

On the March.

Vanguard of the Nile Expedition Under Way.

Departure of a British Regiment for Gizeh.

Three British Battalions and 7,000 Bedouins Will Take Part.

Peace Proposals With King Menelek Dropped—Germany Getting More Gracious Toward Great Britain.

IF BRITAIN WINS.

Paris, March 22.—The *Soleil* says that if the British defeat the Dervishes in the Sudan, the French, German and Belgian possessions in mid-Africa will be enlarged.

ON THE MARCH.

Cairo, March 22.—Gen. Kitchener, sirdar of the Egyptian army, and Slatin Pasha, of the army intelligence department, started yesterday night for Wady Halfa, the Egyptian post on the boundary of the Sudan. The North Staffordshire Regiment, numbering 900 officers and men, started yesterday for Gizeh, where they will embark on Nile steamers for a journey up Nile to Wady Halfa. A Sikh regiment from India, that is ultimately to take part in operations, arrived at Mobassa, East Africa, on March 15. They will remain there for a time and will be employed in operations against one of the native chiefs, who is in rebellion against the British.

Several thousand Bedouins and three British battalions have been organized to join the British expedition. This will make a total of 19,000 men forming the expedition.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—The active negotiations going on between St. Petersburg and Constantinople make it likely that as a result of Russian advice a formal protest will emanate from the Sultan concerning the Nile expedition. The *Novoye Vremya* says that neither Russia nor France agree to England's using Egyptian funds for the expedition, and that we are on the verge of most serious events, thus giving it to be understood that France is prepared to act.

PEACE PROPOSALS DROPPED. Rome, March 22.—The *Italia* says Gen. Baldissera, the commander-in-chief of the Italian forces in Africa, has broken off the peace negotiations with King Menelek, the latter's demands being excessive. They include the payment by Italy of 25,000,000 lire in gold.

DISCUSSING THE EXPEDITION. London, March 22.—Baron De Courcel, the French ambassador, was interviewed yesterday with Prime Minister Salisbury at the latter's London residence. The subject of the interview was the Anglo-Egyptian expedition.

GERMANY MORE GRACIOUS. Berlin, March 22.—The official announcement that Germany had given her assent to England's drawing on the Egyptian reserve fund to defray the cost of the British expedition up Nile Valley was worded in such a manner as to convey the impression that Germany's consent was not given to conserve English interests, but rather for the sake of upholding the interests of the allies of Germany.

THE OREBUND, especially Italy. Two articles on the subject which were subsequently published in the North-German Gazette were a great deal more cordial toward England, and more lenient toward Germany, than the earlier ones. They have been to dispel all traces of the recent German irritation toward England and to defend the Dongola expedition. Other inspired journals are now taking the same view. They key to all this sudden display of goodwill toward England is unquestionably German sympathy with Italy.

If the battle of Adowa, fought on March 1, in which the Italians were disastrously defeated, had not been, Germany would not have countenanced the expedition up the valley of the Nile, and would probably have sided with France and Russia to prevent it. The communications from the French Foreign Office which passed through the hands of M. Herbet, French ambassador to Germany, were couched in language which indicated expectation that Germany would join the French protest against England's action. It consequently must have been a very unpleasant surprise to M. Berthelot, the French Foreign Minister, to learn that the assent of Germany had already been sent to London and to Cairo.

THE POSITION OF FRANCE. The position of the British Government is rendered easier, under official news that either France will not oppose Great Britain's demand for a credit of \$500,000 from the Egyptian funds for the expenses of the Sudan expedition, or will confine her opposition to a formal protest against the use of the money for this purpose.

Russia will remain strictly neutral, and will give no support to France as against the expedition. Russia is even credited with viewing the British projects with some measure of goodwill as being likely to divert the whole energies of Great Britain in a direction where Russian interests are not likely to be greatly concerned. M. Berthelot, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, clearly recognizes, though the French people do not, that France is powerless to make an effective position. Russia has not a vote in the commission of the Egyptian public debt, while Great Britain holds two votes, France two, and Austria, Germany and Italy one each. A difference of opinion exists as to whether the statutes relating to the commission requires a unanimous or a majority vote.

