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Agent's camalled on TRST STEPS TAKEN Publisher, & TRST STEPS TAKEN IN BRITISH WAR

OFFICE REFORMS.

WANTED the Heads of Departments Receive Notice of Dismissal, Sex, fo. But They Will Be Given Employment Elsewhere--Cham-Donald, Vi. But They Will Be Given Employment Elsewhere--Chamberlain Fiercely Attacked in Parliament for Mismanagement of Boer War, But He Defends WANTE exper in every ing up roads, ploying exper hars. Ont.

(Associated Press).
on, Feb. 4—In pursuance of the eforms all the heads of departments war office today received letters of

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CITY HALL BURNED;

20 lb. AMFORD, CONN.

swn on the building.

The Stamford post office was on the

treet floor and the clerks got out the

irst class mail and the records, taking

hem to the rooms of Hobbie Post, G. A.

office until new quarters can be secured. In the building were the town and city offices. The land records in the town clerk's office are safe, but there is no cer-

tainty that the city and probate court records are intact, as the safes in which they had been kept on the second filpor had been declared insecure.

The street floor of the building was used

Percy said the communications which had passed between the British and Russian governments before the British expedition had been dispatched to Thibet would shortly be published.

Mr. Roison (Liberal) moved an amend-

announced today in the ons his definite intention to 8, his fiscal amendment to reply to the speech from en if Premier Balfour is about 15 announcement Home to the war commission evidence presented to the war commission evidence presented to the war commission evidence presented to the war commission disclosed grave mismanagement and negligence on the part of the government during the South African war.

In a lengthy review of the preparations for the earlier conduct of the war, Mr.

awn, but a storm of protests which ised from the opposition benches decided r. Morley to carry his original plan.

everal questions were put with the obof eliciting information regarding the astern situation, the steps taken to war, and whether the government war, and whether the government and or in conjunction with the United arms a government had pressed Russia to army system. Acting with the machiner land, in reply defended the government. He admitted mistakes had been made, but not stand condemned. It must stand or fall by the report of the committee, which discredited some of the evidence because it

Joseph Chamberlain, in defending limited against T. and Japan it would be manifestly importance. It is a make any observations on the cition. The British government, he dealy in the result of Manchuria.

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The house then adjourned.

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ROSS GUVERNMENT HAD THREE MAJ RITY LOSS ABOUT \$175,000 ON FIRST DIVISION.

Toronto, Feb. 4-(Special)-The first di Clamford, Conn., Feb. 4-Snow lying k upon the roofs of adjacent buildings sion took place this morning, after two weeks' debate on the address in reply to tion of Stamford tonight as an accomthe speech from the throne. The govern-ment had three majority on a straight 20 1b. le fine town hall on Atlantic street. As

trade, was, the blaze was so threatening to adent property for a time that assistance Hoyle (Cons.), North Ontario, regretting "That the house had been called so early is rushed here, in response to messages, as to postpone election trials." This was voted down by 48 to 45.

Pense (Lib.), Kingston, then moved an amendment "Expressing satisfaction that 208 om Greenwich, Port Chester, Norwalk ad Bridgeport.

The town hall was considered one of the every constituency is now represented in the house." This carried on the same division and killed Foy's (Con.), South Toronto, amendment censuring the govern-ment for delay in bringing on the North Renfrew election. W I nest buildings in the state, and when built in 1870 cost upwards of \$150,000. It in ruins and scarcely any of its contents F any value were saved. The aggregate nount of the losses is not known tonight, it it is placed at \$175,000, and the chief

Bett om of insurance is \$40,000, held by the GNERAL ASSEMBLY TO MIET HERE IN JUNE

R., opposite, which will serve as a post Toronto Presbytery Nomirates Rev. Dr. Mil isan as Moderator.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—Toronto presbytery has nominated Rev. Dr. M.lligan, of Olo St. And ews Presbyteri n church, to be moderator of the General Assembly. This year's session of the assembly takes place in St. John (N. B.), in June.

The street floor of the building was used for stores, the second floor by lawyers and city officials, including the mayor and the court rooms, the third floor as a public hall, and the upper story by fraternal orders. Except on the first floor nothing was saved, apparently, as the fire broke out on the second floor and quickly enveloped the building. The aggregate loss to the tenants is placed at \$30,000, most of whom have insurance.

