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London Morning Post Hopes They Will be Accompanied by British Forces.

MORAL SUPPORT TO JAPANESE.

London, Jan. 6—"Nobody will suspect the captain of a man-of-war of being a scheming alarmist," says The Standard editorially this morning. This sentence expresses the view taken by the press of Great Britain of the grave condition of things in the Far East, as revealed by the fact that the United States government finds it necessary to send marines to Seoul for the protection of American interests. While it is still hoped that a peaceful issue may be found, this action of the United States is held to indicate that the view of the situation taken at Washington is that the crisis is DRIFTING RAPIDLY TO THE DANGER POINT. The action of the United States government is generally approved.

The Morning Post says, editorially: "The landing of American marines proves that the United States is not watching the Far Eastern embroglio without intelligent interest. We hope they will be accompanied by British marines."

The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent says: "The outlook is very warlike. The people are commenting on the absence of Baron DeRosen, the Russian Minister to Japan, from public functions for the last few days." Continuing, the correspondent intimates that preparations are being made "for the removal of the seat of government and the headquarters of the army and navy at Hiroshima in the event of hostilities, as occurred during the war with China."

The Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent reports the suspension of the steamer service from Kobe to Corea, owing to the apprehension that hostilities will soon break out. The correspondent says that the rumor that Russia has landed troops at Mokpho proves to be incorrect.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail learns that Gen. Yuan Shi Kai, the Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese army and navy, has ordered the cruisers now in the Woo Sung River to be prepared for war.

The Che Foo correspondent of The Morning Post says that in the event of war Wei Hai Wei (British) will be abandoned as useless, as it is not fortified. The correspondent hears that GREAT PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN BY VESSELS ENTERING PORT ARTHUR, AS IT IS FEARED THAT SOME ATTEMPT MAY BE MADE TO SINK THEM, AND SO BLOCK THE CHANNEL.

WOULD BE A CRISIS.

Paris, Jan. 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of The New York Herald says that should the Japanese occupy Masampho it would result in bringing matters to a crisis. Admiral Alexieff (the Russian Viceroy in the Far East), having full power to act in the case of such provocation.

TROOPS READY TO LAND.

Paris, Jan. 6—The Che Foo correspondent of the Paris edition of The New York Herald, cables as follows:

"Eight thousand Japanese troops are ready to land at Masampho and their landing will probably mean war.

"A regiment of Cossacks is expected at Port Arthur. Reserves are being moved from Blagoveyshchensk (the capital of the Amur Province in Eastern Siberia) to Tsitsihar (in Manchuria).

"The position of the troops in Manchuria is being re-arranged, but their location is kept a secret."

RUSSIA "SHOWING QUARTER."

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—In her reply to Japan, Russia made great concessions, and hopes her proposals will prove acceptable to Japan.

The Foreign Office informed the Associated Press to-day that instructions had been sent to Viceroy Alexieff on which the reply was based.

The letter was drawn up in the most conciliatory spirit. Some of the Japanese proposals were acceptable, while others were made the subject of extended observations and were met by counter-proposals.

There are strong hopes that on Thursday next, the Russian Christmas, the Czar may be able to announce that peace is assured.

A semi-official despatch to a news agency from Vladivostock, and private information from Mukden, state that owing to disturbances between the Coreans and the Japanese in Corea, the Russian Second Rifle Regiment, at its full strength, has been despatched to Corea in order to protect Russian interests there.

NOT YET RECEIVED.

Tokio, Jan. 5.—The Russian reply to Japan has not yet been received. It is reported from Vladivostock that the Russian squadron there is preparing for action.

An extra edition of the official gazette has been issued, containing army and navy orders, prohibiting the publication of any reports of the movements of troops or war vessels from this time on.

TO THE FAR EAST.

Bizerta, Jan. 5.—The Russian cruiser Dimitri Donskoi, accompanied by two torpedo boats, left here to-day for Suda Bay.

LESS HOPEFUL.

Paris, Jan. 5.—The general tone of the comment in official circles is slightly less hopeful. The most significant feature of the despatches from Tokio is the statement that Japan is hastening final preparations for a far more extensive despatch of troops to Corea than at first contemplated.