THE BELGIAN EXPEDITION. The Belgian-Congo Free State expedition, under the command of Baron

d'Hanis, which will attack the Dervishes on the Upper Nile simultaneously with the Anglo-Egyptian attack upon those on the Lower Nile, is an assured fact. The French press denied that it was the intention to dispatch such an expedition, but the semi-official *Stolle* Schlegel confirms the statement made last Saturday that such an expedition had been formed, and that, with the consent of the British Colonial Office, a number of Housas had been recruited for it at Lagos, King Leopold will shortly come to London, to conclude the arrangements for the advance of this expedition to the Nile. Baron d'Hanis, with a strong force, is now nearing Bahr-el-Gazelle. He has with him a number of Maxim and Krupp guns.

The Sporting World.

Jack Crawford and Griffin Have a Set-to

In a Toronto Street—Latest News from the Cider Path, Track and Diamond.

ATHLETICS.

CRAWFORD VS. GRIFFIN. Toronto, March 22.—P. J. Griffin and Jack Crawford (formerly of London), the middleweight who has jumped into prominence through his recent victory over Arthur Schram, came together Saturday afternoon in a "mix-up" near the Union station, without a referee or purse for the winner. Many spectators were present, and they were all sorry that the pugilists were separated before the knock-out blow was administered. Conflicting stories are told as to the cause of the fight, but it appears that Crawford refused to box at an entertainment in Ingersoll this week, under Griffin's management, unless he was well paid. Griffin retorted that Crawford would have to accept a share of the gate, as he had agreed to do. Griffin also spoke contemptuously of the Toronto man's ability, and one of the Toronto men landed a blow on Griffin's jaw and rushed in on him. Some of the crowd rushed in and attempted to separate the men. Griffin was a walking-cane in his hand, and at the first opportunity swung for Crawford's head with deadly force. A deep gash was inflicted, and the blood flowed freely. The men were now separated, but before each went on his way Griffin threatened his next visit to be a more serious one. Crawford how cheaply he had acquired his reputation as a fighter. Crawford's friends say he came out of the scuffle with honors.

CRAWFORD CHALLENGED. Toronto Mail and Empire: Joe Popp jumped into the ring at his boxing academy on Saturday night, and with some dramatic effect announced that he was prepared to donate, without any string attached to it, the roll of bills he held in his hands to Jack Crawford if that boxer would stay six rounds with him on Saturday night.

Popp, of course, made his offer conditional upon the fight taking place in his rooms. Crawford was not present, but some one told him about the offer. He was considerably worried at Popp's announcement, and said he would fight Schram for nothing less than \$500.

CORBET AND MITCHELL. London, March 22.—George Stevens, of the Bolingbroke Club, offers a purse of \$12,000 for a fight between Corbett and Mitchell in London. He also offers \$500 to each man for training expenses.

MAHER AGAIN. Pittsburg, Pa., March 22.—John J. Quinn, manager for Peter Maher, said last night that he would back Peter for \$10,000 in another fight with Fitzsimmons if the latter positively refuses to meet Corbett.

THE WHEEL SPOKES. Bicycle racing has taken a strong hold on the public on the Pacific slope. At the six-day indoor racing meet, which has just terminated at San Francisco, over 30,000 admissions were registered, being an average of slightly over 5,000 per day for each day of the week. So pleased with the success of this venture are the Californians, that they will build a new six-lap track 40 feet wide in Central Park, an ideal spot, practically in the heart of the city, which to run the National circuit races.

A. A. Zimmerman having been made cycling editor of the New York Sunday World, Eddie Bald has been secured as cycling editor of the New York Sunday Journal.

Buffalo bicyclists are advocating a cinder path from that city to Niagara Falls, along the Canadian side of the river.

The largest shipment of bicycles ever made in any country went from Chicago to New York last week, carrying special train of fifteen cars, bearing 5,000 wheels to agents in that city, and valued at \$400,000.

