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VISCOUNT HAYASHI ON SETTLEMENT

NO TREATY RIGHTS HAVE BEEN CONCEDED

Japanese Diet Discusses Emigration Affairs—Difficulties With China.

Tokio, Jan. 28.—Replying to interpellations in the Lower House of the Diet this morning, Foreign Minister Viscount Hayashi spoke at length on the foreign policy of the government, including the negotiations with the United States and Canada.

He announced that the Canadian question had been definitely settled, and read the correspondence with the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the Canadian commissioner of labor, wherein Japan has agreed to restrict emigration to Canada within reasonable limits. He said that a memorandum attached thereto defined what is considered reasonable limits, but insisted that Japan had not conceded any of her treaty rights nor had her prestige suffered.

Viscount Hayashi said further that certain negotiations with China were unsettled, pertaining to the Sin Minton Fakoui railroad, regarding which a protest had been presented to China regarding the Chen Tao boundary dispute in Korea. He said that Japan occupied the position of arbitrator, and would decide according to the merits of the evidence.

Viscount Hayashi, continuing, said it was the duty of the central government to conserve the interests of Japanese subjects, resident in other countries, by presenting a further exodus of their countrymen, which might be prejudicial to those already residing abroad, and the restriction, therefore, would be extremely rigid.

One speaker in reply said if China refused to listen to reason Japan would send a military force and compel her to do so.

Viscount Hayashi laughingly turned the tables upon the speaker by asking him if he would guarantee the result of the expedition.

Good humor prevailed throughout. Viscount Hayashi raised considerable laughter by his ready response to the opposition, which did not develop any special antagonism to the government's policy toward emigration.

CALGARY POLICE FREED OF CHARGES

City Engineer Dismissed—Will Enter Slander Suit Against Alderman.

Calgary, Jan. 28.—Though seven different petitions were presented asking for an investigation the city council last night dismissed the city engineer on a vote of seven to four. The engineer will enter a suit against Ald. Watson on the grounds of slander. The offence is said to have been committed at the last municipal elections.

Judge Stuart last night handed in his report on the civic investigation to the effect that he finds not one item proven against the chief of police on the seven charges.

In regard to the morality of the city, it places the blame for that on the city council, and finds that it would have been better for W. G. Hunt to have had some grounds for his senseless speech which caused the city council to call an investigation and spend a large amount in an unnecessary manner.

CHARGES FIRM WITH TRICKERY.

Ex-General Manager in Toronto Company Takes Action For $15,000 Damages.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 28.—Joseph Myers, late general manager of the Copeland Chatterson Company, has taken an action for $15,000 damages against the firm, alleging that he has been tricked into giving up an agency worth $6,000 a year, and subjected to indignity, abuse, insults and ridicule. The firm denies all the charges.

HELPING TO SWELL PROCESSION

Citizens Savings Bank of Long Beach, Cal., Goes to the Wall.

Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 27.—The Citizens' Savings Bank, of this city, to-day announced its suspension.

About three months ago the bank took advantage of the ninety days' rule for depositors, and since the expiration of that time it is understood the withdrawals have been greater than the bank has been able to meet.

MANSLAUGHTER.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 28.—A coroner's jury has returned a verdict of manslaughter against Wm. H. Kirkpatrick in the case of John J. Cummings, the lad who was fatally stabbed during a row at McPherson's shoe factory on January 17th. The jury, however, added that the crime was committed under great provocation.

ELECTRIC CARS COLLIDE.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 28.—As a result of a rear end collision of two electric cars near the drill hall, Conductor Fink was injured and several passengers were badly frightened. Slippery rails caused the accident.

EXPEDITION REPELLED.

American Explorers Driven Back by Natives in Wilds of Congo Free State.

Brussels, Jan. 28.—Advices have been received here to the effect that the American expedition led by R. Dorsey Mohun, which was seeking to penetrate into the wilds of the Congo Free State in the interests of the American Congo Company was attacked by natives and compelled to withdraw.

—The Victoria Fuel Company has recently opened an office in Trounce Alley for the purpose of retailing coal from the South Wellington mines, which have were opened a few months. S. Gisby is secretary-treasurer of the fuel company, and has been kept busy since his arrival here from Vancouver, getting the bunkers ready on the E. & N. wharf, so as to facilitate the delivery of the coal on its arrival here. The South Wellington mines are situated between the old Wellington diggings and the Alexandra mine. About 200 tons are being taken out every day, and in a short time the owners hope to increase the output.

