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Cossacks Mutiny.

Moscow, May 3.—It is stated that the
Cossacks stationed in St. Petersburg
mutinied recently.

Death of Sir James Dromer. MADRAS, May 3.—Lieut.-Gen. Sir James Charlemagne Dromer, K.C.B., in command of the British forces in Madras, is dead.

The Queen Consents. LONDON, May 3 .- The announcement officially made that the Duke of York has been betrothed to the Princess Mary of Teck, and that the Queen had consented to Many Pilgrims Perish.

St. Petersburg, May 3.—The Church Messenger says that out of 1,000 pilgrims journeying to Nazareth, the majority perished from exposure during the terrible weather encountered on the way.

Saved From a Snowy Tomb. St. Petersburg, May 3 .- A Schitkine girl, 17 years old, has been rescued at Bogorodoskanear, Moscow, after being buried in the snow for 51 days. She subsisted on snow and a few crusts of bread.

Sicily Shaken. Rome, May 3.—The whole of Sicily was ROME, May 3.—The winds of Sichly was shaken by an earthquake to-day. Tele-graphic communication with the island is partly interrupted. It is feared that great damage to property and some loss of life were caused by the earthqurke.

Disaster in a Mine.

Berlin, May 3.—While twelve men were descending into the Hugo mine, in Upper Silesia, Sunday, the rope broke and the cage fell to the bottom of the shaft. Three men were killed instantly and several others received injuries from which they

ROME, May 3. - In the course of a heated debate in the Chamber of Deputies to-day Signor Rosano, Under Secretary in the Ministry of the Interior, referred to Deputy de Marrino in an insulting man-ner. As a result preparations are being ner. As a result preparations are being made for a duel between the two men. The President of the Chamber is doing all an to effect a reconcilation.

Not Ready Yet to Evacuate Egypt. LONDON, May 3 .- In the House of Commons Sir Charles Dilke offered a motion to the effect that the time was opportune to cease military intervention in Egypt. After a long debate the motion was lost, without a division.

Mr. Gladstone announced that, on acmeeting of the House as a committee on the Joish Home Rule Bill would be postponed

Reported Accident to the Czar. Moscow, May 3.—There is a report cur-rent that the Czar and Czarina and Grand Duchess Xenia met with a serious scaled during their stay in the Crimea. While crossing a bridge over the river, it is said, their carriage was upset and all were thrown in the water. The Czar and Czarina and other members of the imperial family are also said to have been attacked with influenza.

The Bering Sea Bother - Canada Blamed.

PARIS. May 3 .- At the meeting of the Bering Sea tribunal of arbitration to-day, F. R. Coudert, of counsel for the United States, spoke giving an outline of the argucontents which he proposed to offer in apported Preliment which he proposed to offer in apport of Mr. Carter. The defense of the sealing industry was an attack on the States was, Mr. Condert declared, imperative, and an attack on the States was an attack on the United States. Mr. Condert stated nothing new in the way of facts, but he emphasized the assertion that the failure of Great Britain and the United States to some to an agree-

ment as to Bering Sea was due to the intervention of Canada. British Women's Temperance Con-

vention. London, May 3 .- The British Women' Temperance Association sat in convention from 10 o'clock this morning until 11 from 10 o'clock this morning until 11 o'clock to-night. The day's proceedings were enlivened by a number of speeches, in which bitter personal remarks were indulged in. In the ballot for president Lady Someraet was re-elected by a majority of 69. The minority thereupon left the convention in indignation, declaring that the introduction of politics into the association work would split the organization and ruin the temperance cause.

Anti-Home Rule Demonstration. LONDON, May 3 .- Eight hundred brokers eaded by leaders bearing the Union Jack and wearing Union Jacks of paper in their

and wearing Union Jacks of paper in their hats, marched in procession from the Stock Exchange to-day to a Unionist meeting at Guildhall. Upon reaching Guildhall the brokers sang "Rule Britannia" and cheered loudly for the union, for Lord Salisbury and other Unionist leaders. A crowd assembled, evidently not in sympathy with the brokers, and lent variety to the cheers by necessinal house.

the brokers, and lent variety to the cheers by occasional hoots.

The Guildhall was thronged with Unionists. As Lord Mayor Knill, the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain and other prominent men were entering part of the platform collapsed, and scores of people felt, but none were seriously injured. Mr. Chamberlain delivered an address, in which he reiterated his prophecies of financial ruin as the outcome of home rule. He predicted that Irish demands on the Imperial Parliament would be unending, especially when Great Britain should be involved in war. He declared also that notwithstanding war. He declared also that notwithstanding the protests of the Irish Nationalists a co-ordinate executive in Ireland must ulti-mately follow as the result of home rule.