UNCLE SAM CONSIDERS.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Long and careful consideration was given to the situation in the Far East to-day by President Roosevelt and his cabinet. At the conclusion the members were reticent. The United States government's relations to the controversy are purely commercial.

FOR GOOD ROADS.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Nepean Township on Monday voted in favor of good roads by commuting the statute labor tax at 75 cents a day along the lines of the modern movement. The plebiscite resulted in a majority of 117.

UNCLE SAM TAKES A HAND.

Seoul, Corea, Jan. 6—A detachment of 35 marines from the United States steamer Vicksburg, now laying at Chemulpo, arrived here yesterday, a guard for the American Legation. Another body of 70 marines will arrive to-morrow. The United States transport, Zafiro, is also at Chemulpo, where Russia, Japan and Great Britain have each one man-of-war. Quiet prevails here, but the palace is heavily guarded by Corean army. The movements of the Japanese troops and fleet are unknown here. The attitude of the Corean Government is unchanged. Solicitude is shown as to what may happen on the arrival of Japanese troops.

Paris, Jan. 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of The New York Herald says he is authorized to state that Admiral Evans has been instructed not to allow the movements of his warships to be such as to encourage the construction that the United States is supporting Japan.

3 LONDON MEN KILLED IN A MIDNIGHT BLAZE

Aerial Truck, Up Three Stories, Breaks, Throwing Down Seven Fighters.

CHIEF ROE IS AMONG THE SLAIN

London, Jan. 6.—(2.30 a.m.)—(Special.)—Three firemen were killed and four probably fatally injured by the collapse of a wall of the Stirling Brosboot and shoe warehouse, which was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning.

Chief Roe of the fire department is among the killed. One man is still under a pile of debris.

Firemen Robinson and Roberison were also killed and Fireman Peckham is among the injured.

The fire started on the second floor of the warehouse and spread rapidly to the entire building and to Gorman Eckert's spice works.

The fire had completely gutted the warehouse and the aerial truck was put up at 2.10. The whole of the south wall facing on York-street fell outwards and carried the four men on ladders with it. Two on the truck and one standing on the sidewalk. The men were carried into the Dominion House, a hotel near the fire, where it was found two were dead. One man is under the debris yet.

The building is falling in and the fire spreading to Gorman Eckert's large spice mills. The firemen seem helpless to extinguish the fire. The place is now a roaring furnace and the efforts of the firemen are confined to preventing it from spreading.

The ambulance was called and the men removed to the hospital. All that is possible is being done to relieve the injured.

LIVERPOOL'S FIRST STEP IS COLONIAL EXHIBITION

Display of Products From Over Seas Shows Empire Could Be Self-Sustaining.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 6.—Walter Long, M.P., speaking at Bristol, said he would stand at the next election distinctly as a fiscal reformer, and Unionist on a united, definite policy.

The Duke of Marlborough, speaking at the opening of the Colonial Products' Exhibition at Liverpool yesterday, said Liverpool had taken the first step in the direction of proving the value of a Colonial Products Exhibition, which showed the empire could be self-sustaining.

Sir Edward Grey, speaking at Carnarvon yesterday, said it was hopeless to talk of a zollverein within the empire, as the colonies would not have it. Preferential tariffs might mean raising existing tariffs with the colonies. The tariff commission was not formed on scientific lines, but settled by political pressure. The policy of Chamberlain and Balfour was not free trade within the empire, but protection at home.

The Australian Federation of Seamen passed a resolution declaring that any preference given British goods would be an acknowledgment of the protection afforded by the British navy and not in view of securing preferential treatment for colonial productions in the Motherland.

KILLED BY COMRADE.

Ingersoll, Jan. 5.—Word was received in town that a young man by the name of Smith died at Avon as a result of a gunshot wound. Smith was a member of a party of hunters who were out rabbit shooting on New Year's Day. One of the party, it is said, was carrying his gun over his shoulders, when it was accidentally discharged. Smith was a short distance ahead and the charge lodged in his back. His death occurred about 4 o'clock Saturday morning.

DUTY ON SOFT COAL.

