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THE OTTAWA PARVENUS KICK UP THEIR HEELS.

A Rideau Hall Function Poorly Attended—Various Fatilities Reported—Mills Speaking on the Address.

Ottawa, April 22.—(Special.)—The Imperial Government holds that under the German-Belgian treaties Canada must accord to those countries the same favored nation treatment as is given to France under last year's treaty. This interpretation necessarily puts quite a different complexion upon the treaty. It means that Canada must concede advantages to Germany and Belgium in return for which we get no equivalent. The new arrangement is bound to create considerable discussion in the House.

The vice-regal drawing room on Saturday night was the poorest for many years in point of attendance. The Ottawa 400 are coming in for considerable wigging for neglecting to attend, as the Aberdeens are lavish in their hospitality.

The debate on the address will be resumed this afternoon by the Hon. David Mills. It is possible that when he sits down the debate will end. The intention that the school question shall not be discussed on its merits until it is seen what action Manitoba will take has deprived the debate on the address of all interest.

Last year the Geological Survey supplied specimens to 44 high school or collegiate institutes.

Two more refusals on the Bisley team will bring in Gunner J. C. Chamberlin, of the British Columbia Garrison Artillery, who stands 24th on the list.

Calgary, April 22.—Mrs. Johnson, sister of E. Taylor, manager of the Hudson Bay Company, was drowned in the Bow river last evening.

Caledonia, April 22.—Complete returns of the voting in Haldimand county on Wednesday show that Dr. Montague got 2,015 votes and Jeff McCarthy 1,421.

Toronto, April 22.—While digging a well a mile from Chester, John Thurd was buried by a quick-sand, the sides caving in, and when he was taken out in two hours and a half he was dead.

Windsor, April 22.—Mrs. Capt. Holfson, of Sandwich East, has become violently insane and was taken to the London insane asylum.

Montreal, April 22.—The Grand Trunk Railway conspiracy case in which Conductors Mulligan, Defels and Tamblyn were accused of "knocking down" fares, ended in a disagreement of the jury.

Winnipeg, April 22.—Canon Pentreath announced to the Christ Church congregation last night that he would quit the parish on June 1st to accept a charge at Brainerd, Minn.

Ottawa, April 23.—Among the bills introduced in the House yesterday was one for a reduction in the Governor-General's salary, and another for preventing aliens getting Government contracts.

Replying to a question put by Mr. Edgar Hon. Mr. Foster said that Her Majesty's Government had asked that an officer be sent to discuss with the home authorities the whole question of copyright, which had been pretty well arranged between both Governments before the lamentable death of Sir John Thompson. An officer would be sent by the Canadian Government to London to confer with the Imperial Government, and until such a time as this was done, the proclamation putting the Canadian Act of 1889 into force would be withheld.

Hon. John Costigan, replying to Lieut.-Col. Prior, said he saw the statement of Sir Edward Grey, made in the British House of Commons, that the request had been made to the Imperial Government asking for a grant of $427,000 to the sufferers of British Columbia, that amount being agreed upon as a proper compensation under the Bering sea award. The Dominion Government did not think this nearly the proper amount, but had decided to accept it conditionally.

Hon. Mr. Foster, in answer to Mr. McMullen, Opp., stated that he expected the medals for the exhibitors at the Chicago World's Fair to be distributed next May or June.

The debate on the address was then resumed by Hon. David Mills, Opp., who opposed the taking in of Newfoundland until the French shore difficulty was disposed of. Sir James Grant, Govt., favored the union of Newfoundland and also supported separate schools for Manitoba. Mr. Paterson, Opp., arraigned the Government's trade policy.

In the Senate Sir Mackenzie Bowell referred to the school question. He contended that the Government all through had acted legally. He remarked that if the Catholic minority expected their rights to be maintained they must look to the Conservative party as in the past. He was not in favor of the separate school system, but the words of the Soverein compact given must be held inviolate. The position he took in 1873 was against the establishment of separate schools but once established they could not be interfered with. The matter was now before the Legislature of Manitoba, and he trusted that that body would relieve the Parliament of Canada from the serious task which would otherwise devolve upon it. If the members of that Legislature were patriots they would do so. When the proper time came for the Government of the Dominion to act the country would find it quite prepared to assume the responsibility, no matter what the result might be.

Senator McInnes in the Senate and Mr. Edgar in the Commons have motions placed on the order paper concerning the appointment of James Fitzsimmons as deputy warden of the New Westminster penitentiary.

Dalton McCarthy will introduce his Dual Language bill again.

Negotiations for the settlement of the French shore question are on the basis of the concession of exclusive rights to France of 50 miles of the west coast of Newfoundland, France withdrawing her present claim to 375 miles of coast.

The Governor-General's warrant was issued during the recess for $25,000 for the expenses of Sir John Thompson's funeral.

Sir Charles H. Tupper is seriously ill from gout.

Hon. Mr. Laurier has moved for the production of the Bering sea correspondence.

