

# Tried to Kill Czar

## Dispatch From Vienna Tells of an Attempt to Murder Emperor Nicholas.

### Officers of Guards Entered His Majesty's Study and Shot at Him.

London, April 4.—A special dispatch from Vienna says a report is published there that an officer of the guards entered the Czar's study yesterday and fired at him with a revolver.

His Majesty was not hit, the dispatch adds, and the officer committed suicide.

### LARGEST VESSEL A L.O.A.T.

White Star Line Celtic Launched Today—Steamer With Nine Decks.

(Associated Press.)  
Belfast, April 4.—The new White Star line steamer Celtic, the largest vessel ever built, was successfully launched here this morning in the presence of a large and representative gathering. The christening was performed by the Marchioness of Dufferin. Among the prominent persons who participated in the ceremony were the Countess Cadogan, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the Marquis and Marchioness of Dufferin, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry and the Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury.

The arrangements for the launching were similar to those of the Oceanic, and the new vessel meted from the ways and was pulled up within her own length by dropping three pairs of anchors. The launching occurred amidst enthusiastic cheering of the people and the blowing of horns and foghorns.

The Celtic has nine decks and capacity for 2,500 passengers. She will carry a crew of 335 men. Her tonnage is 3,600 gross, and her displacement is 12,500 tons, greater than that of the latter vessel, while her displacement and tonnage are 10,300 over that of the Great Eastern.

### UNLESS RANSOM IS PAID

#### "Kidnapper" Threatens to Burn Out Eyes of Young McCormick.

New York, April 4.—Three more threatening letters were received last night by the father of William McCormick, the ten-year-old boy of Highbridge, who since last Wednesday has been missing from his home.

The letters were much the same tenor as those received previously, in which the person signing himself "Kidnapper" threatened to burn out the boy's eyes unless a ransom of \$20,000 was forthcoming. The McCormick family declined to make public the contents of the letters, and turned them over to the police.

### KING EDWARD'S HEALTH.

Recent Rumors of Mysterious Ailment Pronounced to Be Groundless.

New York, April 4.—The latest reports about King Edward's health are reassured by Sir Felix Semon, and the recent disturbing rumors have been pronounced to be groundless. Sir Felix is the German throat specialist who has been appointed physician-extraordinary to the King and has been naturalized as a British subject. The King's general health is good. He has not suffered from the pressure of public duties. Recent rumors about a mysterious ailment in his throat have caused uneasiness in high circles, and a rumor of the fatal malady of the King's brother, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

### BODIES OF CHINAMEN FOUND.

Cumberland, April 4.—About 2.30 yesterday the bodies of five Chinamen were brought up from the mine, most of them very much bruised, one being disembowelled.

The coffin containing the remains of W. B. Walker was taken to the Orange men's lodge room yesterday morning, and at 1 o'clock a procession of Orangemen, the city council and church sisters conveyed the body to the Presbyterian church. Impressive services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Dodds.

### W. B. WARNER DEAD.

Philadelphia, April 4.—William B. Warner, a widely known manufacturing chemist, died in this city yesterday. Mr. Warner was the first man to manufacture sugar coated pills and to introduce licorice tablets. He was a distant relative to George Washington, and his art collection included over 100 portraits of Washington.

# Don't Allow Operation For Cancer.

## There is a Simpler, Safer and More Effective Method of Treatment.

Dr. J. C. Oliver of Cheadenatt, Ohio, U. S. A., in a paper read before the Ohio State Medical Society, May, 1895, said: "I have operated in a considerable number of cases of Cancer recently, and with one exception all have died within fourteen months after the operation."

# NEW CIVIL LIST.

## Recommendation By the Committee Which Has Been Considering the Changes.

London, April 4.—The report of the committee appointed to consider changes in the civil list recommended that the new list be fixed at about £470,000, as follows: Privy purse, £110,000; salaries of household and retired allowances, £125,000; expenses of household £193,000; works, £10,000; royal bounty, alms and special services, £13,000, and sundries, £8,000.

