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TALK ABOUT BIG GUNS

Dominion Artillerymen in Session at Ottawa.

CANADA'S LATE SUCCESS

Will Probably Secure a Larger Grant for the Shoeburyness Team.

Col. Cole of Montreal Elected President in Succession to Col. Prior—Lord Aberdeen is Enthusiastic—General Gascoigne Talks About New Armaments—How Sir Donald Smith Came Near Being an Angel Some Fifty-Four Years Ago—The Council Meets.

Ottawa, April 15.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Canadian big guns, to wit, the Dominion Artillery Association, held here to-day was a most successful affair, the gathering being the most representative and the largest in the history of the association. Colonel Prior, president, occupied the chair. Among those present were His Excellency the Governor-General, General Gascoigne, Sir Donald Smith, Colonel Panet, Colonel Aylmer, Lieut.-Col. Irwin, adjutant-general of artillery; Lieut.-Col. Cole, Major Costigan, Major Hibbard, Montreal; Lieut.-Col. Otter, Toronto; Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, Quebec; Lieut.Col. Cotton, Kingston; Lieut.-Col. Duchesnay; Lieut.-Col. King, Welland Canal Battery; Captain MacNachtan, Cobourg Company; Lieut.-Col. MacDonald, Guelph; Lieut.-Col. McKenzie, Gananoque; Major Hurdman, Major Bliss; Col. Coutlee, Ottawa, and others.

The President's Address.

The President, in opening the proceedings, congratulated the meeting on the most splendid representative gathering at any stage of the association. He referred to the work done during the past year, and congratulated the association on the success of its team in England. Owing to this being the Jubilee year there was no chance of a team going to England, and he had just learned with regret that for the same reason an English team could not come to Canada this summer. He urged that a larger grant was due to the association from the Government, and thought it should at least be $5000 a year. In conclusion he said that as president, living 3000 miles away from the seat of Government, it had not been possible for him to do as much as he might, but he had endeavored out on the Pacific coast to raise an artillery regiment which would compare favorably with any in Canada. [Cheers.]

Lord Aberdeen's Enthusiasm.

The Governor-General, replying to a vote of thanks for his donation of cups, spoke of the excellent record of the association and especially of the success of the Shoeburyness team. The association might count on further tangible evidences of his good-will.

More Money Wanted.

Colonel Cole of Montreal presented a resolution setting forth that an annual grant of $2900 was inadequate to meet the expenses of an annual team to Shoeburyness and urging on Parliament that the annual vote should be increased. The resolution was adopted.

The General's Remarks.

General Gascoigne said the association had his warmest sympathy. The members, it seemed to him, were all the time ready for active service. There were no pot-hunters amongst them. [Hear, hear.] Last year he had promised that the artillery would not be forgotten as regards new armaments. Six batteries of 4 pounder B.L. field guns had been ordered. The last report of them was that at the present time they were being inspected in England. As soon as passed by the inspector they would be shipped to Canada. The Government he was glad to say, had accepted the view that these batteries were to be considered as an instalment of re-arming the whole of the field artillery with these guns. [Applause.] Provision had been made in the estimates for procuring two more batteries this year. As regards the issue A and B Batteries would be supplied first, and then he had about made up his mind that the other guns would go to the most efficient batteries of active militia. A full supply of ammunition and stores had been ordered. As regards the garrison artillery, additions would be made to both heavy and light fortress armament at Quebec, and to include the following: Nine-inch R. M.L., 6-inch R.B.L., 4.7 twelve-pounder and six-pounder quick-firing guns. He concluded by moving the election of Colonel Cole of Montreal as president of the association.

Col. Irwin seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and the new president made fitting acknowledgment.

Sir Donald Welcomed.

The President referred to the pleasure felt by the association in having Sir Donald Smith with them. He asked the High Commissioner to address the meeting.

