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The Boer Delegates

Schalkburger, Botha, Meyer, Delarey, Dewet and Steyn Now In Pretoria.

With All the Leaders Together Peace Negotiation Seem Progressing.

Meeting of the Imperial Cabinet Has Been Called For Today.

Pretoria, April 12.—Acting President Schalkburger, Generals Louis Botha, Lucas Meyer, Delarey and Dewet, and Mr. Steyn, arrived here this morning from Klerksdorp.

The Transvaal and Orange Free State delegates journeyed on separate special trains, both of which were rushed through, the delegates traveling all night. The trains arrived close together. The two parties are now lodged together here, but are quartered in separate houses.

London, April 12.—A telegram to the Exchange Telegraph company from Dover says that a King's messenger, with despatches for the War office, arrived this afternoon from the Continent by way of Calais.

It was ascertained late tonight that another cabinet meeting has been arranged for tomorrow afternoon.

AMUR ARRIVES.

She Does Not Bring Much News From the North.

Vancouver, April 12.—(Special.)—The steamer Amur arrived this afternoon from Skagway. An uneventful trip is reported. Heavy snow storms are being experienced throughout Alaska. At Juneau the citizens have combined in an endeavor to secure territorial government for Alaska.

A special from Atlin to the World says royalty has been paid on $193,000, and it is thought as much again of gold was not taxed.

Instructions have been given for the immediate extension of the C. P. R. wharves to Cambie street, and the erection of wharves thereon.

The fast summer service of the C. P. R. will be inaugurated June 15. The Imperial Limited will arrive Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and depart Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Considerable repair work is to be done on the Pacific division this summer, a million and a quarter dollars to be appropriated for all purposes.

D. J. Munn, one of those appointed to appraise the canneries in connection with the amalgamation, states that Mr. Jarvis, of Toronto, and himself, will commence their inspection of the canning plants on Monday, and the success of the amalgamation scheme will depend upon their work.

FIRST SHIP OF SPRING.

Steamer Fremona For Montreal Opens St. Lawrence Navigation.

Montreal, April 12.—(Special.)—The Fremona, from Messina, passed inwards today. This is the first ocean steamship to come up the St. Lawrence at so early a period of the season.

STABBED BY A DECK HAND

Indian Badly Cuts White Man at Westminster—The Royal City Fair.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, April 12.—Danny Dick, a Harrison river Indian, employed as a deckhand on the steamer Ramona, committed a murderous assault last night on Sam Henderson, a white shipmate. Trouble, which had been brewing between them for some time, reached a crisis while trucking freight from the wharf to the tramway. Danny had a knife, on seeing which Henderson tried to escape receiving a stab in the back and bad gash in the arm. The last wound severed an artery and Henden and he fainted from loss of blood before a doctor arrived. The injuries are serious but not necessarily fatal. Liquor is supposed to have aggravated the hatred of the Indian.

A large representative meeting of the exhibition directors last night dealt with several important matters. A circular letter from the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, proposing a change of date in district fall fairs, excited strong opposition. Chilliwack, Ladner and other places will adhere to the dates already decided upon. After last year's experience the directors strongly favor securing independent judges for horses, cattle, sheep and swine at the provincial exhibition here, instead of having exhibits judged by the same men who judged the same animals at district fairs. It is considered also that this makes it better for exhibitors at Victoria.

DR. TALMAGE DEAD.

End of a Clergyman Noted for His Preaching.

Washington, April 12.—Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, the noted Presbyterian divine, died at 9 o'clock tonight at his residence in this city. It had been evident for some days that there was no hope of his recovery and the attending physicians informed the family. The immediate cause of the death was inflammation of the brain.

Dr. Talmage was in poor health when he started away from Washington for Mexico for a vacation and rest six weeks ago. He was then suffering from influenza and serious catarrhal conditions. Since his return to Washington, some time ago, he had been quite ill. Until Thursday, however, fears for his death were not entertained.

While arrangements for the funeral have not been finally completed, the family have about decided to have the body taken to the Church of the Covenant here on Tuesday, where services will be held. The body will then be conveyed to Brooklyn, where interment will be made in the family plot in Greenwood cemetery, probably on Wednesday.