ONE OF AMERICA'S BESETTING EVILS

Author of "Divorce" Emphasises Fatal Results of Institution.

Paris, Jan. 28.—Paul Bourga to-day discussed his play "Divorce," which is to be presented here to-night. He said it was his purpose to emphasize the growing evils of divorce which he contends is fatal to the preservation of the family as a social unit.

He cites America as the country where divorce has become an institution and he says the possibility of divorce leads people to enter marriage lightly, to separate and re-marry; in other words, it is legalized polygamy, and a pharisaical cloak for preserving the appearances of morality necessary to social stability while sacrificing the conditions therein.

In conclusion, Mr. Bourga said today there were only two horns to the dilemma, a return to the indissoluble marriage, or free union.

CHINA'S GREAT ENGLISHMAN.

Pekin, Jan. 28.—Pursuant to an imperial rescript, issued yesterday, Sir Robert Hart, inspector-general of the Chinese customs service, has begun the transfer of his duties to Sir Robert Bredin, the vice inspector-general.

The rescript in recognition of Sir Robert Hart's successful term of office, grants him a year's leave and confers upon him a rank equal to that of the president of the foreign board. Sir Robert Bredin has also received additional rank. Sir Robert Hart is planning to leave China for England in May.

ADDITIONS MADE TO THE VOTERS' LIST

Committee of Council Will Investigate Alleged Irregularities Election Day.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A committee of the council will investigate the alleged irregularities in connection with additions to the voters' list on election day.

Last evening His Worship suggested that a committee be appointed to look into the additions to the voters' list in order to straighten the whole question up. He did not know the merits of the case, but there had been reports of irregularities which reflected upon civic officials.

Ald. Gleason said he had full confidence in the integrity of the officials and the matter should not be dealt with.

Ald. Pauline suggested that His Worship should look into the matter and report to the council.

Ald. Cameron said it had been reported that a large number had been added to the list by the ex-Mayor. There had been a reflection cast as a result of what had happened in the papers. He thought it might be as well to have the question gone into.

His Worship said that he preferred to have a committee rather than act himself.

It was finally decided that Aldermen Mable, Hall and McKeown should be a committee to go into this question.

VANCOUVER SWEPT BY CRIME WAVE

Mayor Bethune Suggests Employment of Special Constables—Disarm Japs.

Vancouver, Jan. 28.—Mayor Bethune at the city council meeting last night suggested the employment of a number of special constables to counteract the crime wave and hold-ups.

Ald. McSpadden and McMillan demanded to know why the police commision had not taken action on the question of armed Orientals, but the Mayor declared the matter had not yet officially come before a commission. At any rate, the city solicitor had advised that the disarming resolution was a very delicate question.

NEW LEGISLATIVE BUILDING.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 28.—It is announced that the new building in connection with the legislative structure will be built within the next few months. The present parliament building is congested.

Of vessels built, those turned out from British dockyards usually form 20 or 25 per cent. of the total.

WILD ORGY OF HIGH FINANCE

OREGON BANK HAD SHAMELESS METHODS

Gold of Depositors Turned Into "Dust" and Blew Away.

Portland, Jan. 28.—The expert's report on the defunct Title Guarantee & Trust bank will be ready this week. It will show that so bad is the wreck, so tangled the accounts, so extravagant and incompetent the management, and so shameless the breach of depositors' confidence of bankers' ethics, and, of the people's law, that the bank is hardly better than a pile of junk.

It possesses no capital and is full of "Old hoss" accounts. It is no exaggeration to say that the institution never drew a solvent breath. During its orgy of high finance, its president kept in his office Bible and hymn book. The accounts show that practically every investment the bank made with the gold of its depositors turned into dust and blew away.

The report reveals no profits from any of the ventures except "enhanced values," which the bank officers added every once in a while to the price tags of the assets.

TURKISH TROOPS IN PERSIA.

Government of Sultan Denies Violation of Territory.

Constantinople, Jan. 28.—The Porte has made a reply to the representations made by the Russian ambassador here, M. Zinobloff, to the effect that Turkey has permitted her troops to invade and occupy the town of Subjulák in Persia. In its answer the government of the Sultan denies that there has been any violation of Persian territory by Turkish troops. M. Zinobloff and Sir M. R. O'Connor, the British ambassador, have counselled the Porte to avoid a conflict in Persia.

