

BEAUTIFY CITY

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Thursday, April 16, has been set by the mayor in council last night as a general cleaning up and arbor day, a public half holiday being proclaimed for the occasion. Trees for planting will be obtained for any citizens desirous of setting them out on the boulevards.

The meeting of the council last night, which was fully attended, was chiefly taken up by a discussion of ways and means. There have been many petitions for sewers, for water and for other improvements and the question before the council was how the money could be raised for the execution of the work desired. Within the city a local improvement loan might be raised but this could not be done if the work lay outside the city limits.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting the special committee on the new sewer work reported that they had authorized the doing of the work at the power plant at a net cost of \$110. The work costs \$120 but its performance saves \$100 on the floors. The new work is that backing the cliff against which the power plant is built. The report was adopted.

The chief of the fire department reported three fires last month, with a total loss of \$10,000. An inspection had been made of the public buildings and necessary changes ordered. A new fire alarm system had been installed with satisfactory results.

H. Hill of the Occidental hotel asked for the sole right of selling refreshments at the park pavilion. Also permission was asked to put up bathing boxes. The matter was referred to the works committee with permission to advertise asking for tenders.

D. Maglio petitioned for a new sewer. The city engineer reported the cost would be \$75. The mayor pointed out that this year it would be impossible to take up work of this nature; there was a heavy burden to be carried with the completion of the power plant.

A petition was read from ten householders on Anderson street, Fairview, asking for a water sewer.

City engineer Lawrence said the cost, outside of the pipe in hand, would be approximately \$60. Procter urged that the work be done. Mayor Taylor said to do the work would be burdening the revenue of the city for the benefit of people who stayed outside the city.

Ald. Hale thought the city should sell its water.

Mayor Taylor said that already \$12,000 had been added to the estimates and every additional item simply added to the taxation. There was not the revenue to do this thing. Sewer construction should be covered by payments over 10 to 20 years and not paid out of the revenue of any one year. Either there should be a mortgage tax or there should be a separate loan. The revenue should only be expected to pay for maintenance. The work committee should find out just about what sewers were wanted and then report on some scheme for providing for their construction. A local improvement loan would not affect the credit of the municipality. Water connections within the city could come under the same head.

Ald. Procter thought that people should be encouraged to build but that they should not be allowed to get sewers. The petition of D. Maglio was then turned over to the works committee to report on and on the general question. The Fairview petition was next considered. It was pointed out that a main had been laid out to the shipyard with which the C.P.R. had to connect and pay \$50 a month. This they had not done. There were 10 or 15 people on the line, but the credit of the city was \$775. The work was done last year. The mayor stigmatized the spending of the money last year as reckless and foolish. If the new pipe were laid it could not be paid for by any local improvement loan, being outside of the city and would have to be met by revenue. Now there was not the revenue available.

Ald. Procter said the fact that had better be advertised that the city was not in the position to supply sewers and water and so "to her up light."

"Better do that," said the mayor, "than to let her up with debt."

The petition was filed.

The mayor asked what about a cleaning up day.

The general opinion of the council was that a half day be taken, the rubbish taken to the back lanes and thence hauled away at a later date with teams.

Mayor Taylor set Thursday week for a half holiday for cleaning up and as an arbor day. Persons wanting trees must apply before Saturday next at noon. Applications must be accompanied by the cash. The trees will be supplied from Grand Forks. Mapping and mountain ash will be got for this purpose from Grand Forks.

Mayor Taylor said that a general inspection of the city by W. Payne of the electrical department disclosed that citizens generally are rebelling the municipality. Draconic rules would be made dealing with the matter and no second inspection would be allowed in future. People who refused admission to the inspector would be fined with charged an additional 25 per cent.

Mayor Taylor said that when the power dam was built it had been figured upon the basis that the river was not narrowed. But the river had been narrowed by the Bonington plant. Consequently the dam would have to be raised.