NAVY LEAGUE.

Letter from Victoria Branch Read in Toronto.

Toronto, April 11.—A letter was read from the Navy league, of Victoria, B. C., at a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade yesterday, urging that Canada should contribute to the support of the British navy. The communication was referred to the committee, who will deal with matters to be discussed during the coronation conference in London. It was decided to call a conference of the Dominion boards of trade to discuss matters to come before the conference. The local branch of the British Empire league met last evening and placed itself on record in favor of imposing a duty of 5 to 10 per cent. on foreign products entering British ports, to provide a fund for Imperial defence.

MINERS MEETING.

Delegation Get No Promise of Increase From Mr. Robins.

Nanaimo, April 11.—(Special.)—The delegation from the Miners' union, which waited upon Supt. Robins, was given no assurance of an increase in wages to be paid in the lower seam, and have therefore called a mass meeting of miners for tomorrow on the Green to discuss the matter.

John Hart, a logger in the Chemainus lumber woods was killed by the fall of a tree today. He was struck on the head, death resulting almost instantly. The funeral arrangements are delayed until word is received from his mother at Toronto. He was 28 years of age.

The Cumberland City Council have endorsed the idea of a Dominion bonus to the Cape Scott railway, and will urge Ralph Smith to support such in the House.

A Fight in The Chamber

Belgian Deputies Storm Presiding Officer's Tribunal and Blows Are Stuck.

More Riots in the Streets and Several People Are Killed

Brussels, April 11.—The sitting of the Chamber of Deputies today was characterized by violent scenes. The Premier, Count de Naeyer referring to the deplorable events of yesterday, said:

"The appeal of the Socialists to the population proves that it is their avowed plan to continue the struggle, even after parliament, has pronounced on the Revision bill. Their aim is the dethronement of power, and the triumphs of revolution. The government is resolved that the debate on the Revision bill shall occur in spite of the assertions of the Moniteur Socialiste to the contrary."

At this point of the Premier's speech, violent altercations, which nearly led to blows, arose among the deputies of the opposing parties. Liberals and Socialists engaged in a sharp discussion concerning the agreement concluded between them for the defence of universal suffrage, and M. Deblon, a Socialist, shouted, "We are betrayed." At the close of the sitting, Socialist deputies shouting "Jesuit thief," stormed the President's tribunal. Ushers were then summoned to preserve order, and a violent scene ensued, in which blows were freely exchanged.

After the chamber was closed, members of the Left Party and Socialists proceeded to the Maison du Peuple, with the intention of persuading the people to cease their demonstration until next week. The Maison was surrounded by the civic guard, but a meeting was permitted to be held inside. M. Vandervelder, and the other speakers at the meeting, advocated that the people remain calm, and have recourse to a general strike next week if the government used force. As the persons who attended the meeting were dispersing, and in spite of the precautions of permitting only a few of them to leave at one time, conflicts with the police occurred. Mounted gendarmes cleared the streets, and many of the demonstrators fired their revolvers.

During the course of the evening there were several other outbreaks in the city. The police charged the rioters, and about 25 persons were wounded, and many others were arrested. All those arrested were armed with revolvers.

Demonstrations and encounters occurred at Liege, Ghent, and elsewhere, the most serious being at Houdeng-Goegries, in the coal district. During the collision between the police and strikers at that place the latter used brickbats and firearms. The police fired upon the rioters, killing a coal miner and a young girl. Fifteen persons were wounded, including two policemen. Mounted infantry finally dispersed the mob.

The civil guard is again under arms tonight, and all the police posts have been doubled.

LATER.

Brussels, April 12.—There have been no further disturbances of any kind. The majority of the civic guard, who are uniformed like the soldiers, and armed with rifles and bayonets, were withdrawn at 1 o'clock this morning.

General business in the city has been practically undisturbed by the disorder, which is almost wholly confined to the district around the Maison du Peuple. Elsewhere the streets and boulevards have their customary appearance. People are on the streets and the cafes and restaurants are busy.