New York, Jan. 5.—It was announced by Naval Officer Courley, at the custom house yesterday, that the duties on soft coal, which were taken off for the year by an act approved Jan. 15, 1903, will be imposed on and after Jan. 15 of this year.

While all soft coal imported will now pay full duty again, any anthracite coal, of any quantitative test, will permanently be duty free under the act quoted.

DIED IN ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 5.—Samuel Lount Soules, one of the last of the pioneers of the Province of Ontario, Canada, and an ex-member of the legislature of that province, is dead, at the residence of his daughter in this city. The body will be taken to Barrie, Ont., for interment.

CHILDREN LEFT ALONE.

Sault Ste. Marie, Jan. 5.—In Steelton to-day the three-year-old boy of Thos. McCartney was burned to death. The children were left in the house alone while their mother went to a neighbor's. On her return she found the child's clothing on fire. Death ensued shortly after.

TOLD IN A FEW LINES.

Albany.—Governor Odell has granted a respite until March 14 to Thomas Tobin, murderer of Captain Kraft, believed to be insane.

New York.—The schooner Charles K. Buckley, from Charleston, sunk off Governor's Island. She was cut thru by the ice.

London.—The Duke of Roxburghe has resigned his commission as a lieutenant in the Royal Horse Guards.

Rome.—It seems now that the Papal consistory will be definitely postponed until June.

ANTIPODES FOR SCHEME SOUTH AFRICA LUKEWARM

Dr. Parkin Speaks of Visit to Australasia in Behalf of Rhodes' Oxford Idea.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 5.—Dr. Parkin, who recently returned from touring Australasia in behalf of the Rhodes Oxford scholarship scheme, speaking to the Canadian Associated Press last night, said New Zealand and Australia were enthusiastic for the idea, but were afraid the graduates would not return home. Dr. Parkin replied to them that a scattering of the best graduates is best for men like Prof. Rutherford, the New Zealander of McGill University, who became famous thru his radium discovery. South Africa, Cecil Rhodes' own home, curiously thought the least about the scheme. Andrew Carnegie didn't believe that Americans cared for the idea, remarking: "Our young men want to make money."

Dr. Parkin visits Newfoundland, the West Indies and Barbadoes next May to complete his tour.

The labor party, he says, is a menace to Australia, whose only safety lies in a coalition of Deakin and Reid. Australians used to say Canada was slow, but are now eager to follow her.

Dr. Parkin said he admired Canadian pluck if she would carry out Premier Laurier's treaty-making schtme.

WATERWORKS SCORE.

Strathroy, Jan. 5.—The first opportunity to test the efficiency of the new waterworks system took place this afternoon, when a fire broke out in a frame building on the premises of the Strathroy Brewing and Malting Company. Three minutes and a half after the alarm was given the water was turned on, and in a very short time the blaze, which had gained much headway, was extinguished.

SUNDAY CARS AT PORT ARTHUR.

Port Arthur, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Municipal elections took place yesterday. The bylaw for operating Sunday street cars, which was fought by the local Lord's Day Alliance, was carried by a majority of eighty-one for the cars. The keenest contest was the fight between Walsh and Woodside for the electric railway and light commission. The result was a tie vote. Councillors Cooke, Harrigan, King and Kay were re-elected.

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

John Bertram of the Government's Railway Commission, leaves Toronto to-day for St. John, N.B., where the commission will commence its enquiries. The commission will have the services of a first-class engineer to advise them. In Ontario, one of the subjects of investigation will be the Trent Valley Canal.

Commercial Travellers.
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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Separate School elections.
Parliamentary Committee C. M. A., 2 p.m.
Hon. J. Isaac, Tarte, on "Imperial Relations," Canadian Club, McConkey's, 6.15 p.m.
Parkdale Branch Bible Society Auxiliary, Parkdale Methodist Church, 8 p.m.
"Living Canada," Massey Hall, 8 p.m.
Princess, "Sergeant Kitty," 2 and 8 p.m.
Grand "Sag Harbor," 2 and 8 p.m.
Majestic, "No Wedding Bells for Her," 2 and 8 p.m.
Shea's, vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.
Star, burlesque, 2 and 8 p.m.