TWO PAYMASTERS LIKELY ON THE INTER(OLONIAL

Manager Favors the Appointment of Someone in the Service

The later of considerable speculation among

EVERYTHING POINTS TO WAR IN FAR EAST.

Russian Reply to Japan's Proposals TERRIBLE TRIP Sent Thursday.

All Sorts of Rumors Aflaat About Its Contents, But Nothing Authentic Given Out--Russian Freet Leaves Port Arthur But Returns Again--Lloyds Raise War, hisks About Double--War or Peace Likely Settled Today.

Japan.

Much anxiety and doubt prevail here is certain; Russia will not declare war, ports of greatly increased Russian naval and military activity in Manchuria.

Port Arthur, Feb. 4.—The Russian fleet negotiations break down. Russia will remain quiescent until attacked.

The announcement that the Japanese authorities had postponed the war impost until next April is interpreted favorably

Boston, Feb. 4.-Major General, the

Earl of Dundonald, who led the British relieving column into Ladysmith, arrived

in this city today accompanied by severa members of hs st ff.

members of his still.

The Earl of Dundonald is at present commanding officer of the Canadian militia and his trip to Boston from Ottawa

was made for the purpose of conferring with Sir Frederick Borden, the Canadan

minister of militia, who has been in the

ity for several weeks.
Tonight the earl and his staff were the

THOOPS M:KING

They Have Fetreated to Their Capi-

ents Are Hot on Their Trail.

tal, Montevideo, and the Insurg-

Washington, Feb. 4.-Cable advices to

URUGUAY GOVERNMENT

LORO DUNDONALO

War or Pe ce Today.

NEWSPAPERS CONDEMNED

Journalists in Session Will Seek to He Was Summoned There by Min-Have Minimum early Price of \$1 50, or Will Ask Government to Hefuse Mail Privileges

Toronto, Feb. 4-(Special)-The Canadian Press Association, in session here this afternoon, discussed the scarcity of apprentices.

The low subscription rates asked by

some dailies was criticized, and the incoming executive was instructed to use its inagreed upon, failing this, an appeal will be made to the postmaster-general to re-fuse newspaper rates to such as are sold at less than cost of white paper used.
At tonight's dinner of the association,
Prof. Goldwin Smith gave a short address on The Duty of a Journalist.

N. WFOUNDLAND RAILWAY TIED-UP.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 4.-Owing to the been temporarily abandoned, and the al-ternative connection by the steamer being utilized. Trains are snowbound in different parts of the line. Floods follow ing the gale of Tuesday have inundated several districts on the southern coast of

retorian Arrived at Halifax

Last Night After Fourteen Days' Passage.

HURRICANE WEATHER.

Vessels' Machinery Became Disabled and She Wallowed in Trough of Sea for Hours A Succession of Gales Encountered and Some

however, on 23rd,

main quiescent until attacked. The amountement that the Japanices authorities had postponed the war impost in a minimum and the same an

The passengers who came on the steamer are loud in their praise of the way which Captain Johnston and officers han dled the ship under such trying circumstances and brought them all safely into stances and brought them all safely into port. When the steamer reached her wharf the captain was called to the sa-loon and presented with an address sign-ed by the saloon passengers expressing their gratitude.

Ister of Mili ia, Who Has Been Staying at the "Hub" for Some MRS, MAYBRICK TO GET TICKET-OF-LEAVE NEXT JULY

Meantime She is in Charge of a Religious Sisterhood Somewhere in England.

London, Feb. 4—The Associated Press can announce with authority that Mrs. Florence Maybrick is now in a home in a distant part of England and under the care of a religious sisterhood. She has not been released, but to all intents and purposes her life now, compared to her existence in Aylesbury prison, is that of a free woman. She will remain where she is until next July, when her punishment will be guests of the Victorian Club at a ...eatre an. Sne will remain where she is until next July, when her punishment will be ended under the special license, and she will be allowed to go free, subject to the usual conditions governing ticket-of-leave LAST STAND

The transfer of Mrs. Mabrick from a penal prison to a quiet country home con-stitutes an almost unprecedented action on the part of the authorities. It was due to the mediation of Adeline Mary, Duchess of Redford who, as a visitor to Aylesbury prison for many years, has taken a keen personal interest in Mrs. Maybrick and finally succeeded in obtaining the mitigation of her punishment to the extent of being allowed to spend the last six months the state deaprtment indicate a very serious state of affairs in Uruguay, owing to the revolutionary movement. It is reof her confinement outside the prison walls. The home office several months ago

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 1900 he was again elected. He is chairman that in the course of the next few days certain work in connection with navigation will be transferred from the public mittee appointed to define the bound-

long to the marine department.

