

THE RETIREMENT OF SWETTENHAM

RELINQUISHES POST AS GOVERNOR OF JAMAICA

Kingston, Jamaica, May 4.—Sir Alexander Swettenham retired from the post of governor of Jamaica yesterday.

Colonial Secretary Bourne has been installed as acting governor pending the arrival here of Sydney Oliver, the new governor, who sails from England to-day.

Invited To Ottawa. Ottawa, May 4.—Sir Alexander Swettenham is expected to visit Canada on his way home to England from Jamaica and has been asked to address the Ottawa Canadian Club here. It is likely that he will consent to do so.

O'BRIEN WILL RETIRE.

Next Wednesday's Bout Will Be Last Fight—Burns or Schreck to Meet Squires.

New York, May 4.—A dispatch from Los Angeles says Jimmy Coffroth, the San Francisco fight promoter, yesterday tried to sign Philadelphia Jack O'Brien to meet Bill Squires, the Australian heavyweight, for a battle at Colma on May 20th, provided O'Brien wins his fight with Tommy Burns next Wednesday. O'Brien replied that whether he wins or loses his fight he will probably never fight again.

LEFT OVER MILLION DOLLARS.

New York, May 4.—David Wilcox, late president of the Delaware and Hudson, who committed suicide at sea, left his estate to four cousins on his mother's side. The estate is valued by William G. Wilcox, the dead man's cousin, at \$1,100,000.

LANGFORD NOW COLWOOD.

Station Name Changed and Railway Rate Reduced.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Management of the B. & N. railway have changed the name of Langford station to that of Colwood. Material reduction in the rates on three and Victoria has also been given, which should greatly benefit the merchants here. Instead of 9 cents for the round trip with 4 cents single fare, the rate is now 60 cents for the round trip, and 30 cents single fare. The return rate is reduced from 50 cents to 40 cents.

MAY HAVE TO FACE ABDUCTION CHARGE

Police Are Searching For Unfrosted Rector Who Disappeared From Long Island.

New York, May 4.—Every effort will be made to locate Jere K. Cooke, late rector of St. George's Episcopal church at Hempstead, L. I., who eloped with Miss Floretta Whaley, Tuesday. As Miss Whaley is under 18 years of age, a charge of abduction may be brought against Cooke. It is believed that the pair are hiding somewhere in the city until search for them is relaxed, when they will leave the country.

It is announced that police here and other places are looking for them. District Attorney Franklin B. Coles, of Nassau county, is quoted as saying that he will do his utmost to bring Cooke back to the country and have him punished. He was asked by Mrs. Henry Wood, of East Rockaway, an aunt of Miss Whaley, to give the matter of Cooke's apprehension his personal attention. Mrs. Wood is well-to-do and she says that she will spare no expense to have Cooke arrested.

When the roll was called, Miss Whaley's class in the high school yesterday and she did not respond to her name, several of her schoolmates became hysterical. The teacher was obliged to strive during the entire session of the class to keep the girls' minds off the elopement. Miss Whaley was very popular with her teachers and her schoolmates. She is about to come into an inheritance of \$150,000. The girl's parents are dead. The girl has written her grandmother that she had gone away with the minister.

"Cooke's wife is at her parents' home in Hartford, Conn. ANTI-CIGARETTE BILL. Little Rock, Ark., May 4.—The bill prohibiting the sale, manufacture or driving away of cigarettes or cigarette paper in this state was passed by the House. The bill comes to the governor for signature.

MANY MEXICAN WORKMEN KILLED BY THE COLLAPSE OF WALL OF DAM

Several Men Are Missing and Others Injured, Some of Whom Will Die.

San Antonio, Tex., May 4.—A special to the Express from Chihuahua, Mex., says: "One of the great walls of the Chivchar dam suddenly gave way yesterday evening, nearly forty men under the enormous weight of masonry and water.

"Between fifteen and twenty of the workmen are dead, thirteen injured and several others unaccounted for. "Some of the injured will die. "All of the victims are Mexicans."

STEAMER DESTROYED.

Explosion of Benzine Set Fire to Vessel—Engineer and Firemen Killed.

Plymouth, Eng., May 3.—The British steamer Westgate, from Rasafu, March 24th, for the Tyne, arrived here to-day and landed the survivors of the crew of the British tank steamer Silver Lip, which was destroyed by an explosion of benzine in her cargo while passing through the Bay of Biscay.

