of Seattle, were to-day sentenced to five years' imprisonment each for stealing at several places along the northern coast between here and Comox.

They also stole the $800 sloop Apollo, of Mr. Seymour, a barrister of Seattle.

Smith, after being sentenced, said he would make it warm for the police when he was released, and Judge Harrison thereupon added another year to his term in the penitentiary.

WINNIPEG TRAVELLER HURT.

J. D. Windrum, a Winnipeg commercial man now in Nanaimo, met with a severe accident this afternoon by falling from his bicycle. He was badly cut about the face and head.

OPERATIONS ON 'CHANGE.

Pacific Stocks in Demand in New York and in Berlin.

New York, Oct. 21.—Strength was manifest to-day not only in the Granger group, but also in the Pacifics, including Northern and Union.

The Evening Post's financial cable from London says:

"There was a general recovery in the stock markets here to-day on the more cheerful news regarding the Fashoda question and the steadiness of the Paris bourse. The best prices were not maintained, however, and the close was somewhat dull. Americans were distinctly the firmest, market arbitrage houses being short of stock, but New York selling finally caused a dull close. The New York demand for gold has slackened. The price is now 77s. 10d. Large arrivals of gold are due next week, and it is conjectured that they may go into the Bank of England. It is reported that a meeting of the London banks was held to-day to consider the question of the maturity of large quantities of German paper, and that it was agreed to arrange, so far as possible, for the renewal of such bills. I give you the report, though late efforts were current to check it. The Paris bourse was dull, and the Berlin market good. In the latter there was large buying of Canadian Pacific."

Closing prices: Ton., 116; Sugar 111⅛; C. P., 81¼; C. S., 53; C. & O., 21¼; C. R. & Q., 115⅛; C. Gas, 103¼; C. & N. W., 131⅛; C. R. I. & P., 101⅛; C. M. & St. P., 108⅛; Con. Gas, N. Y., 177⅛; D. & H., 102; D. & R. G., pfd., 53⅞; J. C., 86⅛; L. & N., 54⅞; Man. Elev., 97⅞; M. P., 22¼; N. P., com., new, 40⅝; do pfd., 75; N. Y. C. & H., 115¼; N. Y. L. E. & W., 1st, pfd., 32 3-9; N. Y. O. & W., 14⅝; Pac. Mail, 32½; Phila. & R., all paid, 16⅛; S. Ry., pfd., 33⅞; T. C. & I., 27½; T. P., 13¼; U. S. Leather pfd., 64; U. S. Rubber, 38⅝; U. P. receipts, 32⅝; do pfd., 63⅝; Wab., pfd., 19¼; Met. Traction, 159; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 64.

C. P. R. in London, 82½; Commercial Cable in Montreal, 181 and 179½.

Bar silver, 60¼c.; Mexican dollars, 46¾c.; silver certificates, 60 to 61c.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—Wheat closed: Oct., 66⅝c.; Dec., 66⅝c.; May, 67⅞c. Corn, Oct., 31¼c.; Dec., 31½c.; May, 33⅝c. Oats, Dec., 22⅞ to 23c.; May, 24c. Pork, Dec., $8.02½; Jan., $8.22½. Lard, Dec., $5; Jan., $5.07½. Ribs, Oct., $5.35; Jan., $4.77½.

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COLOR LINE IN MASONRY.

Kentucky Grand Lodge Declares Non-Intercourse With Washington State.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 19.—The grand lodge of Kentucky Masons at a session to-day unanimously adopted a resolution which recommends non-intercourse between grand lodges of this state and the grand lodge of the state of Washington because of the action of the latter in recognizing negro lodges.

Seattle, Oct. 19.—Past Grand Master J. M. Taylor when shown to-night the above despatch said: "The Masons of the state of Washington are, in this matter, contending for a principle of right and justice. Kentucky can certainly get along without us, and it is equally certain that we can get along without Kentucky. We can afford to bide our time until such time as the future shall demonstrate that the Masons of Washington are right on this question, just as the then loudly condemned abolitionists were right in their fight on slavery."

VANCOUVER'S BUDGET

"Fighting Joe" Would Read Out Editor McLagan for Calling Him a Hard Name.