W. Harris, the English professional, is en route to the United States from Australia.

The charge on which Bald was suspended was that of selling a bicycle he had won last fall for \$50 cash.

A. Banker has arrived back in Paris, where he will race again this year. He was feted by his Parisian friends last week.

G. M. Gibbs, of Sarnia, is a candidate for chief consul of Huron district, C. W. A. It is said that W. B. Clark will not take the office again.

It would seem that there is little further conquest possible for the bicycle when it supplants the horse in the east of the water. A few days ago little Black Bear, a Nez Perce Indian chief in Oregon, traded 30 head of horses for a bicycle.

The most extraordinary costume ever seen on a lady cyclist appeared in Hyde Park, London, the other day. A widow's bonnet and crape covered coat was worn with black satin knickerbockers and no overskirt.

The great Zimmerman writes: "If your mouth becomes parched while riding, take a little slower. When you are thirsty, do not sprint to the first place where a cold drink can be obtained. Get some cold water. Gargle the throat and rinse the mouth with it. If the first application doesn't bring relief, try it a second, or third time, if necessary. If you must have a drink, take no more than a quarter of the ordinary glassful and sip it, in about a teaspoonful at a time. Don't drink the water ice cold. Wait until the chill is off the water. I refer to water altogether, because I do not suppose any bicycle rider is so foolish as to pour a glass of cold beer into him or herself."

THE TURF. SPEED VS. ENDURANCE. A writer in proposing certain changes in the trotting rules recently remarked that the public is not interested in endurance. Another writer, who called himself "Keystone," takes occasion in a letter to the Horseman to criticize this statement. But it is undoubtedly true, in the sense in which it was meant. More facts of endurance do

not interest the race-going public. While a horse that exhibits a lack of endurance disgusts spectators, what they are interested in is the contest, and a horse that wins by sheer endurance, and not by superior speed, adds little to the enjoyment of the public. While one speculates more of the horse that can dispose of his field by good finishes in a short race than it does of one that is laid up and wins in slower time in the last heats of a long-drawn-out race. And what is more, their interest in the shorter race is sustained to the end, while in the longer race it usually flags and they wish it had been finished sooner.

While every horseman that is a true sportsman wishes to produce horses that can endure, more facts of endurance have no interest, as such, for the race-going public—Kentucky Stock Farm.

100,000 FOR GENTRY'S SIRE. Wichita, Kan., March 22.—Ashland Wilkes, the famous sire of John R. Gentry, was sold here Saturday at private sale to J. P. Scott, of Lexington, Ky., for \$100,000 cash. Mr. Scott is eight years the developed sired of John R. Gentry, and sold him a few weeks ago in New York for a good sum. Ashland goes to the same county in Kentucky where Patchen Wilkes now is.

TIPS. It is said that the trotting horse who contemplated giving bicycle races in conjunction with trotting races have practically abandoned the scheme. This change of base has been occasioned, it is said, by the action taken recently by the League of American Wheelmen, when that organization decided to give up class B and to embrace professional racing. With the L. A. W. professional racing and handicap purses for the other classes, it is probable that the other association would probably have a hard time of it.

SKATING. W. T. Feedham, of London, writes the Toronto papers as follows: "I hereby challenge any man in Western Canada to skate a half-mile backward race for the championship of Western Canada and a gold medal. Replies will be promptly attended to by addressing the manager of the Princess Rink, London."

BASEBALL. FLYS. Cleveland keeps at Pittsburg down at Hot Springs, winning the third victory on Friday by 14 runs to 9.

While practicing at Montgomery, Ala., on Friday, the pitcher of the Louisville team, broke his collar bone.

The Texas Leaguer Childs, signed by Scranton, had a batting average of .424 last season, standing second in the list.

It is not altogether unlikely that if McGarry shows up well in Wheeling he will find a place ready for him on the Toronto team before the end of the season.

As at present constituted, the Scranton team is as follows: Two catchers, nine pitchers, six infielders and five outfielders, a total of 22 men up to date.

