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NEW YORK, APRIL 25.—A SHANGHAI DISPATCH TO THE HERALD, DATED MONDAY, SAYS: THE NORTHERN WATERS OF THE SEA OF JAPAN, THE TSUGARU STRAITS AND LAPERO STRAITS ARE ILLUMINATED EVERY NIGHT BY THE SEARCHLIGHTS OF JAPANESE TORPEDO BOATS WHOSE OBJECT IS TO PREVENT THE PASSAGE OF THE SHIPS OF THE VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON.

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THICK WEATHER PREVAILS, AND IT IS THOUGHT THE BALISTIC FLEET MAY SLIP NORTHWARD FAR TO THE EAST OF FORMOSA. JAPANESE SPIES ARE SHOWING EXTRAORDINARY VIGILANCE ALONG THE ENTIRE CHINESE COAST.

A DISPATCH FROM AMOY, CHINA, TO THE HERALD SAYS: THREE TORPEDO BOATS SUPPOSED TO BE JAPANESE, THREW SEARCHLIGHTS ON THE BRITISH SHIP RUBY, ON SATURDAY NIGHT, 50 MILES EAST OF HONG KONG.

WAS THERE A BATTLE?

**German Cruiser Reports Seeing Jap
Warship Badly Damaged.**

TSINGTAU, APRIL 25.—THE GERMAN CRUISER SPERBER REPORTS HAVING SIGHTED ON APRIL 22 IN THE STRAIT OF FORMOSA A JAPANESE MAN-OF-WAR TOWING ANOTHER ONE, WHICH WAS BADLY DAMAGED.

COALING OFF HAINAN.

**The Russian Cruiser Askold Preparing
for Fight.**

LONDON, APRIL 25.—The correspondent at Tokio of the Daily Telegraph sends the following:

"Japan is vigorously protesting against the preparation for flight from Shanghai of the Russian protected cruiser Askold. It is feared that more difficulties will arise on account of China's inability to enforce her neutrality with respect to the report that the Russian Pacific squadron is coaling off Hainan."

Negotiations Still Behind.

Tsingtau, China, April 25.—Positive confirmation has been obtained here of the statement that the Russian squadron left Kamranh Bay April 22, and that the Russian cruiser Svetlana, the Russian hospital ship Orei and four transport ships are still off Kamranh Bay.

The division of the Russian squadron commanded by Admiral Nebogatoff had not joined the main squadron commanded by Admiral Rojevstevsky up to today.

Witte Still in Office.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—The Russian formally denies that M. Witte has resigned the presidency of the committee of ministers. The paper explains that he is worn out with work and in urgent need of rest, but insists that he has not resigned. In financial circles it is reported that M. Witte may accept the management of the Russo-Chinese bank. The Bourse Gazette publishes a report that General Kuropatkin, commander of the first Manchurian army, will return from the front and be succeeded by General Kaulbars, commander of the second Manchurian army.

A PARLIAMENT FOR RUSSIANS ONCE MORE IS CZAR'S PROMISE

**Says Representatives of the
People Will Soon Be
Convoked.**

St. Petersburg, April 25.—Nobon.—"My will regarding the convocation of representatives of the people is unswerving, and the minister of the interior is making every effort for its speedy realization."

Emperor Nicholas, receiving in audience at Tsarskoe-Selo, Sunday, the marshal of the nobility of Kostroma, a government of Middle Russia, directed that the above message be communicated to the nobility of Kostroma. The message evidently was designed to be published to quiet the fears of those who are impatient at the delays, and who have grown skeptical of the fulfillment of the promises contained in the imperial rescript.