So far as Brussels is concerned, it is felt that the authorities are quite masters of the situation. But should a general strike be declared, and be generally followed, which is considered doubtful, a dangerous situation might arise, as the troops would be needed everywhere, and could not be massed at any particular point.

It developed this morning that at a cabinet council held yesterday, at which King Leopold presided, it was decided that the discussion of suffrage question would be fixed for next Wednesday. The King appeared to favor a conciliatory attitude, but the government will oppose the introduction of universal suffrage.

First Tourist—Um, er—did you come down here for your health?

Second Same—No. I fetched that with me. I came down here to shoot a nallygator.—Chicago News.

An American correspondent gives the following as an example of the right formalities with which the officials in some parts of Russia act:

Russian Official—"You can't stay in this country, sir."

Traveler—"Then, I'll leave it."

Official—"Have you a permit to leave?"

Traveler—"No, sir."

Official—"Then you cannot go. I give you twenty-four hours to make up your mind as to what you shall do."

Crisis In Belgium

Question of the Constitution Comes Up on Next Wednesday.

And Whole Population Is in a Ferment Over the Situation.

Strikes and Riots Add to the Serious Condition of Country.

Brussels, April 12.—This exciting week ends with the lull before the storm. The coming week has already been dubbed revision week, and it promises to witness important events. A general strike has been proclaimed for Monday, and on Wednesday a political crisis will be reached by the opening in the Chamber of Deputies of the discussion of the question of revision of the constitution on which the Belgian people are now divided. The Socialists and Liberals have been seeking for a long time past to force the Clerical government to an issue upon the question of the electoral law modification, which will necessitate a revision of the constitution.

At the present time any elector can cast from 1 to 3 votes, according to his qualifications. The Socialists and Liberals assert that workingmen cannot obtain more than two votes, whereas the rich get three, and moreover, that the rural districts voters, who are under the domination of the priests, and who support the present government, are often fraudulently given three votes instead of the two, to which at the most, they are entitled.

The Liberal leader in the Chamber of Deputies, M. Jenson, submitted a motion for the revision of the constitution, which the government has agreed shall come before the Chamber next Wednesday. If the Clerical majority consents to take the proposition under consideration, it will be referred to a committee for examination. This will be the first gain for the Revisionists, and it will undoubtedly have an immense effect in calming the country, which, at the present moment, is everywhere in a state of excitement.

The belief prevails in many quarters that the government will give this sop to the Revisionists, with the intention of throwing out the proposition, when the country has been quieted. In the meanwhile from almost every mining and industrial district comes news that large numbers of men have decided to strike Monday.

Partial strikes began yesterday at Liege, Mons, Charleroi and elsewhere, and it is reported that 20,000 men are already out. There is little indication, however, that a general strike will occur in Brussels itself.

The workmen's committee will meet tomorrow to come to a decision regarding the action to be taken in this city.

The government is very anxious about the situation in the mining districts. Regiments of infantry and cavalry have been drafted to the various centres, and quarters have been prepared at many mines and industrial works for detachments of troops to guard the properties.

The papers report that no fewer than 17,000 old pattern rifles have been transferred into breach-loaders, sold to workmen, and are now in their hands. This figure is probably greatly exaggerated, but there is no doubt that a large number of these weapons are in possession of the men.

Le Peuple, a Socialist paper of Brussels, is openly selling revolvers to workmen! For some time past a big advertisement has appeared in its columns daily, headed, "Prizes for our readers," offering revolvers at specially low prices. One of the weapons offered is sold for eight francs seventy-five centimes, while other more formidable weapons are offered at seventeen francs. It is said that 4,000 revolvers have been sold in the past three months, which fact explains the frequency of revolver firing in the recent disorders.

The soul of the Socialist movement in Belgium is M. Vander Velde, a member of the Chamber of Deputies, who is a brilliant speaker, and has great influence over the masses. He is tall and lithe, with a quiet manner, and his keen eyes peers through eyeglasses which he invariably wears. He recently married an English woman, who is also an active Socialist, and is president of the Woman's Federation of Belgium.