IRREGULARITIES ALLEGED AGAINST VARIOUS D.R.O.'S

William Burns Has Received Information From Reputable Citizens That May Induce a Scrutiny.

It is quite probable that a scrutiny of the ballots cast in certain sub-divisions of the city at the election for controllers will be applied for, and if it be shown that improper practices existed to any extent a recount will then be had of the whole vote.

William Burns stated last night that while he had no personal ill-feeling over the result, he could not overlook the information that was being brought to him regarding the actions of various deputy returning officers. Reputable citizens had advised him of cases where the officials had called off the votes in such a way as would give credit to the wrong candidate.

In one instance where none of the scrutineers agreed in their totals, the returning officer had said they would have to strike an average instead of taking the official count of the poll clerk.

Mr. Burns did not think that there was anything done deliberately wrong, and the errors were not confined to any particular section of the city, but on account of the great amount of interest that had been aroused he did not feel disposed to let the matter rest.

He, however, had not had time to go into the matter thoroly, but would do so before the time limit for a recount had expired, and if he considered the action justified, he would yield to the wishes of his friends and make an application for a scrutiny.

Ex-Ald. Starr said that he had no intention of taking any action in the matter, but he would not object to going into a scrutiny in order to set at rest the great amount of suspicion that had been created, or to verify the reports that had been circulated concerning the peculiarities of the vote.

LORD ROSEBERY CRITIC.

Imperial Crisis is Now Interest of Tariff Commissioners.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 6.—Lord Rosebery, speaking before the Scottish Liberal Club at Edinburgh, called the government "a dissolving view." Quoting the Chamberlain-Deakin telegrams, he asked where were the proposals of Australia and New Zealand? The Imperial crisis was now dwindled down to the interests of certain gentlemen who kindly formed themselves into a tariff commission.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

London, Jan. 5—An accident of a serious nature occurred here this morning at the Rectory-street crossing of the Grand Trunk. John Anderson, a Westminster farmer, accompanied by his wife, was driving north, and on approaching the tracks the horse became frightened and bolted. Before the driver could gain control the horse plunged into the side of a passing freight. Horse, rig and occupants were all dragged several yards and thrown in a heap into a pit used as a cattle-guard. When picked up it was found that Mrs. Anderson escaped with only a severe shaking up, but Mr. Anderson was found to be in a very critical condition. He was removed to Victoria Hospital, where it was found that his skull was fractured, his brain slightly crushed and his face and head injured. The physician considers the case gravely serious.

KING LOYALLY WELCOMED.

London, Jan. 5.—King Edward, Queen Alexandra, and Princess Victoria arrived at Chatsworth, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire, in Derbyshire, last night, and received a most enthusiastic welcome. The brilliantly illuminated grounds were lined by torch bearers and a guard of honor was formed by the volunteers.

Mass Boys on Strike.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The sixty-nine boys who in turn serve mass at the Basilica are on strike for more pay. They get a cent for serving mass and they ask for 10 cents. A demand has also been made for 20 cents for each requiem mass. To-day one of the lads accepted a dollar to serve mass, and on coming out was cuffed and punched by his companions, who were lying in wait for him.

What Grandma Says.
Grandma says, "You need a good Sarsaparilla, that's what you need." Ask her what kind. She will give you the same answer that all good doctors give: "There is but one kind—Ayer's."

Died at Beachville.

Ingersoll, Jan. 5.—A well-known resident of Beachville passed a way yesterday in the person of James West, aged 76 years. The funeral will take place on Wednesday to the Beachville Cemetery.

Edwards, Morgan & Co., 26 Wellington Street East, Toronto. Edwards & Ronald, 48 Canada Life Building, Winnipeg, Chartered Accountants.

Six Months in the Central.
Ernest Clark, 34 James-street, who smashed the show case in front of Lugedin & Francke's, 93 Yonge-street, and stole some furs, will spend the next six months in the Central.

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Mercury Freezes at North Bay.
Passengers on the Western Express last night say the mercury was frozen at North Bay Monday morning. Another cold wave is promised by the observatory for the end of this week. A fur-lined coat is simply the only thing for every man's protection. From $35 up at Fairweather's, 84 Yonge-street.