The report recommends an annuity of £20,000 to the Duke of Cornwall and York, £10,000 to the Duchess of Cornwall and York, and £200,000 to each of the King's daughters. The Queen's annuity in event of her surviving the King is increased to £70,000, and an annuity of £30,000 is provided for the Duchess of Cornwall and York in the event of her surviving the King.

### THE INDEMNITY QUESTION.

Ministers Are Considering Proposals for Raising Money.

Pekin, April 4.—The ministers are considering the proposals submitted by financial experts for the raising of a sufficient sum for the payment of the Chinese indemnity. It is probable that some arrangements will be arrived at on the basis of the scheme of Sir Robert Hart, director of the Imperial maritime customs, which provides for the handing of the salt and liquor taxes over to the maritime customs administration and the levying of an annual house tax equal to one-half a month's rent, which, it is calculated, will provide 20,000,000 taels yearly, sufficient to pay five per cent. interest on 200,000,000 taels and clear the whole of the principal in less than forty years. The sum of 250,000,000 taels is equivalent, roughly estimated, £38,000,000, but the total amount of the indemnity is likely to be much more. Some of the powers are greatly averse to compelling the Chinese to contract a loan for the payment of the indemnity. It is thought that the increased cost of raising the money required in that way is likely to hamper the commercial development of China, and it is therefore believed to be desirable to have the money raised internally in China.

### BOAT CAPSIZED.

Man and Her Five Children Drowned in the Saguenay.

Murray Bay, Que., April 4.—The wife and five children of Alexander Terrien, of Tadoussac, were drowned in the Saguenay river yesterday. They were coming in a boat from above the Saguenay, where they had been all winter, when the boat capsized.

### NANAIMO NOTES.

Nanaimo, April 4.—The richest strike so far recorded in Tuxeda island, has just been made by Walter Planta. It is free milling gold quartz in great quantities. The location is near Tuxeda lake. Frank Simpson, the prospector reported last near Nanaimo lake while staking claims, was seen in Seattle last week.

### EUROPEAN GOLD FIELDS.

Mining Machinery to Be Shipped From the United States—Building the Railway.

New York, April 4.—Dr. Jos. E. Maria Borgia, ex-consul general and acting minister to the United States from Ecuador, who has been here some time, has started for home. Before leaving he said: "I have been in this country making arrangements for the shipment of machinery for the better development of our gold fields. In a few months we shall have more than 2000 horses, and the bridge material to be used in the completion of the Guayaquil and Quito railway, a very necessary and successful working of the mines. We consider our gold fields when fully operated will prove the richest in the world."

### THE NEW SENATOR.

Joseph Godbout Will Probably Take Place of Late J. A. Parquet.

Ottawa, April 4.—It is reported today that Joseph Godbout, member for Beauport, will get the senatorship in Quebec, which has become vacant through the death of Senator Parquet. It is said that this may be settled at today's cabinet meeting.

A writ will be issued at once for an election of a member in West Hastings in the place of Henry Corby, who resigned.

Judge Forin, British Columbia, has got two months' leave of absence. His father died and he is taking the remains to Belleville, Ont.

### THE BIRD MURDER.

Testimony of Jones Not Sufficient Upon Which to Hold Patrick.

New York, April 4.—At the Patrick hearing, Mr. Moore, one of Patrick's attorneys, said that he would like to have the case adjourned from to-night until next week.

Justice Jerome said that if this were agreed to he thought there should be some understanding that the hearing be finished by the following Saturday.

"It is necessary," Justice Jerome said, "that Jones's testimony as to this murder should be corroborated. He being a self-confessed accomplice, his testimony alone is not enough upon which to hold Patrick."

# Botha and Kitchener

## Letter to British Commander Written Before the Recent Peace Meeting.

### Boer Leader Wrote That He Was Anxious to Discuss Terms.

London, April 4.—The letter of Gen. Botha to Lord Kitchener, commanding the British forces in Africa, preliminary to the recent peace meeting, casually referred to in Lieut-General Kitchener's report of the negotiations, and from which the opponents of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain hope to obtain some clue of the reasons of the failure of the conference, was published as a parliamentary paper this morning.