W. Shackleton said the low water level this year was on March 1. Now the river had risen one foot six inches. The top of the dam was 15 feet 6 inches above low water level. The rise in 1907 was 12 feet 8 inches. In 1902 the rise was 15 feet. With the narrowing of the river there was danger of the high water coming over the dam into the building. To add four feet to the height of the dam would cost \$500.

There ensued a discussion as to how high the wall should be carried and how high the dam should be. The committee was given power to raise the dam to whatever height should be found necessary. The council then adjourned.

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NO UNREALITY

"Dreamers" Put Visions Into Practice

A NOVEL CANADIAN SECT

NON-BELIEVERS IN THE NEW RELIGION MUST BE DESTROYED—ARSON IS BEING BROUGHT HOME TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW CULT.

Medicine Hat, April 17.—The preliminary hearing which is being given members of the sect known as the "dreamers" on a charge of having burned the house of Jos. Lehr, in the Josephburg district, 40 miles south of here, promises to be tedious and drawn out for a considerable length of time. It was exceedingly difficult to get the prisoners to give evidence when being in the witness box, against Frederick Nelms today, their memos proving defective on certain points, until the prosecution finally cornered them.

The first witness in the afternoon was Mrs. Lehr, wife of Joseph Lehr, whose house was destroyed by fire. Her evidence corroborated that of her husband, in telling of the narrow escape the family had from death, all having to leave the house through a window. She stated in addition that the prisoner had told her during the winter that if the devil set fire to the place, stupid people would lay the blame on the "dreamers."

Mrs. Scheider, a neighbor, gave evidence of a sensational nature concerning the beliefs of the dreamers. She at one time had been a member of the congregation. She stated that the sect believed in destroying all who were not members of their church, and in executing high treason, providing they were not found out by the government.

At the meetings they discussed an offense against the law committed by the prisoner, which thrilled the crowd. Against the order of the court, Nelms had purchased goods at an auction sale, for which he gave a note for \$50. To rectify his mistake he asked George Meyers, who had the note, for it and said he would pay it immediately. Meyers produced the note and Nelms took it up. He was arrested for this and had to pay \$120 to settle. Nelms went to "God," Jacob Merkall, who told him he should take revenge. The dreamers met at a meeting of the dreamers and it was decided that when Meyers and his wife were away, the family and house should be destroyed by fire. Nelms was to do it. He afterwards burned Meyers' barn and cattle, using coal oil. He could get no material to start a fire at the house and besides he was afraid to go too close as a light was kept burning on account of a sick child. This was known on the ground and he had to be careful in hiding his tracks by keeping off from it.

Dreamers, Mrs. Scheider stated always carried firearms about their persons. This was asserted that 90 per cent of the manufactured products of Illinois are made in Chicago; that in 70 years Chicago from possessing not a rod of street car track, over which 1,500,000 passengers are carried daily, and the capital of the operating companies aggregates \$163,785,300.

The Chicago chapter of the "Do You Know?" assert that 90 per cent of the manufactured products of Illinois are made in Chicago; that in 70 years Chicago from possessing not a rod of street car track, over which 1,500,000 passengers are carried daily, and the capital of the operating companies aggregates \$163,785,300.

Karl Otto, another prisoner, stated that the previous witness was not excluded from any part of the meetings.

TRADE REVIEW

Seeding is Active and Immigration is Heavy

Montreal, April 17.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

In Canada the country roads are drying up and collections show some improvement. There is no longer demand, but wholesale and jobbing trade is quiet, especially in the eastern provinces.

In the west seeding is active and immigration is heavy. Fall buying is small. Failures for the week ending April 16, number 23, as against 29 last week and 13 in the corresponding week last year.