Sir Donald, who was greeted with applause, said the meeting called up reminiscences of the only time he had anything to do with big guns. Fifty-four years ago he had some guns furbished up which had been lying at Tadousac, it was supposed, from the time of Jacques-Cartier. He determined then to discharge one himself, and was about to do so when a gentleman older and wiser than himself insisted that the firing should be done with a slow match and dragged him (Sir Donald) away, putting a house between the gun and themselves. When the gun went off it flew into a thousand pieces, and had he not been reluctantly induced to leave the spot he would not have been present to-day. [Cheers and laughter.] Continuing, Sir Donald emphasized the importance of more frequent visits of Canadian teams to England and trusted that the time was not far distant when Canadian and British regiments could interchange.

Lieut.-Cols. King, Longworth, Coutlee and Amerand were elected vice-presidents of the association. Major Donaldson was re-elected secretary.

Closing Topics.

On motion of His Excellency, seconded by General Gascoigne, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Colonel Prior for his services as president.

Col. Prior said he believed in passing the offices round, and for this reason he had urged the appointment of Col. Cole as president. He had recently retired from command of the British Columbia artillery in order to give younger men a chance, but his interest in artillery work would not flag. [Applause.]

Major Hibbard of Montreal moved, seconded by Captain McNaughton, a resolution setting forth that the attention of the Government be drawn to the fact that the garrison artillery are equipped with an obsolete weapon, in some cases over 100 years old; that it was desirable they should have a thoroughly modern, serviceable weapon, and that each garrison artillery corps should be supplied with a magazine rifle or similar arm.

The resolution carried unanimously.

Col. Coutlee suggested the changing of the name of the association to the Canadian Artillery Association, but as under the rule notice was required, the matter could not be passed. The meeting then adjourned.

Officers of the Council.

At a subsequent meeting of the Council, Lieut.-Col. Irwin was elected president, and Major Maxwell, Major Hurdman, Lieut.-Col. Van Wagner and Capt. MacNachtan vice-presidents. The Executive Committee is composed of Lieut.-Col. MacDonald, Major Hibbard, Major Bliss and Captain MacNachtan.

Proposed improvements at Orleans Island was discussed at some length, and it was decided that the Council should wait upon the Government at the earliest opportunity, to urge the construction of a house and other improvements at the island.

RED RIVER STILL RISING.

Damage May be Done at Winnipeg—Emerson Under Water—No Contest for the Commons Likely.

Winnipeg, Man., April 15.—(Special.)—The water of Red River at Winnipeg is still rising and there is a danger that there may be damage through the water backing up into the city sewers. Despatches from Emerson state there are four feet of water over the main streets there and people have been driven to the upper storeys of their houses.

DOMINION BANK EXTENDING.

Sir Frank Smith and Messrs. Matthews, Gamble and Warren of Toronto, who have been here several days, left for home to-day via the American lines. It is understood they have decided on the establishment of branches of the Dominion Bank at Minneapolis and Winnipeg.

NO CONTEST LIKELY.

The independent candidate for Winnipeg, Mr. E. L. Taylor, is likely to retire, as he finds he has not the loyal support of the prohibition and labor bodies, which bodies were supposed to have placed him in the field. He had also counted on the Conservatives' support, but discovered that the Conservatives are desirous that this time there should be no contest.

CLARA WARD'S SAD DISGRACE.

Her Pace Too Scandalous Even for the People of Dizzy Paris—A Threat of Expulsion.

Paris, April 15.—A sensation was caused here to-day by the disclosure of the fact that the police authorities had forbidden the appearance of Clara Ward, the former Princess de Chimay, who was engaged to appear in a series of poses plastique at the Folies Bergeres this evening.

It seems that the police learned that friends of the Prince de Chimay had determined to create a scene when the former Princess appeared on the stage by pelting her with live rabbits and eggs, and some of them had even decided to invade the stage and horsewhip her. Upon learning this, the prefect of police tried to induce the woman not to appear. At first she was inclined to resist the interference of the prefect and adhered to her determination to show herself on the stage at any risk, but the prefect informed her that if she attempted to do so he would close the theatre and expel her from France. This warning had the desired effect and her stage engagement, in this case at least, is at an end.

It is said that the former Princess is suffering from influenza to-day, though this report may have been put into circulation to explain her non-appearance as an offset to the real reason. It is understood that the Prince de Chimay and several of the members of the Jockey Club exerted the greatest influence to induce the prefect to forbid the exhibition.

