

DUMA REJECTS THE NAVAL BILL

Ministry Crushing Defeat
On the Building of Battleships.

St. Petersburg, June 7.—The Duma tonight, by a vote of 194 to 78, administered a crushing defeat to the ministry in rejecting the proposed expenditure of \$5,500,000 to lay the keels of four new battleships. The overwhelming opposition of the Duma is tantamount to an expression of lack of confidence in the ministry. Wholesale resignations from the ministry of marine are expected.

Debate on the naval budget continued in the Duma all day. Premier Stolypin made a final effort to secure the appropriations, though he was obliged to acknowledge that he was speaking in a lost cause. M. Guchkoff, Octobrist, and the other party leaders supported the proposal that the appropriations be rejected.

Alexieff Called Evil Genius

M. Guchkoff, who was applauded by the Radicals and the Conservatives as well as by the Octobrists, attacked former Viceroy Alexieff by name, characterizing him as the evil genius who was mainly responsible for the disasters sustained in the Russo-Japanese war. Not only had he not been punished, M. Guchkoff said, but he was today a member of the council of the empire and had a voice in deciding naval questions. Continuing, M. Guchkoff alluded to the recent report that Alexieff was to be appointed minister of marine, saying he had been unable to obtain an unequivocal denial of this rumor. Reform in the ministry of marine had not yet been accomplished in spite of the orders issued by Emperor Nicholas and the lavish promises of the Government, and the refusal of funds to build battleships was the only means of forcing a liquidation of the affairs of the old naval regime.

Demands Inquiry of Admiralty

In conclusion M. Guchkoff demanded the appointment of a commission to investigate the conditions in the admiralty and the fleet and to report to the Emperor and the Duma.

Premier Stolypin made no attempt to palliate the offenses of the so-called "Tushima" ministry, but he said the higher personnel of the ministry had been entirely changed since the war and that a full reorganization of the department was soon to be executed. Thanks to the existence of the Duma, the old evils could not be repeated. The refusal of the appropriations, he said, would leave the country wholly defenseless at sea and deprive officers and men of an opportunity to get training on modern vessels, as well as paralyze all progress in the navy.



Dandy Dixie Minstrels Tonight

The very successful season at the Grand will close tonight with the Dandy Dixie Minstrels.

There are over thirty all-star performers, including a superb orchestra and the famous Cotton Pickers' Band in this merry Ethiopian minstrel aggregation.

The performance begins with a magnificent first part, the scene being an elaborate setting in the Royal Palm Grotto. The olio features, numbering ten big acts, include, Williams and Stevens, Laughing Lamar, Prince, the hoop marvel, Magiana, the wire wonder; Jim Crosby, the monologist; Montrose Douglass, the trick bicyclist; the Dixie Ranger Quartet, Buddy Jones, the dancing wonder; Sammy Davis, king of soft shoe dancers, and others.

Full election returns will be furnished by special wire, and will be read from the stage before, during and after the performance.

REFORMS FAR OFF

Socialist Victory Thought Unlikely to Better Evils.

Berlin, June 7.—The jubilation of the social democracy over the first breach in the Prussian Chamber is naturally great. The organs of conservative opinion affect to regard the return of the Socialists as an unwelcome but insignificant intrusion. The National Liberals' foreign satiation on the ground that the presence of half a dozen Socialists is calculated to act as a safety valve to remove the old reproach on the Prussian franchise because it was too conservative. 315,000 Conservative electors to return 150 members, while 320,000 Socialists electors were unable to return one. The Socialist success seems unlikely to further the prospects of any thorough reform of the franchise, for it has been gained at the expense of the Radicals, who have been reduced thereby to a frame of mind wherein they will be amenable to such considerations as the Conservatives may suggest in framing their proposals of reform.

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Professor Frederick Starr, of the University of Chicago, has left for the Far East in search of an unknown Caucasian race, supposed to exist in the Philippines. He will spend three months in the study of the islands, and possibly may go to inland China, where the Lolos, another mysterious white race, exist.

PILES

Dr. Chase's Ointment is certain and guaranteed cure for hemorrhoids, itching, bleeding and protruding piles. See testimonials in the press and ask your neighbors about it. You can use it and get your money back if not satisfied. So, at all Dealers of EDWARDS, BATES & CO., Toronto.

DR. CHASE'S OINTMENT.

THREE OF THOSE ORDAINED IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL ON SUNDAY.



REV. C. F. WASHBURN,
of Millbank.



REV. G. B. COX,
of Hanover.



REV. T. J. HAMILTON,
of Bervie.

PROPOSAL TO BRIDGE GRAND TRUNK TRACKS

Plans for a Structure at Trafalgar and Hale Streets Ordered.

London Township council met in the town hall, Arva, Friday, May 29, 1908. Present—George Kimball reeve, James H. Hodgins first deputy reeve, S. Frank Glass second deputy reeve, John Gillson, third deputy reeve, and B. C. Brooks, counselor. The following communications were read:

A petition signed by five ratepayers of S. S. No. 20, asking that the property of Ernest Langford be added to Union S. S. No. 5, Westminster and London Townships; also, a counter-petition signed by the trustees of S. S. No. 20, against proposed transfer. No action taken.

A petition signed by F. E. and C. A. Leonard, Dr. John D. Wilson and F. W. Farncombe, O. L. S., asking for a bridge over the G. T. R. tracks at the intersection of Hale and Trafalgar streets, was laid over until the next meeting; plans of the bridge to be submitted to council for final action.

A letter from H. C. Small, secretary of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, filed for reference.

