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# CHAMBERLAIN IN FIGHTING TRIM.

## His Policy Is Bound to Win He Says.

### Foreign Manufacturers Would Have to Move to England Then—General Election Not Coming Soon, But He Was Not Afraid of a Vote on His Plan at Once.

Birmingham, Eng., May 12.—Joseph Chamberlain made his first speech since his return to England at a meeting of the Union-Unionist Association here tonight. He received a magnificent reception.

After paying a tribute to the late Joseph Chamberlain, member of parliament for Birmingham, who died last February, Mr. Chamberlain plunged into his subject. He said the question could not be disposed of by waving old rags or the clattering of worn-out cans, but it would remain until it was no longer an issue. This was a fact.

The Unionist party, he said, was pledged to the policy of retaliation and already the fiscal agitation was having its effect. He had met men, eminent business men, who had said that if his policy was adopted they would be obliged to remove their business to Great Britain.

Mr. Chamberlain said there had been no "dumping" recently, but he could not be satisfied until the fiscal policy became effective.

He said he wished he could have a referendum tomorrow on the question, for he believed would be favored by a great majority of the people.

A general election would not come soon, but it would come in a reasonable time and might go against the Unionists. Perhaps, however, the cause would not suffer if the scene should be changed, Mr. Chamberlain said, and a new piece produced which would soon be hissed off the stage.

Mr. Chamberlain repeated most of his former arguments and appealed to the patriotism of the people for the preservation of the empire.

# CANADA EASTERN SALE PRACTICALLY CLOSED.

## Premier Tweedie and Attorney General Pugsley Have Conference With Government and Leave for Home.

Ottawa, May 12—(Special)—Premier Tweedie and Attorney-General Pugsley left for home today. They had a talk with the government on a variety of subjects.

In regard to the sale of the Canada Eastern to the government, it is understood that the matter is as good as closed.

This was a holiday here, there being no sitting of the house and no meeting of the cabinet.

The name of Newson J. Ker, city engineer of Ottawa, is being put forward prominently by a local newspaper here for the position of chief engineer of the government section of the Grand Trunk Pacific. So far no appointment has been made.

# BOSTON WOMAN INSANE OVER HUSBAND'S MURDER

Boston, May 12—Crazed by the murder of her husband, Mrs. Wm. W. O'Neill was tonight locked up in the house of detention, raving maniac. Mrs. O'Neill's husband was shot and killed last Saturday in a Roxbury saloon by Alfred J. McCarthy, who then took his own life. Since the tragedy Mrs. O'Neill has been living with the mother of McCarthy, and tonight she became violently insane. She will be examined by insanity experts tomorrow.

# LONDON SOCIETY SHOCKED AGAIN.

## Sensational Facts Brought to Light In Famous Libel Suit.

### TURFMEN FALL OUT.

### "Bob" Sievier Sues Sir James Duke for Calling Him Defamatory Names, But Jury Decides it Was Impossible to Libel Him—His Checkered Career.

London, May 12—A sensational libel suit, brought by the well-known race horse owner, R. S. Sievier, against Sir James Duke, also well known on the turf, was concluded yesterday with a verdict for Sir James. Sievier charged the latter with calling him a thief, card sharper and murderer, and saying that Sievier caused his famous mare Sceptre to be pulled in the Derby.

Sir James pleaded privilege, as the statements were made within the Raleigh Club, but he endeavored to show that Sievier's character was such that he could not be libelled. The jury this afternoon decided that Sir James had not committed any libel, and mulcted Sievier in the costs of the suit. Sievier, who was remarkably cool throughout the case, broke down toward the end of his counsel's speech and sobbed bitterly.

Justice Grantham, in summing up, was very severe in his strictures of Sievier. He said the late Queen Victoria would almost rather have given up her throne than have such a man presented to her.

**Heavy Gambling Winnings.**

The case attracted continued interest. Sievier's past life was probed with a minuteness scarcely ever equalled in a similar case. He confessed to having been three times bankrupted and to having been several times in police courts, but for trifling assaults at card games and billiard matches. Bets running into thousands of pounds were recounted from the witness stand with a frankness and in numbers that somewhat amazed the hearers.