The Silver Lip, Capt. Hocken, which belongs to the Shell Transport & Trading Co. of London, was on her way from Singapore on May 1, when an explosion of benzine in her cargo burst her vessel's double bottom and set fire to the ship. The engineer and four firemen were killed and four others of the crew were seriously burned. The twenty-eight survivors of the crew were rescued by the Westgate and brought to this port.

The first explosion on the Silver Lip occurred in No. 1 tank, which was damaged on the sides of the ship and tore up the deck amidships. She soon became a mass of flames, which towered seventy feet high above the doomed steamer. The flames from the burning oil and the dense volumes of smoke overcame several of the members of the crew.

The fire spread from tank to tank, each advance of the conflagration being marked by deafening explosions. The wreckage from the ship and the sea around her was covered with blazing oil.

The sailors eventually succeeded in launching the steel lifeboats, but many of the men had jumped overboard and swam in order to reach them. Soon after the crew had taken to the boats the Westgate, which has been attracted to the scene by the clouds of smoke, picked up the survivors and brought them here.

ADMITS HIS GUILT.

C. H. Rogers, Charged With Murdering Three Persons, Reported to Have Confessed.

Middletown, N. Y., May 3.—Chas. H. Rogers, who is charged with the murder of the three Olney brothers and Ingelrok, who lived on the Olney farm, was brought here to-day.

Rogers was captured in Los Angeles last week, and he has been in custody here for a year. The officer who brought him here from the west declared to-day that Rogers has made a complete confession, saying that he committed the triple murder alone, and that he alone is guilty. He secured \$18 from his victims. Rogers seemed to be in exceptionally good spirits upon his arrival here today. He laughed and chatted with the officers who met him at the station and seemed perfectly willing to discuss the charge against him.

The bodies of the Olney brothers were found in a woodlot near their farm where they had been shot to death on October 6th, 1906. The body of Alice Ingelrok, the younger daughter of their housekeeper, was found in the barn. She was so badly beaten that she said she was unable to recall anything about the assault.

NAVAL REVIEW. Colonial Premiers Guests of the Admiralty at Portsmouth.

Portsmouth, Eng., May 3.—The Colonial premiers were all brought here to-day as guests of the admiralty, to get a glimpse of the empire's navy. Ten battleships, including the Dreadnought, a score of cruisers, and 37 torpedo boat destroyers belonging to the home fleet, assembled in these waters, were reviewed by the visiting statesmen who were especially interested in the newest battleships.

In describing the Dreadnought the official programme of the day's programme says: "She had satisfied her creators and fulfilled all anticipations. When eighty per cent of her guns were first fired together with a total energy of 34,782 foot tons, some cups and saucers were broken. All else withstood the immediate concussion and the difficult problem of preventing the blast of one gun from interfering with that of another was found to have been satisfactorily solved. She has completed a voyage of 10,000 miles without using all her boiler power, maintaining a speed of over 17 knots for 3,400 miles, and could have done another thousand at the same speed."

CAUGHT IN STEAM SHOVEL. Sterling, Ill., May 4.—Slipping down a gravel bank in a railroad pit near here yesterday, George Nelson fell between the jaws of a huge steam shovel and his right leg was bitten in two by the closing of the sections.



VICTORIAN MARKSMEN. Three members of Fifth Regiment who are on Bisley Team. Reading from left to right: Sergt. Brayshaw, Sergt. Carr, and Co. Sergt.-Major Caven.

THIEVES TORTURE A DEAF MUTE LEFT HIM BOUND AND UNCONSCIOUS

Ruffians Tried to Make Him Tell Where Money and Jewelry Were Secreted.

New York, May 4.—Bound hand and foot and unconscious from torture to which he had been subjected, Arthur Clarke was found in the home of his sister in East 15th street last night. Thieves, who did not know he was a deaf mute, had sought by inflicting pain to make him loose his tongue and tell the hiding place of money and jewelry.