Spalding Assigns to Illinois University.

Chicago, April 15.—Charles W. Spalding, ex-president of the Globe Savings Bank, and ex-treasurer of the University of Illinois, has made a voluntary assignment to the University trustees of realty and bonds securities, approximating $400,000. Some of the bonds conveyed to them are now in the hands of Receiver Leman of the Globe Savings Bank, and a desperate fight will be made by the depositors of the bank to prevent them going to the University.

To rent—Office or sample room on first floor Manchester Buildings, Melinda-street, including heat, light and services of janitor. Size of apartment 18x45; $300 per annum.

Boston Lawyer Drops Dead.

Washington, D.C., April 15.—Judge James J. Storrow, a lawyer of Boston, dropped dead while at the Congressional Library to-day. Judge Storrow took an important part in the proceedings incident to the Arbitration Treaty between Great Britain and Venezuela for the settlement of the boundary line dispute.

Injured by the Trolley.

A young man, riding a bicycle last night in Yonge-street, was injured by coming in contact with a trolley car and was taken to Grace Hospital, but the authorities there declined to give any particulars of the accident. When the question of corporation grants comes to be discussed by the City Council a few incidents of this character may be remembered. At the General Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital there is no difficulty in obtaining information as to public accidents.

Bonner's Bankrupt Stock.

Stock will be sold at 162 Yonge-street, west side, second door north of Richmond-street. Stock has been purchased at 40c on the $1. Sale commences Thursday at 10 o'clock. Great bargains will be offered to the public. This is an exceptionally good opportunity for gentlemen's furnishings. Remember the address, 162 Yonge-street, near the big clock.

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Smokers, try Alive Bollard's famous cool smoking mixture, 10c package.

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U. S. Appointments.

Washington, D.C., April 15.—The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations: James B. Angell of Michigan, to be Minister to Turkey; George D. Meikeljohn of Nebraska, Assistant Secretary of War; Isaac Seligman and Leopold Seligman of the firm of Seligman Bros., at London, to be special fiscal agents of the Navy Department at that place.

Lovely Photos—Friday, Saturday and Easter Monday, cheap. Dame's, 330 1-2 Yonge. Come early.

Look Out for Counterfeits.

A number of counterfeit $1 Dominion notes are in circulation in the city. They are a poor imitation.

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Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W., evenings, 50c.

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Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W., day, 75c.

HAS THERE BEEN A LEAK?

From the Action of Montreal Merchants it Would Seem that Someone Had Given the "Tip" at Ottawa.

(By Associated Press.)

Montreal, April 15.—Widespread interest was aroused in business circles to-day by certain rumors in regard to the lines on which changes will be made in the tariff. The information obtained, on which several merchants acted in the way of taking goods from bond, making sacrifice sales or big purchases, seems to have come from a source near the Government at Ottawa. It is stated that the duties on woolen fabrics, which are at present five cents per pound and 25 per cent. ad valorem, will be materially changed, the specific scale being abolished and the ad valorem duty reduced. There will also be a reduction all around of about 5 per cent. on cottons. On tobaccos of all kinds, liquors, beers and drugs, the duties will be materially increased. Several merchants in the different lines acted on these tips. The increase on drugs will have the effect of stopping to a great extent their smuggling into the States. Mr. Laurier has promised that the tariff will be brought down in the House on the 22nd, and, owing to the Easter holidays, this leaves only two full business days before the new schedule will come into effect. Every possible precaution is taken to prevent business men from learning the details of the tariff until its announcement, and on the day the Finance Minister announces the new tariff the Government takes possession of the telegraph and telephone lines so that no news can be sent from the Capital until the Minister has resumed his seat. The duties he announces, are made effective from that moment.

ANGERING THE TURKS

This Seems to be What the Greeks are Doing

BY CURSORY INVASIONS

Beyond Their Borders to Stir Up Feeling Against Their Opponents.

Stories That the Greek Irregulars Lost Heavily in the Fighting Denied—A Claim That Many Strategic Points Have Been Carried—Turkish Commander-in-Chief Says That His Present Position is Untenable Owing to Persistent Attacks by Greek Insurgents—War News Slow.

