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SOME WONDER IN BRITAIN WHY CANADA'S OFFER WAS DECLINED.

Kitchener Asked for More Colonials in January -- Believed War is Protracted Because Troops are Stale Through Length of Conflict.

Montreal, June 6.—(Special)—The Star's special cable from London says: Much surprise is expressed among Anglo-Canadians at the announcement that the imperial government declined with...

of Kitchener's scouts, has surprised and routed 400 Boers belonging to the Beyer commando, 34 miles west of Warm Baths. The Boers resisted stubbornly, but finally broke and fled, leaving 37 dead, 100 prisoners and all their wagons and supplies, including 8,000 cattle, in the hands of the British. The loss of the latter was three men killed and 15 wounded.

EXPERIENCE NOT SO FAVORABLE.

More British Comment on the United States Article--No Market in the British Railways for American Engines.

London, June 6.—Sir Alfred Hickman, president of the British Iron Trade Association, has written another letter to Lord George Hamilton, the Indian secretary, concerning American locomotives, citing the reply of Lord Cromer, who said "Major Johnston thinks that the American engines are superior to the British ones."

gines worked the trains satisfactorily. Mr. Johnson will say, "but their inferiority in the three points named is inconceivable." The American locomotives cost £400 less than the British. They were delivered in a few months, the British locomotives taking a year, largely on account of the strike.

SMALLPOX IN NEW ENGLAND.

Has a Foothold Which Will Be Hard to Break During the Summer.

The beginning of summer finds unusual conditions so far as the health of the individual communities is considered in New England, for smallpox generally is more prevalent than for many years. At Berlin, N. H., and Cranston, R. I., the number of cases is very large. The intention has appeared at various and widely separated points during the spring, but now it appears to have gained a foothold that will be hard to break during the summer.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY PARDONS

Commutes Two Sentences and Grants Freedom to Four Prisoners.

Washington, June 6.—The president today commuted two sentences and granted four pardons, as follows: Randall Adams, convicted in Kentucky for conspiracy to intimidate United States officers which resulted in the killing of a deputy marshal and sentenced to imprisonment for life, was pardoned. He has served about 10 years.

Court News.

Fredrickton, June 6.—The court was occupied this morning in hearing argument in Ford vs. Stewart, J. D. Hazen, K. C., supporting a demurrer to plaintiff's replication. A. O. Barle, K. C., and C. J. Coster, contra. Court decides.

The Local Capital.

Fredrickton, June 6.—The Hewison inquiry was resumed this morning, Annie Black, Elizabeth Emblenton, Annie Maynard and James Hector being examined.

Clothing Afire, Jumped from Window.

Providence, R. I., June 6.—The explosion of an oil stove in the kitchen of her apartments at 12 Grosvenor street this afternoon, caused the death of Mrs. John Parker, 20 years of age. She jumped from the second story window. Her infant was rescued from the apartments.

Carnegie's Scottish Educational Gift.

London, June 7.—At a meeting yesterday, to consider Mr. Carnegie's educational plans for Scotland, the principal features of the plans were settled. It is understood that one condition of the trust is that the capital shall at present remain invested in the securities in which Mr. Carnegie placed it.

PASTOR INDUCTED.

Rev. A. S. Morton in Charge at St. Stephen.

SERVICE IN THE EVENING.

St. John Clergymen Took Part--Reception Followed Induction -- A Pleasant Surprise for New Pastor and Rev. Mr. Murray, Who Has Supplied the Pulpit.

St. Stephen, June 6.—(Special)—The induction of Rev. A. S. Morton as pastor of St. Stephen's Presbyterian church took place this evening. The pulpit has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. Dr. McKenzie last fall. Rev. Mr. Murray presided. Rev. Mr. Fraser conducted service. He read the second epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, fourth chapter and eighth verse.

CANADIAN POINTS.

Tributes to Memory of Sir John A. Macdonald.

LEADER DEAD 10 YEARS.

Jones, One of Bank Robbing Desperadoes, Died Thursday--Machinists' Convention More Than Doubles Monthly Dues -- Escort for Royalty.

Kingston, June 6.—(Special)—Wreaths were placed on the grave of the late Sir John A. Macdonald in Cataract cemetery today, the 10th anniversary of his death. They were contributed by Kingston Conservatives and the Kingston Macdonald clubs. Addresses were made by prominent city Conservatives. Rev. John McKie conducted religious service.

HORSES FOR THE WAR.

Embittered Discussion in the British Commons.

SUM FINALLY VOTED

Nearly £16,000,000--Member Asserts Scandal in Buying Some Remounts--Canadian Horses Cost £30--Kitchener Says 50,000 Now Suitably Mounted.

London, June 6.—After a long and somewhat embittered discussion of the policy of the war office in buying horses for use in South Africa, the House of Commons tonight by 150 to 60 voted £15,779,000 for transports and remounts.

LEYLAND LINER ASSYRIAN WAS

BUT 500 YARDS FROM SAFETY.

Struck Cape Race and Lies an Almost Hopeless Hulk--Was in a Dense Fog--Her Foreholds Now Full of Water.