The bank clearings for the past week were:

	Inc.	Dec.
Montreal	28,865,000	23
Toronto	2,548,000	13.5
Winnipeg	5,521,000	6.1
Vancouver	3,176,000	8.5
Ottawa	3,588,000	30.3
Quebec	1,200,000	3.4
Halifax	1,802,000	1.0
Hamilton	1,385,000	16.2
Calgary	92,000	29.9
St. John's	1,300,000	12.6
London	1,112,000	10.0
Victoria	1,128,000	12.7

COLLIERIES START UP

Great Demand for Coal—Operators Are Hard Pressed

Portsville, Pa., April 17.—Orders were posted today at all the collieries of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company notifying that the work will be resumed tomorrow morning after the idleness caused by today's legal holiday. The demand for coal has been so great since April 1, when the reduction went into effect, that the company is scarcely able to keep up with its orders and was reluctant to shut down, even for the customary Good Friday holiday.

ITALIANS ATTACKED

Driven Out of Bloomington by Mob—Great Indignation

Bloomington, Ill., April 17.—The city Italians who have been employed by the Illinois Central were driven out of town last night by a mob who intimidated them by a fusillade from guns and revolvers.

ANOTHER LOSS

Unknown Vessel Wrecked on Vancouver Island

IS NEAR GARMANAH POINT

SUPPOSED TO BE SHIP W. F. BABCOCK BOUND FROM AUSTRALIA TO VICTORIA WITH COKE—NO PARTICULARS SO FAR HAVE BEEN OBTAINED.

(Special To The Daily News)

Victoria, April 17.—Cumulative evidence of a fresh disaster to some large vessel on the gray grave coast of Vancouver island is coming ashore in the form of miscellaneous wreckage in quantities on a bleak point six miles east of Carmanah point, or about midway between that signal station and Port Renfrew.

As yet the identity of the hulls is not determinable but the mystery will probably be solved during tomorrow as your correspondent left Renfrew tonight immediately upon receipt of the first news of serious character and will press on over the desolate forest trail through the night in hope of reaching the scene by morning. The first official bulletin of the wreck came from Carmanah shortly after 10 o'clock this evening, having been brought in by a half breed runner. His report is that large quantities of wreckage washed ashore last night and this morning and was still coming when he started for Carmanah. At that time there had been the following exhibits: Two large boats chocks, each about five feet long, of hard wood with galvanized hinges, three in all; a broken part of sixth hatch, marked port forward, the broken topmast, evidently of a large ship, much deckhouse and other white painted lumber, a hard wood tumbler rack, over six feet long, for 15-foot oars, three broken parts of vessels bits, seven feet long by eighteen inches square of oak and copper capped, and the stern of a large ship. No name or other marks appear on anything. All the wreckage is quite fresh.

A first report suggested the ship Port Patrick as the probable victim, she having left here for the United Kingdom a little over a week ago. This suggestion is, however, negated by the wreckage, which could not have come from her in any particular. The general opinion among marine men here is that the vessel may prove to be the ship W. F. Babcock, captain Sterling, now more than fully due from Newcastle, N. S. W., with coals for the Griffin smelter. Her master has many friends in this city, where on his last voyage, he was a victim of shipwreck, his vessel, the Great Admiral foundering with the loss of several lives and the salvation of others under sensational circumstances. The wreckage is that of two large craft being the Adlerley now due from San Francisco, while two big French ships now due, are both steel masted.

GRADE NEARLY FINISHED

G. N. RAILS TO HEDLEY CITY BY JULY 1

WASHINGTON COPPER MINES TO START UP

(Special To The Daily News)

Grand Forks, April 17.—Fred Lane, the well known engineer, who has had a contract of several miles on the Great Northern railway west of Keremeos, arrived in Grand Forks yesterday and will straighten up his affairs preparatory to going to Prince Rupert. Grading operations on the Great Northern west of Keremeos is progressing rapidly, there being some seven railway camps in all, employing about five hundred men. It is expected that by July 1 the rails will be laid to Hedley City, when probably the work will be resumed to Princeton, this fall. It is expected that most of the contractors engaged on the work will be awarded contracts on the Grand, Turin Pacific east of Prince Rupert. At Keremeos the Keremeos Land Company has again resumed work on the big irrigation ditch and the 1000-acre orchard lands around Keremeos are selling at \$200 per acre like hot cakes. Owing to the number of saloons along the line of the grading camps near Keremeos, the contractors have experienced great difficulty in keeping their men at work. It is stated that the fondness for the flowing bowl by the railway laborers was so great that many of them would actually wear gunny sacks on their feet for socks for weeks at a time in order to save their earnings to buy whiskey with.