Larissa, April 15.—There is no truth in Turkish reports that the Greek irregulars have been driven out of Macedonia. It is true that a few of the irregulars who formed part of the expeditionary force have returned into Greek teritory, but these are men who for some reason have been unable to keep up with the main body of the Greeks, and, consequently have retreated across the frontier.

The main body of the irregulars is continuing its successful operations against the Turks, with the view of cutting the Turkish lines of communication, getting in the rear of the Turks and raising the Macedonians against the rule of the Sultan. The report of the capture of Kipuri, north of Baltino, by the Greeks, is confirmed, and, in addition, the main forces of the irregulars of the expeditionary force have advanced as far as Pigavitza, where there is an important bridge across a mountain torrent.

From that point Chief Bavelis, who is directing the operations, has sent a detachment, consisting of the Italians under Colonel Cipriana, the well-known Socialist leader, to the left of Pigavitza, with instructions to attack and capture Ziovof, a small town occupying an important strategic position. The Italians accomplished their task in due time and with considerable skill. They are now holding Ziovof and placing it in a position to withstand an attack from the Turks.

Blew Up a Turkish Blockhouse.

Simultaneously with ordering the movement against Ziovof, Chief Davelis sent another column of irregulars to the right from Pigavitza, under orders to invest and capture Sliovon, another town occupying a strategic position of importance. This movement was also successfully carried out, the Greeks killing seven Turks and capturing five Turkish prisoners during the assault, which was brilliantly conducted and brought to an end by the blowing up of the Turkish blockhouse with dynamite.

Greeks After Gravena.

After the capture of Ziovof the Greek irregular force operating in that direction continued its advance so far as Kritsudes, Plisia and Kourduzi. The Greeks have been instructed to hold the latter place at all costs, as it commands the right approach to Gravena, which is held by a strong Turkish force, and which is the objective point of the Greek expedition.

At Kritsudes, Plisia and Kourduzi heavy fighting occurred between the Greeks and Turks before the places mentioned were captured, but the invading irregulars of Greece, mountain men, are born fighters, proved themselves more than a match for the trained Turkish troops, and drove the latter before them from place to place.

More Sharp Fighting.

Another column of Greek irregulars started for Macedonia from Zarkos, half way between Larissa and Trikhala. Shortly after crossing the frontier the Greeks were confronted by strong forces of Turkish regular troops stationed in well-defended positions in the villages of Anakoutra and Kanakoutra. Sharp fighting followed at both places, but in spite of the stubborn defence of the Turks, the Greeks carried both villages by assault, driving out the Turks, who retreated from Cleuthorokari. This route into Greek territory is being placed in a state of defence and is now regarded as being safe, the nature of the country making it almost impossible for a Turkish force to advance and cut the line of communication between the Greek forces at Larissa and Trikhala, which is believed to have been the plan of the Turkish commanders. The Macedonian frontier opposite Zarkas extends U shape into Greek territory, having the Greek position of Tyrnavos and Larissa on its left and Kalabaka and Trikhala on its right. This formed a sort of entering wedge through the middle of the Greek forces by way of the Macedon village, just captured by the Greek irregulars and Zarkos in Thessaly, from which point the expedition started into Macedonia.

Greeks Winning Ground.

It will therefore be seen that the Greeks have achieved another success in occupying strategic positions, by means of the irregulars, within Turkish territory before war has formally been declared.

The Greek "irregulars" now hold all of the four roads leading from the Thessalian frontier in the direction of Grevena, which may be looked upon as the Turkish centre.

Another feature of the operations which looks favorable to the Greek is in the fact that, according to reports received here from the leaders of the irregular forces, at least 1000 mountaineers of the country traversed by the Greeks have joined the irregular forces, and, it is further stated, the Albanians are deserting from the Turkish forces near Mount Olympus, are escaping into Thessaly and are joining the Greek forces.

The whole campaign was well conceived and has been executed with great skill.

Everything Warlike.

The roads in Thessaly are in excellent condition for military operation, but on the Turkish side of the frontier the reverse is the case and the Turks are experiencing difficulties in the transport of war material and in the mounting of guns in commanding positions.