The letter is dated at the commandant-general's camp, February 13th, and commences with a reference to a message from your excellency. Continuing, the letter says: "I have the honor to inform your excellency that no one desires more than I to bring this bloody strife to an end. I would like very much to be in your excellency's presence for the purpose of mutual discussion, so to see if it is not possible to discover terms under which this can be done."

The remainder of the letter of General Botha is of no importance; it merely suggests a place of meeting and arrangements for the guarantee of safe conduct. "Zoutspansberg in Danger." New York, April 4.—According to the Tribune's London correspondent, the news comes from Brussels that Krugger thinks that the occupation of Zoutspansberg will finally break down the Boer army. Zoutspansberg is the Boer seat of government and contains supplies of stores and ammunition, and it is understood to be in danger as a result of Kitchener's northern campaign. But prisoners who have recently arrived at Pretoria are, however, said to have expressed opinions that the war will last for three years longer.

### Anti-British Scenes.

London, April 4.—Dispatches received here from Paris reiterated the stories of the riotous conduct of King Edward's suite while returning from Lisbon after announcing King Edward's accession to the throne.

It seems that the train on which the mission travelled conveyed a number of riotous correspondents of the Daily Mail. The result, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Paris, was a very noisy and excited train, with violent anti-British scenes. Lord Carrington and his suite were openly insulted with loud cheers. The situation became so intolerable that the British mission finally changed trains.

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### NYLSTROOM OCCUPIED.

Thirty-one Boers Have Been Taken in Orange River Colony.

London, April 2.—Under the date of Pretoria, April 1st, Lord Kitchener reports that the war office has treated "Plumer has occupied Nylstroom and French has captured three guns on the lower Pongola."

"Thirty-one prisoners have been captured in the Orange River Colony. There were no casualties."

### Asked to Present Medals.

Ottawa, April 2.—A cable received from Mr. Chamberlain this afternoon says that the Duke of Cornwall and York has been called to, asking him to present the South African medals to the members of the first and second contingents when they come to Canada on his way back from Australia.

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### THE PLAGUE IN FRISCO.

Washington, April 2.—The plague situation at San Francisco is summarized in the following cable from the health bureau of the marine hospital service, which is just out. This statement shows there have been ten cases of the plague in San Francisco officially reported since the beginning of the year, all of them being fatal.

### MURDER OF MILLIONAIRE.

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New York, April 2.—At today's session, Jones, the valet and secretary of millionaire Rice, who was murdered some time ago, testified that Patrick had asked him whether he did not think that Rice was living a little too long for a valet. "I said I thought so," said Jones, "and Patrick suggested that we put him out of the way. I suggested Dr. Curry, but Patrick said Dr. Curry would not do anything of the kind."

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As soon as the generals of the powers notify the ministers as to what disposition is desired of articles VIII and IX of the protocol, everything will be ready, says Swannson & Sons, and the only claims not ready being the British, German and Japanese. The Germans say they can be ready in two days and the Japanese assert that they can be ready at a moment's warning. Private claims, however, cannot be filed until May 14th.

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### SEALERS REACH ST. JOHN.

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### WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office. March 27th to April 2nd, 1901.

The week opened with a rising barometer over the British Columbia, and unsettled and showery mild weather generally over the North Pacific slope. A heavy thunderstorm occurred at New Westminster on Tuesday night. On the 28th the pressure increased and extended from Vancouver Island to the region of the Great Lakes, with snowfall in Cariboo and rain from California northward to the Straits. This high area continued over the province during Friday, 29th, but a trough of low pressure prevailed over the mountain ranges from Cariboo to Utah, and showers were general west of the Cascades. On Saturday an ocean area of low pressure appeared to the northward and passed over the upper part of the continent, the barometer still continuing high over the western portion of the continent. These conditions caused showery weather on the Straits district and snow in Cariboo, where the storm centered. On Tuesday this disturbance had crossed the Rockies and was traversing the Northwest Territories to the western limits of Manitoba, since its appearance causing snowfall in its passage, and the barometer gradually falling at the close of the week.

