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The first league match of the Canadian Military Rifle Association was shot on Saturday throughout the Dominion...

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It has been decided to hold the senior lacrosse match, Victoria vs. Vancouver, at the Caledonia Park on Monday next...

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President McKinley Asks Congress to Vote \$60,000 to Aid Americans in Cuba.

Resolution Carrying Into Effect President's Message Passed Senate Without Division.

Washington, May 17.—The president has sent the following message to congress: "To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States: Official information from our consuls in Cuba establishes the fact that a large number of American citizens in the island are in a state of destitution, suffering for want of food. This applies particularly to the rural district in the interior and eastern part. Agricultural classes have been forced from their farms to the nearest towns, where they are now without money or work. The local authorities in several of the towns, however, find themselves unable to relieve them, and are altogether powerless to aid our citizens. The latest report of Consul-General Lee estimates that six to eight hundred Americans are without means of support. I have assured him that provisions will be made to relieve them. To that end I recommend that congress make an appropriation of not less than \$50,000 to be immediately available for use under the direction of the secretary of state. It is desirable that a part of the sum which may be appropriated by congress should, in the discretion of the secretary of state, also be used for the transportation of American citizens who, desiring to return to the United States, are without means to do so. (Signed) WILLIAM MCKINLEY. Executive Mansion, May 17th.

OLD WORLD AFFAIRS

Three Continental Powers Plotting Against British Influence in Africa.

London, May 15.—There is a chorus of denunciations from the Liberal and Nationalist yesterday evening by the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. Balfour, that the British cruiser Powerful, said to be the largest cruiser in the world, will shortly be sent on a full power run to New York and back in emulation of the run of the United States cruiser Columbia.