It is very significant that the Emperor used the words "convocation of representatives of the people," thus

CAN'T RECALL ACCIDENT

**But Forester, Who Was in Sarnia
Tunnel Horror, Is Back at Work.**

Port Huron, April 25.—The recovery of Fred Forester, one of the men overcome by coal gas in the Grand Trunk tunnel accident six months ago, when three men lost their lives, is considered one of the most remarkable in medical history. For weeks the hospital authorities expected his death, but he began to recover slowly and now has resumed work. His mind is an entire blank as to the accident, and it is with difficulty that he recognizes old-time acquaintances. All the men who survived the accident have been under full pay by the Grand Trunk all the time, besides having all their expenses paid.

CHINESE CUT OUT SLICING TO DEATH

**After This It Will Be Merely a
Matter of Decapitation—
No More Branding.**

New York, April 25.—A Pekin dispatch to the Herald says that in response to a memorial of Mr. Wu Ting Fang, formerly Chinese minister to the United States, an imperial edict on Monday abolishes the punishment of slicing to death and substitutes immediate decapitation.

The exposure of the heads and bodies of people after execution will also be abolished.

A reprieve until after the autumn assizes was granted for immediate strangulation, and three reprieves until the death penalty. Branding is abolished. Mr. Wu Ting Fang, the dispatch says, has been ordered to memorialize the throne for other beneficial changes.

This success of Mr. Wu Ting Fang in reforming the Chinese criminal code is the most important move according to these advisers, which China has made in legitimate progress.

DOWIE AFTER PROPHETS

**Says Five of Them Have Arisen Since
His Absence From Zion.**

Chicago, April 24.—"I am going to have a spring housecleaning here, and God help those men, who, in my absence, have tried to be prophets, and were not so appointed," declared John Alexander Dowie in Zion City yesterday.

That Dr. Dowie was aroused over the condition of affairs he found upon returning to his headquarters after four months spent in Mexico became evident early in the afternoon services in Shiloh Tabernacle. He refused to tell his people of his Mexican plans, saying they were of great magnitude, and might be injured by premature publication. He promised the first installment of an interesting disclosure of those plans Wednesday night.

"I will not allow criticism by ignorant men," said Dr. Dowie. "I would simply ask you to be prophets, but I tell you plainly that I am your shepherd. I have studied long to be a teacher. When the Lord makes one a teacher, he careful that you judge that one."

A ray of sunshine wandered in through the western windows of the tabernacle and settled on Dr. Dowie's long white beard, lighting up his purple robe and the bronze pulpit that held his Bible. He did not move, but stood in the transfiguring light for some seconds. Then a baby began to cry.

"Why don't you people stand still? I said, 'I will do mine. Speak only the language you know, and some of you don't know any. Do not talk, but work.'"

Drey Visits Hospital.

Toronto, April 25.—His Excellency the Governor-General and his daughter, Lady Sybil, visited the Toronto General Hospital this morning. They inspected the building and charted with many of the patients. The nurses were assembled in the violin theater, and were briefly addressed by his lordship. Later, his excellency proceeded to the city, where he was presented with an official address of welcome.

A TEMPTING SERVICE

**Fine Life Is That of a Soldier in Our
Garrisons.**

LONDON, APRIL 25.—The Morning Standard, in giving details of the enlistment in the Canadian army, describes it as a tempting service. The demand for recruits, consequent on the taking up of the defense of Halifax and Esquimaux, it says, offers an exceptional opportunity to healthy, young Englishmen with a spice of adventure in their patriotism and some desire for the freedom of colonial life. Apart from anything else, if not looked upon in the light of a career, it affords a remarkably good chance of settling permanently in a magnificent colony with none of the usual risk of hard times or lack of suitable occupation for the new-comer.

NO DIVISION BEFORE MAY 2

**Commons Back to Business
and Autonomy Bill
Debate.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 25.—The House resumed its sitting at 3 o'clock today, when Mr. Borden proceeded with the debate on the autonomy bill. The arrangement is that there will be no division before May 2, but this can be changed at any time by the whips of both parties after consultation with the leaders.

This is nomination day at Edmonton. There will be no opposition to Mr. Oliver.

Wreckers Amalgamate.