Sweeping reductions are contemplated in the Civil Service. Many superannuations are under way. Two chief inspectors of Inland Revenue, Goodson and Davis, are among them.

Hon. Dr. Montague arrived this morning and was warmly greeted by his political friends.

J. B. Mills, of Annapolis, will re-introduce his bill to disfranchise from voting in Dominion election civil servants in those Provinces which disfranchise Dominion officials from voting in Provincial elections.

Dalton McCarthy stated this morning that he expects to take part in the debate on the address to-day.

Hon. C. A. Boulton resumes the debate in the Senate.

The different county councils of Ontario are petitioning for aid to the proposed Dominion exhibition at Toronto.

Flags are flying on all buildings in honor of St. George's Day.

J. C. Patterson and family left for California this morning. The Government car was placed at their disposal. Patterson looks a very sick man.

It is understood that a change will be made in the tariff this session, placing Cape and Australian wines on the same footing in Canada as French wines under the Tupper treaty.

Andrew Haslam, M. P., of Nanaimo, arrived this morning.

Quebec, April 23.—A marble tablet with an inscription has been placed over the spot where the 13 skeletons of soldiers who fought under Gen. Montgomery were found near Citadel Hill last fall. The tablet was donated by American citizens, residents in th's city.

The recount in Quebec West gives McGreevy 10 majority.

Bowmanville, April 23.—The Statesman newspaper office, containing an entire plant, together with the plant of the Sun, recently purchased, was burned out last evening. The building was owned by the Simpson estate. It was completely ruined as well as the contents. The newspaper plants were insured for $20,000.

Windsor, Ont., April 23.—Clement Mailloux, who resigned the treasurership of Tilbury North two months ago, was arrested yesterday charged with embezzling $3,500. He was subsequently released on $12,000 bail to appear for trial on Saturday.

Peterboro, April 23.—All foremen, office clerks, draughtsmen and others in the employ of the Canada General Electric works resigned yesterday in sympathy with 200 workmen who went out on strike some days ago and work is at a standstill.

Ottawa, April 24.—The debate on the address continued yesterday. Mulock condemned the extravagance of the Government. McCarthy contended that the Government were not obliged at law to act in the matter of the Manitoba schools. If they chose to do so it was on their political responsibility. He ridiculed the idea of Bowell's remedial order being an invitation to act on the question. It was a peremptory command, the words order and adjudge being used, and Manitoba being ordered and adjudged to restore schools as existing prior to 1892. Manitoba had to accept or decline the order in whole, not in part. He pointed out the mischief likely to follow by reason of having to support two schools in localities where Protestants and Catholics combined were hardly sufficient to keep one going. He censured the Government freely for the late session. Costigan took a stand on the rights of the minority to separate schools, but hoped Manitoba would settle the difficulty. He scored McCarthy very badly. The address passed without division.

In the Senate Boulton opposed remedial legislation against Manitoba and spoke strongly in favor of free trade.

The estimates will be brought down tomorrow.

Messrs. Geoffrion and McIsaac are expected to reach here to-morrow.

Twenty-seven offices in the Province of Quebec were abolished last year.

Mr. Flint will bring up the Prohibition question in a few days.

Col. Prior will move for a return showing the revenue collected from each Province and the amounts expended on public works.

Mr. Corbould is to move for the report of Judge Drake on the penitentiary investigation.

Wm. McKenzie, the Toronto millionaire, is here. It is reported the deal between Isbester, Mann and himself to build the Hudson's Bay railway is off, and that Hugh Sutherland is now negotiating with United States' contractors.

Sir C. H. Tupper had a bad night. He suffered greatly from rheumatic pains.

John Ross Robertson, of the Toronto Telegram, may be asked by the Government to associate himself with the officials to discuss the copyright question with the Imperial authorities.

A spicy divorce case is promised on the application of Mrs. Helen Jarvis, formerly Miss Langmuir, of Toronto, for separation from her husband, whose departure from the Queen City six years ago with a pretty little shop girl created a great sensation.

Labor hall was totally destroyed by fire this morning, the library included. The insurance ran out a month ago.

Sudbury, Ont., April 24.—Joseph Andrews was shot by Jules Sauve, carter, 30 miles west of here on the Canadian Pacific railway on Saturday afternoon. The details are as follows: Sauve and Andrews had been out on a hunting expedition and were returning from their season's operations on the day above named. When within about four miles of Carlier, Sauve pulled his gun to his shoulder and, taking aim, fired, the ball penetrating Andrews' forehead and coming out through the back part of the skull. After the deed was done Sauve left the poor fellow to his fate and he was found next day by James McIntosh, who happened to be passing out to camp. He had laid out fully 24 hours in this condition and was unable to make himself heard. Police Magistrate Quibelle and Constable Gagne, of Sudbury, arrived on the scene as quickly as possible. In the meantime Sauve had been apprehended and put into custody. Andrews made his ante-mortem statement to the magistrate yesterday morning, the prisoner being present and being identified by the victim as the man who had fired the fatal shot. Crown Attorney Kehoe, of Sault Ste. Marie, has been wired for, and on his arrival the preliminary enquiry will commence. Andrews is resting easily, but it is thought that he cannot survive.