The whole frontier presents an exciting, warlike appearance. Zarkos, for instance, is held by a strong force of Greek regulars and forms the centre of a first line of defence which includes all the villages in that vicinity. Up to recently the Turks had the best positions on the frontier, their well-built, strongly-defended, admirably-placed blockhouses being in plain view from the Greek lines. But the irregulars have made a decided change in the situations. However there is no denying that in the rear of the Turkish first line of defence is round, mountainous country, difficult to traverse even in time of peace, while in the rear of the Greek first line of defence are rich plains affording no shelter for troops resisting the advance of a powerful invading force. The weakest parts of the frontier are east of Domasi, to the Gulf of Salonica, and in the vicinity of Arta.

The River Salambria (Peneus) along the northern part of Thessaly is likely to be the scene of some good fighting. Every strategic point is held by troops, soldiers are to be seen everywhere, and the horses and cattle have been requisitioned for the use of the army and the drilling of the recruits last from daylight until dusk.

Turkish Commander Afraid.

London, April 15.—A special despatch from Constantinople says that in the last encounter between the Greek irregulars and the Turkish regular troops the latter lost two hundred and forty killed and wounded. The despatch adds that Edhem Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, has telegraphed to the Turkish authorities at Constantinople that unless he is ordered to cross the frontier and take up a position on the plains of Thessaly his present position is untenable owing to the constant attacks of the Greek insurgents, who have entered the Turkish lines by stealth and also in consequence of the excitement among the troops, especially the Albanians. The Turkish Ministers, it is further announced, have informed the Sultan that war should be declared against Greece. The Sultan, who objects to war, has not yet replied to this recommendation of his Ministers.

Austrian Torpedo Boats Fired On.

Canea, Island of Crete, April 15.—Austrian torpedo boats were fired on today by the insurgents near Kissamo while chasing Greek blockade runners. There has been sharp fighting around Candia between the Turks and the insurgents.

King George Feels Badly.

London, April 14.—The Daily Chronicle's Athens correspondent, Mr. Henry Norman, says: "I have had an audience with King George. He spoke without much hope, but finally, like a man who can only do his duty and leave the rest to heaven. More than once he said: 'If Greece had been a great power and had walked into Crete long ago, her action would have been welcomed by the powers as well as by the rest of the world, as a blessing. But she is only a small power and seems unable to do anything that will satisfy the great powers.'"

In the Greek Chamber.

Athens, April 15.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day the Premier, M. Delyannis, replying to a question on the subject, said that merely semi-official negotiations had been commenced between Turkey and Greece on the subject of Crete, and he denied that any power had attempted to prevent a direct agreement being reached between the two countries.

The bill granting the Government a credit of 23,000,000 drachms ($4,600,000) for the Ministries of War and Marine then passed its first reading.

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HIS "DUTY."

MR. LAURIER (soliloquising): Why should I not have the mills and the wealth instead of my unfriendly neighbor, who robs me of my raw material and leaves me almost nothing but stumps and idle men? My duty seems to lie in the direction of an EXPORT DUTY.

NOTE: $38,680,000 a year are said to be paid out to labor in the pulp mills of the United States. The raw material is being mostly supplied by Canada at a terrible sacrifice. $9,850,000 worth of nickel has been taken by Americans out of the Sudbury district in the past seven years. This is all refined in the United States.

JUNE 22 IS THE DATE

For the Celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee

IN DOMINION OF CANADA.

A Proclamation to this Effect Will Be Issued in a Few Days.

The Governor-General Communicates With Ottawa's Mayor—The Fight for the Assessment of Dominion Government Officials on Income—Sir Charles Tupper Explains How That Statement About the Late Government and the C.P.R. With Regard to the Crow's Nest Pass Road Got Abroad—Ottawa Gossip.

Ottawa, April 15.—(Special.)—The Government has fixed June 22 as the date for the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee in the Dominion. A proclamation to this effect will be issued in the course of a few days. Premier Laurier has written Toronto regarding the decision.