The Trouble in Cuba.

LONDON, May 3 .- A Madrid cable from the Captain-General of Cuba is published, in which he confesses that his forces are in which he confesses that his forces are inadequate to quell the uprising. Instead of the 12,000 troops he was supposed to have he has less than 8,000, which even under normal conditions cannot be considered strong enough. He adds that several insurgents have yielded, and repeats that the rebellion is not spreading, but is confined to the country around Holguin, 300 miles from Havana. The towns of Holguin and Santiago de Cuba remain loyal. The Spanish Minister of War, besides arranging for the embarkation of seven regiments, has ordered other regiments now stationed in the interior to concentrate at various seaports in case further reinforcements should be necessary. It is reported that the whole Spanish equadron at New York will be dispatched to patrol the coast around Santiago, with order to cut off the insurgents completely from communication with the Cuban exiles.

Second Reading of the Eight-Hour Bill.

LONDON, May 3 .- In the House of Com nons to-day Samuel Woods, Labor M. P. for Southwest Lancashire and vice-president of the National Federation of Miners, moved that the bill establishing eight hours as a legal day's work in the mines be read a second time.

Slesia, Sunday, the rope broke and the cage fell to the bottom of the shaft. Three men were killed instantly and several others received injuries from which they will die.

Cattle Plague in Russia.

Odesa, May, 3.—A cattle plague imported from the Don country, where 10,000 cattle have perished since January, is ravaging the Southern Governments. Handreds are dying, and this will further impoverish districts already threatened with famine.

Desperate Attempt at Suicide.

Vienna, May 3.—A widow named Altschul, living in Leipa, Bohemia, tried last night to burn herself to death. She saturated her clothes with benzine, stood on a chair and set fire to the lower part of her skirt. Her screams attracted the attention of her neighbors, who extinguished the flame. She will die of her injuries.

Yachts Launched.

London, May 3.—The new Vanderbilt steam yacht Valiant was launched at Laird's shipyard, Birkenhead, to-day. Lady Alva Montague, daughter of the Duchess of Manchester, christened the vessel.

The yacht Satanita, which will compete with the new American yacht Navahoe, was launched at Southampton to-day.

Deputies Propose to Fight a Duel.

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Caprivi's Plea for the Army Bill. Berlin. May 3.—In the Reichstag teday Chancellor Von Caprivi, in advocating
the passage of the Army Bill, said that the
Federal Government was resolved to employ all the constitutional means in their
power to attain their objects. The rejection of the bill would adversely affect the
political situation. Prince Bismarck, the
greatest diplomatic genius seeen in several
centuries, had regarded the strengthening
of the army as an absolute necessity. In
fact, it was an open question whether at
the present moment the army was strong
enough to take the offensive even against
France clone. "We cannot," said the
Chancellor," be indifferent to the fate of
our frontier provinces. The nation desires
to protect Alsace-Lorraine. On the day of
mobilization a well filled cartridge pouch
will be of greater value than a
purse full of money. The rejection of
the bill will create abroad an impression
that there is weakness here. "In the
name of the empire and in the name of
Prussia," concluded the Chancellor, "I
announce that Freieherr Von Henne's proposal is acceptable to us. We beg of you
to assist us to accomplish what we regard as necessary to maintain the peace
of Europe and the security and honer of
Germany." The Chancellor's speech was
received with loud applause.

The Government, it is said, has informed
the army bill committee that if the bill is
rejected the Reichstag will be forthwith
dissolved, the remaining business of the
seasion being set aside. Only eight
Centerists supported Freisherr Huene at
the meeting of the Center party.

Don't Want American Cotton.

ODESSA, May 4.—Russian cotton spinners
boast that they will soon be in a position to BERLIN. May 3. -- In the Reichstag today Chancellor Von Caprivi, in advocating

The Phair Murder Trial at the Spring Assizes.

Burke and Wilson Brought Up from Their Cells.

Witnesses Relate the Circumstances of the Affair.

Both Prisoners, They Allege, Fi ed at the Detective. John McGrory Says Burke Was Badly

Big Crowd of Spectators-Ladies Soon Evacuate the Court Room-How the Prisoners Looked-The Challenging of Jurors.

Used by Phair.