At Victoria 10 hours and 30 minutes of bright sunshine was recorded, and 2.65 inches of rain; the highest temperature was 49.7 on the 23rd, and the lowest 34 on the 26th. At Kamloops the highest temperature was 56 on the 1st, and the lowest was 28 on the 27th, 28th and 30th.

At Barkerville there was 14 inches of snow, the highest temperature was 38 on the 27th, 28th and 31st, and the lowest was 12 on the 30th.

### NEW LAWYERS.

W. H. P. Clement Will Practice in Grand Forks.

At a meeting of the B. C. Law Association held yesterday, W. H. P. Clement and Cecil Kilham passed their final examination, and were called to the bar and admitted as solicitors. Mr. Clement was until recently crown prosecutor in Dawson, and intends to resume practice in Grand Forks. Mr. Kilham was a practicing barrister in Nova Scotia.

Those who passed the second intermediate examination were C. N. Haasey, of Vancouver, and A. McLean, of Victoria.

The successful candidates in the first intermediate were V. Lauren, Vancouver; H. H. Naraway, Vancouver; R. S. Baxter, Vancouver; and B. Bell, Victoria (equal).

The remains of the late Capt. Wm. Holmes were laid at rest yesterday afternoon at the funeral took place from the Odd Fellows hall, Douglas street, at 2.30 p.m. A large number of friends were in attendance. The deceased was a member of No. 1 Lodge, I. O. O. F., which order attended the funeral in a body. R. Borthwick, N. G., conducted the services for the order, assisted by the following: Capt. Wm. Holmes, Capt. Smith and Anderson, and Messrs. M. Thompson, A. Rusta, M. McNeill and R. A. Anderson.

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# Business Men

## Property Owners Express Views Regarding Government Street

### Want Block Pavement

### walk Northward

### Poles Altered

A large delegation of street property owners went to the council, present deliberations of the aid last night. They had met to make known their views on the proposed extension of paving Government Street.

In opening, the mayor had before him three plans for the city engineer, for the extension of the street. The plans had been published in the Times. By way of explanation, the present curb on Government means in a straight line, he believed that it would be placed on the poles and cross streets.

Out of this plan would provide room as is at present. Ex-Mayor Redfern, in a speech, said that he was in favor of having the street paved, providing such work as was able and economical. He was opposed to the scheme by the council, for according to plans the city had to pay for certain work of general service to the street, which also objected to the street vehicle travel greatly impair its utility.

If the curbs were set straight, the fault of the poles, and it would be unfair to impose on the laity of the cost of straightening the street. A great distance between the poles, and it is irreparable injury to the street, which encroached on the sidewalk.

He thought if the poles were put in place, the property owners in the work of paving.

In reference to the laid out by the council, the delegates explained the reasons were put in before the council. In reply to the mayor, and he had been gained in moving back the present sidewalk work for the additional cost of work.

Holland, however, in if the city could afford to take the poles remain, to see that the poles were put in before he took office.

David Spencer thought decided disadvantage to the street, and he thought the Government Street holders.

W. H. Langley inquired police company, under the wires under ground, definitely on this matter, conversation which he managed of the council by a sary pipe for the under.

Ald. Brydon, speaking of the wires underground, together of one mind. Redfern. He was present thought that for the sake of the whole of the city, the work should be done. He believed that the intersection and one-fourth of the cost of the whole street, instead of the whole street, as Ald. Kinsman stated were not going to last. When they have rotted out, they would be replaced.

W. H. Langley, while cord with Mr. Redfern, said that he was in favor of this work would be done as the removal of the wires.

He believed that the wires underground, worth only a few dollars, the city to bear this additional.

Ald. Brydon remarked, what about the engineer stated that he was the superintendent of the street, and had learned through the city engineer, the expense of laying the street, providing the city would condemn and manholes.

After some further discussion, Mr. Redfern in the matter of the mayor, that should not be withheld by property owners, who were not unanimous in their opinion. He also of one mind that not be removed. If the street was paved, the cost of the street, and the cost of the street, would have their support.

Ald. Cameron regretted the business of the street should take any to have the best street in the city. He thought that it was a pedestrian street, and he suggested a compromise might be made. After a vote of thanks to the engineer for his pressing their views on denunciation retired. The business of the council.