Peterboro, April 24.—The Canada General Electric Company decided to close down its works until July on account of its difficulty with employes.

Winnipeg, April 24.—A. C. MacKay, manager of the Hudson Bay Company's stores, died suddenly yesterday.

Montreal, April 24.—Three Americans from Boston giving fictitious names were arrested last night. Documents found on them prove they were rogues.

Fredericton, N. B., April 24.—Capt. Barker, of Upper Kingsclear, died to-day, aged 102 years and six months.

St. John, April 24.—John Johnson, for 10 years previous to the union of the cities chief engineer of the Portland fire department, dropped dead in a tobacco store last evening while in the act of blowing his nose. Deceased was 63 years old and a native of this city.

Toronto, April 24.—The Bureau of Mines received a letter from Jabez Williams, the Hudson's Bay Company's officer in Rainy River district, apprising them of important discoveries of gold on an island in Lonely lake. This shows the gold district extends to the northern boundary of the Province.

Bloomfield, April 24.—At West Lake Shore, about four miles from here, on Monday evening, Mrs. Harry Rathbun was found by her husband, on his going in from his work on the farm, lying dead in the doorway. Deceased had been only two months married and was a neice of Capt. Hicks, of the steamer Varuna. The case is considered mysterious.

THE SAN FRANCISCO TRAGEDY.

San Francisco, April 22.—District Attorney Barnes, in the preliminary examination of Theodore Durrant for the murder of Minnie Williams before Judge Conlan this morning, stated that the prosecution would put 28 witnesses on the stand, several of whom had not testified at the inquest, and that the examination would last at least three days, probably more. The prosecution are keeping back a good deal of cumulative evidence. The defence, it is stated, will dispute that the purse found in Durrant's overcoat pocket belonged to deceased, but the prosecution says the evidence on this point is overwhelmingly in their favor. A baker named Young of Alameda will testify that the celluloid tablet found in the purse was given by him to Miss Williams on the day she met her death.

The testimony of the witnesses examined this morning did not materially differ from that given at the inquest. When the name of A. E. Williams, the dead girl's father, was called, a sensational incident occurred. A handsome and well-dressed young woman who had been standing all morning on the edge of the crowd behind Durrant stepped to the witness platform and said: "I shall refuse to say a word until I have spoken to this defendant." Judge Conlan ordered her to step down, but she refused and exclaimed: "I declare this man free." As the bailiff took her in hand she said: "No one shall touch me until I have spoken to this man." The woman had evidently become insane from brooding over the murders.

San Francisco, April 23.—To add to the evidence now against Durrant, there is the statement of James P. Hodgdon, who lives at 108 Bartlett street. Hodgdon visited the office of Chief Crowley on Friday and voluntarily made the statement that on the night Minnie Williams was killed he saw a young man and woman standing below Emmanuel church, about 200 feet from Twenty-Third street. Hodgdon was walking up and down the sidewalk in front of his home—and his home is almost opposite the church—when he noticed the couple. Hodgdon fixes the time as about 8:15 o'clock. His attention was first drawn by the actions of the man. He appeared to be taking liberties with his companion and Hodgdon crossed the street. The woman did not appeal to him for help and he walked off to get a drink at a neighboring store. When he returned to Bartlett street the couple were not in sight. Durrant was taken from the prison to Chief Crowley's office last night and Hodgdon, after carefully scrutinizing him, said that to the best of his belief Durrant was the man he saw that night. He partly identified him by his clothing, and all that made him unable to fully identify the prisoner was that he thought Durrant a little shorter than the man he saw on the memorable Friday night.

When the examination of Durrant was resumed this morning the police court was crowded to suffocation, hundreds being unable to get in the entrance. The accused man looked haggard and worn but throughout the proceedings preserved his usual indifference. Miss Williamson, who created the scene at yesterday's session, applied for admission this morning, but her request was refused. Three medical students named respectively Partridge, Dukes and Dodge, were the witnesses first called, but their testimony was unimportant.

Miss Emma Stuven, one of the four girls supposed to have seen Durrant near the church at 8:15 on Friday, the night of the Williams murder, was called to the stand. She had not seen the man's face, and all she knew was that the coat had and hat worn by the man were similar to those of Durrant's shown to her in court.

Miss Lucille Turner was the next witness. She is the young lady whose cousin, Dr. Vogel, testified at the inquest that Durrant had asked him to permit to an examination, suggesting a place in the church for it. The defense made a vigorous fight against the introduction of her testimony, but the court permitted it. Miss Turner said that after the incident above referred to she treated Durrant only with sufficient courtesy to show that nothing had happened between them. She spoke about Durrant's proposal to her aunt, Mrs. Vogel, on the day Miss Williams' body was found. She had written on the fly-leaves of church books to Durrant and had spoken to him about her physical condition. He had given her some medicine which had helped her and, emboldened by this, he had made the proposal for an examination.

