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OBJECT OF THE PRINCE'S VISIT

SEEKS ARRANGEMENT WITH UNITED STATES

Whereby Large Fleet of German Warships May Be Maintained in Caribbean Waters.

New York, March 7.—A special cable to the Herald from Berlin says:

"I am informed from a trustworthy source that the ultimate object of Prince Henry's visit to Washington is to bring about an agreement by which Germany will be permitted to maintain a large fleet in Caribbean waters to serve for the protection of German settlers and property rights imperiled by the frequent revolutions in South American republics. In official correspondence the fleet of German warships assembled at La Guayra is styled as the 'American station.'"

"Capt. Slog, of the Vineta, has received the title of commander and will be in command of the South American fleet, henceforth flying his own ensign. Although the fleet sent to Venezuela for the enforcement of the rights guaranteed to German capital and citizens already consists of five vessels, it is intended to steadily increase this number. The difficult issue is the acquisition of a repair dock and coaling station. Hope is entertained here that no objection will be made to the maintenance of the fleet in the West Indies, because it is intended to be entirely for defensive purposes and not to acquire territory."

"It is claimed that representations made by Prince Henry and Dr. Von Holleben, the German ambassador at Washington, have convinced the officials in Washington that no covert designs are entertained and that protection only is desired, especially because the Berlin government now undertakes the task of directing the German migration movement to South America. Heretofore the work had been performed by the Hansatic League and Colonial Society's bureau, the home office, of which Count von Buelow is ex-officio president of the German investors. These financiers are represented in New York by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. The claim is made that Germany is not in a position to offer adequate protection to German capital and investments in South America, and that the great Northern Venezuelan railway might far better be in the hands of United States capitalists."

SUNK IN COLLISION.

Crew and One Hundred and Fourteen Passengers Rescued.

London, March 6.—The American line steamer Wausland, Capt. Apford, from Liverpool on March 3rd for P. L. Muller, and the British steamer Harmonia, Capt. Penton, from Para on February 27th for Liverpool, met in collision to-night off Holyhead. The Wausland sank.

The Harmonides rescued the passengers and crew of the Wausland and is bringing them to Liverpool.

Tugs have been sent from Liverpool to meet the Harmonides. The Wausland carried thirty-two cabin and eighty-two steerage passengers.

The loss of the Wausland was due to the dense fog which enveloped the Irish channel.

Two Lives Lost.

Liverpool, March 7.—The disaster to the Wausland only became known late last night. The agent of the steamer received a telegram from Capt. Apford, which was handed in at Alnwick, a little place near Anglesey. This telegram briefly announced the disaster and did not give details or explanation how the passengers and crew of the Wausland arrived at Liverpool on board the Harmonia at 3:30 this morning.

The collision occurred in a thick fog at half past 11 p. m. on Wednesday when the Wausland was about forty miles southwest of Holyhead. The Harmonides struck the Wausland amidships and there was a terrible shock. Most of the Wausland's passengers had retired for the night. Perfect order and discipline prevailed. The crew of the steamer rapidly turned out the passengers and succeeded in assuring them that their lives were safe. The passengers were greatly influenced by the coolness of the crew, and obeyed instructions willingly and quietly. The Wausland's boats were quickly got out and in less than half an hour the entire

STEEL CORPORATION.

Reports of Proposed Conversion of Preferred Stock Into Bonds Are Premature.

New York, March 7.—Leading interests in the United States Steel Corporation say that reports of a proposed conversion of the preferred stock into bonds are premature. It is said that the proposition has been discussed by the financial committee, and has been taken up in a casual way by the directors, but beyond this nothing has been determined.

According to report it is not unlikely that it may be deemed advisable to issue bonds to the extent of \$250,000,000 without any disturbance of the present preferred shares issued. This can be done, it is pointed out, by charging the bonds to the account of one of the subsidiary companies of the steel corporation, but the purchaser of such a move has not been made clear. A report of the leading interests in the steel corporation said today: "It is too early to talk about these things. Measures have not taken any definite shape and may never do so. Besides, final action rests with the stockholders."