There is for in tance, the dredging of the ship channel in the St. Lawrence, which is now under the public works. In future it will be taken over by Mr. Pre-

and when all the works are tran

C. S. Hyman in the Cabinet. Sir Wilfrid Lautier has invited C. S. A Belcourt cl b was organized here last Hyman, M. P., London, to a seat in the cabinet without portole. Mr. Hyman was to be a central one for the purpose of

"LITTLE FOOT." Aristocratic Chinese Break Down Treatment for Hip Disease Effective

Old Customs.

Promulgated Warning People Against the Effects of Footbinding. London, Feb. 3.-Things certainly go by

giving up the maining of their feet. An imperial edict has been promulgated

requiring all officials to warn people against the effects of footbinding. This has been followed by similiar exhortations has been followed by similar exportations from provincial governors. In Hunan the governor, in addition, threatened punishment for non-observance, but in Fukien no penalties were inflicted.

Yuan Shi Kai, the governor of Chi-Li, has not only ordered that the feet of his own little daughter shall not be bound, but he himself is the author of a popular paramplet against the practice.

in the city today and had an interview with the premier this forenoon. At a cabinet meeting in the afternoon, Sir Wi frid informed he colleagues of the decision he arrived at, and Mr. Hyman will be sworn in a member of the privy council tomorrow.

He is one of the most popular members of the house—a good debater and possesses excellent judgment. He was first returned to parliament at the general elections of 1891, but was unseated. In

THE OPERATION WAS SUCCESSFUL

on 17-year-old Girl.

Want to Be Fashionable --- Imperial Edict | Had Suffered Many Years-- Miss Dethilfsen Who, for Twelve Years Was Badly Deformed, Returns Home Cured.

New York, Feb. 3-Louise Marguerite Deth-

Boston, Feb. 4-The tug Gypsum King, from Newport News reports having pass but he himself is the author of a popular pamphlet against the practice.

"We often notice," the letter continues, "that daughters are taller than their mothers, owing to the discontinuance of footbinding. Chinese women naturally have slender feet, quite as beautiful as their hands and fingers, which are exquisitively shaped."

from Newport News reports having passed yet-serday six mi-es north of Nausett light floating spars attached to a sunken wreck, a dangerous obstruction to vessels. Captain Blzzard, of the tug, thinks the wreck was that of the schooner Ella Preserve was that of the schooner Francis Shubert, while on the way from Rockland to New York.

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 | the declaration of war between Japan and break in the history of cotton future trad- Russia. on vague war rumors prices were sent down until they were from 166 to 180 sell no matter what price the cotton ofdown until they were from 166 to 180 points lower than the close of yesterday and May was \$9 a bale cheaper. Notwithstanding this break there was little excitement about the cotton exchange at the close and no fear was expressed that any of the local cotton firms would fail. Have Too Big a Pull.

FOR BOSION ROBBING

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 4.—(Special).—

There are outside applicants, however, large the being pulled for considerable speculation as to who is to succeed the late I. C. R. Paymaster Trites is a matter of considerable speculation among late of considerable speculation among late of the manager favors the applicants of the rorthern division and any of the local cotton firms would fail. At the opening March went off 106 points from yesterday's close to 15.50. Prominent bulls supported the market, and prices aged to meet the request of the Dundes of Bedford, although it imposed a pledge of accrecy.

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Boston, Feb. 4.—In the superior court today Judge Bond sentenced Frank Kelley, 19 years of ag, to a term of not less there will be two paymasters in future, and point on the market, became quiet and uninteresting and the general point on was that the trend of prices were from 147 to 188 to defeated by the revolutionists and that a great panic occurred on Saturday and a great panic occurred on Saturday and a great panic occurred to Sunday last. In their retreat the government through a pledge of accrecy.

There are outside applicants, however, had a weak undertone and prices aged to meet the request of the Dundes of Seedron, all the entrances to the town are heavily guarded with government troops and an attack is expected from the insurgents who are marching on the capital in great force.

The opinion seems to be general that the close of the continue upward.

Soon after the noon hour and while many brokers were at lunch, a telegrate to meet the event of met the close of the curb the weakness continued. At the close of the curb the weakness continued with government troops and an attack is expected from the insurance with the close o

Values commenced to slide swiftly down-