Clarke called last night on his sister, Mrs. Josephine Boyle, and she had gone to the theatre, but Boyle was there and the two men awaited her return. Boyle went down to the street entrance to meet his wife when she should appear, leaving Clarke in the kitchen near an open window, against the sill of which the back of his chair rested. Boyle waited for nearly half an hour without his wife returning, and then started up-stairs. He found the door to his apartments locked, and looking through the keyhole observed that the place was in darkness. His key failed to work, and knowing that it was useless to call Clarke, because of the thief's affliction, he called the janitor. They forced the door and the noise brought several tenants to the scene. The party struck matches and the light revealed the captives. Clarke was bound behind his back with ropes. A towel had been used as a gag and Clarke was blue from suffering.

He had not heard the approach of the two thieves, who climbed the fire escape and seized him by the throat as he sat with his back to the window. They choked him until his strength was gone, and then bound him. After rifling his pockets of \$5 they demanded to know where there was more money and jewelry in the apartment. Clarke's silence infuriated his captors. They filled a milk bottle with water and while one forced open his mouth the other standing over him directed the water to be poured into his ears. When the silence was not broken the torture was repeated. The thieves continued in their infliction of pain until their victim was senseless. The deaf mute's silence was not broken by Mr. Conroy. The entire contents of the apartment were searched and nothing was found.

Clarke was hurried to the Harlem hospital, where the physicians say he will recover.

GERMAN SCHOONER DESTROYED BY FIRE

Carried Cargo of Lumber—Loss One Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars.

Seattle, May 4.—The German schooner Arthur Flieger, lumber laden, was burned near West Point lighthouse, outside of Salmon bay, late last night. The vessel was valued at \$125,000 and carried \$30,000. Both were insured.

The fire started in the front room aft, and the flames spread with great rapidity. The intense heat from the burning vessel prevented the fire-boat remaining close enough to the schooner to fight the flames. The crew of the Arthur Flieger escaped in the life boats.

The schooner, which had a steel hull, was owned by Schmidt & Co., Hamburg, and was built at Belfast, Maine, in 1880. Her tonnage was 1725.

CALMLY AWAITING END OF THE WORLD

Great Falls Man and Followers Expect to Be Transplanted to Heaven.

Great Falls, Mont., May 4.—Believing that the end of the world will come within ten days and that he will be transplanted to heaven, A. W. Stanton, a prominent stock man of this city, yesterday disposed of all his property valued at several thousand dollars to the first bidder for \$150, and taking up his residence in a rented house in the most elevated part of the city, is calmly awaiting the end.

Stanton's followers, eight in number, disposed of their possessions in a similar manner and are with him.

SALT SPRING NOTES. Ganges, May 2.—Salt Spring was the scene of a destructive fire on Monday afternoon when the house, which was a recent loss to Mr. Blackberry, was S. T. Conroy, was burned. The owner is at present absent in Scotland, and the house was at the time occupied by Mr. Conroy. The entire contents of the building were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$3,500.

Walter, the tax collector and government agent, is expected to arrive from England shortly. He is bringing a number of Englishmen out with him, and will distribute them among the Salt Spring farmers.

VICTORIANS ON BISLEY TEAM

THREE LOCAL SHOTS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN

Chosen on Their Record at the Ottawa Shoot of Last August

(From Saturday's Daily.) Three Victorians have been selected as members of the Canadian Bisley team this year, as a result of excellent records made by them in the Bisley aggregate at the Ottawa shoot of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association last August. They are Sergt. A. Brayshaw, who headed the list of prize winners in the aggregate; Sergt.-Major Jno. Caven, who was twentieth man on the list and Sergt. G. S. Carr, who was twenty-second. The record of the trio in the qualifying series of matches was a most creditable one, the respective scores being 321, 307 and 306. Sergt. Brayshaw has previously shot for Canada at Bisley and Sergt.-Major Caven was a member of the clever Canadian team which captured, for the second time in succession, the Rajah of Kolapore's Imperial Challenge Cup last year. Sergt. Carr will make his debut at Bisley this year.

Vancouver is to be represented in the team by three marksmen of the Sixth Regiment: Adjutant J. Duff Stuart, Capt. W. H. McHarg and Lt. Cunningham. Capt. W. Mitchell, Winnipeg; Major Rennie, T. O. R., Toronto; Capt. W. H. Hart McHarg, 6th, Vancouver; Sergt. Kerr, 8th, Toronto; Sergt. W. Creagan, Royal G. to R. artillery, Quebec; Sergt. J. McVittie, 4th, Toronto; Sergt. McKay, 5th Royal Highlanders, Montreal; Private J. F. Moore, 4th Regt.; Sergt.-Major J. Caven, 4th Regt.; C. A. Victoria, B. C.; Sergt. S. C. Carr, 8th Regt., Victoria; Lt. B. E. Converse, 7th Hussars, Quebec.