THE PREMIER OPPOSES THE COWICHAN LINE

He Wants the Railway to Albert to Run From a Point North of Nanaimo.

Nanaimo, March 7.—Hon. James Dunsmuir assured the delegation from the local board of trade that he will carefully consider the proposed Nanaimo-Albert railway and will give a conference next week, when he will say what can be done.

He assured the delegation that he will not support the route proposed by Cowichan lake, which Victorians so earnestly desire. He will favor one instead from a point north of Nanaimo.

The delegates expect definite action to be taken almost immediately in the matter. The members on both sides are generally favorable to it.

WASHINGTON'S SWORD.

Prince Henry Violated Will When He Took It From Scabbard.

Albany, N.Y., March 7.—Prince Henry, at the executive building today, was shown the sword presented General Washington by Frederick the Great. The affair was attended by a peculiar incident. When the will of General Washington was read after his death it was found that he had willed his five sword to his five nephews with the provision "That they should not be drawn from their scabbards unless in the defence of their country."

The sword presented by Frederick the Great has been strictly kept in its scabbard in compliance with the provisions of the will. When it was handed to Prince Henry he drew the blade from its scabbard to his five nephews with the knowledge of the provisions of the will, but he had nevertheless violated them. No mention of the occurrence was made to the Prince.

STRIKE AT COLLIERY.

Shamokin, Pa., March 6.—One thousand men and boys went on a strike today at the Natolic colliery, operated by the Shamokin Coal Company, because of the five-monthly payments law not being strictly observed. During the past year the employees went on strike to receive their pay regularly, and now they say they will not return to work unless the company guarantees there will be no trouble in the future regarding the disbursement of funds at a stated time, twice a month.

Despite the two-foot snowfall yesterday twenty-five collieries in this region would have been operated to-day had the railroad company furnished cars. The past two weeks there has been a car famine in this field owing to floods and storms, and the recent storm will prolong the period of scarcity of cars.

MORMONS BUSY.

Urging Young Danish Girls to Attend Their Meetings.

Copenhagen, March 6.—The Mormon missionaries' propaganda here has become so active that they are distributing literature within the Danish churches urging young girls to attend Mormon meetings. Statistics show that one out of every twenty-two Danish immigrants to the United States becomes a Mormon. The clergy, in connection with the government, are continuing their plans to put an end to the proselytizing.

DIGITELY KILLED.

Moynia Merida, Yucatan, March 6.—An engagement of federal troops and the warlike Mayas, commanded by Chief Leon, is reported in which the rebels lost 80 killed and 150 wounded. The encounter took place on the road to Guatemala, near Santa Cruz.

The international sugar convention was signed at Brussels on Wednesday. The fall count in the Seattle election gives Thos. J. Humes a majority over Godwin of 613. The republican ticket carried the civic elections.

VERY GRATIFYING STATEMENT MADE

INCREASE OF OVER TWO MILLION DOLLARS

Ottawa, March 7.—The financial statement of the Dominion for eight months ending February 28th last shows revenue to be \$38,066,737, an increase over the same time last year of \$2,948,300. The expenditure for the same time was \$20,067,067, an increase of \$2,402,223 so that there was a betterment of about half a million dollars. The revenue for the month of February was about one quarter of a million greater than for February 1901. The expenditure on capital account for eight months was \$5,354,872—over two millions greater than for the same time last year—so that there is a surplus of nearly eight millions on ordinary revenue which, when applied to capital expenditure, leaves only a small deficit over all expenditures.

THE SCHEME FOR IMPERIAL DEFENCE

EIGHTEEN ARMY CORPS WILL BE PROVIDED

Mr. Brodrick Hopes Colonial Forces Will Be Available—Roosevelt and Boer Delegates.

