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FIRST STEPS TAKEN IN BRITISH WAR OFFICE REFORMS. The Heads of Departments Receive Notice of Dismissal, But They Will Be Given Employment Elsewhere--Chamberlain Fiercely Attacked in Parliament for Mismanagement of Boer War, But He Defends Himself.

(Associated Press). London, Feb. 4.—In pursuance of my reforms all the heads of departments will receive notice of dismissal today and will be given employment elsewhere. Mr. Chamberlain was severely criticised in Parliament for his mismanagement of the Boer War, but he defended himself.

AMFORD, CONN. CITY HALL BURNED; LOSS ABOUT \$175,000. Stamford, Conn., Feb. 4.—Snow lying on the roofs of adjacent buildings caused a conflagration in the business district of Stamford tonight as an accompaniment to the complete destruction of the city hall.

TWO PAYMASTERS LIKELY ON THE INTERCOLONIAL. Manager Favors the Appointment of Someone in the Service to Succeed Mr. Trites, But the Applicants Have Too Big a Pull.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 4.—(Special).—The question as to who is to succeed the late I. C. R. Paymaster Trites is a matter of considerable speculation among railway men.

EVERYTHING POINTS TO WAR IN FAR EAST. Russian Reply to Japan's Proposals Sent Thursday. All Sorts of Rumors Afloat About Its Contents, But Nothing Authentic Given Out--Russian Fleet Leaves Port Arthur But Returns Again--Lloyds Raise War Risks About Double--War or Peace Likely Settled Today.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—The Russian response to the latest Japanese note was sent to Tokyo tonight. The feeling in the higher circles continues to be that Russia offers substantial concessions, but that she cannot meet Japan's wishes regarding Manchuria or agree to Japanese fortifications in South Korea.

ROSS GOVERNMENT HAD THREE MAJORITY ON FIRST DIVISION. Toronto, Feb. 4.—(Special).—The first division in the Ontario legislature this session took place this morning, after two weeks' debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

URUGUAY GOVERNMENT TROOPS MARCHING LAST STAND. They Have Reluctated to Their Capital, Montevideo, and the Insurgents Are Hot on Their Trail.

STIFF SENTENCE FOR BOSTON ROBBER. Boston, Feb. 4.—In the superior court today Judge Bond sentenced Frank J. Kelly, 19 years of age, to a term of not less than 12 nor more than 15 years in the state prison for the robbery with violence from Mrs. Julia Halpin, last November.

WFOUNDLAND RAILWAY TIED-UP. St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 4.—Owing to the recent snow storms here the trans-insular service of the Newfoundland and Labrador railway has been temporarily abandoned.

300 COKE OVENS START UP. Connellville, Pa., Feb. 4.—Three hundred coke ovens were placed in blast and the tonnage increased 25,000 tons during the past week. The January production of the field was 888,020 tons, compared with 427,628 tons for December.

MINISTER OF MARINE PORTFOLIO NOW VERY IMPORTANT. Mr. Prefontaine's Department to Be Given Charge of Much That Public Works Formerly Did--Charles S. Hyman, M. P., Called to the Cabinet Without Portfolio, and Will Be Sworn In Today.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—(Special).—It is learned that in the course of the next few days certain work in connection with navigation will be transferred from the public works department to the marine department. These works properly speaking belong to the marine department.

C. S. HYMAN IN THE CABINET. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has invited C. S. Hyman, M. P., London, to a seat in the cabinet without portfolio.

GIVE UP THE "LITTLE FOOT." WAS SUCCESSFUL. Aristocratic Chinese Break Down Old Customs. Treatment for Hip Disease Effective on 17-year-old Girl.

MRS. MAYBRICK TO GET TICKET-OF-LEAVE NEXT JULY. Meantime Sister is in Charge of a Religious Sisterhood Somewhere in England.

COTTON BREAKS \$9 PER BALE IN NEW ORLEANS. Wild Scramble to Sell on News of Hostilities in the Far East Found No Purchasers and Panic Ensued.

New Orleans, Feb. 4.—About the worst break in the history of cotton future trading in New Orleans occurred today when vague war rumors prices were sent down until they were from 160 to 180 points lower than the close of yesterday.