Regiments are being waited for to make up the full list from Sergt. Brayshaw, 5th Regt., C. A. Lt. Cunningham, 6th, Vancouver; Major O. W. Welmore, 74th, N. B.; Sergt. Smith, G. G. F. G., Ottawa; Lt. G. Mulligan, 8th, Hamilton.

Waiting men and Private A. B. Mitchell, 4th, Toronto and Capt. W. L. Ross, 13th, Hamilton.

KUROKI'S MESSAGE

Thanks American People for Public Sentiment Shown in Russo-Japanese War.

Before leaving for the east from Seattle, General Baron Kuroki made the following statement to a newspaper representative in the American city as a message to the people of the continent: "As the representative of the military of Japan, I wish to extend to the American people our acknowledgments of the encouragement given us in the late war by public opinion in the United States and Canada.

"I wish also to express the hope that the same sympathy and good feeling will always exist between the two nations."

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Washington, May 3.—The statement was authoritatively made to-day that President Roosevelt at present has no intention of reiterating his declaration, made on election night in November, 1904, that under no circumstances would he be a candidate for or accept another nomination.

Reports of this character have been current recently and have been brought to the President's attention, but from what he has told those close to him, he has no such idea in his mind, feeling that there is no necessity for such reiteration on his part.

In the coke ovens and blast furnaces of England, Germany and the United States, the gases that go to waste represent at least 1,000,000 horse power yearly.

PARK BOARD FOR VICTORIA

WILL BE CONSIDERED ON MONDAY EVENING

Various Matters Will Be Brought to Attention of Civic Fathers Monday Night.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Among the many matters of importance which will occupy the attention of the city fathers on Monday evening will be a recommendation from the parks and boulevards committee that a parks board be appointed to consist of three members of the city council and a number of outsiders. The board, should the recommendation be adopted, will most likely be composed of the Mayor, the chairman of the finance committee and the chairman of the streets committee, with three other members elected outside of the council. The usual number of commissioners elected to such bodies is seven, but it has been pointed out that five members would be sufficient, and that four outsiders would give a majority out of the council which might prove inconvenient at times. The matter was raised last year when Dr. England, of Winnipeg, paid a visit to the council and explained the working of the parks and boulevards system in that city.

The duties of the board would be to give consideration to all matters pertaining to the beautifying of the city by boulevarding and the control and improvement of the parks. It would have authority to carry out any plans approved in this direction, and would secure consideration of all feasible schemes brought up inside or outside of the council for improvement or reform in the conduct of parks and boulevarding work. A by-law will be necessary to authorize the formation of the board, and it is expected that the first steps in this direction will be taken as early as possible if the recommendation proves acceptable to the council.

There will be another important recommendation in the report which Ald. Verrinder, chairman of the parks committee, will present on Monday evening. It will be to the effect that the city solicitor be consulted on the matter of automobile regulation in the parks, and that the advice of this official be asked regarding the amending of the parks by-law, clause 3, so as to include motor vehicles in the list of vehicles limited to certain speeds. At last night's meeting of the committee the above matters were thoroughly discussed, and an interesting report will be submitted to the council next Monday.

Another committee report, which promises to provoke a large amount of discussion is that which will be presented by Ald. Henderson on behalf of the streets, bridges and boulevarding work. It embraces a great variety of recommendations, some of which are given in another column. Ald. Henderson will also make a motion to the effect that the city improve Rockland avenue, between Moss street and Oak Bay avenue, by widening the said street to an approximate width of 60 feet, grading the same, macadamizing the road bed to a width of 26 feet, and constructing a permanent sidewalk on the south side. This work, which is done under the provisions of the local improvement by-law. The same alderman has two more motions to bring up, one relating to the grading and improving of Third street, between Queen's avenue and Bay street, and the other to similar local improvement work on Richardson street.

In addition to the regular reports from various committees a special report on street lines in Victoria West was expected from the city engineers, and another, referring to an application from the city sewer workers for a change of hours, from that official and the foreman of the city works, a big docket of routine business will confront the council, and Monday evening's meeting promises to be a long one.