St. John's, Nfld., June 6.—The Leyland line steamer Assyrian, 1,841 tons, from Antwerp for Montreal with 2,000 tons of cargo, went ashore off Cape Race at midnight. The steamer Algeria is being despatched to the scene of the wreck by Lloyd's agents. When the Assyrian struck the rocks off Cape Race at midnight the crew, composed mainly of Scandinavians, Germans and Danes, stampeded and scrambled for the life boats. The officers were helpless. Only the proximity of land on the port side forming a partial shelter prevented a greater catastrophe.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

Pabst Brewing Company Have Big Loss--Blaze at Parry Sound.

Parry Sound, June 6.—(Special)—Fire in the lumber yards of the Conger Lumber Company here from 12 o'clock last night until 7 this morning destroyed a large quantity of lumber, the greater part owned by Skillings, Whitney and Barnes of Ogdensburg, N. Y. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

THE NEWS AT OTTAWA.

Sir Percy Girouard May Not Be Here This Summer--Government Matters.

Ottawa, June 6.—(Special)—Word was received today at the marine and fisheries department that Commander Wakeham has returned from the Magdalen Islands and Anticosti. He reports the lobster catch poor at the Magdalen but good at Anticosti. Cod fishing is good everywhere in the gulf and mackerel good at the Magdalen.

FOUGHT FOR LIFE.

Awful Story of South Sea Cannibalism.

GERMAN EXPEDITION.

Details Received of Massacre Before Reported--80 Papuans Attacked Party and Killed Twelve--Bodies Were Later Found to Have Been Devoured.

Berlin, June 6.—The Tagelblatt prints special correspondence from New Guinea containing a full account of the massacre of the members of the first German South Sea expedition on the Cannibal island of St. Matthias. They were all killed and eaten save Dr. Heinrich.

TRIAL OF SENSATIONAL CASE BEGUN IN BERLIN

FOR 20,000 FRANCS.

Former Lady-in-Waiting to Late Princess Amalia Claims Her Money Was Wrongfully Used, and She Herself Arrested and Treated Badly.

Berlin, June 6.—A sensational case began today in the first district court of Berlin. The plaintiff, Inna Milewsky, was formerly lady-in-waiting upon the deceased Princess Amalia of Schleswig-Holstein and the defendant is the brother of Empress Augusta Victoria, Duke Ernst Guenther.

SUNG ROYALTY.

Insurance Man Killed.

Montréal Wants Lead Refinery.

Montréal, June 6.—(Special)—A strong bid for the establishment of a lead refinery in Montréal is waiting upon the deposed trade in response to a query received from the provincial assay office at Belleville. The board claims that two-thirds of the pig lead consumed in the Dominion is consumed in this centre.

FORESTERS' PRESENTATION.

Handsome Grand Cross of Merit and Jewel to Ex-Mayor Read of Amherst.

Amherst, June 6.—A very pleasing feature of the special meeting of Nova Scotia at its meeting in Truro in July, 1900. Mr. Read is a charter member of Court Acadia and was elected chief ranger September 23, 1882. He was also elected to the office of chief ranger of Nova Scotia, being elected to that important office in 1883 at Truro.

THE CHINESE INDENTURE.

Washington, June 6.—The ambassadors from most of the European countries were in conference with Secretary Hay today and the state of the Chinese negotiations was discussed.

TRAGIC DEATHS.

Many in New England With First Hot Day.

Boston, June 6.—The first hot day this season in southern New England was made noticeable by the increase in the number of tragic deaths. George W. Putnam, of Cambridge, hanged himself to the headboard of his bed and was found dead by his daughter. He was a motorman of excellent record.

WILL USE ELECTRICITY.

London District Railway Sanctions the Yerkes Plan.

London, June 6.—A special meeting of the District Railway today sanctioned the Yerkes plan for introduction of electricity as the motive power of the road. The plan was carried out in 1887, when the change would occupy two years. He had full confidence in the ability of Mr. Yerkes and his associates, who had already guaranteed their good faith in buying up half the common stock. The Americans undertook to find the necessary money and to work themselves out of the business. The president thought such a simple proposition did not need much argument to recommend itself to the stockholders.

Harmony Indicated.

New York, June 6.—The Press tomorrow will say:

W. K. Vanderbilt, or a representative of the New York Central system, will be elected a director of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Samuel McCrea, a vice-president of the Pennsylvania Company, will enter the directorate of the Atchafalaya, and Santa Fe Railroad.

Manitoba Liquor Act.

Winnipeg, June 6.—(Special)—Attorney General Campbell left for England today to appear before the privy council in the Manitoba liquor act appeal case as adviser to Mr. Haldane, K. C., who will argue in favor of the constitutionality of the measure.

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It is understood that the middle ground, or modus vivendi, concerning the form of paying the indemnity, is likely to be settled by a joint and several guarantee. This will accord with the American view, that there should be no joint guarantee, in the sense of binding each government to securing the payment of the entire \$37,000,000. It will be joint, however, in being executed by all the powers jointly. This instrument doubtless will include a provision by which each government is to assume no liability beyond the amount of its own share of the indemnity.

MONTREAL HUMANE SOCIETY FINDS CHILD BOUND TO FLOOR.

Montreal, June 6.—(Special)—An inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, upon investigating reports of ill-treatment among some lunatics in St. Hyppolite Lane, found a ten-year-old boy bound to the floor of a cellar in a sad state of weakness. The parents, who cannot speak English, claimed the child was insane and was bound so that he could not do any harm to them. The people appeared to be of a very low order of intelligence. The child was rescued.