Sir John Carling and R. G. Fisher, his solicitor, addressed the council re water backing up on Sir John's farm. Referred to Council Glass with power.

Council then adjourned and formed a court of revision of the assessment roll of 1908. Some 36 appeals were disposed of and the court adjourned to hold the final sitting in the clerk's office, London, on Monday, June 22, at 10 a.m.

Council resumed.

A petition signed by twelve ratepayers against the payment of the contract price of the cement walks on Hamilton road, Elgin and Egerton streets, as said walks have not been put down according to the specifications, was presented by H. E. Finch, R. B. Sumner and John Burgess. The township engineer will be instructed to report on cement walks at the council meeting to be held on June 22, with an estimate of the work necessary, and the cost of making the walk conform to the specifications.

Messrs. Wesley Needham, inspector, and T. J. Clatworthy, trustee, of Egerton police village, addressed the council, stating that they would accept \$100 and the statute labor within the village, providing the inspecting trustee were appointed claimmaster, in lieu of all claims to the village on the township for 1908.

It was voted that the prayer of the petitions be allowed, and that the by-law appointing pathmasters for the year 1908 be amended by substituting the name of Wesley Needham for that of Fenton Paisley.

Alex. Ironside addressed the council asking damages for a horse injured at an alleged defective place in the graded sidewalk. Referred to the reeve to report at the next meeting of council.

Tenders for gravel in the different wards were opened and contracts awarded.

The following accounts will be paid: Levi Crouse, repairing bridge near the Canadian Packing Company factory, \$24; London Printing and Lithographing Company, printing, \$9.40; H. P. Bock, binding assessment and collectors' rolls and minutes book, \$13.25; J. W. Winters, drawing plans, etc., \$5; Mary Grant, postage, supplies and petty expenses to date, \$24.08; Chas. Dann, drawing plank and repairs to bridges, \$8; Joseph Morrow, drawing plank and repairing bridge, \$4.

The county treasurer will be notified to strike off the arrears of taxes on sub-lots 24 and 25, part lot 8, con. C, wrongfully returned.

Council adjourned to meet in the clerk's office, London, June 22, at 10 a.m., when the final court of revision will be held.

MARY GRANT, Clerk.

BRITISH NAVAL WAR

Beresford and Scott Not on Speaking Terms—Admiralty May Interfere

London, June 7.—It is not generally known that there has been a sequel to the incident between Admiral Lord Charles Beresford and Sir Percy Scott when the former asked the admiralty to haul down Sir Percy's flag, which would mean ruin to the latter's career.

The admiralty declined to accede to Lord Charles' request, whereupon the admiral ordered Sir Percy to communicate with him in future in writing only.

It is stated now that it is a question in regard to the efficiency of the fleet under Lord Charles Beresford's command as to how much longer this state of affairs will be allowed to continue.

The Progress of Presbyterianism An Increase All Along the Line

Greater Contributions and Big Increase in the Communicants.

Winnipeg, June 7.—The total contributions of the Presbyterian churches during the past year, as reported to the General Assembly amounted to \$3,613,743, an increase of \$568,465 over 1906. Of this amount \$1,289,129 represents the stipends paid to the ministers. The reports showed increases nearly all along the line. In the churches which now number nearly 4,000, there were 11,077 more communicants; 6,808 more families under the church's care; 11,194 more pupils in the Sunday schools; 28 more preaching places and church property had increased \$1,486,956. The total value now amounts to \$15,077,368.

The chief items in the summary of statistics are:

Preaching places—1907, 3,827; 1906, 3,739; increase, 88.

Manse and rented houses—1907, 1,070; 1906, 1,021; increase, 49.

Families—1907, 145,572; 1906, 138,567; increase, 6,808.

Communicants—1907, 264,999; 1906, 253,202; increase, 11,797.

Received during year, profession—1907, 14,328; 1906, 16,170; decrease, 1,842.

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Communicants removed—1907, 19,563; 1906, 17,098; increase, 2,465.

Sunday schools, pupils—1907, 186,950; 1906, 175,736; increase, 11,214.

Stipends paid—1907, \$1,289,129; 1906, \$1,219,658; increase, \$69,471.

Missions—1907, \$268,465; 1906, \$253,583; increase, \$14,882.

Total benevolences—1907, \$3,613,743; 1906, \$3,045,278; increase, \$568,465.

Value, church property—1907, \$16,077,368; 1906, \$14,590,412; increase, \$1,486,956.

Debt—1907, \$2,729,207; 1906, \$1,338,369; increase, \$2,390,838.

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Tornado Sweeps Western States Nebraska and Kansas Hard Hit

A Score of Persons Killed and Hundreds of Farmers Homeless.

Omaha, Neb., June 6.—The tornado which passed over Southern Nebraska and portions of Northern Kansas Friday evening was the most destructive, and covered the most territory of any similar storm which has visited that region in many years. At least 21 persons were killed, several were fatally injured and others were hurt. In addition reports received tonight said that several persons were killed at Byron, Nebraska, and Phillipsburg and Courtland, Kansas, which towns have been cut off from communication.

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Light Fancy Parasols, in plain and Dresden effects, priced at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00.

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Major Bertschinger Disclaims Responsibility for Disappearance.

Ottawa, June 6.—A peculiar situation has arisen in connection with the transfer of the command of the Second Field Battery, Ottawa, from Major Bertschinger to Major MacLaren. The former has declined to hand over the books of the corps to the new commanding officer, although ordered to do so by the militia department. Major Bertschinger is charged with certain shortages in equipment to the amount of between \$300 and \$400, for which he claims he is not responsible. The missing articles, he says, were lost at the time of the big "Streets of Paris" bazaar