A representative of the Associated Press interviewed Vander Velde at the close of the day's session of the chamber, M. Vander Velde evinced the utmost readiness to explain the situation in Belgium.

"We are determined to go on now," he said, "until we have secured revision. Under the present unjust electoral regime, the workingman has only five hundred thousand votes out of two million, whereas under the one man, one vote system, we would have four hundred thousand out of one million two hundred thousand.

"The general strike next Monday will testify to the strength of the Socialist party. We count on one hundred thousand strikers in the mining and industrial districts, where our call will certainly be generally answered. We have invited the men to act according to the best interests of their districts, where our call will certainly be generally answered, and thus there will be no strike at Ghent, where the textile industry is undergoing a crisis, but there will be demonstrations in favor of universal suffrage.

The workmen of Brussels will hold a monster meeting Monday to show the government the feeling that exists here. We are urging the men to remain absolutely pacific, but minor conflicts such as have occurred are hardly avoidable in view of the excited feeling that prevails, aid the fact that the younger men are difficult to control, and especially in view of aggressive attitude of police."

When Dr. Velde, the Socialist leader left the Chamber of Deputies this morning and emerged into the street, he was recognized and followed by a number of persons. The police dispersed the crowds and arrested Dr. Velde, who was conveyed to the police station, but was soon released with the officials' explanation that his being taken into custody was due to mistaken identity.

LATER.

Brussels, April 13.—(2 a.m.)—The squares in the neighborhood of the Maison du Peuple are still occupied by troops busily engaged in dispersing the groups which had gathered on the outskirts of the cleared zone. Most of the rioters, however, became worn out, and have gone home; and there is little likelihood of further trouble tonight, but there is every reason to expect renewals of the disturbances at daylight, as a majority of the rioters are apparently rough and young irresponsibles, who will not obey the injunctions of the Socialist leaders to refrain from disorders.

The president and secretary of the principal Socialist societies at La Louviere were arrested yesterday. The regiment of the line, which was brought from Antwerp to reinforce the civil guards, is patrolling the town.

A downpour of rain had quenched the enthusiasm of the rioters at 2:40 a.m. Two hundred and forty-five persons have been taken to hospitals suffering from injuries received in last night's disturbance.

REBELS DEFEATED.

Fight in Hayti Goes in Favor of the Government Forces.

Port au Prince, April 12.—The revolutionary forces commanded by Gen. Nicholas Baptiste, who captured Jacmel on the south coast, on April 4, held that for 24 hours and then retired to the hills, taking with them all the arms and ammunition available, were pursued by the troops commanded by the minister of war, Gen. Guillaume, and were completely defeated yesterday at Fondsmelon, near Jacmel. Gen. Baptiste was captured and shot. The revolutionists had 12 men killed and a number wounded. The government troops sustained no losses.

Ten Haytien citizens, who have been sentenced to exile and who sought refuge in various consulates here, sailed today for Kingston, Jamaica, on board the line steamer Lauenberg. The party included M. Pierre, a candidate for the presidency of Hayti, M. Mathona, formerly mayor of Port au Prince, and Generals Canal and Francois.

The Kettle Valley Road

Last Spike Driven In Railway Connecting Grand Forks and Republic.

Special Train With Visitors Makes First Trip Over the New Line.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Grand Forks, April 12.—The formal opening of the Kettle Valley line passed off very successfully today. There were 250 passengers on board the special train of four coaches, which left Grand Forks at 10:20 a.m. The trip only occupied three hours and a half. This is regarded as a good record, considering the newness of the roadbed and a delay of nearly an hour near Ferguson. Large crows assembled at Nelson, Wash., and Curlew, Wash. The excursionists received an enthusiastic reception. Many of the visitors enjoyed their first view of the Kettle river valley.

The scenery is superb. The Grand Forks brass band accompanied the excursion. The guests of the railway company included prominent citizens of Spokane, Rossland, Nelson, B. C., and other cities. Grand Forks also sent a large contingent. The trip to Republic proved uneventful.

The last spike was jointly driven by T. W. Holland, general manager, and W. C. Morris, assistant general manager.