Detroit, Mich., April 25.—The Great Lakes Towing Company and the Hackett Wrecking Company, of Amherstburg, two concerns that were engaged in a fierce rivalry last year at the mouth of the Detroit River, have settled their differences and have signed an agreement to work together. The Hackett tugs and equipment become virtually a part of the Great Lakes Towing Company's outfit.

A Strike at Sarnia.

Sarnia, Ont., April 24.—One hundred freight handlers, employed in the Northern Navigation Company's sheds at Point Edward are on strike for higher pay, which the company refuses to give, and Point Edward and Sarnia for the relief of the Turkish troops sent to the relief of Riza Pasha, reached Sanaa (capital of Yemen), and these fled thither after sustaining a defeat at the hands of the insurgents. Riza Pasha's troops, 6,000 strong, encountered the Arabs in great force five miles south of Sanaa, March 30, and after a sharp encounter most of the troops, consisting of Syrian reserves, laid down their arms or deserted, the remnant of the Turks managing to reach Sanaa the same evening with only 50 camel-loads of supplies. The chief of staff, Izzat Pasha, was killed, and seven

Sultan's Troops in Rout Before Arabs; Turkey Now in Life and Death Struggle

Aden, Arabia, April 25.—The situation in Turkish Arabia has become critical. It transpires that only a thousand of the Turkish troops sent to the relief of Riza Pasha, reached Sanaa (capital of Yemen), and these fled thither after sustaining a defeat at the hands of the insurgents. Riza Pasha's troops, 6,000 strong, encountered the Arabs in great force five miles south of Sanaa, March 30, and after a sharp encounter most of the troops, consisting of Syrian reserves, laid down their arms or deserted, the remnant of the Turks managing to reach Sanaa the same evening with only 50 camel-loads of supplies. The chief of staff, Izzat Pasha, was killed, and seven

THE POPE'S CHARITY

**Returns \$1,200 in Peter's Pence to a
Poor Diocese.**

Rome, April 25.—An incident which demonstrates the unbounded charity and delicacy of Pius X. happened at the Vatican last week, when the Bishop of Mende, in France, came to Rome and was received in private audience by the Pope. The Diocese of Mende is known to be the poorest diocese of France from a financial standpoint, and Pius X. was very much surprised when the bishop offered him a Peter's Pence collection amounting to \$1,200, apologizing for the smallness of the offering because of the poverty of his flock.

Pius X., in accepting the gift, made some remarks about the love that prompted it, which is to be considered above the value of the offering itself, and then remarked that he would also make a gift to the Mende diocese worth at least an amount equal to that he had received. So he asked the bishop, who he knew to have made personal sacrifices in order to raise the amount he brought to Rome, to accept the same purpose for the poor of his diocese, an offer which the bishop absolutely refused.

Pius X. insisted, and the consequence was that the prelate having refused to take the purse with him Pius X. ordered that the money be placed to the credit of the Mende diocese at the call of the bishop, who, before leaving Rome, was informed that Pius X. would never use a cent of the amount for other purposes whatever.

NOT A WHEEL TURNING

**Santa Fe Tied Up by the Storms in
New Mexico.**

Gallup, N. M., April 25.—No through trains have run in either direction on the Santa Fe for the past 12 hours, and the prospect for immediate repairing of the break in the line between Bluewater and Granite River are not bright. The track for nearly half a mile is washed out. It has been raining almost continuously for 48 hours. Overland train No. 2, which left Los Angeles Saturday night, is held at Gallup, and other eastbound trains are at Stegman, on account of a wreck at Crookton early today, caused by soft track. The engineer and fireman of passenger train No. 8 were killed in the wreck.

THINK BOY A FIREBUG

**A Twelve-Year-Old Toronto Lad Is
Charged With Firing Stable.**

Toronto, April 25.—Charles Kirk, 12 years old, was this afternoon arrested charged with setting fire to a stable on Spadina avenue, on April 17. He is a son of the caretaker of the Lansdowne public school, and with another boy, is accused of having set fire to several other stables, including that of the City Dairy, where 30 horses were asphyxiated.