C. P. R. APPOINTMENT.

Vancouver, Jan. 28.—Allan Purvis, chief clerk to F. F. Busteed, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., has been appointed as superintendent of the Kootenay district with headquarters at Nelson.

MONEY CONDITIONS ARE SATISFACTORY

Optimistic Feeling is General Says C. E. E. Usher, Who is Here To-day.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

"There is as much money in the country as there ever was. The crops last year realized just as much as ever. The people are again becoming optimistic, so that it looks as if there should be something doing soon." These were the words of C. E. E. Usher, assistant passenger traffic manager of the C. P. R. western lines. Mr. Usher has met many of the most prominent people in the west and they, one and all, expect business to be improving about March 1st.

Speaking of the effect the new Empress hotel must have on the business of this city, Mr. Usher gave the case of Seattle and Tacoma as an example. Years ago when Tacoma had a fine big hotel and Seattle was without one, Tacoma had a very decided advantage in the way of business. It was not until Seattle got to work and put up a hotel too that they caught up with their rival city.

"In Toronto," said Mr. Usher, "It was thought that the erection of the King Edward would put some of the other first class hotels out of business, but it was found to be quite the opposite. The other hotels had benefitted rather than been injured by the new institution."

The country, Mr. Usher thinks, is in a good healthy condition. The business for the last holidays was very large and this showed that the people were prosperous. The amount of traffic was larger than ever, and he is of the opinion, from all that he has seen and heard in passing to and fro in the country, that business will pretty soon be humming.

LIBERAL MAJORITY.

Seaforth, Ont., Jan. 28.—The Liberal majority in South Huron is officially placed at 117.

TORONTO'S 450,000.

Toronto, Jan. 28.—The new directory gives the estimated population of Toronto as 450,000.

You can save money by buying your BUGGIES, CARTS, WAGGONS, INCUBATORS, BROODERS, SCALES, KITCHEN CABINETS, from

D. HAMMOND
1423 DOUGLAS ST.
P. O. Box 194 VICTORIA, B. C.

B. C. MAN'S SUICIDE.

Will McLellan Ground to Pieces by Train Near Astoria, Ore.

(Special to the Times)

Portland, Jan. 28.—A man in whose pocket was a letter addressed to Will McLellan, Procter, B. C., threw himself befode the train near Astoria, Ore., last night and was ground to pieces. He was well dressed.

The letter was unsigned, but apparently from his sister. It was dated "Wyoming," possibly meaning Wyoming, Ontario.

V., W. & Y. RAILWAY COMPANY.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 28.—The railway commission has reserved its decision in the case of the Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon Railway Company's request for permission to construct a branch line in Vancouver and another request by the Brunette Sawmill Company for an order to change the plan of the location of the same railway.

WHOLE CITY MAY BE DOOMED

SEA ABLAZE FOR HALF A MILE

Port Harford, Cal., Threatened by Oil Tank Explosions—Families Flee.

San Luis Obispo, Cal., Jan. 28.—Two immense Standard Oil tanks caught fire to-day at Port Harford, Cal. One has exploded and the whole city is threatened.

Oil is flowing into the ocean. Port Harford wharf is afire. Schooners are lying in to take people off in case the port is doomed.

Sea Ablaze.

Port Harford, Jan. 28, Later—Two more tanks are on fire and the remaining five are doomed. The Hotel Marie will probably go.

Twenty men on a burning tank escaped just before it exploded.

So much oil has run into the water that the surface is afire for half a mile. Families have fled into the hills.

DISPATCHES SEWED IN DRESS.

Mrs. Boswick, of 1867 Rebellion Fame, Dead in Toronto.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Martha Anna Boswick, relict of the late James P. Boswick, is dead of pneumonia, after a week's illness. She was born in 1829. When a child, deceased carried dispatches sewed in her dress from the headquarters to the "lookout quarters" of Colonel Wells during the rebellion in 1867.

CAN A MAN MARRY HIS NIECE?

Experiment Tried by Saskatchewan Parties, Each Aged Sweet Seventeen.

Arcola, Sask., Jan. 28.—A young French-Canadian of Wauchope has been summoned on a charge of perjury, the offence, it is alleged, having been committed in securing a license by means of which he was wedded to his own niece. Both parties in the marriage are 17 years of age.