John Burke and Thomas Wilson were John Burke and Thomas Wilson were placed in the dock at the Spring Assizes promptly at 9 o'clock this morning to stand trial on the charge of murdering Detective Harry Phair, on Oct. 13 last.

The prisoners were dressed in black, and although a trifle pale, did not show any



The Late Detective Phair.

vil effects of their long confinement. Dur evil effects of their long confinement. During the selection of the jury Burke sat with his hand to the back of his head and gazed on unconcernedly. Wilson appeared to be very nervous and fidgeted around, his eyes roaming everywhere, and it appeared impossible for him to keep still. There was a large attendance in the court room, many of whom were of the fair sex. This crowd increased as the day advanced, until every seat was occupied and many

This crowd increased as the day advanced, until every seat was occupied and many persons left standing.

It was with considerable trouble that a jury was at last selected. In the commencement of the challenging Mr. McPhillips challenged for Wilson. Mr. Lount, Q.C., held that as the prisoners were both on trial for the one oftense the challenges should be on behalf of both of them. The judge ruled in favor of Mr. McPhillips and the challenging continued.

The following jury was eventually

for the crown the following has to step to one side: James Lee, Frank Lighthart, James Ballyntine, Thos. Bourns, Chas. Barrett.

THE CROWN'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Lount, Q.C., then addressed the jury on behalf of the crown. He dwelt on the enormity of the case that was about to be tried. He enumerated the different phases of murder and pointed out the distinction between premeditated killing and killing with malice aforethought. With deliberation that showed cruel malice, he said, Henry Phair had been slain by one of the prisoners, at the instance of the other. Mr. Lount then read the law with regard to cases of drunkenness or disorderly conduct on public highways. It was a be submitted to the jury that the prisoner Burke was a loose, idle and disorderly proson, under one or both of the definition eited by the speaker. If the man was clearly proven to have been disorderly of drunk, then his arrest without a warrant was perfectly justifiable, and Burke had no right to resist, neither had his companion Wilson any right to assist him in that direction. At the time of the arrest Wilson had coolly and apparently without anger Wilson any right to assist him in that direction. At the time of the arrest Wilson had coolly and appearantly Wilson any right to assist him in that direction. At the time of the arrest Wilson had coolly and apparently without anger said to Burke, "You have your gun; use it." That very act of itself was a deliberate one, a malicious act; an act that took the provocation away and did not permit of the jury reducing the charge to manslaughter. There was deliberation all through. After Burke arose from his feet he slowly unwrapped his weapon and with the words, "G——your soul, throw down those handcuffs or I will shoot you!" He then shot. This was characterized by Mr. Lount as a deliberate, willful act, one un protected by provocation and actuated by malice and bad intent. It was to be shown during the trial that Burke hod said in jail, several days after the arrest, "I gave that Rider, the ———, one in the side anyway." This showed malice and intent, because they knew that Rider had arrested their boy companion a few months before, and was known to them. They had simply mistaken the man.

curred, taken a few days after the event. The photograph was a large one, about 3x1

JOEN BIGGS, a teamster for London Furniture Company, sworn—Saw Burke on the day of the murder at the ontside of Sam Sing's laundry, Richmond street. Witness was driving north towards Morley's butcher shop, and saw Burke acting in a disorderly manner. He was exposing his person, and a boy was with them. From his actions he would take it that Burke was drunk at the time. Opposite Kent street he met Detective Phair coming south. Mr. Keary was with him.

him. Mr. Lount asked the particulars about the prisoner Burke's action. During its recital a number of girls beat a hasty retreat, leaving only four elderly ladies in the court from.

the court room.

DANIEL M'KERRICHER,

a street car driver, was on duty on Oct. 13
last about 2:15 in the afternoon.
He recognized the prisoner with the mustache (Burke.) He was driving his car south on the day in question, and saw Burke leaning against the telegraph pole. He was exposing his person, and was facing the street. There was a lady in the car. He would believe Burke to have been at the time the worse of liquor. CHARLES LEWIS,

barber on Richmond street, south of



John Burke.

Maple, saw both of the prisoners on that day. Burke was leaning against the window, and Wilson was standing at the outside of the sidewalk. Burke was talking to a little boy that was with them, and looked to be very drunk, in fact was hardly able to stand up. The little boy was asking Burke to go to a hotel and get a bed. The latter refused with an oath. Burke and the boy then proceeded north, and Wilson went out on the road and took a car in the same direction. He next saw them in the park about twenty minutes afterwards. The witness had gone into his back yard and split some wood. When he came in again he heard the shots, and going to the front of the door he saw the two prisoners running around the bishop's palace towards the park. Was there anybody chasing them? Why, yes; sights of people were following them.