The Governor-General has caused a letter to be addressed to City Clerk Henderson, stating that His Excellency, in view of the discussion which has ensued over the location of a date for the celebration, thinks it wise to inform the committee that, owing to unavoidable changes having been made in his previous arrangements, he will be able to be present in the city from May 24 until the afternoon of June 22. His Excellency expresses his desire to do all in his power to make the celebration a success, and hopes when the date of the celebration is settled that every citizen will unite in pushing the affair to a most favorable issue. This arrangement on the part of His Excellency will leave the committee two good dates to choose from between May 24 and June 22.

The Government has definitely decided to send a contingent of Northwest Mounted Police to take part in the Queen's Jubilee proceedings in England.

Assessing Officials.

The City Council of St. John, N.B., has asked the co-operation of the City Council of Ottawa and other cities of the Dominion in appealing to the Privy Council from a judgment of the Supreme Court of that province, making absolute the rule to quash the assessment of Timothy Burke, a Dominion Government official in that city. Being a test case the other cities are asked to share the cost in connection with the appeal. The letter addressed to the Mayor and council received at the City Hall from Mr. Herbert E. Wardroper, City Clerk of St. John, N.B., asking the council to co-operate, reads in part: "The object of such an appeal is to test the right of municipalities to tax the income of Dominion Government officials, a matter in which all cities and municipalities throughout Canada are more or less interested, and it is hardly just that one city should bear the sole cost of the appeal, more especially as in the event of a decision being given against the corporation no movement to secure legislation in the matter from the Dominion Parliament would be effective that was not joined in by the municipalities generally."

Many years ago the city of Ottawa brought a case similar to the one now agitating the City Council of St. John into court. The suit went from one court to another until it reached the Supreme Court, the city losing in each case.

Sir Charles Explains.

Sir Charles Tupper was seen to-day in reference to the statement published yesterday and credited to members of the Government that the late Conservative Government had agreed to give $25,000 a mile to the C.P.R. to build a line of railway three hundred and fifty miles long through the Crow's Nest Pass. Sir Charles said: "The only foundation there can be for anything of the kind is probably in the fact that a motion was placed on the paper during the last session of the late Parliament by Hon. Mr. Haggart, I think, to get the sanction of Parliament to make a loan to the C.P.R. of $20,000 per mile at 3 per cent. interest. I think these figures are correct, but you can see exactly by reference to the motion. Of course, as you know, the Opposition would not allow us to do business, and the motion had to be dropped. In view of the fact that the C.P.R. repaid the last Government loan before it was due," added Sir Charles, "it does not look very much like a gift."

A Quiet Wedding.

There was a quiet wedding here today, when Mr. William H. Middleton, son of the late Col. W. A. Middleton, C.B., R.A., was married by Rev. Mr. Herridge to Henrietta Smith, second daughter of the late William Smith, formerly Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Job for David Mills.

It is stated in political circles to-day that Senator David Mills is to be appointed to the Supreme Court bench in place of Judge Gwynne next autumn. The bill now before Parliament will give the Government power to retire a judge of the Supreme Court after he is 70 years of age.

Found Dead.

James Devlin, son of Mr. Charles Devlin of Aylmer and brother of Mr. C. R. Devlin, ex-M.P. for Ottawa county, was found dead in a field near his home to-day.

General Notes.

J. A. McDonald, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Kingston, is to be removed to Ottawa, to take the place of Mr. Code, superannuated.

The Interior Department has been advised that a large party of Michigan settlers left yesterday for the Canadian Northwest. This is the result of the work of Immigration Agent M. V. McInnes and his staff, who are now operating in that State.

Representatives of the Hamilton Smelting Works saw Mr. Tarte yesterday to ask that a portion of the Deseronto River near the Soo be dredged to from 10 to 14 feet, so that boats may be enabled to bring down iron ore which is transported from there to the smelter in Hamilton. The Minister promised consideration.

Mr. S. J. Ritchie of Akron, Ohio, the gentleman to whom Sir John Macdonald wrote the "free coal" letter in 1891, is in town watching matters.

The Customs Department is advised of a large seizure of contraband liquor by the cruiser Constance below Quebec.

Several of the public departments will be back in their old quarters in the West Block by May 1.

The Australian Premiers, with their escorts, are to be invited to travel to England by way of Canada.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

See Prof. Chamberlain, eye specialist, about your eyes. 79 King east.