In the long run, Sievier declared, he was a heavy loser in gambling transactions. One game in particular, when the Duke of Braganza lost about $25,000 while playing with Sievier at Monte Carlo, caused much cross-examination.

The defendant's counsel declared that a famous American card sharper named Burns, brother of a man imprisoned for robbing J. Pierpont Morgan's house, participated in the game, but Sievier declared he was not aware of his identity until after the game was over, when the Duke of Braganza, himself and Guy Chetwynd came to an arrangement satisfactory to all. Chetwynd is a son of Sir George Chetwynd, and married Rosalind Secoor.

On another occasion Sievier won $30,000 from a friend at cards, and the loser's wife wrote him a pathetic letter, whereupon Sievier accepted $12,500. "A pretty large sum for a card sharper to let anybody off," remarked Sievier on the stand.

After his return from Australia, Sievier was presented at court to Queen Victoria, but some months afterward the court circular announced that the presentation was cancelled. This Sievier attributed entirely to the fact that he had been a bookmaker in Australia.

**Sievier's Checkered Career.**

Through all the phases of his checkered career, from the time he "smacked Lord Deerhurst's face" in a Melbourne racing club (the same Deerhurst who married Miss Bonynge of San Francisco, and who then was aide-de-camp to the Governor) up to the present day, Sievier's life was mercilessly dissected. But Sir James Duke's counsel did not put forward any evidence tending to show that Sievier was guilty of card sharping, pulling Sceptre or other horses, thieving or murdering.

Sievier married Lady Mabel Bruce, sister of the fourth Marquis of Ailesbury.

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# WEST INDIES WANT RECIPROCITY TREATY.

## Chamber of Commerce at Port au Spain Ask for Reopening of Negotiations That Fell Through in 1900—Canada Manufacturers Endorse the Idea.

Montreal, May 12—(Special)—A reciprocal tariff arrangement between Canada and the West Indies is once more discussed here.

The matter was brought to the notice of the executive of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at its meeting today by the information that the chamber of commerce of Port-au-Spain had passed a resolution requesting his excellency the governor of Trinidad to approach the Canadian government with a view to the re-opening of negotations that fell through in 1900.

It was decided to recommend such closer trade relations to the executive council, that the Canadian government be requested to support the movement and that the Hon. R. McCarthy, collector of customs at Port-au-Spain, who is a warm supporter of better trade relations between Canada and the West Indies Islands, be invited to attend, next September in Montreal, the annual convention of the association.

# NO COMMUNICATION WITH PORT ARTHUR.

## 20,000 Japs Are Near Russian Stronghold

### More Rumors of Fighting and Explosions in the Vicinity--Czar's Troops Repulsed from Anju With Heavy Loss--British Warships to Look After Newchwang.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—6.35 a. m.—An attempt to send a response to a private telegram from Port Arthur received yesterday (May 12) failed, the post office officials refusing to accept it.

**Thinks Japs Will Force Port Arthur Fleet to Battle.**

Shan Hai Kwan, May 12, 10 p. m.—A report received from London that there has been fighting at Wu Fung Tien is discredited here. It is reported that there is only a small Japanese force in that vicinity.

The main force of the Japanese is said to be concentrated near Port Arthur with siege guns and their intention is believed to be to attempt a repetition of the strategy of the naval and military forces of the United States before Santiago and to drive the Russian fleet out to battle.

There is no news here of the whereabouts of the first Japanese army corps.

Three hundred and fifty Russian soldiers are at Newchwang and the city is quiet. Most of the white women who resided at Newchwang, have gone to Tien Tsin, but the white men remain there. The censorship at Newchwang is severe. United States Consul Miller has not been allowed to answer Minister Conger's request for a statement as to the local situation.