The record of construction is regarded as noteworthy, considering that the first sod was not turned until June 5 last and that the entire work was not under contract until August 1. This latest interntional link, which will have a great economic effect on the development of the Boundary country, and the Colville Indian reservation, situated in the State of Washington, is 42.55 miles long.

Hitherto the long and expensive wagon haul from Republic precluded the possibility of any, but the highest grade ores from being treated at Grand Forks. Shipments, however, have been made from time to time, and only of picked ores, averaging in some instances $500 per ton. These values cannot be regarded as characteristic of Republic, which, broadly speaking, is a camp with millions of tons of low grade ore. Probably an average would be $12 per ton. The Granby smelter at Grand Forks found this Republic ore so desirable that the project of a railway between the two points met with its hearty support; in fact, the management at one time contemplated building the line, only abandoning the idea when a charter had been secured.

After the organization of the Republic and Grand Forks railway (now known as the Kettle Valley lines), Mr. Holland became its general manager. The capital required for building the road was raised in the East, the president of the enterprise being Hon. J. R. Stratton, who holds the portfolio of Provincial Secretary in the Ontario cabinet.

The Kettle Valley lines have entered into a contract with the mine owners of Republic for the transportation of ore to the Granby smelter in Grand Forks. According to the contract, the freight and treatment rate must not exceed $6.50 per ton. At the outset, a tonnage of 400 tons daily is expected. This amount can be easily absorbed here, as the local smelter has a daily capacity of 1,500 tons, and two additional furnaces are to be installed at an early date; moreover, the ores of Republic, besides being smelted in the furnaces, can be utilized as converter linings.

The road is splendidly equipped with rolling stock, including pressed steel ore cars, and passenger coaches. An arrangement for an interchange of through traffic at Grand Forks with the C. P. R. has been effected.

THEIR ANCESTORS' TOMBS.

Chinese Court to Make a Pilgrimage.

Pekin, April 12.—The Emperor and Dowager Empress, with 100 of the highest officials, including Yuan Shai Kai, the viceroy of Chih-li, and a retinue of 3,000 civilians and 5,000 soldiers, will start tomorrow on the first pilgrimage for years for the eastern tombs of the dynasty, 100 miles distant, to offer sacrifices. The imperial party will be absent from the capital a fortnight, and during that time most of the public business will be suspended. The assemblage of the troops for the escort afforded an opportunity for the circulation of baseless native rumors that the object of the gathering is an attack upon foreigners.

Reports from the central and southern provinces agree that there is a growing resentment in these richest provinces, which did not participate in the Boxer movement, against paying the largest share of the foreign indemnity. The officials of these provinces incite this feeling by issuing sinister proclamations commanding the payment of taxes.

Will Not Interfere

Canada Will Send Troops Even If Peace Is Declared In Africa.

Strong Fight Being Made By Municipalities Against Bell Telephone.

Mr. Blair Declines to Have His Locomotive Purchases Investigated.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 11.—Prospects of peace in South Africa are not going to interfere with the organization of the four regiments of Mounted Rifles in Canada. No matter what developments may take place, in the course of the next few days or few weeks, the regiments will be sent. The British government has asked for them, and supposing peace negotiations are concluded, it is intended to send the four regiments to South Africa to relieve the tired out British Regiments. The minister had a con-

The union of municipalities put up a strong fight before the Senate Railway committee this morning on the bill to increase the capital stock of the Bell Telephone company to $10,000,000. A motion to postpone consideration of the bill for a year was only defeated on the casting vote of Chairman Pelletier. Further consideration of the bill was postponed until next Wednesday. Senator Templeman voted for the postponement and Senator Macdonald against.

A cable from the Casualty department at Capetown announces the death from enteric fever at Pretoria of Trooper J. Pattison, of the South African Constabulary. His parents reside in Toronto.

For the nine months ending March 31 the aggregate trade of the Dominion was $302,500,000, an increase of $20,000,000 over the same period last year. Exports increased over $7,000,000 and imports $13,000,000.

the deputy minister, Col. Pinault on the

The House spent the day in discussing the Agricultural department's estimates.