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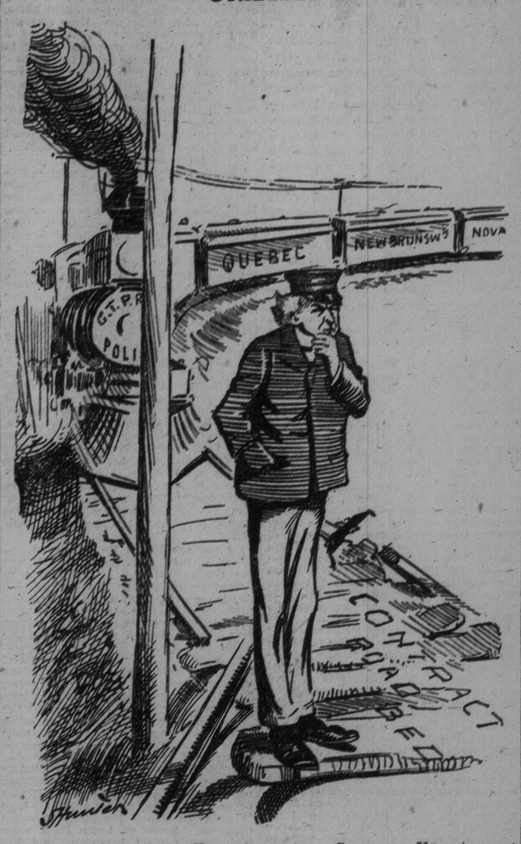

CONDUCTOR LAURIER: Very aggravating. Contractor Hays has not completed the work on this roadbed as agreed upon.

PASSENGERS WOULDN'T GET OUT WHEN CONDUCTOR BROKE THE TRIP

Rode From Pillar to Post for an Hour But Emerged Triumphant Tho Indignant.

There was an indignant carload of passengers on West King-street at noon yesterday, who defied the authority of the conductor and stood on their rights, even if it was to their own inconvenience.

At 12.27, when west-bound car 374 reached King and York-streets, Conductor No. 435 informed the 29 passengers, including three ladies, that they would have to alight and wait for the next car. "We're disabled," he said, "and it's back for repairs we must go."

But they wouldn't get out.

So car 435 was run down York-street and east along Front-street to the car barns at George-street.

Still they wouldn't get out.

Instead, all sat tight and looked the more determined. At 12.38 another car was brought alongside and the passengers were told to transfer themselves and they would be taken back from whence they came. At King and York-streets there was no west-bound car. They were requested to wait on the corner.

Once again they wouldn't get out.

So the car turned east along King-street until Bay-street was reached, and at 1.10 they met and got aboard another west-bound King-street car.

Saw the Mayor About It.

So indignant were the passengers that they put their names on a list and one of their number went up and had a talk with the Mayor, who advised individual action, if any, against the company, as the city could take no steps, unless the Engineer could see a way to do so.

When The World spoke to Manager Keating about it, he asked, "Well, why didn't they get out?"

In explanation of the incident, he said that the car was out of repair and was so declared by the electricians at the barns, when it was returned to them. A belt line car lost half a trip in order to run back to King and York-streets with the passengers.

Those Who Were in It.

These are the names of the passengers who righteously demanded that their trip be not interfered with. They cannot be convinced that a car that ran all right to the corner and continued serenely enough back to the sheds, could not have been persuaded to finish its run to Parkdale:

W. R. Membrey, 1472 West King.
Thos. E. P. Sutton, 22 Trillier-avenue.
H. James, 34 Victoria-street.
R. D. Landy, 20 Empress-crescent.
Wm. Barr, 52 Huxley-street.
D. S. Little, 164 Dunn-avenue.
W. R. Pringle, 1552 West King-street.
W. J. Lind, 1562 West King-street.
Mrs. Prowley, 87 Spencer-avenue.
W. M. Doran, 146 Cowan-avenue.
R. E. Gibson, 182 Jameson-avenue.
Geo. Gall, 50 Beatty-avenue.
A. R. Gibson, 182 Jameson-avenue.
A. J. Gall, 50 Beatty-avenue.
H. M. Balvour, 167 Jameson-avenue.
James G. Pole.
J. C. Murdoch, 195 Niagara-street.
Hugh Leash, 198 College-street.
J. B. Stevens, 36 Spencer-avenue.
J. F. Caniff, 61 Cecil-street.
W. A. Gall, 50 Beatty-avenue.
Miss M. G. Gall, 50 Beatty-avenue.
D. R. McKenzie, 1307 West King-street.
C. A. Bronard, 27 Jameson-avenue.
W. H. McDougall, 66 Milburn-avenue.
Mrs. H. C. Wright, 1244 West King-street.
A. K. Blue, 98 Spencer-avenue.
A. W. Martin, 24 Gwynne-avenue.
Harold Austin, 32 Tyndall-avenue.