SITUATION IN THE BALKAN

RUSSIAN MINISTER MAKES A STATEMENT

SAYS NOTHING DEFINITE ON MACEDONIAN QUESTION

St. Petersburg, April 17.—Foreign minister Iwasvsky today delivered to the duma his long-expected statement regarding the Balkan situation. He said he was not able to chronicle any definite achievement toward the settlement of the Macedonian problem, but that the loyal support of the Russian program by Austria-Hungary, Germany, Italy, France, and its partial approval by Great Britain, was full of promise. The Russian plan, the foreign minister continued, contained neither egoistic designs nor dangerous innovations, and it could be put into execution without danger of bringing on a great conflict.

STILL HARD AGROUND

New York, April 17.—The Scandinavian-American line steamer the United States, which was grounded in the ship canal yesterday, after she had been seriously damaged in a collision with the steamer Montevideo, was still hard aground today. Several unsuccessful attempts to float her have been made. Tugs were standing by today prepared to make another attempt. The 500 passengers on the steamer United States will be taken off in barges.

BANKRUPT FIRM

New York, April 17. A petition asking that the cotton exchange firm of Crutchfield and company, whose suspension was announced yesterday, be declared bankrupt, was filed in the United States district court today.

WILL COME HIGH

Calgary Hotel Men Put up the Price of All Drinks

Calgary, April 17.—Owing to the fact that the license fee has been raised to \$800 and bars must close at 10 o'clock after July 1, Calgary hotel-keepers have raised the price of all mixed drinks to 25 cents. All imported mineral waters, beers and ales will cost the thirsty ones 25 cents in future.

PENNSYLVANIA RIOTING

CHESTER TRACTION COMPANY AND ITS EMPLOYEES

STATE TROOPS MOBILIZED TO PRESERVE ORDER

Chester, Pa., April 17.—With four troops of the state police practically in command of the city, the strike situation is well in hand here tonight. Troop "A" from Greensburg, "B" from Wilkes-Barre, "C" from Reading and "D" from Pottsville, comprising about 160 men, make up the force which has taken charge of the strike situation.

Under the protection of the state police, the traction company ran five cars during the afternoon. The first car was run out by F. W. Borman, who ran the first car out of the bars in San Francisco in the face of the striking employees. On the car which Borman operated today, were president Riggs of the traction company and R. Nelson Buckley, chairman of the board of directors of the Interstate Railway Commission, which operates the Chester trolley line. On the car were also two city policemen and a private detective of the company and beside it rode two troopers. The car had not gone far when some of the strikers or their sympathizers began throwing stones and shouting at the men in charge of it. The troopers rode the men down on Wilkes-Barre, a city employee in the highway department.

The strikers were put on the car and under guard were compelled to make the trip through the streets and back to the bars, where they were charged with inciting to riot. The subsequent cars were run by the company men, but the strikers and a number of arrests were made. Among those arrested is Frank L. Hollins, one of the strikers, who was held in \$2,000 bail at a hearing before the city judge today. He was charged with an attempt to operate his cars after nightfall, making the announcement that they would start operating them at 8 o'clock tomorrow.

The car bars and power house are being guarded by two troops tonight while the other two divisions of the constabulary are camped near Media, a few miles outside the city.

Mayor Johnson, after a conference with superintendent Cromie of the police, announced that the Chester Traction company would resume the running of cars on all of its lines late today, under the protection of the state police. It is said that a detail of the mounted police will accompany all cars sent out.

A committee representing the strikers this afternoon issued the following statement: "We, the former employees of the Chester Traction company, now on strike, make an appeal to the general public to join in a demonstration of sympathy against the state police. They are here to preserve peace and order, but they cannot force the people to ride on the cars."