Grand & Toy's List of Cable Codes.

Moreing & Neal's Mining Code, Bedford McNeal's Mining Code; Clough's Mining Code, A.B.C. fourth edition; Slater's Code. Other Codes to order. If it is a good thing we have it. Grand & Toy, Stationers and Printers, Wellington and Jordan-streets, Toronto.

IT MEANS TWO LICENSES.

Steamers Plying Across Lake Ontario Must Pay Two License Fees to Keep Bars Open.

Albany, N.Y., April 15.—The question of jurisdiction for the purpose of the collection of the liquor tax having been raised by certain steamers plying around and across Lake Ontario, the Excise Department to-day ruled that they must have a liquor tax certificate if liquor is sold on board while the craft is anywhere in Lake Ontario, south of the boundary line between the United States and Canada.

MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.

It is Estimated That 22,000 People Will Have to be Fed on Charity.

Memphis, Tenn., April 15.—While the condition of affairs in the overflowed Mississippi delta is reported brighter to-night, the situation between Vicksburg and New Orleans is causing the greatest apprehension. The river continues to rise in the Louisiana levee district and weak spots in the levee are being strengthened and watched day and night. O. C. Stubblield, correspondent of the Agricultural Department of the United States Government at Indianola, Miss., says the suffering in Sunflower County, which forms part of the delta, had greatly alleviated and that much of the county is now dry. Statistics of the number of flood sufferers in Bolivar County show 22,000 people who are now, or soon will have to be fed by charity.

THE GRANT PARADE.

General Grandville Dodge Says, Will be Limited to 50,000 Men.

New York, April 15.—The time for making applications for places in the Grant parade, April 27, closed to-day. General Granville M. Dodge, the Grand Marshal, said that improvidence, not numbers, is his aim, and the parade will be limited to about 50,000 men. United States regular troops will number 2500, the Blue Jackets and Marines 1500, the National Guard of New York 13,000, Pennsylvania 5000, New Jersey 4000, and of the other States 5000. The other divisions will consist of 4000 uniformed, armed and equipped cadets, 10,000 veterans of the civil war and 10,000 members of the various civic societies.

Telegraphic Briefs.

Seven fires broke out at Kansas City between Wednesday night and Thursday morning, doing thousands of dollars' worth of damage. Fire supposed to have been the work of a band of incendiaries.

U.S. Consul Little telegraphs from Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, that a revolution has broken out and that the Republic is now under martial law.

While tapping a blast at the Republic Iron Works, Pittsburg, yesterday, molten metal boiling over caused an explosion. Five men were injured, two of whom will probably die.

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DEATHS.

KLOPHEL—At Stratford, on April 15, Eliza, wife of W. J. Klophel, in the sixtieth year of her age.

JACKSON—At 230 High Park-avenue, Toronto Junction, April 15, 1897, Harry Taylor, only son of James T. and Emily B. Jackson, aged 11 months.

Funeral private.

MR. TARTE IS TOO BUSY

To Go On With a Libel Action Against Grenier.

A CASE THAT STILL DRAGS

Minister Falls Back on an Old British Precedent and Makes Delay.

His Strange Affidavit After Many Adjournments That a Subpœna Served on a Member of Parliament During the Session is of No Avail—Three Men Fall From a Steeple Top to the Ground, a Distance of Over 100 Feet—One Killed Instantly—Chinese for Cuba.

Montreal, April 15.—(Special.)—It is now quite apparent that Hon. Mr. Tarte is determined if he can help it that the action for libel brought against Mr. W. A. Grenier by the Minister of Public Works will never come to trial. Term after term the defendant has reiterated his charges, which if proved would drive any man out of public life. Yet Mr. Tarte has always found it inconvenient to back up his charge of libel against the defendant. The other day Judge Wurtele fixed the trial for Tuesday next and everyone supposed that the fun would commence, but this afternoon Mr. H. C. St. Pierre, Q.C., the Minister's counsel, came before the Queen's Bench with a very remarkable affidavit for a man who was supposed to be acting to vindicate his honour before a jury of his countrymen, and Mr. Tarte not only says his Ministerial duties will preclude him from coming into court, but he declares that he will take advantage of his prerogative as member of Parliament, rendering a subpœna abortive during the duration of the present session. His Honor decided that the privileges of a Canadian and Imperial member of Parliament were identical. Consequently the Minister of Public Works could not be compelled to attend, and the court also refused to order the Crown to subpœna Sir Oliver Mowat and Hon. Wilfrid Laurier at the expense of the province. It looks, however, that the cause célèbre might proceed on Tuesday in spite of Mr. Tarte's strange refusal, and Mr. Grenier declared to-day that witnesses would go on the stand and swear to statements that the Minister will never allow to pass unchallenged.