San Francisco, April 24.—A Close investigation of the wash room in Emanuel church was made yesterday. This wash room could only have been reached by someone thoroughly familiar with the building. Besides a number of stains on the wash bowl, they are numerous on the splashers surrounding it. Blood stains have also been found on the walls of the little hall leading to the wash room. The extent of the blood stains goes to prove that the murderer had, no light, for a judicious person, as his actions prove him, would not have spattered so much blood around had he seen what he was doing. The blood stained coat which was brought to light in Berkely on Monday has caused a sensation there, but there is considerable difficulty in determining the date on which it was found. Mrs. Bollot, with whom the package was left, tells three different stories as to the date on which a strange man asked permission to leave a bundle at her home for a few hours. Mrs. Bollot says the man resembled Durrant very much and she believes she could identify him.

Interest in the hearing continues unabated. Mrs. A. E. Voy gave evidence to the effect that the murdered girl had left her house to go to Dr. Vogel's a little before 8 o'clock on the night of the murder. Miss Williams had stated to her that it was her intention to go to the doctor's house. The dead girl's clothes were exhibited and identified by the witness.

Adolph A. Hope, a new witness was next called. He had been a school mate of the prisoner and had known him for about eight years. He testified to having seen Durrant at the ferry at 5 o'clock on the fatal night. Accused was accompanied by a young lady who answered the description of Miss Williams.

Dr. Gibson, pastor of Emanuel Baptist church, followed Hope. His appearance on the witness stand created a great stir in the court room and the spectators evinced great interest in the testimony given by him. In reply to questions Dr. Gibson said that he left his study in the church on Friday evening, the 12th inst., at 7:30 and went to Dr. Vogel's house, his object being to attend a meeting of the Young People's Endeavor Society. Durrant did not arrive until after the business session was over, about 9:30. Witness did not know whether or not defendant had a key to the church. He met him there alone several times. "I went into my study on Saturday, the morning the body was found, and while there I heard noises in the front part of the church," said the witness. "I was soon afterwards told by a son of the janitor that the lock on the library door had been broken. I went to the room and saw the broken lock. I looked into the room, but not into the closet. I then returned to my study and remained there until the piano tuner drove me out with his noise, going to my home. The first I knew of the body's being in the closet was when I went back to the church, on being told by Mrs. Nolte that it was there."

THE COMMERCIAL TREATY.

Tokio, April 22.—The Japanese Government announces that the commercial concessions obtained from China through the treaty of peace are not exclusive and extend to all treaty powers. The Government says that the concessions were obtained for the good of all powers and Japan expects her efforts to be appreciated by them.

ENGLISH ADVICES.

The Commons Meets—Wilde's Collection—Won by Floriot.

London, April 23.—The House of Commons, which stood adjourned over the Easter recess, resumed its sittings yesterday. Speaker-elect Gully took the chair; but almost immediately afterwards the Usher of the Black Rod appeared in the House and summoned him before the House of Lords. The Speaker, accompanied by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and a majority of the members of the House, proceeded to the bar of the House of Lords. Lord Herschell, Lord High Chancellor, and Lords Kimberley, Spencer, Carrington and Kensington, constituting a Royal Commission, occupied seats in front of the throne, which was uncovered. Lord Herschell, bowing to the new Speaker, said: "Her Majesty has most fully approved and confirmed your appointment." Speaker Gully replied: "I submit myself to Her Majesty's most gracious will and pleasure." Then followed an exchange of salutations, the Speaker and his party bowing to the Royal Commission and the assembled Lords, who dignifiedly returned the salute. The Speaker and members of the House then withdrew. Upon his return to the Commons the Speaker retired to his private rooms, where he donned his robe of office and full-buttoned wig, before re-appearing in the House. Mr. Gully took the Speaker's chair, and in a brief speech said that as Her Majesty had signified her approval of the choice of himself to fill the office of Speaker he took this opportunity to repeat his acknowledgements to the House of the honor done him. Sir William Harcourt announced that the Queen had approved the petition of the House that Her Majesty confer a mark of royal favor upon ex-Speaker Peel, and gave notice of his intention to introduce a motion on the subject. Speaker Gully made an excellent impression. He has a fine bearing and stately manner. He has, however, a good deal to learn in regard to his new position, as was evident by his tripping up at the very outset. When Home Secretary Asquith moved the second reading of the Factory bill in the usual dumb show by merely rising and lifting his hat, the Speaker omitted the question, "Shall the bill be read?" until he was prompted by the clerk.

The cabinet met to-day. Lord Rosebery presided.

Foreign Secretary Grey, in the Commons announced that the terms of the Japanese-Chinese treaty of peace has not yet been received by the Government, and he was therefore unable to make a statement with regard thereto.