Mr. Blair refuses to have his purchases of locomotives for the Intercolonial railway inquired into. Before the Public Accounts committee this morning, Mr. Barker, of Hamilton, moved that pur- subject of the command.

ference with Gen. O'Grady Haly and chases of locomotives for the Intercolonial railway since 1896 be investigated by the committee. Mr. Blair opposed it, and the motion was lost by 14 to 10.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

Campaign Is Now in Full Blast in Province.

Toronto, April 11—(Special.)—The Ontario election campaign is in full blast. The date of the election is still undecided, and will remain so until the return of the ministers from the West. Another candidate nominated yesterday was A. E. Little, for Cardwell, the former Conservative member.

DINNER TO F. W. THOMPSON

Manitoba Miller Honored By Winnipeg—Foreign Capital For the West.

Winnipeg, Man., April 11.—One of the largest dinners ever had in the Manitoba club was given last night in honor of Mr. F. W. Thompson, who is leaving shortly for Montreal, where he will continue the immense business of the Ogilvie Manufacturing company, as general manager.

Chief Justice Killam occupied the chair. The Premier and Mayor Arbuthnot were among those present, and the vice-chairs were occupied by Hugh John MacDonald and F. W. Stobart.

The Free Press says tonight: "It was learned on good authority this morning that an American company have applied to the Canadian Pacific for sites on which to erect a number of elevators in Manitoba and the Territories. A number of applications have been made outside of this for sites for new elevators by private individuals, but this is a project of larger proportion. It is stated that the company wish to erect as many as 60 elevators in this country next year. They intend to have them completed before the crop of next fall is moved. No further details are given regarding this scheme, but the C. P. R. do not deny that they have had applications this year already for sites for 75 elevators. This indicates that the Americans are taken with the Western country, and is another step of what some are now calling an American conquest of Western Canada. It looks to many, however, as a Canadian conquest of American capital as the immense benefits that will accrue to the Canadian West, as a result of the influx of Americans here and United States money, cannot be gainsaid."

After the Tontine Company.—The troubles of the Tontine Savings Association of Minneapolis are certainly coming in bunches. A short time ago the charter of the Association was cancelled by Judge McGee, of Minneapolis, and since then actions have been entered against the Association in almost every state in which they did business. In the Northwest, including Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, the agents of the association formed a new company and promised to carry on the business under certain conditions. A suit was entered against them in Seattle and a receiver appointed to take over the books. Now Victoria has been selected as the next place in which to continue the attack on the association. An action has been entered in the county court by Amelia M. White for $106, which she paid in on contracts to the old association. As the company has no attorney in the province service is being made through the press.

Maud—"When are they to be married?"

Ethel—"Never."

"Never? And why not?"

"She will not marry him until he has paid his debts, and he can't pay his debts until she marries him."

ANOTHER RECORD.

Boundary Ore Shipments for the Week Show Great Increase.

Phoenix, April 11.—(Special)—All previous records for one week's ore shipments in British Columbia were broken in Boundary this week. The great increase was due to larger shipments from the Granby mines in this camp, which are now averaging 1,500 tons per day.

The total for the week was 12,805 tons from the following mines:

Granby mines, 9,935 tons; Mother Lode, 2,720 tons; Golden Crown, 30 tons; Jewell, 120 tons. The two Boundary smelters treated for the week as follows: Granby smelter, 10,057 tons; Mother Lode smelter, 2,982 tons, making a weekly total of 13,039 tons, and 119,562 tons for the year.

STILL FIGHTING.

Peace Negotiations Do Not Cause War to Cease.

London, April 12.—That the fighting continues in South Africa is shown by a casualty list given out yesterday, which contains the names of a few of the killed and wounded in the engagements which occurred at three separate points as late as the 8th and 9th of April. Preparations here continue for the despatch of 20,000 additional troops for the winter campaign. Lord Roberts inspected the first drafts of guards, which will sail for South Africa next week.

DR. TALMAGE.

Washington, April 11.—According to the 11 o'clock statement of the physicians, there is no marked change in the condition of Dr. Talmage tonight. If anything, he was resting a trifle easier, but his condition is very critical.