**Russians Claim Port Arthur is Impregnable.**

St. Petersburg, May 12, 9.50 p. m.—It is evident from a private letter written by an artillery officer at Port Arthur, dated April 20, that General Stoessel, the Russian commander there was then daily expecting the cutting off of his communications. The officer reported that everything was ready to withstand a siege and expressed surprise at the fact that the enemy had delayed so long. He said the fortress was practically impregnable, adding that there was a triple row of forts around Port Arthur glacis, each position being fronted by a moat with a hedge of barbed wire beyond, with bombproofs behind all the batteries. The officer further declared that they had plenty of supplies and ammunition and that the garrison was in excellent spirits and confident of holding out for nine months or a year against any number of the enemy, even if they possessed siege guns. General Kuropatkin offered General Stoessel reinforcements, but the latter declined them, saying he had enough men and did not care to run the risk of an epidemic as the result of overcrowding.

**20,000 Japs in Liao Tung Peninsula.**

St. Petersburg, May 13, 3.20 a. m.—Further progress of the Japanese in southern Manchuria is reported in the official despatches given out last night. The position of the division which is following the direct route to Hai Cheng has not yet been disclosed, and caution is also apparent in the operations in the peninsula of Liao Tung where 20,000 Japanese are seeking to render themselves secure in the western section of the peninsula and in the vicinity of and below Pitsewo before inaugurating the operations which have been planned.

Nothing official has been given out regarding the raid of Cossacks at Anju. There is no such general in the Far East as Mandaritoff, of whose force the raiding Cossacks were said to form a part.

**Czar Going to Pray for Victory Again.**

St. Petersburg, May 12, 6.46 p. m.—The emperor goes to Moscow Saturday to pray for victory at the Trinity Sergius Monastery, and thence, after a few days, to Kharkoff, to bid farewell to the 10th and 17th army corps previous to their departure for the Far East.

**Russian Casualties Heavy at Anju.**

Tokio, May 12—According to an official report the Russian casualties in the fighting at Anju on May 10 amounted to over fifty men. One officer and twelve men were killed, the others were wounded. The Russians engaged numbered 700 and were from the 15th Cossack regiment. They reached Liao Yang by train and marched thence to Anju.

"A majority of the enemy disliked fighting the Japanese," the official reports say, "and their morale is low."

**Rumors of Fighting at Port Arthur.**

St. Petersburg, May 12.—6.45 p. m.—Rumors are widely current here that fighting is in progress at Port Arthur but there is no official news confirming the reports. The Russians still hold New Chwang.

**Great Activity of Japs.**

St. Petersburg, May 12—General Karkevitch in a despatch to the general staff says that on May 8 part of the Japanese vanguard appeared in the valley of the Sedzi river and that a considerable body of the enemy continues to occupy Dou-

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# SYDNEY STEEL EMPLOYES ON VERGE OF STRIKE

## Men Not Satisfied With Present Wages, and Company Claims They Can't Pay More.

Sydney, N. S., May 12.—(Special)—The laborers on plant of Dominion Iron and Steel Company, numbering several hundred, are again talking of bringing on a strike to secure an advance in their wages.

Nothing definite has been given out regarding the intentions of the men though it is reported that they have their plans already arranged and that the climax may be brought on sooner than anticipated.

The company are now taking on more men and are about to put a double shift on some portions of the plant.

Laborers are paid from $1.26 to $1.50 a day. They want $1.35 to $1.50.

One thing is certain that as long as wages remain as low as they are the men will be more or less dissatisfied. The company say that they will advance wages as soon as conditions of trade will warrant it.

# PROPOSED $5,000 MONUMENT TO DeMONTS

## Mayor of Annapolis Now Has the Plans—A Big Celebration Assured in June.

Annapolis, May 12.—Steamship Granville recently built for the St. John Bridgetown route, is expected here next week.

The Annapolis Royal Board of Trade, intend applying to the government for additional buoys for the Annapolis river, in view of the fact that the stmr. Granville will soon be navigating the river. A light will also be asked for to be situated at Troop's Point in Granville.

A. M. King, mayor of Annapolis, has received the plan of the proposed monument to commemorate the landing at Port Royal of De Monts. Its total height is eighteen feet eight inches and consists of a pedestal of two blocks of granite on which rests the monument proper, which is faced with a large bronze plate on which is inscribed: "Sieur De Monts, 1604," and immediately below, cut in the granite: "Landing of De Monts," the whole surmounted by a bust of De Monts in bronze. The estimated cost of the monumtent is $5,000.