Queen Victoria started from Nice for Darmstadt to-day.

The Epsom spring meeting opened today. The race for the Westminster plate was won by Floriot, Balbirnie second, Fifteen third.

The great Surrey handicap was won by Freak, McNeill second, Grig third.

The race for the great Metropolitan stakes was won by Cornbury, Lady Norman second, Barbary third.

Oscar Wilde's valuable collection of prints, bric-a-brac, etc., will be auctioned to-morrow.

The grand jury to-day returned a true bill against Wilde and Taylor, the prosecuting witnesses being protected by the police to prevent them from being mobbed. It is believed Wilde will plead guilty of one offence.

Wilde's counsel denies that he will plead guilty.

In the Commons to-day the Government announced that it could not interfere in the matter of the imprisonment of the ex-Queen of Hawaii.

Counsel for Countess Russell in her suit to be restored to her conjugal rights in summing up to-day declared that she had the right to demand that her husband be cleared of the charges made against him and she was entitled to ask for maintenance.

Counsel for Earl Russell contended that the Countess was responsible for the foul charges against her husband and not entitled to immunity on the ground that she was ill-advised. He further stated that the Countess was guilty of attempted blackmail of her husband in writing letters threatening to expose his alleged indecent acts.

The Earl of Lonsdale apologized in court to-day for striking a man with a whip.

London, April 24.—Oscar Wilde's counsel made an application to-day for a postponement of the trial. The court refused the application and fixed Friday as the day for the trial. The auction sale of Wilde's effects is regarded as indicating that his means are exhausted.

The family of Emily Hall, who is supposed to have died in a lying-in hospital in Detroit, Mich., resides at Halesown, near Birmingham. The girl left home about Christmas and subsequently wrote her parents that she had been engaged to travel with a family. Rev. Jonathan Bell, who is accused of luring the girl from home, has disappeared from his home in Blackheath.

The race for City and Suburban handicap was won by Reminder, Stowmarket second, Blue One third.

Mr. Gurdon, Unionist, was returned for Parliament from the Mid-Division of Norfolk yesterday over Mr. Wilson, Radical.

The jury in the case of Countess Russell to-day returned a verdict in favor of the husband.

Julia, daughter of ex-Speaker Peel, was married to-day to Member of Parliament Maguire.

The Queen arrived at Darmstadt today.

The Hyde Park plate was won by Radlata. Eau Dux Or and Miss Archer ran a dead heat for second place.

At the Foreign Office it is officially stated that the three British warships in the harbor of Corinto, Nicaragua, are there for the purpose of enforcing compliance with the demands of England.

A Berlin despatch says advices from Tokio have been received stating that the Russian, French and German Ministers to-day made representations to the Japanese Government in opposition to the clauses of the Japan-China treaty providing for the cession to Japan of territory on the mainland of China.

THE NICARAGUA AFFAIR.

Approaching a Crisis—Monroe Doctrine—The Ultimatum.

Paris, April 24.—The Salvadorian agent here states that he has failed to obtain from the British Government any modification of the ultimatum to Nicaragua. The matter was confided to him to secure that result, he says, but he was not authorized to do anything else.

London, April 24.—The Chronicle commenting on the presence of English warships at Corinto, Nicaragua, says it shows the affair is nearing a crisis. Nicaragua evidently is working on the sympathy of the United States, but if the latter country takes these small republics under its protection she must impress upon them the importance of maintaining international observances. The paper declares the Monroe doctrine "is good enough in its way, but can hardly prevent an European power from obtaining redress for insult.

Managua, April 24.—The British Admiral notified President Zelaya that the three days given Nicaragua to comply with the terms of the ultimatum will expire to-morrow. Failure to pay the indemnity will be followed by seizure of the custom house at Corinto and the collection of duties by British subjects, presumably officers of the fleet detailed for that purpose. The note of the British admiral declares that force will be used to collect the money if opposition is made. Great excitement exists. The Government, it is reported, will refuse to pay the indemnity and will abandon Corinto as a port of entry. The belief is general here that if Great Britain obtains possession of Corinto she will continue to occupy it as she has occupied territory in Egypt and other countries where she obtained a foothold.

Washington, April 24.—Gresham had a long interview with Pauncefote to-day and also saw Minister Guzman, of Nicaragua, who communicated him the intelligence he had from his Government. Very shortly afterwards the members of the Cabinet drove out to Woodley, the President's country home, where a special Cabinet meeting was held.

A habit of constipation is most dangerous to the health. Take Eseljays' Liver Lozenges. They are pleasant to take.

ANOTHER CALIFORNIA MURDER.