Nothing but good report is heard of the players, both individually and collectively. With Arthur Schram, who has signed for Toronto, of "Jimmy" Dean, one of the junior pitchers, a Scranton correspondent says that he is a wonderfully promising lad, and by long odds the best hitter ever turned out of Scranton.

Manager Buckenberger, of Toronto, returned to Pittsburg Saturday. The team will report in that city in two weeks, and will play their first home game in Toronto on May 3.

Billy Hamilton has affixed his signature to a Boston baseball contract, and will accompany the team on its southern trip. This completes the Boston outfield.

Gray is discontented on the Cincinnati team, as he thinks most of his playing will be on the bench, and believes that his forte lies in all-around value to the team and his hitting.

Catcher Zimmer and Left Fielder Burkett, of the Cleveland, state that unless they get the limit this year they will not sign, but will play in their traps and leave Hot Springs for home.

Breitstein has another row on with Chris Von der Ahe, and did not go south with the Browns. He claims that Von der Ahe refused to pay the \$200 bonus agreed upon, and now declares that all deals are off.

AQUATIC.

TRIBUTE TO CANADIANS. New York, March 22.—The sporting columns of the Sun today contain the following tribute to Canadians: "The year's Henley regatta comes from London in the form of a tribute from English amateur oarsmen to their Canadian rivals. The plucky four who carried the Argonaut four to Henley this summer, prominently abroad made such a favorable impression on the Britishers that the latter decided to show their appreciation in some tangible way. They have accordingly prepared an illuminated and afloat at the London Boat Club house, Putney."

CANNOT GO TO HENLEY. Toronto, March 22.—Although the announcement of the proposed visit of the Argonaut four to Henley this summer has been enthusiastically received by the members of that club and by Canadians generally, the project will have to be abandoned. Harold Muntz, secretary of the club, says that business affairs will require his close and personal attention this summer, and that under the circumstances the trip will, so far as he is concerned, have to be given up.

THE SHENANGO FREE. Erie, Pa., March 22.—The Pittsburg, Shenango and Lake Erie car ferry steamer Shenango No. 1, which has been fast in the ice fifteen miles off this port for the past five weeks, has finally been liberated by her sister steamer Shenango No. 2, and towed to Conneaut, Ohio. The crew of the ice-bound vessel has been short of provisions and fuel for a week or more.

LIBERAL CANDIDATES SELECTED. Halifax, March 22.—The Liberals of Halifax county Friday night held their convention to nominate candidates for the House of Commons. On the first ballot Mr. Benj. Munro, Q. C. professor of contracts in Dalhousie University, and Mr. E. E. Keefe, ex-mayor of Halifax, were chosen, and the nominations were unanimously ratified amid loud cheering.

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Elections Impending.

Parliament Cannot Legally Sit After April 24.

Even the Men in Power Now Have to Admit That.

The Situation at the Capital an Extraordinary One.

Ottawa, March 22.—Much interest is taken here in a report telegraphed from Montreal of a speech made by Mr. Tarte, M.P., at St. Philippe de la Prairie on Saturday, when Messrs. Geoffrion, Brodeur, Monet, Guay, Tarte and Rinfret, M.P.s, and others also delivered addresses. Mr. Tarte declared that the coming election would be fought out at the school question, and that Sir Oliver Mowat would direct the campaign in Ontario, as Hon. Mr. Laurier's first lieutenant, with Mr. Fielding in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Monet, M.P. for Napierville, has returned from his convention, where he was renominated unanimously. His vote for the six months' hoist was endorsed, and several Conservatives declared their intention of supporting him. He reports great Liberal enthusiasm in his country. This goes to show that the Government's appeal to race and religion does not abate one jot the confidence of the people in Mr. Laurier.

A dispatch from Winnipeg, received here says: "Private advices received state that Sir Charles Tupper has entirely abandoned his proposed trip to Manitoba. A Provincial Conservative convention has been thrice postponed for his convenience; it will now be called off."

Dr. Gaboury got the unanimous nomination of the Liberals to contest Pontiac at a convention held on Saturday at Shawville. He is a strong candidate.

