

RALLI'S SEAT IN JEOPARDY

The New Ministry at Athens Reported to Be on the Verge of Downfall.

Interest No Longer Centred at Thessaly, but Athens—Impatient for Peace.

Greek Fleet Blockading the Gulf of Salonica—The Latest News From the Front.

Paris, May 13.—The correspondent of the Journal at Lania, Thessaly, telegrams yesterday that he has learned from an official source that an armistice between Turkey and Greece has been concluded.

The statements by the Journal of Paris that an armistice had been concluded should be accepted with reserve, as it is not known whether Turkey delays action in the Balkans and despatches from Athens and Constantinople direct yesterday, do not bear out the statement made by the Lania correspondent.

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PRIOR ACTS THE COWARD

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He Has Not the Manliness to Name His Informant When Asked to Do So.

A Red-Hot Debate Over Quarantine Matters—McInnes Roasts the Colonel.

Ottawa, May 13.—Col. Prior stated in the house this afternoon that Dr. Watt locked up a Chinaman suffering from smallpox in quarantine and did not go near him. There were other cases that Dr. Watt would not look after. He says that Dr. Watt is afraid to do so.

Sir Richard Cartwright said Prior should be compelled to do so. Finally Prior said he would give the name of his informant privately.

The following staff of officers has been appointed by order in council for the force to represent the Canadian militia in England on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee:

Major T. D. B. Evans, Royal Canadian Dragoons; Major J. S. Henderson, 4th Field Battery, Hamilton; Infantry and rifles, Lieut-Col. James Macdonald, 10th Grenadier, Toronto; adjutant, Captain J. C. McDougall, Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry, Toronto; paymaster, Lieut-Col. James Munro, 22nd Oxford Rifles; quartermaster, Capt. C. N. Nelles, 38th Battalion Dufferin Rifles; medical officer, Surgeon-Major C. W. Wilson, 3rd Field Battery, Montreal.

The following officers have been invited to join the contingent: Major J. L. Biggar, 15th Batt., Belleville; Lieut-Col. Humphrey, 66th Batt., Halifax; Major Hibbard, 3rd Regiment, C.A.; Capt. Beckwith, 68th Batt., Truro.

ONE HONEST MAN. Please inform your readers that if written to confidentially I will surprise and amaze them by which I was permanently restored to health and made strong after years of suffering from a disease which has afflicted thousands and lacks of development.

I have secured the best remedy from any one. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but thank Heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong, and anxious to make this certain means of cure known to all.

Man and desire the endorsement of both Patient and Doctor.

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FAVORING BRITAIN

The London Times on the Preferential Feature of the Fielding Tariff.

"Regret to See the Attitude That Mr. Foster Has Taken Up" The Treaties.

The London Times of April 26 has the following editorial on the subject of the Fielding Tariff.

Very few events have happened in recent times which are likely to lead to more far-reaching results than the financial statement of Mr. Fielding, in the parliament of the Canadian Dominion, St. George's Day.

The new departure adopted by the Liberal government of Mr. Laurier is most gratifying to all who desire to knit the empire more closely together.

It will add, if that were possible, to the warmth of the very cordial welcome which in any case the prime minister of the Canadian Dominion would have met with in this country on his visit during the jubilee festivities.

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Uncle Sam Still Tampering With the Cuban Question—President Gets Some "Reports".

Castle of California, Apparently Determined to Arouse the Enmity of Spain.

Washington, May 13.—The president devoted two hours to-day listening to a report on the Cuban situation by Edwin T. Atkins, of Boston, who has extensive sugar plantations in Cuba and has just returned from the island.

During the conference all the visitors were excluded. It is not known what Atkins said to the president, but there is reason to believe that his representations to the president were of a nature which would lead to a reconsideration of the Cuban question, and in light of this and the report of Calhoun now in Havana, will decide on a course of action.

Representative Castle, of California, to-day introduced a joint resolution for the recognition of belligerent rights of Cubans. It declared it to be the policy of the United States to recognize the belligerent rights of oppressed people struggling for liberty.

Washington, May 13.—The senate committee on foreign relations to-day had the Cuban question under consideration on the basis of a report of the subcommittee appointed yesterday to confer with the president and Secretary Sherman.

The report was prepared by Davis and Forsaker, Republican members; Morgan, Democratic member, declining to participate. The report consisted of a concise statement of the official reports from American consuls in Cuba, bringing the information up to within a week.

This report confirms the newspapers as to the situation in the island. It goes even further in depicting the deplorable situation than most of the newspaper stories.

Stress is laid upon the condition of American citizens. It is positively stated that hundreds are in a starving condition. Deaths of Americans from starvation are daily reported. Americans scattered in all parts of the island are shown no consideration whatever because of their American citizenship.

STEWART RIVER LEASE. Minister Sifton Replies to Questions From Mr. McInnes.

