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Belgian Foreign Minister's Replies to a Slander Against the Empire.

Brussels, May 21.—The senate today, by 37 to 22 votes, rejected a resolution introduced by M. La Fontaine, Socialist. declaring in favor of the Transvaal, and regretting that Bolgium area nowenees regretting that Belgium was powerles

regreting that Belgium was powerless to do anything in the matter. The foreign minister, M. Defavreau, replying to accusations made, during the debate, that British soldiers had mas-sacred Boer women and children, and had otherwise ill-treated the Boers, said Great Britain had carried civilization to all the countries of the world, and had everywhere defended liberty of the per-Son and of conscience.

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NO MILITARY DISPLAY.

Commanding Officers Reminded That Forces Are Still in Deep Mourning.

Ottawa, May 21.-(Special.)-Com-nanding officers are reminded that by he King's command all military forces 6 the empire are still in deep mourning or Queen Victoria until the 24th July. a these circumstances, ceremonial dis-

In these circumstances, ceremonial dis-plays, such as salutes, feu de joie, trooping colors, reviews and other mili-tary exercises, except for tactical in-struction or rifle practice, would be acts of serions disrespect to the memory of the late sovereign.

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No Change in Troubles Between Brick-layers and Master Builders.

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sittings this summer. The Premier announced that the gov-ernment had decided to wait and see what funds Capt. Bernier raised for the North Pole expedition before committing itself to a public grant. The Plains of Abraham vote passed the house after a kick from Mr. Bour-Mr. Sutherland said the reason why no

increase to the letter-carriers was made was because the deputation representing them could not agree as to the basis on which the increase should be given.

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

Treasurer of Flower-Thompson Medi-cal Company in Trouble.

New York, May 21.-Wm. H. Thomp-son, who was at one time captain of an ocean liner, and who is now a member of the Flower-Thompson company, a medicine company, was arrested today, charged with forgery. The complainant is Elizabeth H. Reed, of the Bronx, who claims that over a year ago she purchas-el one \$1,000 gold debenture bond of the Flower-Thompson company from R. O. Flower, on which was signed the name of John S. Nugent, as treasurer of the Flower-Thompson company. It is al-leged in the complaint that Thompson at one time received a check from John S. Nugent, and that he took this check with Nugent's signature on it to a litho New York, May 21.-Wm. H. Th

Nugent's signature on it to a litho-graphic firm and had the name of Nu-gent placed on the company's bond as treasurer. This is the alleged forgery complained of. Thompson was held in \$5000 honds.

The FRASER RIVER. New York, May 21.—According to the masons and builders, there is no change in the status of master builders lockout against the bricklayers today. Otto Meidlitz, the president of the as-sociation, says that the bricklayers are locked out in large numbers. The bricklayers today. Solves assert that there are fewer than 600 men locked out, and that these have found employment with "lumpers," as small sub-contractors are called.