It is reported that the wedding was an affair of honor, the young man having wronged his niece. It is further reported that the Wauchope priest would not marry the pair without a special dispensation from the archbishop. They then went to Manor, where a license was secured and the ceremony performed. The magistrate sent the young man up for trial, which will come off at Arcola in May. Much interest is manifested in the outcome, which will demonstrate if in any circumstances a man may marry his own niece.

NEW USE FOR SCHOOLS.

They Were Used as Lodging Places by Those Without Shelter.

During the last week the school house at Victoria West has been used at nights by some person or persons for lodging purposes, and not only was it used to pass the night but the tenant tried to make himself as comfortable as possible by lighting a fire in the stove, and also performed his ablutions in the morning, and made use of the towels in the lavatory.

The police were notified, and an officer was placed to watch the scene of operations, when seemingly the tenant concerned transferred his lodgings to the school house at Spring Ridge, and last night a policeman was stationed there, with the result that Herbert Hounslow was arrested at 2 o'clock this morning and appeared in the police court charged with vagrancy this forenoon.

In answer to the charge, the accused stated that he could not secure lodgings in town as every place was crowded. The case was remanded until to-morrow morning.

ILLEGALLY PACKED APPLES.

Trenton, Ont., Jan. 28.—George M. Alger, of Frankford, Ont., was convicted and fined for offering for sale fifty-five barrels of apples packed contrary to the government standard.

There are about 250,000 miles of cable laid under the sea, representing a value of $250,000,000.

CZAR NICHOLAS IS PLAINTIFF

CENTRAL FIGURE IN WINNIPEG LAWSUIT

Emperor Suing Absconding Treasurer for Prairie Capital Realty.

Winnipeg, Jan. 28.—One of the most extraordinary lawsuits that was ever heard in the court of the King's Bench for Manitoba, was instituted to-day.

The plaintiff is Czar Nicholas of all the Russias, who is suing for a large sum of money invested in Winnipeg real estate by his absconding treasurer of the department of the interior of Turkestan, who ran away with 340,000 roubles some time ago, and who has since been living quietly in this city.

Stefer Proskmchoff is his name and he is living with a lady of high degree, Countess Anna Zeman, who accompanied him when he fled from Tashkend. Since arriving in Winnipeg Proskmchoff has invested heavily in city property in the name of the woman.

It is in order to get this property turned over to His Imperial Majesty that the present suit is instituted.

J. E. O'Connor is acting for His Imperial Majesty. The defence will put up a vigorous fight and the case will excite great interest on account of the high interests involved.

One Human Mourner At Ouida's Grave

Florence, Jan. 28.—The funeral of "Ouida" yesterday was a most pitiful epilogue to her pitiful end.

She died amid squalor and poverty and her body was followed to the grave only by a dozen dogs she had starved herself to feed, and her faithful maid, to whom she left her last manuscripts. The body was buried in the English cemetery at Hagni di Lucca, and the spot is marked only by a wooden cross.

CARDINAL RICHARD IS NO MORE

Paris Archbishop Was One of Strongest Men in Church.

Paris, Jan. 28.—Francois Marc Benjamin Richard, cardinal of the Holy Roman church and archbishop of Paris, died here to-day of a congestion of the lungs, after a short illness. Cardinal Richard was born at Nantes on March 1, 1819, and he was made cardinal in 1889.

Loss to Church.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 28.—Cardinal Gibbons, who is in this city to-day, received word of the death of Cardinal Richard at Paris.

The cardinal said: "Cardinal Richard was the oldest of the college of cardinals. He was a very strong man, and his death means a distinct loss to the church."

The death of the aged prelate was not unexpected, Cardinal Gibbons said, on account of his advanced years.

BODY IN NANAIMO HARBOR.

Identified as Wong Wai, Who Had Been Missing Since Dec. 8th.

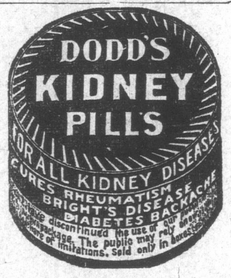
Nanaimo, Dec. 27.—The body of Wong Wai, a Chinese cook, who was employed on the steamer Fitzclarence, loading coal at Union Bay, and supposed to have been drowned on Sunday, December 8th, was found in the harbor this morning. The Fitzclarence before clearing had to pay the tax of $500, of which $50 will go for a reward for finding the body. The coroner has been wired to see if an inquest is necessary.