In the house of commons on May 5 Mr. McInnes asked:

1. In what newspapers and within what dates in each of such newspapers, did the government advertise for tenders for a lease for the exclusive right to dredge for gold in a part of the bed of Stewart river, a tributary of the Yukon?

2. What are the conditions of the proposed lease referred to in the said advertisement?

3. Have any tenders been received? If so, from whom and for what amounts?

4. What is the nationality of the tenderers?

5. Is it the intention of the government to accept any of the tenders? If so, which?

The minister of interior (Mr. Sifton)—In reply to the hon. gentleman, I beg to say: 1. The following newspapers were authorized to insert an advertisement inviting tenders for a lease for the exclusive right to dredge for gold in a part of the bed of Stewart river: The Times, Victoria, B. C.; the Vancouver World, Vancouver, B. C.; the Tribune, Calgary, N.W.T.; the Globe, Winnipeg, Man.; the Free Press, Ottawa; the Journal, Toronto; the Globe, Toronto; the Toronto Star; the Telegram, Toronto; the Herald, Montreal; La Presse, Montreal; the Witness, Montreal; the Freeholder, Cornwall; the Canadian, Kingston; the Advertising Printing Company, London, Ont.

All the above named newspapers, with the exception of the last three mentioned, were authorized to insert the advertisement three times a week during the month of April. The last three mentioned papers were authorized to insert the advertisement once a week during the month of April.

2. The conditions of the proposed lease are annexed hereto. 3. Three tenders have been received, but have not yet been opened. Until the tenders are opened, no reply can be given to question 4 and 5.

4. C. Henderson, of Chilliwack, B. C.; E. C. Hart, of Vancouver, are at the present time.

Mrs. Panter, wife of the chaplain of H.M.S. Imperieuse, has arrived from England.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE

THE OAR. MATCH AT ORILLA. Toronto, May 12.—Dr. McDowell, of Chicago, and J. R. Rumohr, of Toronto Rowing Club, are matched to row at Orilla on May 24, for a suitable trophy.

New York, May 12.—Another American oarsman is going to try and win the diamond sculls at the now famous Henley regatta. Edward H. Ten Eyck, son of James A. Ten Eyck, the well known professional oarsman of the Wachuset Boat Club, of Worcester, Mass., who defeated Joseph Whitehead, of Cambridgeport, Mass., the national champion, in a match race on Lake Quabbinmond, Worcester, Mass., last October, will compete at the Henley regatta in July. An evidence of his special ability may be taken by the fact that when he completed in the intermediate single scull at the last national regatta, sailed on Lake Saratoga last August, his time for the mile and a half was 12 seconds faster than the time of the winner in the senior single event, and he was not hard pressed at any stage of the race.

ATHLETICS. NEW HURDLE RECORD. Chicago, May 12.—The world's record for 300 yards over hurdles was broken twice to-day in trial heats at the military and athletic carnival at the Coliseum. P. O'Dea, of the Chicago Athletic association, won the distance in 28 2/5 seconds; Kraenzley, of the Chicago Athletic association, in 37 2/5 seconds. The former record was 38 2/5 seconds.

THE GUN. CAPITALS MEET. Yesterday evening a meeting of the Capital Gun club was held and it was decided to hold the next shoot for trophies on May 30. A 25 bird match has been arranged by Messrs. Haggerty and O'Connor in connection with the club shoot on May 16th.

DISTRICT FRUITGROWERS. Various Questions Discussed at the Association Meeting. Tuesday evening's meeting of the Victoria District Fruitgrowers was well attended, and a keen interest in its affairs was manifested by those present. Cooperation was the expressed sentiment of all; and the air of the meeting was one of business. Mr. E. Wilson was appointed manager for the society by a unanimous vote, and he will enter upon his duties immediately. Uniform packages for fruit and packing were discussed. The report of the executive committee showed that they were fully prepared for the opening of the season. A report of the committees on factory arrangements was read and discussed, and left in the hands of the executive committee to finally act upon. Noxious weeds, the Canadian thistle in particular, were in bad force with the association; the district representative being notified to enforce the law by their extermination. It was also shown that while they were fruitgrowers association, they, under their by-laws, handle all the products of the farm or market garden. The profitable growing of cauliflower and other vegetables was also touched upon. Thursday next was set for the next meeting. A plan will be submitted for packing, grading and sampling of fruit, etc.

Cable News. Peking, May 13.—The preliminary contract for a loan of £16,000,000 was signed to-day here, on behalf of a British syndicate.

Richard Dawson, earl of Derby, is dead. He was born September 7, 1817, and was made a peer of the United Kingdom in 1880. From 1855 to 1880 he was a lord in waiting.

CARIBBOO AND LILLOOET Stage Travel.

Stages for the undermentioned points leave Ashcroft as follows. OLINTON and Way Points, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

ALL POINTS IN CARIBBOO, Monday and Friday (concealing with steamer Charlotte at Soda Creek).

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