A culmination of the bitter feeling engendered by the mobilization of the state constabulary, Marshall Crawford, member of troop "B," was shot in a skirmish with Thomas Nicholas Barger on the Darby pike, near Leipserville, on the south side of the city tonight. One of the other troopers was also shot. Crawford received a bullet in the leg and was laid up for a time.

Troops "A" and "B" were passing the Barger home, two brothers came out of the house and began abusing the troops. One of the Barger's is declaring that he is a fourteen-foot man. Adams ordered sergeant Myers to arrest the man with the revolver. Myers attempted to capture the man, when the house and the Barger's were struck by another brother Crawford and another horse. The troopers then fired several shots. Under cover of the troopers' rifles, several of the police entered the house and arrested the two Barger brothers.

COAL AT KAMLOOPS

Kamloops, April 17.—The recent rock slide in a deep ravine near Campbell creek, near here, has uncovered a fourteen-foot seam of bituminous coal. The discovery has caused a sensation.

The slide disclosed huge chunks of coal, many of them as large as a ton in weight and precipitated them into the bed of the ravine.

KING IN LONDON

London, April 17.—The king paid an unexpected visit this afternoon to the residence of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. He had a long conversation with the former premier's secretary, but did not see the premier, whose condition tonight showed no change.

WORK ON CUTOFF

MacLeod, April 17.—Work on the MacLeod-Leithbridge cutoff, owned by a Spokane syndicate about two miles from Danville, has again started up in the way of running a tunnel which is to be carried to a distance of 1,100 feet. The Lone Star and Washington properties will not start up again till the British Columbia Copper company's

BARBER RAIDS

Gossacks Turn Loose Upon the Kurds

DESTROY THREE VILLAGES

MOUNTAINEERS WHO ARE NOMINALLY SUBJECT TO PERSIA CUT WIRES TO TEHRAN—INCURSION IN REPRISAL OF ARMS STOLEN.

Tiflis, April 17.—The Russian troops, which recently invaded Persian territory in the vicinity of Lenkoran for the purpose of punishing Kurdish raiders of the Russian garrison at the frontier post of Belesavar, April 15, acted with a promptitude calculated to overawe the tribes of the first class near Belesavar.

The fight which ensued assumed the proportions of a pitched battle. The Kurds were greatly outnumbered, but they pressed the battle with great vigor and routed the Persians, inflicting a loss of 24 men killed and 50 wounded. The remainder of the tribesmen broke and fled.

The Russians lost one officer and seven soldiers wounded. The cannonade set fire to the village of Belesavar, the destruction of which was completed by the Gossacks after a ruthless house to house search for the Russian arms stolen during the raid of April 13.

Pressing their advantage, the Russians burned the neighboring villages of Kodzhabatalu and Zarah and razed both. The non-combatants suffered great losses.

The theatre of war is in the mountains east of Karakuh, which wedges in the Russian boundary and is the traditional kingdom of robber tribes, who boast thousands of fighters, armed with modern implements of war, and organized in a semblance of military discipline. The robbers have cut the telegraph lines in order to hamper the mobilization of an expedition which Persia is assembling against them at Tabriz.

The Russian expeditionary force, now on Persian soil, aggregates 400 Gossacks, a squad of sharpshooters, and a battery of machine guns. It was intended to send a similar larger force there, but a phenomenal flood of the Aras river hindered concentration of reinforcements from Baku and other points north.

SETTLED OUT OF COURT

Langmont, Ont., April 17.—Mrs. Olga Beattie has just received \$300 damages and \$500 costs from the M. C. R. R. for injuries received in the Essex explosion. Mrs. Beattie claimed \$2,000 for her injuries and her husband's while she was in her home, near the scene of the accident. The case was settled out of court.

CANADIAN ARTIST DEAD

Montreal, April 17.—Duncan McMillan, a Canadian artist, died today, aged 33. He leaves a widow.