THIRTY YEARS TAX COLLECTOR.

Winnipeg, Jan. 27.—George H. Hadskis, for over thirty years tax collector of Winnipeg, has resigned, and will retire on February 1st. On his retirement the council will vote him one year's salary, $2,750, on account of long service. His successor will likely be R. D. Waugh, chairman of the public parks board.

ACTION FOR $50,000.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—An action for $50,000 damages for libel has been taken against the Montreal Standard by George Bissonnette, who, according to the Standard, was alleged to have conspired to defeat an aldermanic candidate in one of the North End wards of the city in the municipal elections to be held on February 3rd, for the sum of $400. Bissonnette was alleged to have promised to deliver three hundred votes.



MINIATURES RECOVERED.

Man Arrested For Stealing Royal Possessions From London Engraver.

London, Jan. 28.—Lionel Phillips was charged in a police court here to-day with the theft of three miniatures belonging to Queen Alexandra which were stolen recently from the studio of her engraver in London and which were recovered last night.

Phillips was apprehended by the aid of a saloon keeper to whom he sold the pictures for $102.

They are worth $1,000.

CARRIED DEAD BODY 400 MILES.

Dillon Wallace of Hubbard Expedition Fame to Tour Mexico.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 28.—Dillon Wallace, the explorer and writer, who carried the dead body of the leader of the Hubbard expedition four hundred miles on his shoulders, has just returned from a journey through Mexico.

He left last night for New York, and it is his intention next spring to make further explorations in Mexico.

MISS GLADYS AND LASZLO ARE WEDDED

Brilliant Vanderbiltian Ceremony in New York—$12,000,000 Bride.

New York, Jan. 28.—Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, possessor of $12,000,000 and daughter of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, was married to Count Laszlo Szechnyi, a young Hungarian nobleman, in the Fifth avenue home of Mrs. Vanderbilt at noon yesterday. The wedding was probably the most brilliant that has taken place in the city for a number of years.

The ceremony was performed by Monsignor Michael J. Laville, rector of St. Patrick's cathedral. The bride was escorted by her brother Cornelius Vanderbilt, down an aisle bordered with palms, entwined with a great abundance of orchids, to the altar. Count Szechnyi was attended by his brother, Count Denis Szechnyi. The ceremony of giving away the bride was performed by Cornelius Vanderbilt.

The bride wore a gown of ivory satin with embroidery point lace and garlands of orange blossoms. Her veil was of point lace caught with sprays of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of orchids and gardenias. The bridesmaids were Miss Ruth Vanderbilt Twombly, her cousin, and Miss Dorothy Whitney, daughter of Wm. C. Whitney.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served, the guests being distributed at the various tables throughout the house. Yesterday afternoon the Count and Countess Szechnyi went to Newport to remain for a week at the home of Reginald Vanderbilt.

AMES CAN SEE ORIGINAL PAPERS

Principle of Parliamentary Government and Procedure Vindicated.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—Sir W. Laurier in the House yesterday, now that the principle of parliamentary government and procedure has been vindicated, placed upon the table the originals of the papers asked for by H. B. Ames. The premier said they would be left in possession of the clerk of the House until such time as any one who desired had an opportunity of seeing them, and afterwards be returned to the minister of the interior.

Dr. Reid, Conservative, the other day said J. G. Turiff was a pauper before entering public service, and was now parading as a millionaire. Mr. Turiff said neither statement was correct. Dr. Reid was also offensive, but if he or any one else would make the charge against him he was ready to defend himself.

Hon. W. Pugsley, replying to W. Sloan, said that the government had received a representation regarding the inefficiency of the telegraph service to Prince Rupert.

In reply to another question Hon. L. Brodeur said that the fishery cruiser for the patrol of the fisheries on the Pacific Coast was not yet under construction.

STEAMER DODGED WATER-SPOUTS

Steered from Port to Starboard Eluding Ten in Gulf Stream.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 28.—Ten waterspouts were encountered in the Gulf Stream impending the progress of the Norwegian steamship Cecilia, which has arrived here from Cartagena by way of Turks Island, Carolina, last Friday, when the hurricane which brought death and destruction, swept up the coast.

