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Ordered To Return

The Expedition of German and French Soldiers Has Been Abandoned.

Russia Will Advance Money to China, Holding Manchuria as Pledge.

Peking, April 25.—The expedition from Pao Tsin Fu has been entirely called off and the French troops have been ordered to return to the original station.

This, it is considered a serious, would be manifestly unjust, because Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching had been urging the withdrawal for a month.

Belin, April 25.—A special dispatch by the Lokal Anzeiger from Pih Chan, dated April 24th, says a mounted infantry patrol found the Chinese fortifications unoccupied and unguarded.

Paris, April 25.—The Courier Du Soir, which is often well informed on ministerial intentions, says to-day that the settlement of the Chinese situation is a question of finance.

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The Sugar Duty.

Chancellor of the Exchequer May Announce Modifications.

London, April 26.—The House of Commons had a dull sitting last evening, devoted to a discussion and formal passing of the budget resolution.

A similar fate was reserved for the attempt of Mr. Redmond to get Ireland exempted from the tobacco duty.

The second reading of the finance bill has been postponed for a fortnight, and the Liberal party will utilize the day to the utmost in working up an agitation against the budget.

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Fisheries Question

Sir Louis Davies's Reply to Proposal Made by Government of B. C.

Matter Will Be Dealt With After Plan With Quebec is Completed.

Ottawa, April 26.—The Minister of Marine and Fisheries received a telegram from the Premier of the British Columbia government to-day asking if the Dominion would dispose of its interest in the Dominion fisheries in British Columbia to the province, or if the Dominion would take over the interests of the province in the fisheries.

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A Party Question.

British Ministry Determined Not to Abandon Export Coal Duty.

New York, April 26.—The British ministry has decided to maintain the export duty on coal, proposed in the budget, a party question, says the Tribune's London correspondent.

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The Copper Combine

Company Restrained From Purchasing Control of Two Other Concerns.

Full Terms of Proposed Deal Must Be Given to the Shareholders.

New York, April 26.—Legal steps have been taken to prevent the contemplated consolidation of the Boston & Montana and the Butte & Boston Copper companies with the Amalgamated Copper company.

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Canadian Briefs.

Buckingham, Que., April 27.—Patsy Northey was kicked to death this morning by horses.

Glouce Bay, C. B., April 27.—Andrew Anderson, a boy 15 years old, was crushed to death at No. 3 colliery, Dominion Coal Company, this morning.

St. Catharines, April 27.—Political lines are so evenly divided in the city council that since the elections last January there has been a deadlock over the appointment of committees.

Woodstock, April 27.—Smallpox has broken out in the village of Swenborg, about five miles from here.

Chicago, Ill., April 26.—A special to the Record-Herald from San Francisco gives the following expressions of Edwin H. Conger, with reference to the alleged looting by missionaries in Pekin:

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They Acted With Nobility and Heroism, Aiding Soldiers During Siege.

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Village Deserted

Inhabitants of Griesheim, Scene of Disastrous Explosions, Leave Their Homes.

Search for Remains of Victims Was Continued Throughout the Night.

Frankfurt, April 26.—The boilers of the Griesheim Electric Chemical Works near Griesheim exploded yesterday afternoon and the factory caught fire.

The work of fighting the flames proceeded throughout the entire night, though the danger of further explosions was regarded as averted at midnight.

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For Personal Injuries

Decision in Another of the Point Ellice Bridge Disaster Cases.

Mrs. Mary Jane Biggar Awarded \$5,000 by a Special Jury.

Vancouver, April 27.—Jay P. Graves, manager of the Granby smelter, at Grand Forks, is here with A. C. Flumerfelt, and announces that his company will build a large smelter and refinery in Vancouver if an ore supply can possibly be secured.

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Surrounded The Boers

Lieut. Reid and Twenty Bushmen Captured Forty-Two Boers and a Maxim.

British Take Many Prisoners in Addition to Cattle and Sheep.

London