Crippled by 67 Cars.

Commencing this morning the Street Railway system will be crippled to the extent of 67 cars, most of them "trailers." These are the cars that the company are forced to take off the lines by order of the court as being of too ancient a vintage. The removal of these cars will in all probability prove a hardship, and an annoyance to the public, especially during the "rush hours".

Ald. Woods has requested the City Engineer to have an extra car put on the Arthur-street route so as to relieve the heavy traffic during the busy hours of the morning and evening. Mr. Rust is sending out a number of men to-day to secure statistics regarding the number of cars in use, and the passengers carried, so as to provide a basis on which to work out a new timetable.

WHAT WILL THE JUNCTION DO? BOTH SIDES OF THE QUESTION

How the Carrying of Local Option is Viewed by Those Chiefly Interested.

The vote on local option that took place last Monday in Toronto Junction and York Township, excited interest thruout the province. This was largely due to the widespread belief that Hon. G. W. Ross has a temperance issue up his sleeve and will spring it at the coming session of the legislature. Not unnaturally the people of Ontario have a keen interest in a question which promises to play an important part in the present provincial crisis. In view of this general interest and in order to secure all the facts, The World sent a special reporter to Toronto Junction to size up the situation. Here is his report:

CONTEST EXPECTED.

There are in Toronto Junction six hotels and one "shop" license where bottled goods only may be sold. Without exception the landlords say they cannot hope to conduct a profitable business on a purely hotel basis. Three hotel proprietors declared that they would close up their places May 1 if the law became effective, two others said they had scarcely had time to determine what they would do, tho they were satisfied they could not afford to continue in business with no bar privileges, and another asserted unequivocally that he would close his place today if he did not think there would be a contest, since there was no money to be made during the winter.

Four landlords own their property, as well as the license, and two rent the premises. All occupy commodious buildings, some of them much more pretentious than may be found in towns of similar population. Two of the hotels are so situated as to cater almost wholly to the farmers' trade, two others are giving special attention to business which originates around the Stock

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DEATHS.

COLE—On Jan. 5, 1904, at his son's residence, 39 Ulster-street, John Cole, sr., formerly of Hampton, Ont., father of W. J. Cole and F. A. Cole of this city, in his 79th year.
Funeral from above address at 1 o'clock p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 7, to G. T. R. Depot, for Bowmanville Cemetery.

FORREST—At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Tuesday, Jan. 5th, 1904, William Forrest, in his 67th year.
Funeral Thursday, at 3 p.m., from 332 Ontario-street. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

VEITCH—On Jan. 5, 1904, at her late residence, 496 Gerrard-street East, Annie Maria Fanning, dearly beloved wife of Robert Veitch.
Funeral on Thursday, Jan. 7, at 3 p.m. Uxbridge papers please copy.

ELECTIONS WITHIN 40 DAYS SHORT, SHARP CAMPAIGN

Federal Government in a Position to Issue Writs at a Moment's Notice.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The government is in a position to summon parliament or issue the writs for a general election at a moment's notice. It has taken the precaution to be ready, for whichever course seemed the part of safety. It is now at the parting of the ways, and unless all signs are deceptive the choice is to be an appeal to the country.

A meeting of the cabinet is to be held to-morrow, when, according to a high political authority, the writs for the election will be issued. The Liberal whips from the various provinces have had several conferences with the Ministers, and the conclusions suggest the advisability of an immediate appeal to the country. There is a general feeling among the government's friends that the present moment is a favorable one and that delay would greatly jeopardize the party's chances. To some members of the government the situation in Ontario is not reassuring.