In the wake of the hurricane came the water spouts. From port to starboard over a course extending for five miles, the Cecilia was steered, until ten huge spouts were eluded.

VIOLIN FOR THE KING.

Brockville, Ont., Jan. 28.—A violin which is to be the property of King Edward of England has just been completed by Archibald McIntosh, a violin maker of Brockville. The instrument is made of curly maple, the wood having been taken from an ancient table once the property of the Duke of Kent.

KNITTING MILL STARTS UP.

Catskill, N. Y., Jan. 27.—The knitting mill of Malcolm & Company here will resume operations to-morrow after a period of idleness of two months.

NEW ALDERMEN AND LAW SUITS

WANT INFORMATION ON THE LITIGATION

The City Council Will Meet in Private Session With Solicitors.

The present council is to have full information as to the subjects now under litigation. The initiative in this matter was taken by Ald. Pauline at last night's council meeting, when he moved as follows:

"That a special committee of this council be appointed to confer with the city barrister and the city solicitor on the litigation in which the corporation is engaged with the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company and the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Company, with power at discretion to enter into 'without prejudice,' negotiations for an adjustment of differences and to report and recommend to the council."

In explanation, Ald. Pauline said that there were a number of new members in the council. This litigation had come from last year. He had thought it might be wise that the parties to the various actions might confer with a committee from the present council in the hope of seeking an amicable settlement. He did not know that the questions in dispute could be settled, but if they could there would be a saving of law expenses.

Ald. Fullerton moved an amendment as follows:

"That all the words after that on first line be struck out and the following inserted: 'A special meeting of the council be held to discuss with the city barrister and city solicitor all litigation now pending between the city and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company and the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Company, and to take such action as may be deemed necessary in the public interest.'"

He said that he preferred to have the whole council take the matter up with the solicitors. At that time a full understanding of the various matters should be aimed at. A committee might be appointed then, if thought necessary, to meet the parties. The meeting of the council with the solicitors should be in private session.

Ald. Norman agreed it was wise to take that course, and agreed with the amendment.

Ald. Pauline said he was inclined to agree with Ald. Fullerton's suggestion. All he wanted was to endeavor to settle the questions, if possible. He was willing to amend his motion to meet the views of Ald. Fullerton.

This motion carried, and it was agreed that the meeting should be held on Thursday at 4 o'clock.

CLAIMS PAID TO CHINESE MISSIONS

Indemnities Arising from Boxer Outbreak Amounted to $2,000,000.

New York, Jan. 28.—The committee on reference and counsel, representing the Protestant missionary boards and societies in the United States and Canada, yesterday made public the following statements concerning the indemnities clause of missionaries and missionary boards for losses during the Boxer outbreak in China.

"Senator Lodge reports that the entire amount paid out by the United States government for all claims that were presented is $2,000,000. In this connection Washington press dispatches state that the most exhorbitant claims were those of the wives of missionaries. The fact is that the $2,000,000 included the claims of many of those who were not missionaries and that the bulk of the money paid for missionaries claims was for mission property destroyed, chiefly schools and hospitals and their apparatus. The claims of one society on property account alone amounted to nearly $400,000. The claims of the missionaries for personal property covered in some cases residences owned by them, and generally libraries, household furniture, and supplies, as well as clothing.

"All claims were submitted to the United States commissioner in Pekin, who approved them as fair and just. These claims are on file in the state department in Washington, where anyone, we presume, can examine them. The missionary boards have nothing to conceal, nor are they conscious of having anything to apologize for.

HIS TRIUMPH WILL BE BRILLIANT

Sanguine Statement by Premier Franco on Portuguese Conspiracy.

Paris, Jan. 28.—A dispatch to the Matin from its Lisbon correspondent says that Premier Franco declared yesterday that the situation is now well in hand and that the conspirators probably would be banished until the country is absolutely calm.

Continuing, Premier Franco said, according to the correspondent: "The more my adversaries labor the more brilliant will be my triumph."

MRS. EDDY'S NEW HOME.

Head of Christian Scientists Has Removed to New London.

Boston, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, who yesterday transferred her residence from Concord, N. H., to an estate in the Chestnut Hills section of New London, took a drive of about an hour's duration this afternoon in a closed carriage. It has been her custom to take daily drives during her residence of many years in Concord. At her new home no information was given out to-day, save that the methods in vogue in her old home would be continued with little change.