Row at Liberal Meeting—Nelson Barrister Wedded—Lee-Enfield Rifles.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Vancouver, Oct. 21.—The steamer Danube sailed to-day with the new Yukon gold commissioner, Mr. E. O. Senkler.

The steamer Comox arrived from the North last night with a number of mining men.

Three hundred Lee-Enfield rifles have arrived for the Second battalion.

Vancouver's clearings since the inauguration of the new clearing house have been as follows: Week ending Oct. 6, $513,869; week ending Oct. 13, $560,462; week ending Oct. 20, $580,801.

Henderson's dramatic company drew an unusually large house last night. The audience was well pleased.

The Liberals of Vancouver organized last night. There were 100 present. Alderman McQueen was elected President; F. Burnett, vice-president; I. S. Baxter, secretary; and C. M. Davidson, treasurer. The executive committee consists of the following: J. C. McLagan, E. P. Davis, H. B. Gilmour, W. Clubb, D. G. Macdonnell, G. McDonald, G. W. Grant, T. Mathews, R. McPherson, I. Coltart, Geo. Bartley, Watts, J. Coote, Ramsay, Allan, Dougherty, Fraser, Gladwin, Tyson, W. Downie, Garvin, Morris, Nolton, Wilkes, Bruce, Lawrence, McLean, W. Boult, Gilchrist and C. M. Davidson. During the proceedings Mr. McLagan objected to civil servants taking a part in the proceedings, and Hon. Jos. Martin objected to Mr. McLagan acting on the executive as he had called him a hard name in his public capacity. Both differences were smoothed over by the chairman, Mr. E. P. Davis.

Yesterday morning J. Campbell and T. Cole were committed by Magistrate Corbould at Westminster for the alleged robbery of $300 from J. Burns.

R. S. Lennie, barrister, Nelson, B.C., and Miss Edith Douglas, daughter of Benjamin Douglas, were married yesterday in St. Andrew's church, Westminster. The bride was attended by her sisters and the bridegroom by Mr. Lawson, of Victoria.

The London Daily Mail cabled its British Columbia correspondent to-day: "Relations France and Britain over Fashoda critical. Watch." The inference is that the warships at Esquimalt may make a move.

SHORT DESPATCHES.

AN ARCHBISHOP'S LOSS.

Santiago, Oct. 21.—General Wood received a communication from Washington to-day in which the government refuses to pay any compensation to the archbishop of Santiago de Cuba.

SANTIAGO PROCLAMATION.

Santiago de Cuba, Oct. 21.—Gen. Leonard Wood, military governor pro tem of the department of Santiago, to-day issued a proclamation in ten sections which is a sort of provisional declaration of independence.

OHIO BANK CLOSED.

Lisbon, Ohio, Oct., 21.—The First National Bank of this place was closed to-day by the directors. W. J. Childs, who has been the cashier for twenty years, has not been seen since yesterday forenoon. The bank examiners are in charge of the institution.

A GOLF RECORD.

New York, Oct. 21.—Walter J. Travis, of the Oakland club, in a match with C. F. Watson, on the Essex county links to-day, made 18 holes in 73 strokes, thus breaking the best previous golf record of 77 strokes held by Howard A. Colby.

LILLIAN RUSSELL FREE.

New York, Oct. 21.—Lillian Russell, the well-known actress, is again free from matrimonial ties. Signor Perrugini, whose wife she has been since January 21, 1894, to-day received a decree of divorce in the Chancery court in Jersey City.

GULF STORMS.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 21.—The Labrador mail steamer Leopold, which arrived here to-day, reports exceptional storms along the coast. Her captain thinks there is no likelihood of the arrival this autumn of Lieut. Peary's steamer Windward. Capt. John Bartlett, now supposed to be in the far North, after landing Lieut. Peary and his colleagues.

PENALTY OF SUCCESS.

London, Oct. 22.—The Rome correspondent of the Times says: Count Perruccio Macla, proprietor of the Gazette Di Venezia, has been sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment for killing Signor Felice Carle, the poet, dramatist and member of the chamber of deputies, in a duel last March.