KIDNAPPED HER CHILD

**Courts Had Given It to Father But
She Defied the Law.**

Montreal, April 25.—Mrs. Lorenz, who has a charge of kidnapping her child to answer before the New York courts, left for that city last night in custody of Detective Lawson. The fight for the child lasted over several days, the little girl having unwillingly gone back with her father a couple of days ago. Lorenz had secured a divorce from her husband, and the courts gave her the custody of the child, the mother being charged with defiance of the law, and will now have to go on trial for that offense.

RODNEY MURDER STILL UNSOLVED; DETECTIVES AGAIN DISAPPOINTED

**Another Clue Fails—Sympathy,
Not Suspicion, for Mrs.
Covell Now.**

Rodney, April 25.—The Lowery murder case still remains a mystery. The clue the detectives were working on yesterday proved a false one, and the officers returned to the village disappointed. The questioning of Mrs. Covell continues, but it is evident that the old lady's terrible experience the night of the tragedy has affected her mind, and she is now contradicting herself in a pitiable manner in her versions of what took place on the bloody occasion.

At the inquest Mrs. Covell told the officers that she had given the murderer two purses, but since then both purses have been found in an old skirt

SWEPT OVER THE FALLS

**Two Brothers Believed to Have
Perished at Niagara.**

Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 25.—Thomas and John Knapp, brothers, whose home is in Chippewa, Ont., have been missing since last Saturday afternoon, and it is believed that they have been swept over the Horseshoe Falls to death. The Knapp brothers did considerable fishing on the river above the Falls, starting out after dark from New York side, yesterday pieces of the boat said to have belonged to them were picked up on the lower river, and in Chippewa their friends feel there is no doubt but what their lives have been sacrificed in the Niagara torrents.

POLICEMAN SHOTS BOY

**Son of a Wealthy Pittsburg Man
Killed in the Street.**

Pittsburg, April 25.—W. D. E. Papp, aged 19 years, a member of a prominent and wealthy Pittsburg family, was shot and killed early today by Policeman Rufus Ullom. Two of young Papp's companions were arrested and detained as witnesses, and a third escaped. The four young men were having an argument on Second avenue, and were obliged to move on by Officer Baker. After giving a short distance, they stopped and began wrangling again. Officer Baker started after them and they ran. Policeman Ullom, who was nearby, joined in the chase, calling on the boys to halt. They paid no attention, and Ullom drew his revolver and fired three times, the second shot striking Papp. He was hurried to the hospital, where he died at 5 o'clock. Policeman Ullom was arrested.

Had a Merry Time.

Kingston, April 25.—At Queen's University, this afternoon the students had their day, when Messrs. Henderson, Swanson and McCoochie gave their class vaudeville. The students had a merry time. The school of mining reports are expenditures of \$49,503, and carries an overdraft of \$2,089. The retiring directors were re-elected.

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Transvaal Starts Afresh; New Constitution Drafted

**The South African Colony Given a Legislative Assembly Though
Not Full Self-Government—No Restrictions Upon Boers,
Who Can Vote for First House.**

LONDON, APRIL 25.—The draft of the new Transvaal constitution was issued today. It provides for a legislative assembly consisting of the lieutenant-governor, six to nine official members and 20 to 25 elected members. Every burgher of the late South African republic is entitled to vote for members of the First Volksraad (assembly) as well as all white males of British birth occupying premises at an annual rental of not less than \$50 or having capital to the value of \$500. Financial measures must be recommended to the assembly by the Governor, and no part of the revenue may be appropriated without his authority.