Yreka, April 23.—Sheriff Hobbs received the following telegram yesterday, dated Callahan, Cal., and signed A. H. Bar: "Henry Hayter was shot to death on Sunday evening by William M. Nulls, who is supposed to be at his cabin on Sugar creek. Come to Etna. Nulls is a hard character." Hayter's dying words to A. B. Chambers were that he (Hayter) rode up to Nulls' cabin and Nulls came out and told Hayter that he wanted him to sign a deed with him to some mining property being transferred to other parties. Hayter said he would not do it and Nulls said he would shoot him if he refused. They quarreled and Nulls stepped into the house and got his gun. Hayter was not armed and started to ride away when Nulls shot him in the back. Hayter was but 30 or 40 feet away. Hayter said that after he was about 200 yards away he fainted and fell from his horse. Recovering later he remounted and rode to James Sullivan's house where he died yesterday morning. Under Sheriff Radford and others are scouring the country around Callahan for Nulls, who fled to the hills. They are confident of his capture.

THE U. S. CAPITAL.

Washington, April 22.—The standard silver dollars issued last week amounted to $417,648.

The Supreme Court to-day took no action on the petition for re-hearing the income tax cases.

The comptroller placed the First National Bank of Willimantic, Conn., in charge of a bank examiner to-day. The capital is impaired.

The Nicaraguan Minister stated to-day that he has no information from his Government as to the course it will pursue regarding the rejection by England of Nicaragua's note, nor has he any idea what the result will be. Some other diplomats, representing Latin-American countries, are hoping Nicaragua will decline to pay the indemnity until forced to do so at the cannon's mouth.

By the explosion of some chemicals in the laboratory of the patent office at the end of the interior department to-day, two employes were quite seriously injured. The laboratory caught fire. Considerable damage was done before the flames were extinguished.

Secretary Herbert has assigned the Montgomery to take the Nicaraguan canal commission to Greytown.

The call of the calendar of the Supreme court will cease for the term on May 3rd and the court will adjourn for the term the latter part of May.

HUNTINGTON ARRESTED.

New York, April 22.—C. P. Huntington was arrested to-day on an indictment found by the grand jury of the northern district of California for making unjust discrimination against the interstate commerce law by issuing a free pass to G. M. Stone. He was arraigned before the U. S. commission and held for a requisition from California.

Huntington was arraigned before Commissioner Shields. Lawyer Coudert represented him. He was subsequently released on his own recognizance by U. S. District Judge Brown, who differed in issuance of the warrant for his removal to California until Thursday. The complainant in the case is Frank M. Stone, a California lawyer. The alleged violation of the law was discovered during prosecutions alleged to have been instituted by Huntingdon against the Southern Pacific strikers. Huntingdon subsequently stated that he had known Stone for 25 years. He says Stone is an innocent sort of a person and believes he started this prosecution because he (Huntingdon) must have offended him in some way. He added: "I probably gave him a pass without the endorsement 'not good outside of state' thereon, and he took advantage of it to have me hoisted. I don't care two pence one way or the other, the matter doesn't amount to anything." Huntingdon didn't seem much worried by his arrest. The pass read as follows: "Pass Frank M. Stone over Southern Pacific Company, 1894, until December 31, until otherwise ordered. (Signed) C. P. Huntington."

Ex-Speaker Peel, of the House of Commons, has been made a viscount. Canon Farrer, of Westminster, has been made Dean of Canterbury.

Sick Headache can be cured in the simplest way by using Eseljay's Liver Lozenges.

A TRIPLE MURDER.

Salt Lake, April 23.—Lehigh City, the location of the Utah Sugar Works, is in a tumult of excitement over a triple murder which has come to light there. Albert Hansen, Andrew Johnston and Alfred Nelson, young men living on the shores of Utah Lake, disappeared suddenly about the middle of February. It was thought that they had left the country and but little comment was caused. The three bodies have just been found on the lake shore partially under the water, all three with bullet holes through the back of the head. There is no trace of the murderer as yet though the authorities are aroused. It has transpired at the inquest which is now being held that the step-father of Hansen, and an old man named Hayes, had some difficulty with the boys some time ago and that the son of Hayes who came from California to him, disappeared in February. Suspicion is entertained that he was mixed up in the murder with his father and that he left the country, driving the teams belonging to the murdered boys, as the horses and wagons owned by the murdered men have disappeared. He maintains his innocence. He was one of the searching party that found the bodies and betrayed no emotion of any kind at the horrible spectacle.

DREAMER OF DREAMS.

Laurel, Del., April 23.—Charles Fooks, son of Daniel Fooks, of the Laurels, the wealthiest citizen here, died yesterday. Three months ago Edward Taylor, an aged citizen, was laughed at for telling the story of a strange dream by which, foretelling the death of eight prominent citizens, and that the ensuing year would record the deaths of an unusually large number of persons. A few days later he seriously said that he was visited by the return of the dream, and that the four persons first named to die would be the most prominent and wealthy citizens of the country. They were Benjamin Fooks, Gov. Marvel, Colonel Dashiells and Daniel Fooks. The first three are dead, and so is the eldest son of the last named. Two others seen in Taylor's vision are ill.

EUROPEAN ADVICES.

London, April 22.—Atchison bondholders to-day adopted a resolution accepting the committee's plan of re-organization.

