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## NEWS FROM LONDON.

### Britain's Naval Programme Endorsed by the Commons—British Trade Treaties.

### Arrest of Cecil Rhodes—New Chinese Loan—More Rioting in Spain.

LONDON, March 7.—In the House of Commons this afternoon Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, replying to a question put by Sir John Long, M.P. for Dundee, said he had only just received from the government of Canada a strong representation against the proposal to permanently exclude live cattle sent to Great Britain from other countries. The matter would receive the most careful consideration.

Sir Austin Chamberlain, civil lord of the admiralty, replying to Mr. John Dillon, member for East Mayo, anti-Parnellite, said there was no foundation for the report that a squadron of British warships was on the way to Caracas. The financial secretary of the treasury, Right Hon. R. W. Hannbury, replying to the government, said there had been no agreement to subsidize Canadian mail ships to the amount of \$750,000 yearly, but, he added, the government of the Dominion and the Imperial government were discussing the question of an Imperial grant for that purpose.

The debate upon the navy estimates was resumed. Mr. Goschen, first lord of the admiralty, replying to a criticism by Mr. John Rosebery, said that it was his duty to suggest that the increase in the estimates was intended to menace the United States. The navy estimate, he said, was settled in November, before the Venezuelan question had arisen. The vote for additional men for the navy was carried by the overwhelming majority of 216 votes, thus ratifying the government's naval programme.

The Daily News (Liberal) thinks that Mr. Goschen's statement to the effect that the naval programme had been agreed upon last November and was not a menace to the United States, thus showing that the estimates were framed for defence and not for offence, largely influenced the house.

The Times commenting upon Mr. Goschen's statement is inclined to think that recent events ought to have modified the estimates. "Nobody has a right to complain," says the Times, "if the nation takes measures for her own security when manifest dangers spring up around her."

Arrangements for a completion of Anglo-American syndicate to obtain a Chinese loan of \$10,000,000 which will possibly be issued in two instalments. We sincerely hope that there will be no hitch in the arrangement, because the influence which Russia has already acquired in China much concerns other nations.

The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "The Chinese loan has been concluded at five per cent., repayable in thirty-six years and secured on customs receipts. This is a brilliant victory of the Anglo-German over the French syndicate."

A Berlin dispatch to the Times says: "Although any reports of the annexing of Lapa or Quenry are premature there is every indication that Germany proposes to acquire a permanent or a seasonal harbor on the Chinese coast for a coaling station." A Hongkong dispatch to the Vossische Zeitung reports that German officers and merchants are surveying likely points for such a purpose.

The Times replying to the Empire Trade League's memorial in favor of denouncing the clause in the commercial treaties with Germany and Belgium, which prevents the British colonies from levying a lighter duty on British than on foreign goods, says: "Lord Salisbury has written to Col. Howard Vincent that he is in thorough accord with Mr. Chamberlain on the importance of securing the trade advantages for British producers. The council of the league has decided to submit Lord Salisbury's letter to the colonial governments with a view to securing definite proposals."

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### The Town of Brockville Stormed by a Drunkard Who Kills Two Men.

### A Most Exciting Scene—The Chief of Police One of the Victims.

BROCKVILLE, March 9.—(Special)—A man named Lapointe, who is supposed to have been crazed through drink, arrived here on the train shortly before noon. When he left the depot he proceeded up town carrying a gun and caused a wild scene, startling people in their stores and offices by repeatedly firing his weapon. The first person whom he met was an old man named Peter Moore whom, without any other hostile demonstration, he deliberately shot dead. Chief of Police Rose, who heard the report, at once ran in the direction of the firing, and upon seeing him Lapointe took aim and shot him in the breast and head. By this time a great crowd had gathered, and an old Indian named Dickson, who was standing near, received a charge in the neck. Lapointe, having his pocket full of cartridges began shooting right and left at random. Constable Tinsley at this time appeared and getting behind cover attempted to shoot Lapointe but failed. He then got behind a door of a grocery store and partly opening it had just taken aim when Lapointe fired, the charge taking effect in his head and neck. Several men who had arrived with guns and revolvers now joined in the attack and finally brought down Lapointe with a volley, he being shot in the stomach. The murderer was at once taken to the police station. A man named Boyd, who was in the crowd, was shot in the arm and chest, and has since died. The other victims of the infuriated man are George Slagg, shot in the arm; Fred Slagg, shot in the arm; Thomas Deveraux, shot in the face; Robert McCormack, shot in the head; and Samuel Kilburn, shot in the arm.

BROCKVILLE, March 10.—(Special)—The excitement caused by yesterday's tragedy is gradually subsiding. The feeling against the murderer, Lapointe, is still intense, however. Of his victims Chief of Police Rose, who is the most seriously injured, passed a fairly restful day. The doctors now hold out slight hopes for his recovery. Constable Tinsley and Dixon, the Indian, are doing well and no serious results are anticipated in their cases. As regards the others who were wounded there are all out of danger. As for the murderer himself, they have not a thought that he can live. His bowels were riddled with shot and he had to be sewed up in about twenty places.

RETURNED FROM CUBA. MONTREAL, March 9.—Prof. Rutan, of McGill university, has recently returned from a trip to Cuba. He arrived at Havana two days after Gen. Weyler assumed command, and says even the still loyal citizens admit that 75 per cent. of the population is in sympathy with the insurgents. The troops of the latter could be easily distinguished with the naked eye from any of the houseposts in the city. Prof. Rutan says the insurgents are anxiously awaiting yellow fever to make its appearance, as they hope that it will play havoc with the new Spanish troops.

WESTMINSTER, March 10.—The steam-er Gladys, which has been in Chilliwack about for a week, has got out and is continuing her trips. J. Law and F. Mills were fined \$20 and \$15 respectively for their recent assault on George Forrest. The case caused much interest and the magistrate explained that he was punishing the defendants for taking the law into their own hands.

The question of starting a flour mill in Westminister is still before the council, which is being asked to distribute flax seed among the farmers for the sake of experiment, and to ascertain how much land each farmer could put into the cultivation of flax seed.

NANAIMO. NANAIMO, March 9.—For the first time in seven months there were no vessels loading at Departure Bay or Nanaimo on Saturday.

The bark Leon will complete her cargo of lumber for the North to-morrow. The contractors for the cannery and their workmen will arrive to-day to take passage by her for Alaska.

Klik Tee, the Chinaman who lost an arm and was badly injured about the leg at Southfield three weeks ago, died on Friday night under somewhat suspicious circumstances. He was an employee of the New Vancouver Coal Company at No. 5 shaft. A coal engine passed over his right arm, which was severed at the shoulder, and one of his legs was also injured.

J. W. Horth, the youth who broke into Leiser & Hamburger's East Wellington store on February 23, came up for speedy trial before His Honor Judge Harrison on Saturday morning. Mr. F. Young, his counsel, pleaded guilty on his behalf and His Honor sentenced him to three months' imprisonment in the Nanaimo provincial jail with hard labor. His Honor said he did not like the idea of sending a youth of his age to the jail or penitentiary, and, if possible, would have sent him to a reformatory. But there was no such institution in the province at present time.

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