I learn on undoubted authority that when the House of Commons meets this afternoon, it will be announced that Parliament cannot legally sit beyond April 25. This is directly contrary to the argument of leading members of the Cabinet and of the other high tax organs a few days ago. It was then seriously argued that Parliament could sit till June 3, and so certain were the advocates of delay in going to the people that they went in favor of a reference to the Supreme Court, so as to gain time. But an eleven-hour decision has been reached that Parliament dies on April 24. Thus we will have an almost immediate dissolution, and the election called early in June, if not before that time.

Today Mr. Dickey, Senator, Desjardins and Sir Donald Smith left on their mission to Manitoba. Father LaCombe also went west.

It is said that Sir Charles Tupper has given notice that all night sessions will rule this week, unless he gets his way. Members of the high tax party have been given a hint that they may be required to maintain a majority and a quorum in the House of Commons from Tuesday until Saturday. Inquiries have also been made among the members of the press gallery as to the possible assistance which they can render to the Hansard staff in the event of a continuous sitting taking place.

The first mail since last Thursday from Toronto and the west arrived here at 3 o'clock this morning. The mail clerks who have been as far west as Myrtle say it is incredible the havoc wrought by the storm of Friday. At one point on the Canadian Pacific a freight train was buried completely out of sight.

The political situation amounts to this: The Government, according to the Globe correspondent, have secured a majority of four of their own supporters for the second reading of the coercion bill on condition that it should go no further, yet they are now pressing it forward and threatening to make the House sit "night and day" until the bill becomes law, and at the same time they are pretending to go to Winnipeg and negotiate with the Manitoba Government, whom they endeavor to inspire with confidence by denouncing as traitors and mischief-makers. They are blowing-hot and cold. They are posing in Quebec as the warm friends of a suffering municipality robbed of their rights by the ruthless hands of Mr. Greenway, and telling the Ontario supporters that the bill will not be necessary, and that in the end no interference will take place with Manitoba's legislation.

The position of the Ontario high-tax members is contemptible. They are allowing themselves to be driven in a drove on the understanding that the whip will be taken off before they reach the bog into which they would be certain to sink.

That the path is a dangerous one is shown by an incident on the floor of the House on Saturday morning when the Speaker had left the chair. Mr. McCarthy had moved his amendment raising grave doubts as to the power of Parliament to pass the bill, and referring the point at issue to the Supreme Court. He was standing with Col. O'Brien and Dr. Sproule when Mr. Foster came up and said: "You can't bulldoze us." "Well, we will see," was Mr. McCarthy's answer. Mr. Foster, coming up, said to Mr. Foster: "It is you who are doing the bulldozing. You are destroying the Conservative party." "Are you for the Conservative party?" asked Mr. Foster, sarcastically. Mr. McNeill indignantly shook his fist at the Minister of Finance, and said, "You are driving the wedge of division deeper into the ranks of the party; you are pursuing a policy that is disastrous to the party and false to the country. Mr. Foster went out of the chamber towards his room, and Mr. McNeill, who had his Irish up, followed, after hurling an anathema at the ex-leader of the House, who found he had woke up the wrong passenger.

The terms of Mr. McCarthy's amendment are as follows: "That Mr. Speaker do not now leave the chair, but that it be declared that before proceeding further with the consideration of the bill entitled 'Remedial bill, Manitoba,' the important and difficult questions of law arising in relation thereto should be submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada for its opinion, among which questions should be the following:

"(1) Whether the said bill is constitutional and within the powers of Parliament to enact, by reason of the fact that it falls to carry the remedial order into effect to the full extent of the said order.

"(2) Inasmuch as it exceeds the requirement of the said order.

"(3) Assumes to delegate the powers vested in the Provincial Legislature to levy direct tax within the Provinces.

"(4) Proposes to interfere with the law of the Province, which requires the payment of taxes in support of the Public Schools.

"(5) Proposes to vest in the Governor-General in Council the authority pertaining to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, in whom the executive government over the Provinces is vested by the Manitoba act.