MOTHER KILLS THREE

Toronto Woman Who Thus Prevented Her Little Ones From Growing Up Wicked.

"They Are Angels Now and I Shall Soon Be with Them."

(Special to the Colonist.)

Toronto, Oct. 21.—Eliza Burrell, wife of Charles Burrell, marble polisher, living at 559 Logan avenue, in the northeast end of the city, to-night murdered her three infant children, while apparently in a state of insanity.

Her husband returned from work about 6 o'clock, and his wife, who presented nothing unusual in her appearance, began to prepare dinner. Her husband asked for the children. She said they were sleeping upstairs. The husband said he would go up and see them, and after a slight attempt on the part of the wife to stop him, he went to their bedroom, where he found three little ones lying dead on the bed. The frantic father rushed for a doctor, but the medical man, on coming, said they had been dead for some hours.

The unhappy woman talked freely about her act, not apparently realizing the enormity of the deed. She had smothered them with a cotton rag about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. She had killed them, she said, because she did not want them to grow up wicked. "They are angels now," she said, "and I shall soon be with them." She said she had killed the baby first, and the elder children had looked on laughing, supposing she was playing with the child.

The demented woman was taken to police headquarters for the night. She has been in wretched health for many months, suffering first from rheumatic fever and later from an ailment of the heart, only coming from the hospital after treatment of the latter three weeks ago. She was subject to extreme melancholia, and doubtless her mind had been affected by illness.

She was formally arrested and locked up. The bodies were taken to the morgue, where an inquest will be held to-morrow afternoon. The murdered children were Ethel, aged 5; Stanley, aged 3; and Harold, aged 18 months. Shortly after the tragedy the 10-year-old son of Mr. Burrell by his first wife came in, and his step-mother treated him with much display of affection, but refused to allow him upstairs.

Burrell, who is an elderly man, has two sons in the Baptist ministry, Rev. W. R. Burrell, of Sheridan avenue church, Toronto, and Rev. C. G. Burrell, of Westport, near Kingston.

CANADIAN AFFAIRS.

Reward for Dr. Ireland's Body—Peg-Leg Brown on Trial—Col. Gibson's Contest.

(Special to the Colonist.)

Montreal, Oct. 21.—Mrs. Ireland has offered a reward of $500 for the recovery of the body of her husband, Dr. Ireland, whose extraordinary disappearance has been already narrated.

SHERIFF DYING.

Hamilton, Oct. 21.—Sheriff Morton is at the point of death.

EDITOR DEAD.

Welland, Oct. 21.—John R. Sawle, editor of the Telegraph, is dead.

ANOTHER BANQUET.

Montreal, Oct. 21.—A banquet will be tendered Lord and Lady Aberdeen by citizens here on November 10, on the eve of their departure from Canada.

CHATHAM'S MISFORTUNE.

Chatham, Ont., Oct. 21.—W. H. Teghe's large apple evaporating factory was destroyed by fire to-day. The factory has been in operation but two months, and employed 225 hands.

LAKE VESSELS.

Port Arthur, Oct. 21.—The steamer Chishold and her tow, the schooner John Martin, are wrecked off Isle Royal. They had a cargo of 92,000 bushels of barley and 1,200,000 feet of lumber, which is a total loss. The crews were saved.

BRANTFORD STIRRED.

Brantford, Oct. 21.—The funeral of the late Dr. Cochrane yesterday afternoon was the most imposing ever held in Brantford. There was an outpouring of sympathy and regret such as never before witnessed here.

PEG-LEG BROWN.

London, Oct. 21.—The preliminary trial of Marion Brown, alias Thomas Allen, the wooden-legged man charged with the murder of Policeman Michael Twohey on June 24 last, commenced yesterday before Police Magistrate Parlee. Several witnesses identified the prisoner as the man who was seen and hunted after the murder.

COL. GIBSON'S CHANCE.

Fergus, Oct. 21.—The formal nomination of candidates for the by-election to take place in East Wellington on Thursday next was held yesterday afternoon in the Town hall. Hon. J. M. Gibson, provincial secretary, who has been without a seat since defeated in Hamilton at the general election, was placed in nomination by the Liberals, and Dr. J. B. Coughlan by the Conservatives. The latter is the candidate who unsuccessfully ran on the Conservative ticket at the general election. Both candidates live outside the riding. It will be a hot fight.