CONTRACT IS AWARDED

ALLANS TO GET \$100,000 FOR THE NEW LINE

A RESULT OF RECENT TREATY WITH FRANCE

Montreal, April 17.—H. A. Allan and Allan have been awarded the contract for the Franco-Canadian steamship line rendered necessary by the new French treaty. The contract is for 100,000 francs and for the service of the Allan line for a term of making thirty-six round trips if the business warrants. A part of the contract is that freight rates shall not be higher than those between the United States and Europe. The Corinthian and the Sicilian will be used on the service. The Allans have been operating the French service for the last two years but the contracts expired on the first of the present month.

PROMINENT JEW.

New York, April 17.—Joseph C. Cowley, a prominent Jew of England, who comes here on a visit to the principal Jewish communities of the United States, and to address a number of meetings on topics pertaining to his work in connection with the Zionism movement, was a passenger on the Mauretania, which arrived here today. He is identified with some of the leading Hebrew organizations of Europe and is a friend of Herzl, in whose Zionism is a story of the new Jewish state. He accompanied Dr. Herzl to Constantinople to negotiate with the Turkish government for concessions towards the Hebrews in Palestine.

ALDRICH BILL TABLED.

Washington, April 17.—The committee on banking and currency today voted unanimously to table the Aldrich financial bill. It also was decided to give a hearing tomorrow to representative Vasilian of New York who recently introduced a financial bill which is looked upon as a substitute for the Aldrich bill.

MISS CRAWFORD'S MARRIAGE.

Naples, April 17.—The marriage of Miss Eleanor Crawford, eldest daughter of Marlon Crawford, the novelist, to Cavalier Pietro, will take place next Monday.

BACK A WORK

Ohio Miners Have Patched Up a Settlement

AN AMICABLE COMPROMISE

GENERAL RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS OVER A CONSIDERABLE SECTION OF REGION AFFECTED WILL CARRY OUT ON MONDAY NEXT.

Toledo, April 17.—The two hundred thousand idle miners in the central competitive district will go to work next Monday. An amicable agreement between miners and operators was reached today by members of the scale committee and this agreement was afterwards ratified by the joint meeting of the miners and operators. Both sides are satisfied with the results of the conference and the conference adjourned with the best of feeling between the two parties to the controversy.

The terms of the agreement provide for a general resumption of work throughout the district next Monday, the adoption of the old rate of ninety cents a ton for mining coal, a referendum vote to be taken by districts and a call of the committees to receive the returns of the vote, the referendum being on the proposition to make the agreement hold for two years; a uniform screen of one and one-quarter inches; an eight-hour day; the referring of all local differences as to prices and conditions to the district board of arbitration and an invitation to the Illinois operators to join in the joint interstate conference to be held in Toledo in February, 1910.

The miners and operators are delighted with the settlement and are confident that there is now a more harmonious feeling between the miners and the operators than has existed in years.

YESTERDAY'S SPORTS

Five Mile Road Race—Lacrosse, Football and Baseball Scores

Vancouver, April 17.—The five and a half mile road race for association football players was won by F. Baily; Victoria, time 34 minutes 53.3 seconds; second, Ashley, Vancouver; third, Stacey, Vancouver.

At the basketball game, the intermediate team Vancouver Fairview 21 goals to 1. Westminster played a fast, brilliant game.

At association football Northward, Victoria, beat Vancouver Shamrocks for the junior championship of British Columbia, Score 5-1.

Detroit, April 17.—The local team, after cutting down a five run lead by bringing in three runs in the eleventh, lost today's game in the twelfth, when Mullen, weakened. Cobb and LaFelle did some great batting with men on base, while Schaefer held the ball safely. The score was 6-4. It was opening day here and the attendance set a new local record. Score: Detroit, 6-12; Cleveland, 12-26-1.

UNDESIRABLE PERSONS

Spaniard Sent to Jail for Two Years at Spokane—Came From B. C.