"(6) Whether this Parliament in framing a law for the due execution of the educational code of the said act has power to reserve to itself the authority to further legislate respecting the said matter; and

"(7) Whether any act which this Parliament may possess is irrevocable, amendable or repealable by it."

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Mr. Wm. Lewis, a well known resident of North Dorchester, died at his residence, on con. 1, the other day, aged about 50 years, after a short illness of inflammation of the lungs. Deceased was a son-in-law of the late Emmanuel Manning, of Derwent, but his wife died some time ago, leaving two girls and two boys.

LUCAN.

Lucan, March 22.—The storm has rendered all the roads in this locality impassable. The center side road, leading to Granton, is completely filled, for the first time this season.

Mr. James Isaa, a Biddulph farmer, residing on con. 4, met with a painful accident a few days ago. He was holding open the barn door to admit a team and load, when he unfortunately slipped from the approach and fell backward to the ground, a distance of about seven feet, fracturing his collar bone and otherwise injuring him.

Mr. Wm. Hooke, of Biddulph, is seriously ill with inflammation. Our gang of hay pressers have just returned after an absence of two weeks.

Our townsman, Mr. Simpson, has purchased a residence in London. We are very sorry to lose him.

Following are results of the last written examinations in the Lucan High School:

	Dict. and Com.	Mathematics.	Drawing, etc.	Latin.	Science.	Geography.	Total.
Orr Dixon	63	69	92	77	50	51	363
Arthur Ford	61	71	92	88	75	59	366
Willie Bowman	59	68	91	76	92	52	338
Bertie Williams	45	74	80	97	63	47	306
Wesley Cole	47	80	71	80	62	40	280
C. Trothen	42	40	88	64	77	75	337
A. Hodgins	51	69	67	76	97	52	312
Maggie Foster	68	48	72	72	92	38	330
F. Campbell	39	40	63	72	73	37	271
R. McDonald	50	48	58	63	73	36	268
W. Gunn	43	34	51	52	92	39	261
J. Hodgins	56	40	48	76	80	32	266
G. Smith	28	63	68	64	66	35	264
Maria Lewis	68	18	56	62	52	32	239
W. Rollins	52	42	45	28	97	34	230
C. Hobbs	52	24	81	63	75	33	233
L. Hoson	87	48	63	60	64	50	314
C. Orme	45	70	46	77	66	32	332
E. Carter	55	58	41	23	59	32	231
E. Easton	55	42	40	64	62	31	232
F. Harleton	23	54	64	68	54	31	231
T. Powe	48	54	73	74	43	31	231
S. Robson	48	36	47	80	75	31	231
J. Morkin	41	26	64	64	45	31	231
M. McGhlin	62	45	36	35	45	31	231
A. McKay	39	69	91	84	33	23	231
A. Cunningham	37	46	68	64	58	29	231
L. Orme	37	36	27	56	65	48	231
M. Braithwaite	44	46	55	40	33	42	231
M. Amittage	49	28	40	72	38	28	231
E. Munn	47	24	29	72	54	27	231
Maud Black	48	50	49	56	62	39	231
W. McRoberts	29	44	61	70	50	29	231
E. Guest	63	66	56	32	45	32	231
E. Mara	45	34	41	28	47	41	231
M. Sellers	68	18	56	62	52	32	231
James St. John	47	28	69	62	46	18	231
C. Braithwaite	37	26	62	8	20	34	231
J. Atkinson	41	88	50	199			231
R. Gunn	48	89	38	175			231
A. McKay	53	92	145				231
E. Edwards	14	39	13	43			231
Alex. Clark	18	18					231

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March 21.—Mr. James Stewart and bride arrived from their honeymoon trip Tuesday evening, at the residence of Mr. George Morton, where a reception was tendered the happy couple in the presence of a number of invited guests.

Mrs. Donald McLeod, of Parkhill, is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Dr. J. K. Anderson's this week.

Roads are badly drifted in this vicinity on account of the heavy snowstorm of yesterday and last night.

Rev. Chas. Bartholomew is away visiting his mother at Hanover, who is very ill at present.