The parliamentary vacancy in Oxford City, caused by Sir George Chesney's death, has been filled by the election on Saturday of Viscount Valentia, Unionist, over Dr. Fletcher Little, Liberal, by a vote of 3,745 to 3,142. The constituency was Conservative previously.

A special despatch from Rome says that the Roman Catholic courts have pronounced a decree of separation in favor of Mrs. Mackay's daughter, Princess Colonna. The Princess is entrusted with the custody of her children.

TRILBY A CREATION.

Dubuque, Io., April 23.—Mme. Vanpelt, of Dubuque, wrote to Du Maurier, inquiring whether Mme. Anna Bishop was the original of Trilby and has received the following reply: I beg to say I have never seen or heard of Mrs. Anna Bishop and have never known anything about her whatever, beyond what I have just read in the slips you enclose. It is absolutely untrue that the character of Trilby was founded either on Mrs. Anna Bishop or anybody else that ever lived.

HAPPENINGS OF THE DOMINION.

The Massey-Harris Co. have been granted supplementary letters patent of incorporation.

Gen. Wilkinson, a prominent member of the British army, has arrived in Montreal to arrange for a supply of horses for the British army.

George Hamm has resigned his position as managing editor of the Winnipeg Nor'-Wester on account of the financial difficulties of the paper. The sale of the plant will be contested by unsecured creditors.

The Winnipeg police force state that it was impossible for Wm. Parr, the escaped prisoner, to have been in Victoria last Wednesday.

Chief of the Manitoba Provincial Police Clark, Winnipeg, has resigned. He will go into business.

The Hall Mines Co. are calling for tenders for the construction of an aerial tramway from the Silver King to Nelson, a distance of 4 1-2 miles.

A game of poker at Three Forks last week lasted for four days and four nights.

A Winnipeg dispatch says: For the first time in the history of Manitoba, buyers for large American houses have come into this territory and bought all the beef cattle they could find. Accordingly the price of beef has gone up within the past month, and now there is a scarcity.

J. S. Ewart, Q. C., Winnipeg, counsel for the Roman Catholics in the Manitoba school case, will reply to Rev. Mr. Pedley's argument on the question, the trustees of the latter's church having given him permission to hold the meeting there.

Tamworth, Ont., has been visited by a disastrous fire, damage to the extent of $35,000 having been done. This was covered by $15,000 insurance.

The Government has decided not to grant the request of the Ontario liquor sellers for the issue of interim licenses on local options municipalities. The Government will stand by the local option clauses of the Ontario licensing law pending the final judgment of the court.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The U. S. gunboat San Francisco reached Messina yesterday.

The new Spanish minister sailed from Havana on April 20th for Washington.

Dr. Koya, a Yale law graduate, has been appointed Japanese consul at San Francisco.

Mrs. Stanley, wife of Gen. Stanley, of the Governor's soldiers, died at Washington yesterday.

Cora Sach has been sentenced at Des Moines, Ia., to life imprisonment for the murder of her step-father.

Treasurer Borden, of the Metacomet mill, Fall River, is missing. He is declared to be a defaulter to the amount of $6,000.

Prof. Sanders, convicted at Fresno of forging the signature of Wm. Wootton to a check for $1,400, will be sentenced to-morrow.

The Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of California have adopted a resolution objecting to California being made into two states.

An Albany dispatch says that the Governor has granted Buchanan, the wife murderer, a week's respite, in order to prepare himself.

Feliciano Marmolo and Maurice Rivera, outlaws, were shot to death in the prison yard at Guadalajara, Mex., by a detachment of troops.

The Boston-Atchison bondholders' committee have asked the bondholders to deposit their bonds in accordance with a plan to re-organize the road.

A wagon containing a party returning from Pontiac to Providence early yesterday morning was struck by a trolley car, five persons being injured, one fatally.

Big Louis, charged with the murder of Alice Walsh, who was found bleeding to death in a hallway on Thompson street, New York, on Sunday morning, has been arrested.

District Attorney Seawell, of Santa Rosa, has brought suit against ex-County Treasurer Stofen and his bondsmen to recover $7,815.19 stolen from the county on Dec. 28th last.

The jury disagreed at New York to-day in the suit of Dereber Watch Co. for $1 million, against the old watch trust, for alleged injury to its business by warning jobbers not to deal with it.

It is understood at Washington that the developments thus far made in the investigation into the beef question have convinced Secretary Morton that a combination has been formed for the purpose of putting the price up.

During February and March $28,657 was paid into the United States treasury on account of income tax. The receipts from international revenues for the nine months ended March 31st show an increase over 1894 of nearly $3,000,000.

Admiral Meade has informed the navy department at Washington that the formal trial of the Minneapolis was successful. The test of the official trial trip is yet to be received. The Minneapolis will join the North Atlantic station.

Passengers by the steamer Yucatan, which arrived at New York to-day from Havana say that great excitement prevailed over the expected arrival of Gen. Campos. A large number of young men are fleeing the city for the United States.