AFTER A REAL GRIZZLY

**Roosevelt Will Not Be Satisfied Until
He Bags One.**

New Castle, Col., April 24.—In his new camp President Roosevelt slept in a tent last night, and is cherishing great hopes of bagging a real Rocky Mountain grizzly within the next week. While this new camp has not been formally christened it is generally known as Camp Roosevelt No. 2, but if the President kills a grizzly it will be named Camp Grizzly.

At Camp Roosevelt No. 1 a snug, warm cabin was handy for stormy nights, but here the only shelter was the President's tent. Already plans are being made by ranchmen to get souvenirs of each camp, and Camp Roosevelt No. 1 was visited by all the neighboring farmers, who carried off everything which could be called a memento of the President's outing.

The President's tent was brought from Washington with him, and he told Goff and Borah that it had been a relaxation from official cares to arrange the tent at the capitol and compare the time when he could make use of it.

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In a communication to Lieutenant-Governor Lawley, Colonial Secretary Lyttelton says the time is not yet ripe to grant full self-government. The latter involves party government and this, in the Transvaal will become more practicable when the two races have acted longer together, under equal rights of citizenship, and when bitter memories have become softened by time.

Secretary Lyttelton explains that similar constitutional changes cannot be extended to the Orange River Colony immediately, because the industrial and economic conditions there do not so urgently demand them.

RUN ON TRUST BANK

**Bigelow's Default Causes Nervousness
Amongst Milwaukee Depositors.**

Milwaukee, Wis., April 25.—Despite assurances that the Milwaukee Trust Company was in no manner involved by the financial troubles of Frank Bigelow, former president of the First National Bank, of Milwaukee, and confessed defaulter of more than a million dollars, crowds of people today waited long before the opening of the trust company bank to withdraw their deposits.

The depositors gathered at the National Bank were comparatively few at first, but the number continued to increase. Bigelow had been a director for the Milwaukee Trust Company, but when his default became known he was removed as such by the board of directors.

The notices posted on the bank windows, which the depositors, mostly working people, eagerly scanned announced the fact that the trust company was abundantly able and prepared to meet the demands made upon it.

Veterans and Grants.

Ottawa, April 25.—On May 5 Sir Wilfrid Laurier will receive a deputation of the veterans of 1866-70, of Montreal and Ottawa, to hear their views as to why a Dominion land grant should not be made in recognition of services to country.

PLANS OF FRENCH NAVY STOLEN

**Important Documents Disappear
From the Government
Offices at Toulon.**

Paris, April 25.—The rooms occupied by the director of naval construction were searched last night. The Journal states that valuable and money were not touched, but that documents and plans were carried off.

FLEETS ARE TO MEET

**British and French Sailors Will
Fraternalize in the Mediterranean.**

LONDON, APRIL 24.—The extremely interesting situation created by the events at present occupying the attention of European statesmen, forms the subject of an earnest discussion at the embassies. As far as the Moroccan question is concerned, and the consequences which may result from the visit of Emperor William to Tangier, no doubt exists here that the cabinets of London and Paris are in complete agreement.

The first visible manifestation of this accord was the visit made to the Straits of Gibraltar, in the French cruiser Due Chayle, by the French and British charges d'affaires at Tangier, to salute Queen Alexandra and the Victoria and Albert—a significant demonstration which has produced a profound impression throughout Europe. The second proof of the excellent relations between France and England—although the French admiralty appears to be still in ignorance of the fact—will be the friendly meeting this summer of the British and French fleets of the Channel and the North Sea in an English port, where British and French ships will fraternize for several days together.

Russ Spy Caught.

Singapore, Straits Settlements, April 25.—A Russian giving the name of Vladimir Antorchik, but carrying a passport made out in another name, has been arrested on the fortified island of Brani, and was arraigned here today on the charge of being on Government property without authority. He was remanded for a week.

Antorchik, who does not speak English, was residing with a non-commissioned officer of the ordinance department. It is popularly supposed that Antorchik is a spy, but the authorities say that no incriminating papers have been discovered.

A Shakespeare Festival; World Honors the Poet

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