Factory Fire At Vancouver

Storage House at Robertson and Hackett's Mill Is Badly Damaged.

Supt. Marpole of the C. P. R. Reaches the Coast—Packers Association.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, April 11.—The storage house at Robertson & Hackett's sash and door factory caught fire at noon today. The wind was blowing away from the rest of the buildings. The firemen turned all their energies to preventing the spreading of the flames. This they succeeded in doing, and at 3:30 the fire was under control. Besides the large mills several ships under construction in the adjacent yards were saved almost by a miracle. The damage done was $4,000. The insurance companies interested are Norwich, National, Phoenix and British American.

Superintendent Marpole and party returned from Europe today. In his interviews with the press, Mr. Marpole spoke of the splendid work being done by Canada in encouraging the best class of immigrants to come to the Dominion. He spoke strongly of the necessity of having a fast Atlantic service. In England he found a grim determination to see the war through. Mr. Marpole says after roaming over Europe, he is convinced there is no country like Canada, none so free, so spacious, so abounding in opportunities for the young and strong, or so potentially great.

Kauffmann, accused of the murder of Policeman Robinson at San Francisco, passed through Mission today on his way to San Francisco.

D. J. Munn and Aemilius Jarvis arrived in Vancouver today together. The latter is a well known Toronto company promoter. They will appraise the value of the canneries in connection with the combine now being formed.

WOMEN'S GOSSIP.

Should Girls Play Hockey or Read Goody Goody Books?

London, April 12.—The Duchess of Sutherland has written to the Saturday Review a vigorous plea in behalf of "manliness" in girls and women. The talented young peeress was drawn into print by a letter distinguishing between boys and girls books. "It puzzles me," the Duchess wrote. "That anyone can be found who doubts the essential oneness of boy and girl nature. Why should courage, resource, and fair-play be attributes held up for the admiration of the male sex alone? I spent pocket money on a boy's paper from the age of 6. I still distrust the future of the little girl who prefers the sentiment of 'Bessies red sash' to the hairbreadth escape of "Tim Tiddler's Leap." The mother of maids, in her purchases, would do well to avoid the volume, however, bright its boards, that bears the subtitle of "A Tale for Girls." My own opinion is that a woman, though she never rides to the hounds or handles a gun, if she be not at heart a sportsman, stunts sympathies and loses half the joy of life. The battle after all, is not only to the strong, and the sooner we discourage our girls from adopting cowardly kinks, the warp their opinion and help them to help themselves, and to what they really care for, the better."

On the other hand, Mrs. Alex. Tweedie, the well known writer, deplores the masculine tendencies in the modern girl. In the course of a long article in the Daily Mail, Mrs. Tweedie declares too much exercise is responsible to a great extent for the "lanky, weedy girls so often seen in England." Hockey, Mrs. Tweedie characterizes as much too rough for girls. "Is it not better," she asks, "to make a home and its inmates comfortable than to win a tennis cup?"

A NEW VERSION OF AN OLD TALE.

Professor Gallaudet, who has done so much towards educating deaf mutes, tells this story: One of the professor's favorite pupils, an unusually precocious child, was asked by his teacher if he knew the story of George Washington and the cherry tree. With his fingers the youngster repeated the tale without a break, until he came to the point where the elder Washington questions his son.

"When George's father asked him who hacked his favorite cherry tree," continued the child, moving his signalling fingers almost as rapidly as some persons move their tongues, "George put his hatchet in his left hand—"

"Wait a moment," said the professor, "how do you know that he took the hatchet in his left hand?"

"Because," answered the boy, "he needed his right hand to tell his father that he had chopped the tree."

Thereby Hangs a Tale.—A loaf of bread, correctly wrapped up in paper, but as hard as a brick bat, was picked up in the alley way next to Shotbolt's drug store yesterday morning. The loaf tins the scale at one pound three ounces, which is exactly five ounces short of the legal requirements.

Nothing Official

Mr. Balfour at Midnight Stated That Peace Rumors Were Premature.

Call For Cabinet Meeting Today starts a Fresh Crop of Reports.