A letter to the attorney general from the consul general of France in Montreal, gives the assurance that a French warship will be in our harbor at the time of the celebration of the tercentenary and the indications are favorable for a United States cruiser, while an English ship is an absolute certainty.

H. E. Gillis, who practiced law here for a number of years, was mayor of the town for four consecutive years after its incorporation and who went west about seven years ago, was last month elected city clerk of Calgary, Alberta, at a salary of $1,500, being the choice out of sixteen applicants.

# NOVA SCOTIA DOUBLE WEDDING

## Misses A. N. and N. G. Balcombe of Port Dufferin Married to Rev. George Ambrose and H. L. Conrad.

Digby, May 12—A very pretty event took place in St. James church, Port Dufferin, yesterday, when Miss A. U. Balcomb, daughter of Henry J. Balcomb, was united in marriage to Rev. George Ambrose, rector of Stewiacke; and her cousin, Miss N. G. Balcomb, daughter of the late Samuel Balcomb, to H. L. Conrad, of Montreal. The brides were beautifully gowned in heavy white silk, trimmed with lace, wore veils and carried bouquets of bride roses. The bridesmaids, Miss O'Leary and Miss Donahue, were dressed in cream silk, with picture hats and carried carnations. Two little flower girls, the Misses Ethel and Grace Balcomb, in white silk organdie and large hats covered with forget-me-nots, and carrying baskets of flowers preceded the wedding parties up the aisle.

Mr. Ambrose was supported by Rev. H. Zurcker, rector of Newport, and Mr. Conrad, by Ernest Conrad. The Rev. E. P. Hurley, rector of Beaver Harbor, tied the nuptial knot. After which the party was conveyed to the residence of Henry J. Balcomb, where a dainty repast was served. The happy couples drove off amid showers of good wishes, the going-away gowns being very becoming. The presents were numerous, showing the popularity of the brides.

Rev. George Ambrose and bride will arrive in Digby on Monday and will be guests at Mrs. McCormick's, Queen street, where they will be pleased to meet their friends.

**Armour Soap Works Burned.**

Chicago, May 12—The plant of the Armour Soap Works at 31st Place and Benson street, was destroyed by fire tonight, causing a loss of $200,000 on building and contents.

# WANT O. J. LeBLANC FOR NEW SENATOR.

## French Acadian Representatives Will Demand His Appointment.

### MEETING THURSDAY.

### P. J. Veniot, C. M. Leger, M. P. P., and Others in Session at Moncton Decide to Ask Hon. Mr. Emmerson to Recommend Their Man.

Moncton, May 12.—(Special)—Local French-Acadian Liberals favor the appointment of O. J. LeBlanc, M. P. for Kent, to the vacancy in the senate caused by the death of Senator Dever.

P. J. Veniot, of Chatham, and C. M. Leger, M. P. P., of Memramcook, were here today in conference with local Acadians in reference to the vacancy.

It is contended that according to population the French Acadian should have the appointment and O. J. LeBlanc was the choice and Hon. Mr. Emmerson will be asked to recommend his appointment.

Mr. Boynton, president, and Wm. Magee, treasurer of Cay Coal Co., Boston, are here on a visit to their mines at Maccan, where they are making extensive improvements, equipping the property for a larger production. They are at present installing new machinery and erecting buildings for the operation of another large seam. It is proposed to operate three seams from one bankhead.

# ISAAC BURPEE WILL FIGHT EXTRADITION

## He is Charged With Decamping from Dawson City With $12,000 of His Partner's Money.

St. Louis, Mo., May 12.—Isaac Burpee, arrested in Miller county, in this state, on request of the Canadian government, is accused of abstraction of $12,000.

The alleged evidence is that last autumn Burpee was in partnership as trader, in Dawson City with a man named Schoff, who put up the money. The accused, it is alleged, collected money owed the firm and departed on November 25th last and succeeded in getting out of the country. He is supposed to have been in the vicinity of St. Louis for some five months, but in order to avoid detection took employment on the Rock Island railroad.

Application for extradition was made on Wednesday before Commissioner Gray. Upon the request of the Canadian government the case was postponed for ten days, pending the arrival of the necessary evidence from Dawson.