Spokane, April 17.—Because he brought Natalie Gonzalez, a native of Barcelona, Spain, claiming to be a native of Spokane, into the United States from British Columbia, John Torretti, a native of Rome, Italy, was sentenced by Judge Edward Whitson, sitting in the United States court for the district of eastern Washington in Spokane, to serve two years in the federal pen at McNeil's Island, Wash., and pay a fine of \$1000. The girl was sentenced to serve 10 days in the county prison here for contempt of court.

Torretti was found guilty by a jury in the federal court of violation of the immigration laws. The case was full of features and presented an unusual sample of swiftness administered justice, the jury returning a verdict in seven minutes. It developed that Torretti was instrumental in inducing the girl to go to Rosland, B. C., where he was taken out of town several times by Thomas H. Long, chief of the police department, after while bringing her to Northport, Wash., and Spokane. Before sentence was passed, Torretti and the girl pleaded guilty, saying they wanted to be married there and then, but the judge intimated he did not believe in the affinity theory and would not sanction the long-deferred honeymoon, deciding there are only two ways out, one of which Torretti is guilty.

WILL SHUT DOWN MINES

OPERATORS REFUSE TO CONSENT TO DEMANDS

CLOSE DOWN OF ALL PROPERTIES NEXT WEEK

Springfield, Ill., April 17.—In a joint conference of the operators and miners today, the operators refused absolutely to consent to the payment of shot-firer employed in the mines to be paid their expenses, they do not consent to bear this expense, they will shut down their mines and proceed at once to put the Illinois field on the same basis as those of Ohio and Pennsylvania. Unless the operators acquiesce in the position of the operators on the question of shot-firers, a shutdown of all mines is promised early next week.

RUSH ORDERS

American Cruiser Ordered South in a Hurry

San Francisco, April 17.—Rush orders were received from Washington today by commander Henry Thomas May of the cruiser Albany to take her to the coast for a cruise of 75 days and a full store of ammunition and proceed at once to Salina Cruz, there to await orders. The reason for the sudden departure of the warship for southern waters is not known, but it is surmised to be in relation to threatened trouble between Central of South American republics. It was also suggested that the supply of arms and ammunition be sent out on this suggestion.

LABOR MEN TO MEET

New York, April 17.—Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, James Duncan, J. Edgar Hoover, and Daniel Harris will be the principal speakers at the labor men's meeting at the Grand Central palace on Sunday evening. The purpose of the meeting is to protest against the Sherman anti-trust law, which is being introduced to labor organizations, puts labor organizations on the same plane as trusts.

JAPS AT WASHINGTON.

Visit U. S. Senate and are Delighted—Treaties Ratified.

Washington, April 17.—The opening of the United States senate today was witnessed by the Japanese party of 45, who represents the scientific and business interests of Japan. The visitors were present during the opening prayer by the chaplain. While on the house side, the visitors from the Bowery Kingdom were received by speaker Cannon and accorded a hearty welcome. The spokesman of the party informed the speaker of the pleasure it gave them to meet him and referred to their program, which he said, would carry them to London, Paris, Berlin and other European capitals.

The senate today ratified treaties as follows: For general arbitration with Norway and Portugal, two conventions negotiated at the Hague, relating to the rights of neutrals, powers in naval war, the limitation of employment offices, in the recovery of contract debts between the United States and Great Britain, concerning the fisheries in waters contiguous to the United States and Canada, and extradition between the United States and the Republic of San Marino (Italy).

TO CURB CORPORATIONS

MEMBERS OF RUSSIAN DUMA TAKE ACTION.

WANT GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT INDEPENDENTS.

St. Petersburg, April 17.—A group of Octoberists and other members of the duma, propose to inaugurate a campaign in the house against the growth of great corporations in Russia. It is their purpose to interpellate the government regarding the big metallurgical trust now in course of formation, which will control sixty per cent of the steel production of Russia, as well as extensive coal and iron mines, and they allege that this trust will drive outsiders into bankruptcy. They will ask the government what measures are being taken to protect the independents, and prevent the rising of private corporations in restraint of trade.

The minister of communications is about to send a commission of engineers to the United States to study the construction and operation of steel cars in that country.