LITTLE KAFFIR WAR.

Burghers Disperse the Hostile Natives After Inflicting Severe Punishment.

Pretoria, Oct. 22.—The Kaffirs have been repulsed by the force of Burghers sent against them. The Burghers charged them into the mountains, killing several of the natives. The Burgher artillery did good execution.

The natives' attack on the Burghers is regarded as a declaration of war.

HAVANA FLOODED.

Four Feet of Water Over Many of the Principal Streets—Heaviest Rain in Years.

Havana, Oct. 22.—One of the heaviest rain storms in years fell here last night as a continuation of the storm of the last three days. Every stream in the vicinity of this city overflowed, flooding its surroundings. The streets of Havana presented the appearance of running rivers. The water was over four feet deep at many of the crossings, swamping houses and stores and damaging goods, furniture and other property. The fire brigade was called out and many sick and aged people were carried to places of safety.

Traffic was delayed on the railways running out of the city.

The slaughter house and paddocks were entirely submerged. Many bulls succeeded in escaping and ran loose through the streets of the city, adding to the panic prevailing.

To "dance attendance" is an expression borrowed from the mediaeval custom which compelled the bride at a wedding to dance with whosoever asked her. No matter how low the condition or how objectionable the person, the bride could not refuse.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Yukon Mails Now Receiving Attention, With Prospect of Weekly Service.

Quebec Lawyers Attack the Chief Justice—The Majority for Prohibition.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—Mr. Mulock has arranged for a thorough reorganization of the Yukon mail service and arrangements are almost perfected with a competent contractor for a fortnightly service which with the present fortnightly service will give a weekly mail to and from Dawson. A. E. James, the official stationed at Skagway, will sort the mails there, so that mining communities along the route may get letters promptly. Postmasters Harman and James are both authorized to send extra mails when circumstances require. The Mounted Police hereafter will have nothing to do with the mails.

The Canadian fruit exhibit at Omaha created a splendid impression.

The latest returns of the plebiscite indicate that the majority for prohibition will be about 14,000.

Considerable feeling has been aroused here over the attack of Quebec lawyers on Chief Justice Strong. It is stated that there is absolutely no foundation in truth for the attack.

THE CZAR'S SCHEME.

Useless Asking Great Powers to Disarm but Little Ones Might Experiment.

London, Oct. 22.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily News summarizes in a despatch to that paper the various reputed conversations between Count Muravieff, the Russian foreign minister, and French statesmen. He represents Count Muravieff as declaring in reference of the Czar's rescript anent disarmament that it was useless preaching to the great powers. He added that there was a large vested industrial interest in every state in the manufacture of guns and explosives. Germany and Great Britain had gone too far in that direction to cease easily. Perhaps France could stop these manufactures, and Russia had not gone so far.

Russia's idea, Count Muravieff is represented as declaring, was to persuade the smaller states to diminish their military equipment. France, Russia and any great power adopting the Czar's idea ought to support the minor states that disarmed. Russia could not support such states unless France co-operated with her. Each might protect the weak powers lying on its own frontiers, by using diplomatic influence or force if necessary. The increased prosperity of the disarmed states would demonstrate the soundness of the Czar's idea.

VESSELS OVERDUE.

Fears for Mission Steamer Disabled Off Labrador—Delayed Copper Cargo.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 22.—Fears are entertained for the safety of the Moravian mission steamer Washington which has been collecting products from the mission stations among the Labrador Esquimaux.

When last heard from, nearly a fortnight ago, she was reported as disabled and making her way towards St. John's for repairs. It is feared she foundered in the recent gales on the northern coast.

The British steamer Ingram, Capt. Stevenson, from Swansea for Tilt Cove, with a cargo of copper, is also overdue.

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WHAT FRANCE WANTS

Another Outlet to the Nile Would Suit Quite as Well as Fashoda.

British Hesitate to Grant This Concession and May Forcibly Remove Marchand.