To Mr. McPhillips—He did not think that he stated the case any more strongly to-day than at the inquest. He had not talked the matter over with any of the witnesses for the crowu; simply to Mr. Lount, Q.C. Wilson appeared to be perfectly sober and jumped on a car going north. In the park he saw Constails Crawford club the men. He could not say which man was struck first. He believed the second man was not struck at all, but fell to avoid punishment. He could not tell the force of the blow, but would not care to get the same crack himself. Both men were on the ground when the patrol wagon came. Mr. McPhillips saked the witness if he saw the prisoners beaten again in the wagon, but his Lordship ruled the question out.

CHARLES A. MORLEY, butcher, 517 Richmond street, was at his

what was said between the constable and the prisoner. The latter was standing when Phair laid his hand on his shoulder. when Phair laid his hand on his shoulder. The man made an effort to get sawa and Phair threw him, but the witness could not describe how. Phair was in plain clothes and did not have any particular badge or sign of his position. He could not swear whether or not, at the time of the arrest, that Phair had made a motion towards his hip pocket as if to draw a pistol or get his handouffs. The man who came up from the south tried to push Phair off his man. The young man Fowles was also helping Phair by holding the prisoner's legs. After the first shot the prisoner's legs. After the first shot was fired by the man in the road, the man who had been underneath got up and fired Phair was carried into his (Morley's) shop. Rev. Ira Smith and a doctor were sent for, but witness could not state whether or not Mr. Phair had made a will when on his premises.

CATHERINE SMITH
lives at 139 Mill street and was on Richmond street about 2:15 p.m. on the 13th
day of October last. She saw two men
down on the sidewalk in front of Pudney's tinshop. She was about twelve or fifteen feet away at the time and continued towards them. Mr. Phair was kneeling on the man who was down and he looked as if he was "fussing" at the man's hands. Then she saw another

on that point.
Mr. McPhillips-Yes, positive, as women

Mr. McPhillips—Yes, positive, as wording enerally are. (The constables found it necessary to cry "Silenee" here.)
Witness continuing—She could not say whether Phair had grabbed the revolver from Wilson or not, nor could she tell whether Wilson had dropped the weapon and scrambled for it with the officer.

JOHN LEWIS, JUN.,
son of the proprietor of the Huron House
and bar-keeper. On the day in question
Wilson came into the bar about 2 or 3
o'clock in the afternoon, and asked for the
wash room. He pointed the room out to
the man, and after making use of it he
went out again. The witness next saw the
patrol wagon coming up the street, and
going to the front he saw Phair and Burke
sunggling in the gutter. A pair of handcutts were hanging between them. Wilson
went up to the pair and said something to
Burke. He then wentback into the road about JOHN LEWIS, JUN.,



trial for the one offense the chance should be on behalf of both of them. The judge ruled in favor of Mr. McPhillips and the challenging continued.

The following jurase eventually the following plan D. B. Campbell, Geo. W. Pitt, J. Stephenson, Isaae Parker, John Brodie, Robt Graham, Elisha Bateman, Wellington Hodgins, Matthew Drummond, Hector Monk, James Dundas. Those who were challenged on behalf of the defense were: John Winters, John Wakeman, David Walters, Thomse of Branch, Gilbert W. Beattie, Elwin and Druman, John H. Hodgins, John Brodie, Robt. Sunting, Gmile Bolion, B. J. Nash, Peter J. Lucas, Wm. Mr. McPhillips asked that the detective brone side: James Lee, Frank Lighthart, James Ballyntine, Thos. Bourns, and the case of drunkers of the case that was about to a brief of the case that was about to a brief of the case that was about to a brief of the case that was about to a brief of the case that was about to a carried of the case that was about to a carried of the case that was about to a phase soft murler and pointed out the different phases of murler and pointed out the distingting with malice aforeshought. With a the carried He enumerated the different phases of murler and pointed out the different the emprinity of the case that was about to emplay the case of drunkenness or disorderly yon-them of the case of drunkenness or disorderly yon-them of the street three or and the street was a constable and deciding with malice aforeshought. With a strength of the case that was about to emplay the strength of the case that was about to emplay the strength of the case that was about to emplay the strength of the case that was about to emplay the strength of the case that was about to emplay the strength of the case that was about to emplay the strength of the case that was about to emplay the strength of the case that was about to emplay the strength of the case that was about to emplay the strength of the case that was about to emplay the strength of the case that was about to emplay the strength of the c

fall. The man was thrown into the filth at the side of the road. Phair then called on the side of the road. Phair then called on the young man in the Queen's name. Mr. McPhillips—Well, you didn't say that

at the inquest.
Witness—Yes, I did. I told you that he first said "Come here." The lad did not move and Phair then ordered him in the