Boer Leaders Still Carrying On Deliberations In Secret at Klerksdorp.

London, April 11.—A summons was issued this evening for a cabinet meeting tomorrow. This circumstance started a fresh crop of rumors to the effect that the government had received a despatch from Lord Kitchener on the subject of the peace negotiations after Mr. Brodrick's statement in the House of Commons this afternoon. Should the Boers taking part in the conference decide in favor of opening peace negotiations, they will submit their proposals to Lord Kitchener, who has been instructed to forward them immediately to the government.

Inquiries made tonight at the War office by the Associated Press, elicited that the office knew nothing about the rumors of peace, nor an alleged telegram from Lord Roberts to Dover, in which he is reported to have said the war was over.

In the House of Commons at midnight tonight, A. G. Balfour, the government leader, replying to a question asked by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader in the House, declared that the government had no information concerning the peace rumors, and that there was no foundation for them.

London, April 12.—Mr. Balfour's denial last night of the peace rumors was very emphatic. He said:

"We have no information at all, nor in the nature of things could there be any."

The sudden calling of a cabinet meeting and the fact that King Edward rather unexpectedly terminated his cruise yesterday in order to return to London, convinces people that something important is pending, and has led to the most extraordinary rumors. Among other things it is reported that Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, has resigned. This is quite untrue. Mr. Chamberlain was suffering from a chill yesterday, but he expects to attend the cabinet meeting today.

Klerksdorp, Transvaal Colony, April 11.—The representatives of the former Orange Free State and the Transvaal government, had conferences yesterday afternoon and today. The deliberations were confined to the delegates, and no communication with outsiders was allowed.

LORD MOUNT-STEPHEN.

Gives Thirty Thousand Pounds to Aberdeen Infirmary.

London, April 11.—Lord Mount-Stephen has given £30,000 to the Royal Infirmary at Aberdeen. He had previously paid off a debt of £25,000 on that institution.

MAIL SERVICE TO WEST COAST

Senator Macdonald Will Call Attention to Its Inefficiency—The Contingents.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont., April 12.—Senator Macdonald proposes to call the Senate's attention to the inefficient mail service between Victoria and the West Coast points.

Major Boulanger, of Quebec, was here today and accepted the command of one of the new regiments for South Africa. Major Williams of Toronto, also accepted a command. Col. Lessard, of Toronto, declined. Colonel Turnier, of Quebec, is debarred by reason of a defective arm, the result of a wound in the Transvaal last year. Captain Morrison, D. S. O. of the Ottawa Citizen, will be offered a majority in one of the regiments.

Major Snelgrove, Cobourg, has been offered the position of Major in the Coronation contingent. Capt. Tom Wallace, son of the late N. Clarke Wallace, can go either to the Coronation, or have a company in the South Africa regiment.

A third judge will be appointed for the Yukon and appeals to the Supreme court of British Columbia from Yukon territory will be abolished.

WANT WU SENT AWAY.

Some United States Senators Think Chinese Minister Too Interfering.

Washington, D. C., April 12.—A feature of the debate on the Chinese Exclusion Bill in the Senate today, was the sharp criticism of Minister Wu, of China, because of his protest to the Secretary of State against the enactment of the bill. Mr. Mitchell, of Oregon, and Mr. Teller, of Colorado, vigorously attacked him, declaring that he deserved being given his passports, and no self-respecting nation would have permitted such interference in its legislative affairs. Mr. Foraker, of Ohio, and Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, insisted that he had done no more than his duty, and he would have been derelict in his duty to China had he done less. Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, delivered a speech in support of the bill, although he antagonized that provision which prevents United States ships from employing Chinese seamen. He urged the enactment of the measure with the modifications he suggested.

REDISTRIBUTION.

Four New Seats Created by Northwest Legislature.

Winnipeg, April 12.—(Special)—The redistribution bill introduced in the Northwest legislature yesterday provides for an increase of four seats.

A farewell banquet was tendered Mr. C. W. Rowley, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, at the Commercial club last night, by citizens. Mr. Rowley is leaving next week for Vancouver.