TO RELIEVE CONGESTION

Northern Pacific Constructing Light New Sidetracks in Seattle to Facilitate Traffic.

(From Saturday's Daily.) As a means of relieving the congested condition of the Northern Pacific freight yards in Seattle, occasioned by the rapidly increasing amount of business the road is doing on the coast, that company has under course of construction eight new sidetracks, each between 2,000 and 2,500 feet long, in the heart of the Colorado street yards. The work of laying this additional trackage will be completed within something like a month from now. The construction has been progressing for about two weeks.

The purpose of the company is to facilitate the handling of freight trains, as there is such a great volume of traffic pouring into Seattle daily that the present facilities for the storage of cars is absolutely inadequate to meet the demands.

The car situation on the Northern Pacific in fact, upon all the roads having trackage in Seattle is improving, according to railway managers. All possible diligence is being exercised in seeing that freight is unloaded from the cars so soon as possible after reaching here, and the outgoing cars, empties and loaded, are being handled with all possible haste.

HORSE OWNER DEAD.

New York, May 4.—Monro Seabury, a well-known horse owner and breeder of San Francisco, died in New York last night. Seabury came here several weeks ago for treatment for cancer, but the doctors were unable to save his life.

GREAT TRAFFIC FORESHADOWED BETWEEN CANADIAN AND SOUND PORTS

Increased Competition Between C. P. R. and Alaska S. S. Company—Four Vessels Will Ply.

(From Saturday's Daily.) News has come to hand which indicates that there promises to be great passenger and freight traffic between Sound ports and Victoria and Vancouver this coming summer. The schedule of the C. P. R. has already been announced in the columns of the Times, although it is understood that it is by no means definite, and is still subject to alteration. The Alaska S. S. Company has announced its intention of placing the Iroquois on the Victoria-Seattle route, and it is also believed that this company intends placing the Chippewa, which is now en route to the coast, on a run which will include Seattle, Bellingham and Vancouver.

Two seasons have conspired to account for the delay in a definite pronouncement with respect to the summer plans of the C. P. R. The first is that it is essential that the Princess Victoria should make a connection with the westward bound trains carrying the mails which arrive at Vancouver.

The second cause of delay is that under the new vessel mail contract, the C. P. R. vessels must land the mails at Port Townsend. Opinion is divided at present as to what time these mails should be carried to and from the Sound port to Victoria.

Although it is assured that there will be an unprecedented summer traffic between Victoria and Seattle, this traffic has not yet set in.

But little of the plans of the Alaska S. S. Company are known up to the present, and it would appear that each service is waiting to see what the other is going to do. The Chippewa, which arrives here to replace the Iroquois on the Victoria-Seattle run, will ply between Seattle and Vancouver via Bellingham.

The very nature of the proposals which prevail at the present indicates that large traffic is expected this summer. The fact that both companies intend placing their vessels which would suggest that at least this proposal is warranted. It is understood that a definite announcement will be made in a very short time, and it was welcomed by both merchants and tourists in this city.

A. J. BALFOUR NOW FAVORS PREFERENCE

Ex-Premier Says Great Britain Should Accept Proffers of the Colonies.

London, May 3.—Presiding to-day at the annual demonstration of the Empire League, the great organization of the Unionist party, ex-Premier Balfour abandoned his previous attitude of apparent indifference on the subject of the proffer of Canada, and emphasized the necessity for "speedily translating the sentiment of brotherhood into practical action," by accepting the proffer of Canada and other colonies of preferential treatment.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Last Month Was Characterized By Big Roll Call and Poor Daily Averages.

According to the school returns for the past month, the attendance was much smaller than during any other month this year since January. The number of children attending the schools is steadily increasing, but an epidemic of measles at James Bay and other local causes reduced the daily average to a considerable extent.

The total number of children in attendance at the schools during the month was 2,776, while the daily average was slightly over 8,386. The number of scholars who could boast of a perfect attendance was only 1,149.

Out of eleven schools only four managed to maintain a daily average of 96 per cent, or over, and two other schools were credited with 95 per cent. Following is the full table of statistics:

Table with columns: School, No. Present, Daily Av., Perfect Attend.

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Britain Urged Steamers

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