Anthony Jacoff, the convicted slayer of detective Len Harris, has been granted a reprieve by Gov. Budd until June 6th. In the interim it will be decided whether he is entitled to leniency.

The examination of Lord Douglas on a charge of insanity at Bakersfield, Cal., has been postponed until Friday. He is very dignant and no more insane than other wealthy young men who travel for pleasure. The man who caused his arrest will be prosecuted.

The steamer Ethelbert, which was chased by a Spanish man-of-war into a Jamaican port on her last trip, he reaches Boston. The captain reports that this voyage he was not molested. The First National Bank at Plainfield, N. J., was robbed of nearly $25,000 on Monday.

D. C. Kavanaugh, sheriff of Platte county, Neb., and H. Wright, sheriff of Sanpete, Utah, have been arrested and held over in $8,000 bonds for kidnapping a prisoner from Sheriff Easton, of Battle Mountain, Nev. The prisoner was held by Sheriff Easton and the other two sheriffs took the much wanted man by force.

The trial of Geo. Gray, for trying to kill C. R. Bennett, formerly agent for the Society for the Prevention of Vice, of San Francisco, on board a local train six months ago, was begun to-day at Oakland. The defense is based on insanity. It is said that the insanity will be claimed to exist through the feelings of Gray toward Bennett, because of the latter's conduct towards Gray's daughter.

A shaft into the bowels of the earth is proposed by M. Paschal Grousset as the sensation for the exposition of 1900. His plan is an inversion of the idea of the Eiffel tower. Elevators will carry the public down the shaft; at intervals there will be restaurants and concert rooms, decorated so as to harmonize with the temperature, which will increase with the depth, as far as 2,100 feet below the surface. Beyond that point, as the heat will be too great for comfort, a narrower shaft is to be driven for scientific purposes only to a depth greater than has ever yet been obtained, possibly 5,000 feet.

THE MARKETS.

As an introduction to prices there cannot be much said this week, the changes being few, prices steady and an increasing market in volume of trade. A conservative estimate places business generally on a better basis than this time last year, with prospects of a big yield in all lines almost unprecedented. This indeed must be encouraging to those engaged in the growing of crops. Beef still remains high and has an upward tendency, with no prospect of lower prices for some time to come. Fresh eggs, butter and chickens are in demand. Current prices are given as follows:

Feed and Produce—Oats, Wash., $25.50; Edmonton, $20; shorts $20; bran $18; hay on Fraser bank, $8; potatoes, at Chilliwack, $16; Ashcroft, $16; wheat, Wash., $24; rolled oats, per 90-lb. sack, $3 Keewatin $4.20, Portland City, $4.00; salt, $13@$14; Oil cake, $38.50.

Produce—Butter (creamery) 21@23c. per lb.; dairy, 15@16c. per lb. Fresh eggs, 25@30c. per doz. Ontario, 10c. per doz. Lard, per lb., 11 1-2c. tins, Hams per lb., small 12@12 1-2c. large, 11c., bacon, per lb., 12 1-2c.; backs 10 1-2 roll, 10c.; short cut, 18c.; cheese, 13@14c.

Meats—Beef, hindquarters, 7 1-2c. lb.; forequarter, 6c. per lb.; cuts, 7@12c. per lb.; mutton, cuts, 10@10 1-2 per lb.; pork, 6@7c. ped lb.; cuts, 8@10c. per lb.; sausages 15c. per lb.

Apples—$1@1.10. Quinces, 5c. per lb. Lemmons, $3.50 per case. Oranges, 30c. per doz.

Vegetables—Carrots, turnips, beets, parsnips, cabbage, 1c. per doz. Onions, 10c. Rhubarb, 3c. per lb.

Fish—Cod, (wholesale) 5c.; small fish, 4c.; bloaters per doz., 12c.; kippered herring, 10c; fresh salmon, 10c. per lb; crabs, 15c. per doz. kippered salmon, 12 1-2.; finnan haddie, 20c. oolachans, 5c. per lb.

WESTMINSTER MARKET.

Potatoes, ton, $10@15; turnips, cwt., 50c; carrots (red), cwt., 50c.; carrots (white), $8 per ton; beets, lb., 3-4c.; cabbage, nil; onions, lb., 1 3-4c.; mangels, ton, $7.

Wheat, nil; oats, ton, $24; peas, nil; barley, nil.

Hay, ton, $10@11.

Beef, hindquarters, lb., 7 1-2c.; beef (forequarters), lb., 6c.; beef (cuts), lb., 7@12c; mutton (cuts), lb., 10@12 1-2c; mutton (whole), nil; pork (whole), lb., 6@6 1-2c.; pork (cuts), lb., 8@10c.; veal, lb., 9c.

Domestic ducks, live and dressed, nil; chickens, doz., $5@6; dressed chickens, geese and turkeys, nil.

Fresh eggs, doz., 18@20; butter, 25@30c. per lb