Colonel Sherwood, chief of the dominion police and special service officer Welsh, of Dawson, are looking after the case on behalf of the Canadian government. United States Attorney Dyer has the legal aspect of the case in charge. Burpee means to fight extradition and has secured counsel.

# TRUSTED BOSTON BOOKKEEPER STOLE $30,000

## George E. Hodgdon, Who Lost His Ill-gotten Gains in Speculation, Sentenced to State Prison.

Boston, May 12—George E. Hodgdon, for 20 years the trusted bookkeeper of the Clinton Wire Cloth Company, and the Bigelow Carpet Company, was today sentenced to a term of from four to seven years for the embezzlement of $30,000 from the two companies. Hodgdon lost the money in speculations and on the race tracks.

**Boston Embezzler Arrested.**

San Francisco, May 12—Everett Abott, formerly treasurer of the American Marine Transportation Company, of Boston, who left that city on March 15, was arrested in this city today on a charge of having embezzled from his employers $5,852. It is understood that Abott will not attempt to resist extradition.

**Colored Thief Nabbed With Big Booty.**

New York, May 12—After a desperate fight here today detectives captured Chas. Smith, colored, and recovered $5,000 worth of jewelry said to have been stolen in Providence (R.I.).

**Mr. Blair and Family on a Trip.**

Toronto, May 12—(Special)—Hon. A. G. Blair with his wife and family passed through here tonight going east.

# TO REVISE THE ASSESSMENT.

# NO TROUBLE WITH LOG DRIVES NOW.

## Recent Rains Have Caused a Great Rise all Along the River.

### 110,000,000 FEET OUT.

### W. H. Murray Says His Advices Are That a Clean Sweep of Cut Lumber Will Be Made This Year—Fredericton City Laborers May Go on Strike.

Fredericton, N. B., May 12—(Special)—W. H. Murray, the well known St. John lumberman, who keeps in close touch with most of the operators on the upper St. John, said today that he thought all the up river drives would be got out without difficulty. His advices were that the river had risen four feet at Andover since yesterday, and about two feet at Edmundston. There was no doubt that the recent rain had been general along the river and would give a great impetus to driving operations.

About fifty-five million feet of logs are now in the booms of the Fredericton Boom Company. There is 20,000,000 in the Mitchell boom and 35,000,000 in the booms at Sugar Island, and Douglas. A great many new logs have been caught at the booms during the past few days, quite a number showing the private mark of Cunliffe, who has a drive of 17,000,000 on the Allegash for Murray. Other marks to be seen are those W. J. Noble, who operates for Cushing on Baker Branch, and Choinard, who operates for Murray on Black River. Only a few new logs from Kilburn's drive on the Nortwest branch as yet run into the booms.

John A. Morrison's drive for John G. Murchie is at the Shields branch of the Big Black River, and should be into the corporation limits at the end of five days.

The Scott Lumber Company have learned that their drive on the Wild Cat is coming along well, and will be out in the course of a few days.

The river at Fredericton rose about six inches during last night and has been rising today at about the same rate.

F. B. Edgecombe received a letter from Quebec written on the 7th, informing him that half of his drive on Smoky River had been got out, but the water was very low, and the men were preparing to abandon the other half and move to Little Black River. Since that there has been heavy rains, and Mr. Edgecombe thinks the Smoky River drive will all be got out.

The city laborers, that is those who work on the streets, have a grievance and something's going to happen. They claim that they are not fairly used, inasmuch as they are forced to work 10 hours per day to earn their wages.

These men only want to work nine hours per day, that is if they have to work at all, and with that end in view the aldermen have been interviewed.

The laborers have had interviews with most of the aldermen and claim to have eight of the board with them.

Ford Ryder, of St. Marys, was arrested last night on the charge of assaulting Andrew Chetley. He was remanded by Police Magistrate Marsh to await the result of Chetley's injuries. The latter was removed last night from St. Mary's to Victoria Hospital. He is suffering from concussion of the brain and there are symptoms also indicating fracture of the base of the skull. Physicians say it is extremely doubtful if he will recover.