London, March 5.—The war office scheme, mentioned by the war secretary, Mr. Brodrick, in the House of Commons yesterday evening, by which he hoped the colonial forces would be available in the event of a war involving the general interest of the Empire, is said to-day to contemplate India providing three army corps, South Africa two army corps, Australia two army corps, New Zealand one army corps, and Canada four militia corps. These, in addition to six British corps, would constitute a force for imperial defence little inferior in numbers to the legions of the continental military powers.

SERIOUS WRECK OF A TRAIN IN TEXAS

Cars Were Ditched and Burned, and Thirty-Eight Persons Lost Their Lives.

El Paso, Tex., March 7.—The west-bound Southern Pacific passenger train from San Antonio was wrecked 20 miles west of Sanderson, Tex., this morning. The entire train was ditched and burned. The fireman, engineer and thirty passengers are missing. The wreck was discovered by the telegraph operator at a small station, who wired El Paso for assistance. The wrecking train left immediately for the scene. Only a meagre report has been received here.

CABIN DEMOLISHED.

Miners Buried by Snowslide in Colorado—Disaster at the Liberty Bell.

Telluride, Colo., March 6.—The bodies of Reddin, Bouzhen and John Nixon were found yesterday in the ruins of their cabin, which had been crushed by a snowslide. The men were working a mine in Bear Creek basin, about five miles from Telluride. The basin is full of snow and it is feared that other miners have been killed there.

MASONS FOR JERUSALEM.

Eight Hundred American Tourists Reach Jaffa to Attend Gathering.

Jerusalem, March 7.—The steamer Celtic, having on board 800 American tourists destined for this city, arrived at Jaffa yesterday afternoon. One hundred Free Masons, representing every grand lodge in North America, will hold a Masonic meeting at King Solomon's quarries under the auspices of the Royal Solomon mother lodge of Jerusalem.

THE ETRURIA'S PASSENGERS.

New York, March 7.—The New York agents of the Cunard line were besieged to-day with inquiries for information from the disabled steamer Etruria and her passengers. The agents said they had received no further information of the Etruria and all they were able to say was that the steamer Elbe will take off the Etruria's passengers and transport them to Liverpool.

AGAINST CLAIMANTS.

Spanish Treaty Claims Commission Gives Decision in Maine Case.

Washington, March 6.—The Spanish treaty claims commission has handed down a decision adverse to the claimants on account of death and injuries received on the battleship blown up in Havana harbor.

BEAUMARIS ELECTION

The writ for Beaumaris Election Issued—A B.C. Case Before the Supreme Court.

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THE COURT-MARTIAL.

Officers Charged With Brutal Treatment of Filipinos.

Washington, March 7.—Acting Secretary Darling, of the navy department, has received a cablegram from the rear-admiral commanding the Asiatic squadron, confirming the press dispatch to the effect that Major Waller and Lieut. Gray, of the marine corps, have been ordered before a court-martial to meet on the 17th inst. This is the extent of the information communicated in Admiral Rogers's dispatch. Nothing is said with regard to the composition of the court, the place of meeting or the charges against officers named.

DR. JOSEPH PARKER'S REBUKE TO THE KING

He Deals a Deadly Blow at the Englishmen's Sunday By Attending Sunday Concerts.

London, March 7.—There was a striking scene in the City Temple yesterday when, during the course of his sermon, the Rev. Joseph Parker, D.D., the minister, administered a pointed rebuke to King Edward, which was loudly applauded by the congregation. Having alluded to public houses as "trap doors of Hell," Dr. Parker referred to the King's recent brewing of beer while visiting Lord Burton.

MARCONI TO VISIT PACIFIC COAST

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THE FORESTRY ASSOCIATION—PAPER BY SIR HENRI JOLY—ARMY VETERAN KILLED ON RAILWAY.

Ottawa, March 6.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association opened in the parliament buildings this morning. The report of the directors showed gratifying interest in the work of tree culture and the preservation of forest wealth. A paper was read from Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere on forest trees grown at Victoria from seed imported from the East.