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be admitted into Paris society. One sequence of the fire is the closing of a number of small theatres, and the Paris operantants. The Palais de Glace is also closed. A majority of the Paris theatres are deadly fire-traps and need structural changes. Even the stalls of the opera house, which were built to give access from them being obstructed by additional seats. The Figaro's relief fund reached the sum of 1,178,982 francs to-day and the "Hippolyte" reached 367,523 francs. While the Emperor William's sympathy with the victims of the fire made an excellent impression, he made a false step in contributing 10,000 francs to the relief fund, as his so-called patronage is greatly resented and has elicited anti-German articles from a large section of the French press, which is suspicious of the motive of the gift. Berlin, May 17.—The correspondence in this city of the Associated Press is reliably informed that during the past week a definite understanding was perfected by which the cabinets of Germany, France and Russia will soon reach a solution of the Egyptian Transvaal questions, and this will be done systematically in an anti-Turkish sense as the Greek-Turkish trouble is deemed the matter to be jointly taken up unless Greece and Britain in the meanwhile predicated matters in which case she will encourage the united open hostility of the three continents. The ultimate object of the agreement is to secure a cessation of Egypt, the nullification of the Heligoland convention of 1890 and to put the Transvaal upon a perfectly independent basis. France, in the settlement of peace conditions with Russia and Germany, is slightly side with Russia and Germany, in spite of the strong current of public opinion to the contrary. Both sides proposed by the imperial chancellor, Prince Bismarck, and referred to the right of association and the other referring to military trials procedure, are understood to have secured imperial approval, and the cabinet crisis is considered to have been adjusted for the time. In the dispute the bill will lead to violent opposition owing to the agreement reached between the emperor and the officers of the German Colonial Society, by which Duke Albrecht of Mecklenburg, the president of the organization, at the annual meeting on June 12th at Munich, will pass a resolution to "launch a thorough agitation throughout Germany in favor of enlarging the German empire by the acquisition of equal strength the navy of Russia and to have a navy two-thirds the size of that of France. Mass meetings for this purpose will be organized everywhere. The bill will be introduced in the Reichstag proposed to make the imperial appropriations of the reichstag quinquennial, like those of the army. A high treason trial in the Imperial Reichstag is expected to be held in a number of starting of the artillery by Metz was shown to have been for years past in close connection with the French police commissioner, named as a goal desirer named Hanpe, of Montigny, who Malmécy said all sorts of valuable material such as new types of shells, fuses and bullets used with the new rifles and other military equipment and munition. Malmécy, named as a goal desirer, means to retire recently from the army and live on the interest of his property. He was sentenced to six years and four months for the same with loss of civil honors for the same. The Federation of Manufacturers has sent a sharp protest to the Prussian minister of commerce, Herr Bismarck, warning him against sending objects to the Philadelphia museum. They argue that in view of the Dingley bill, Americans merely wish to imitate German modes. The steamer rates from Seattle to New York have been reduced to 1,500 net. Miss Edith Danquist, an American governess, committed suicide at West-haven on Wednesday, by shooting herself through the head. The motive for her self-destruction is supposed to be the failure of a bank in America where she kept her savings. Paris, May 15.—There are indications of the possibility of serious trouble between a royal cabinet and Morocco, owing to the incursions of Moroccan tribes into Algerian territory. These Moors, it appears, recently revolted against the authority of the governor of Oudja, a town just across the French frontier, and on Tuesday the insurgents succeeded in seizing the Algerian village. The latest news from the scene of the disturbance is that a column of the French cavalry is being massed on the frontier of Morocco, and two companies of Zouaves and a number of Tirailleurs, with several field pieces, have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to leave Oudja, the port of Morocco, at once. A rumor is also in circulation to the effect that a squadron of Arabian cavalry on the French frontier service, has been surprised by the Moors near Marghena, who first several volleys at them, putting 30 hors de combat. The commander of the Arabian cavalry was wounded. Dreux, May 15.—The remains of the late Duchess d'Alençon, one of the victims of the Paris Claretton fire, arrived here to-day, accompanied by 270 relatives and friends, including the Duchesse d'Orléans, the Comtesse de Paris and other members of the house of Orléans. The Austrian, Spanish and British ambassadors also accompanied the remains. The body was met at the railway station by the clergy and the municipal authorities, who escorted the casket to the magnificent decorated chapel of the Royal Hotel. There was a great mass celebrated, after which the remains were placed in the crypt, where only the French princes were admitted. "So you are engaged in relief work among the food victims?" "Yes, spent some time doing what I could do to make their lot more endurable." "And is the suffering as great as the press reports indicate?" "Even greater. The destitution of some of these people is simply not to be described in words. Our relief steamer went to the scene of the disaster, and had been for three days on the roof of a partially submerged barn without a drink." Mrs. Newell—Was I nervous, dear, during the ceremony? "Miss Spitzgrün—Well, a trifle at first, darling, but not after William had said 'yes.'" Lady shopper—Want to get something suited for a party of 10 years. Salesman—Slipper counter down in second aisle, turn to your right. "How do you stand on the impressive anecdotal question, Chumpley?" "Sorry, old man, but I can't spare you a cent to-day."

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QUEBEC'S MINISTRY

Likely That Flynn Will Resign This Week and Marchand be Sent for to form a Cabinet.

Montreal, May 17.—It is understood that the Quebec ministry will resign this week, and Marchand will be immediately sent for to form a cabinet. The Liberal leader has been in close consultation for some days with his most prominent followers, and the cabinet slate is understood to be almost completed. The most difficult problem facing Marchand is whom to select for the treasuryship. For this important position in the cabinet there are three aspirants—G. W. Stephens and Robert Bickerdike, of Montreal, and Sheehy, of Quebec. Stephens would make a good treasurer, but unfortunately, he is not a person great with the French-Canadian members of the legislature. Sheehy was the treasurer in the Mercier regime, and did not make a great success of the province's finances. Bickerdike appears to be the most likely person for the position. He is one of Montreal's leading business men and ex-president of the Board of Trade. He is a man of sound training and experience, and should make a capable treasurer. Bickerdike, however, is not yet confirmed in his seat, and that may interfere with the arrangement. "Women don't borrow trouble. You don't get them reflecting on the dark side of things." "No, the dark side doesn't give them the kind of reflection they like."

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