John W. Budar died at his home at Durham yesterday, aged 84. Deceased was about on Sunday in his usual good health, and was suddenly prostrated on Monday with an attack of heart disease, which caused death. Three sons and one daughter survive.

Gilbert Morris, son of the late Thomas Morris, is here from New York on a visit to his old home after an absence of 38 years.

# The Mayor's Plan Backed Up by Committee.

## Recommend Council to Appoint and Pay a Commission—Also Favor Getting a Chemical Engine—Two Year Term for Aldermen, But No Change in Election System.

When Mayor White made his inaugural address to the common council early this month he made a number of important suggestions to the city fathers.

Thursday afternoon a meeting to deal with the suggestions was held. It was the special committee on the mayor's address. There were present Mayor White, in the chair; Aldermen Maxwell, McGoldrick, Robinson, Frink and Carleton, also Jos. H. Thomas, representing the America La France Engine Company.

It was decided to take up the sections of the mayor's address separately. His worship explained that he wished the meeting's opinion on the suggestions, and if it was favorable to send them to the council for a decision.

The suggestions were for water system improvement; repairs to the old burying ground, a paid commission to prepare a new assessment bill, the purchase of one or more chemical engines, a complete change in the mode of selecting aldermen, and in the short term session.

The committee recommended all the sections to council, with the exception of the one relating to going back to the old ward system of selecting representatives. The proposal of making the term of aldermanic office two years instead of one had only one dissenting voice, that of Alderman Carleton.

Mayor White said the first section of his address, that relative to water service improvement, having been taken up fully by the water and sewerage board Wednesday, it would be unnecessary to deal with it to any extent now, so this was passed over.

**Favor Chemical Engine.**

The matter of procuring one or more chemical engines was then taken up.

Joseph H. Thomas, in the interest of his firm, was ready to sell the city chemical engines, presented to the committee designs of the apparatus manufactured by his firm.

Alderman Maxwell thought the matter might be referred to the safety board, which could thoroughly look into the question and report to the council. He said Chief Kerr had for some time been recommending a chemical engine. In a large number of cases, where water destroyed goods, these goods would have been saved if a chemical had been used.

He proposed that one chemical engine be purchased and given a fair trial and if found satisfactory then a second one might be obtained.

Alderman Robinson said the matter had been taken up by the safety board and he though the meeting should express its approval of purchasing a chemical engine.

Alderman McGoldrick thought it well to hear from the safety board committee, and also from the insurance concerns as it is claimed the companies are willing to take off a certain amount on the insurance rate, providing chemical engines are purchased. He would first like to learn what the insurance people are willing to do.

Alderman Robinson said a chemical engine pays for itself in Halifax and it is stated that it extinguishes 80 per cent of the fires.

Mr. Thomas was invited to address the meeting. He said his firm have chemical engines in nearly every city and town in the United States, and they range from one to fifty-two engines to a town or city. He pointed out that the destruction by water at a fire is figured at nine-tenths. He showed that it takes only a very small portion of chemicals to stop a fire where a great amount of water is needed. The engine which is the standard is a double 60, meaning two cylinders holding 60 gallons each, and these throw about

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# RUSSIA PAYS $80,000 TO CANADIAN SEALERS

## This is the Result of the Recent Arbitration Over Illegal Seizures—Liverpool Paper Sarcastic Over Immigrants Being Fleeced.

Montreal, May 12.—(Special)—A special London cable says: "The amount paid by Russia as compensation for the seizure of Canadian sealers is in the neighborhood of $80,000. The matter was arbitrated in London recently when the Russians tried to open the whole question of pelagic sealing but finally yieled to the Canadian contention that the sole issue was the assessment of damages for Canadian sealing vessels illegally seized by the Russian government agents. The amount mentioned above is the amount of damages understood to be finally awarded as the result of the arbitration.

"The Liverpool Mercury says: 'It is no way surprising that among thousands who emigrate to Canada there are a few who come back disappointed. Possibly they found the public houses somewhat sparsely distributed over the prairies or they may have been grieved that there was no penny electric trams to carry them to work. As a certain percentage of fools emigrate to Canada we must expect a number of the unwise voyagers to come back plucked.'"