Russia Prepared to Back the French and Borrowing Money in Paris.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Oct. 21.—Government circles here are apparently satisfied that the Fashoda question will not lead to war. At the same time, the determination is reiterated not to budge from the position which the British government has taken up, no matter what the outcome may be.

It is said on good authority that the British government has also determined not to brook unreasonable delay, and that in the event of France declining to evacuate, the Marchand party will be removed from that place, although it is not expected that it will be necessary to resort to such extremes.

Paris, Oct. 21.—A despatch to the Temps from London asserts that the precise position regarding the Upper Nile question is this: Great Britain having declared her claims on Fashoda, asked France to submit whatever proposals she wished to make. M. Delcasse, the foreign minister, replied plainly that France demanded an outlet on the Nile, a reservation being made concerning the geographical point to be determined upon. Lord Salisbury is now consulting his colleagues on the subject.

The Temps this evening publishes a despatch from Nantes, saying that the fourth battalion of the infantry regiment comprising the 21st division, with headquarters at Nantes, have completed their equipment for war. Each man, it is added, has received 120 rounds of ammunition and his camp outfit, and the officers of all the four regiments of that division have been supplied with revolver cartridges. The division is now in readiness to march when ordered, and it is believed these troops are intended for coast defence. The defence of St. Lazare is also being organized.

Berlin, Oct. 21.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, in a despatch to that paper on the political situation, says: "Here also interest in the Nile question is rapidly increasing, and Russia's conduct in this matter will conform to the expectations formed in connection with her alliance with France." According to the Gazette's correspondent, the Russian finance minister, acting in concert with Count Muravieff, minister of foreign affairs, attempted to raise a large loan in Paris, and a similar attempt will be made in Berlin.

PARIS BECOMES DEFIANT.

Paris, Oct. 22.—A remarkable change has come over French opinion on the Fashoda question during the last 48 hours. The attitude of the public is more inflamed and more defiant. This is partly due to the time of the British press but more to the threatening manner of the British chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, which one paper calls "a provocation that is almost a threat of war."

The municipal council of Paris is abused on all sides for exhorting the government to avert war. In government circles the disposition seems to be to resist the British demands. It is reported that the policy of France as definitely stated to Great Britain includes the retention of Fashoda.

SIR MICHAEL'S SPEECH.

The following is the cabled report of the speech by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, to which reference was made in the despatches yesterday. This cable did not reach Victoria by wire:

London, Oct. 19.—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, speaking at North Shields this evening, announced that the government had opened negotiations with the powers, with a view of securing to the subjects of the various powers the right of "developing the respective spheres in which each country is specially interested."

Regarding the Fashoda question, he said he wished cordially to acknowledge the desire evidenced in the speeches of Lord Rosebery and Herbert Asquith to help the government in "a matter which might develop to the utmost gravity."

"It is impossible," he continued, "for France to maintain that she has political rights at Fashoda. She asked for time to receive Major Marchand's report, but until the contrary is proved, I decline to believe that France will refuse to withdraw. If she refused, the matter would assume an aspect as grave as is possible between two great nations.

"The government is animated by the friendliest spirit towards France, and does not wish to inflict humiliation. What we desire is fair treatment. Our work in Egypt is not completed, and Africa is big enough for us both—for France in the west and ourselves in the east. Surely we ought to be able to agree to respect one another's rights and claims.

"I hope, trust and believe the question is favorable for a friendly solution, but this country has put her foot down. If, unhappily, another view should be taken by France, the Queen's ministers know what their duty demands.

"It would be a great calamity if, after peace for upwards of 80 years, our friendly relations should be disturbed, and we should be launched into a great war, but there are greater evils than war, and we shall not shrink from anything that is coming, knowing that we are supported by a united people."

Linton—Old man, I'm sorry to hear that you have lost your wife.

Monipae—Thanks. But divorce is a thing we must all meet sooner or later, I suppose.—Philadelphia North American.

ONTARIO'S PLEBISCITE.

Toronto, Oct. 21.—Complete returns for every constituency in Ontario in the recent plebiscite show 154,508 for and 115,278 against prohibition, a majority of 37,230 for. Muskoka was the last constituency heard from, the figures showing a majority of 1,133 for.