Queen's name.
Mr. McPhillips—Did you at any time se
Phair grab Burke by the throat?
Witness—Yes.
Mr. McPhillips—By what hand?

Witness—The right,
Mr. McPhillips—And Phair kept on
uzzling him while he lay in the ditch?
Witness—Yes.

Witness—Yes.

McPhillips—Up to the very moment that Phair was shot do you say that Eurke was very roughly used?

Witness—Yes; he was very badly used. To Mr. Lount—You say, witness, that Phair had Burke by the throat with his hands. When was that?

Witness—After he threw him down.

Mr. Leunt—Well, you say that after Phair threw him down he tried to put the handscuffs on him. How could he do this with hie hands on the man's throat?

Witness—Well, he had one hand on his coat collar.

coat collar.

Mr. Lount—And is that what you mean by his throat?

Witness—No; he had his hand on the

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side of his neck.

Mr. Lount—That will do.

The court then adjourned for lunch. The trial-will probably be finished to-night, as most of the witnesses were examined this

BURNED OUT.

The Crystal Beach Hotel Burned-Parinty College School Scorched Again.

RIDGEWAY, Ont., May 3.—The hotel at Crystal Beach, the popular summer resort on Lake Erie, near this village, was completely destroyed by fire. Mr. J. E. Rebstock, president of the Crystal Beach Company, places the loss at \$8,000; insurance, \$3,000. The fire originated in the

garret.
PORT HOPE, Ont., May 3.—About 7:30

PORT HOPE, Ont., May 3.—About 7:30 to-night fire again broke out in Trinity College school. The firemen were promptly on hand and extinguished the fire without much damage being done.

MONTREAL, May 3.—A fire at the Montreal annex this morning destroyed a house belonging to C. R. Dinnick, of Toronto, and valued at \$3,000.

A TERRIBLE POSSIBILITY.

A Steamer Collides With a SchoonerThe Latter Thought to Have Sunk With All on Board.

Sunk With All on Board.

LONDON, May 4.—The British steamer City of Khiss, from Calcutta for London, passed Dover to-day. She reports that while off Beachy Head last night, she collided with an unknown schooner. Those on the steamer fear that the schooner went down with all on board, as she disappeared a few minutes after the accident, and no response was made to the steamer's signal. The steamer sustained damage forward, and her forehold is full of water.

A RELIGIOUS UPHEAVAL.

Five Hundred Milwaukee Business Men

Close Shop to Attend a Revival Service.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 4.—About 500 business places, including banks, mercantile houses and factories, were closed a portion of the day yesterday in observance of Revivalist Mills' mid-week Sabbath. Five thousand one hundred conversions are reported.

HARRIS WILL DIE.

The Wife-Poisoner Rofused Clemency by the Governor.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 4.—Governor Flower has denied the application for elemency for Carlisle W. Harris, and Harris will be electrocuted during the week beginning Monday next.

Incendiary Pupils.

PORT HOPE, May 4.—It has been discovered that the recent fires at Trinity College were caused by six young pupils, who set the building on fire in a spirit of mischief. The excitement is great. The

boys are under arrest.

Would Not be Pensioned. SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Advices from Honolulu are to the effect that an effort was Honoidlu are to the effect that an ener was made to induce the deposed Queen to accept a pension and withdraw her claims to the theore. She refused, relying on the United States to restore her. The annexation party will send another commission to Washington, probably at the same time as Commissioner Blount, on June 4.

The Armenian Troubles. LONDON, May 4. — The Daily News says, referring to the Armenia troubles, that it is stated that Mr. Thompson, the American minister,, has received instructions from Washington to confine his representations whose guilt of setting fire to the Marsuvian College has been established. Doubtless, according to the custom in such cases, Housref will shortly receive a more lucra-

Steamship Arrivals. Amaryntha Glasgow......Rotterda



s a problem just now which many are try o solve. Some are not able to make ends u

A GOOD METHOD