An Awful Fatality.

News comes from Ste. Marie, Montcalm county, of a sad fatality in that place. It appears that three workmen were engaged on a scaffold encircling the parish church steeple, a distance of one hundred feet from the ground, and the structure giving way, the trio, named Trepanier, Chenier and Vaillancourt, were precipitated to the ground. The first-named was killed instantly; Chenier was so badly injured that he will die, while the third escaped with a severe shaking up.

Against the Tobacco King.

To-day Judge Pagnuelo gave the father of Alphonsine Thibaudeau, one of the girls killed at the fire at W. C. Macdonald's tobacco factory, damages to the amount of $1999. Mr. Donald Macmaster, Q.C., who is acting for the millionaire manufacturer, at once gave notice of appeal.

Chinese for Cuba.

Ninety-one Chinamen have arrived in Montreal via Vancouver. To-morrow they will continue their journey to New York, where they take steamer for Havana. They are going to work on the sugar plantations of Cuba.

MASQUERADED AS GIRLS.

How Two Ithaca High School Students Got Into a Girls' Entertainment.

Ithaca, N.Y., April 15.—The two Ithaca High School students who were suspended for masquerading as girls, thereby gaining admission to an entertainment given by the Adelphic Society for ladies exclusively, were to-day reinstated. The Cornell student who was implicated and suspended, has not yet been reinstated. The ladies are circulating a petition to the Cornell faculty asking that he be allowed to return. Three other students of the High School who were discovered at the skylight preparing to photograph the ladies on the stage, were let off with a reprimanding.

What Nicholas Says.

Vienna, April 15.—It is said here tonight on reliable authority that the Emperor Nicholas has declared that nothing now remains but to abandon Turkey and Greece to their fate and to leave them to measure strength. His Majesty is reported to have added emphatically that if Turkey now declared war, it would be exclusively due to the provocation offered by Greece. Greece would be regarded in Austrian official circles as the actual assailant.

Cyclists Favor Sunday Cars.

Massey Hall was crowded to the doors last night with representative Toronto and outside wheelmen, and their feeling on the Sunday street car question was taken. The cyclists proved themselves not the selfish lot that some supposed them to be, and are willing to let others ride on the Sabbath as well as themselves. Ballots were handed out at the doors and the vote collected at the intermission. The total poll was 2014, and of these 1686 were for Sunday cars and only 328 against.

Exactly So!

Montreal, April 15.—(Special.)—Hon. N. Clarke Wallace was here to-day and rumor has it that the member for West York came to town to pay his respects to Mgr. Mery Del Val.

Showery at First.

Maximum and minimum temperatures: Esquimalt, 42—70; Calgary, 30—66; Edmonton, 34—64; Qu'Appelle, 26—54; Winnipeg, 26—46; Port Arthur, 36—48; Parry Sound, 36—52; Toronto, 30—50; Ottawa, 28—46; Montreal, 38—46; Quebec, 34—36; Halifax, 40—44.

PROBS. Showery at first, followed by fresh west and northwest winds, and stationary or a little lower temperature.

Steamship Movements.

April 15.	At	From
Teutonic	New York	Liverpool
Ethiopia	New York	Glasgow
F. Bismarck	Plymouth	New York
Lahn	Bremen	New York
Spree	New York	Bremen
Mohawk	London	New York
Majestic	Liverpool	New York
Halle	Bremen	Baltimore
Schiedam	Amsterdam	New York
Illinois	Antwerp	Philadelphia

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