THE PROHIBITION REFERENDUM BILL

SECOND READING IN ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Dominion Board of Trade—Vice-President for Western Provinces Elected—Want Outsiders Barred.

Toronto, March 5.—The second reading of the prohibition referendum took place in the legislature to-day. In moving the reading, Premier Ross said the bill had been well received by the three parties interested, the people who wanted prohibition at any cost, those who wanted it on fair terms and those who objected to prohibition. He believed the bill could be enforced. The basis of vote would be that of the election of 1898, which was 455,976. One more than half of this would carry prohibition. The vote on the referendum would take place early in November.

CONTRACTS GO TO CHICAGO.

Local Contractors are Much Worked Over the Fact that Chicago Firms got 13 Out of 31 Paving Contracts Recently Given out.

Local contractors are much worked over the fact that Chicago firms got 13 out of 31 paving contracts recently given out. They are yelling that outside contractors should be barred.

COULTEUR ELECTED.

Montreal, March 5.—The synod of Montreal this morning elected Rev. Dean Carmichael as coadjutor bishop of Montreal. Among votes were six for Rev. S. U. Tucker, ex-Vancouver, formerly assistant to the successful candidate in St. George's church.

NEW STOCK.

It was learned to-day on good authority that the new issue of \$10,000,000 common stock of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company will be made to holders of the stock on the basis of two shares to every three held on the date of allotment. The price will be \$25. Three banks—Montreal, Bank of Commerce and Trust—have underwritten \$4,000,000 of the issue, \$2,000,000 each, and it is understood that the remainder of the issue has also been underwritten. A meeting of shareholders to approve of the new issue will be held next week, if the Nova Scotia legislature passes as quickly as expected.

FATALITIES.

Copper Cliff, Ont., March 5.—George Legault, an employee of the Ontario Smelting Works was fatally burned by hot nickel dust. He succumbed shortly after the accident. Hayes, an employee of the Canadian Copper Company, was smothered to death in an oil bin.

WANTS FIFTY CENTS.

Ottawa, March 5.—Frances Labells has taken action against the city for 50 cents damages for the loss of a clay pipe which was broken by the snow falling from the roof of Byward market and striking it.

DOMINION BOARD OF TRADE.

The Dominion Board of Trade has been reconstituted and officers were elected this morning. John Coats, Ottawa, is president, and Thomas F. Earle, M. P., Victoria, is vice-president for the western provinces. It was recommended that the membership fees be 25 cents, instead of 75 cents. The following boards have affiliated: Vancouver, Victoria, Orillia, Windsor, Hamilton, London, Waterloo, Iroquois, Lindsay, Three Rivers, Pembroke, St. John, North Sydney, Collingwood, Nelson, B. C., and Oakville, Ont.

TORONTO TOPICS.

Toronto, March 6.—Capt. Barker, of the Argonauts, is anxious to raise some American crew before leaving for Honolulu. The club has money for the trip, but does not want to spend it if the crew isn't good enough. For the purpose of finding out it is expected crews of big American universities will be asked to enter into competition with the Argonauts.

The prohibitionists are much disappointed with the latest changes made by the Ross government in the referendum bill. They wanted a vote taken on municipal election day, and object to the vote taken in 1898 being adopted as the standard.

The railway subsidies to be granted this season by the Ontario government, according to a statement brought down to-day, aggregate \$613,000.

The second reading of the Prohibition Bill to-night carried by a majority of 13. Mr. Martz, the Conservative member from North Toronto, voted with the government, otherwise the division was on party lines.

PAUNEFOTE SUCCESSOR.

Hon. Alfred Lyttleton May Be Next Ambassador at Washington.

(Associated Press.) London, March 7.—The Yorkshire Post today says it learns that Hon. Alfred Lyttleton is likely to succeed Lord Pauncefote as British ambassador at Washington.

DENSE FOGS.

London, March 6.—Dense fogs in the channel are causing numerous mishaps to shipping. At Holyhead a steamer grounded to-day and her passengers were landed in the vessel's boats. Railroad and street traffic is impeded.

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