Unquestionably the Federal Ministers would rather see the provincial party in opposition than in its present dilemma, but the conditions are not thought to be sufficiently alarming to warrant the postponement of the general elections. It is pointed out that the Conservative party in Ontario was never as strong in a Federal contest as it was in 1900, when the Ross government was comparatively secure. Manitoba provides a more significant instance of the dissociation of Federal from provincial party leanings. The Federal Conservatives achieved their greatest victories in Manitoba when Thomas Greenway was at the zenith of his power.

The general elections will be held within 40 days. It will be a short and sharp campaign, the government believing that the less notice it gives of its appeal to the country the better for its own interests.

TO DERAIL A TRAIN.

Brick Fastened to a Piece of Iron Found on G.T.R.

Woodstock, Jan. 5.—A deliberate attempt was made to wreck a Grand Trunk passenger train about four miles west of Woodstock on Saturday last, and as a result of the incident the local authorities and those of the Grand Trunk will combine in an attempt to bring the supposed would-be train wreckers to justice. On the morning of last Saturday some of the section men engaged on that division were running their hand car up from Eastwood, when they almost ran into an obstruction on the tracks. On investigation they found it to be a brick fastened by a piece of iron. The obstruction was sufficient to run an engine off the track and probably would have derailed the 11.15 express had it not been observed in time.

WALKS WITH BULLET IN BRAIN.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 5.—Frederick Poepinger, fifteen years old, who was struck by a spent bullet during November, is now walking about with the missile imbedded in his brain. By an X-ray examination of the boy's head, Dr. E. M. Brown discovered the bullet about an inch and a half inside of the right temple.

The bullet has apparently not affected the youth in the least. The wound has healed and the bandages have been removed. He acts just as he did before he was wounded so mysteriously while playing with his companions.

TAKE CARE.
East Toronto, Jan. 5.—Carnahan's drug store was open nearly all last night with an extra assistant to accommodate "grippe" sufferers by filling their prescriptions promptly.

Where Style Lives.
A person's style cannot be taken away from them. It is a part of themselves. There is personal style and style that is about everything you do. Dineen's style is in fur garments. Every piece of fur that leaves the Dineen store is touched with Dineen style. The Dineen Persian Lamb and Seal Jackets are considered the perfection of style.

MODERATELY COLD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 5.—(8 p.m.)—The weather has moderated considerably in the lake region and to a lesser extent from the Ottawa Valley to the Maritime Provinces. In Manitoba it has been fair and moderately cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 34—40; Calgary, 6—26; Qu'Appelle, 4—18; Winnipeg, 12—24; Port Arthur, 2—26; Parry Sound, 14 below—16; Toronto, 10 below—18; Ottawa, 30 below—10; Montreal, 14 below—2; Quebec, 20 below—4 below; Halifax, 6 below—12.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—A few light local snow falls or flurries, but for the most part fair and moderately cold.

Ottawa, St. Lawrence and Gulf—A few light local snow falls or flurries, but for the most part fair and milder.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh northwesterly to southwesterly winds; fine and milder.

Superior—A few light local snowfalls or flurries, but for the most part fair; stationary or a little lower temperature.

Manitoba—Fair; not much change in temperature.

Oyster Stews at Nasmith's.

Ivernia	New York		Liverpool
Laurentian	Halifax		Glasgow
Lake Champlain	St. John		Liverpool
Minneapolis	London		New York
Corinthian	Glasgow		Boston
Sardinian	Glasgow		Boston
Parisian	Moville		Halifax
Zeeland	Antwerp		New York
Victoria	Marseilles		New York
Haverford	Philadelphia		Liverpool

WIRE FENCE FRONTIER.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Representative Dixon of Montana to-day introduced a resolution directing the Secretaries of Commerce and Labor to enquire into the cost and feasibility of the construction of a wire fence along the Canadian border from Lake of the Woods to Point Roberts.

The purpose of the resolution is to keep out the Chinese, who steal across the Canadian border, and to prevent violation of the law against smuggling.

The representative suggested that the fence be equipped with telegraph, telephone and other electrical appliances to warn officers charged with the execution of these laws.