

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Reduction of Postal Savings Bank Interest Has Been Postponed Perhaps Forever.

Strike at the Edwards' Mills Still On—Track System the Cause.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, June 20.—The government has made another volte face. Opposition criticism of Mr. Fielding's proposed reduction in interest on the government savings bank deposits and the large withdrawals of the deposits since the first announcement was made, had had effect. The reduction of interest has been postponed until October next, and will not take place even then "unless the condition of the money market warrants a change." Besides that, in the event of the reduction taking place at all, depositors are to be given the option of purchasing up to the amount of \$1,000 Dominion five year bonds, bearing interest at three per cent. Thus, as the great bulk of deposits consists of sums under \$1,000 the reduction of one-half per cent. will apply to but a very small proportion of the floating debt of the Dominion which the savings bank deposits constitute, and Mr. Fielding's estimate of a large reduction of debt charges for 1898 accordingly disappears. A remittance of \$125,000 was received this morning by the customs department from officers at Lake Beauport. There is no change in the strike at the mills of Mr. Edwards, M.P. The strikers are in possession of the yards and approaches and allow no one to enter. While the action of the strikers in resorting to violence is condemned a strong current of public feeling exists in their favor. Practically the whole has been at the mercy of the firm for years, for although nominally receiving cash wages yet the retention by the firm of stores, so that the truck system was fully in force, and it is against this that the employees now rebel. It is believed here that General Gascoigne will be succeeded by Lieut.-Col. E. T. H. Hutton, who has the medal and 1870-81, served in the Transvaal campaign in the latter year, has medal and clasp for the Sudan and Egyptian campaigns of 1884-85, and was appointed A. D. C. to the Queen in 1892.

WILLIAM AND HIS ARMY.

He Relies on Continuance of "Unswerving Blind Obedience."

Berlin, June 20.—The official Reichs-Anzeiger says that Emperor Wilhelm the imperial guards at Potsdam on Thursday spoke of the army as being his most inheritance and said: "When I ascended the throne with a weighty load of anxiety, everywhere was I regarded as a stranger, and everywhere I encountered adverse judgment. The army alone believed in me and supported by you and trusting in the God of our forefathers, I have been able to do what I am doing today. I know well that the army is the chief support of my country and the chief pillar of my throne." His Majesty concluded with the words: "The army will become even more pronounced and that its main supports, loyalty, unswerving obedience, may ever remain unshaken."

HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION.

Its Opponents a Very Small Party in the United States Senate.

Washington, June 20.—Discussion by the senate of the question of Hawaiian annexation was begun to-day in open session. At the very opening of the question the opponents of annexation quite unexpectedly scored a point by preventing a vote on the taking up of the resolution. When Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee of foreign relations, called up the resolution, the Vice-President, as usual, declared that the resolution would be considered. No objection being entered, he declared the resolution to be before the senate. Mr. White then afforded the friends of annexation the opportunity they had been awaiting, by moving to adjourn, and like a flash Mr. Davis demanded the read and noon. The vote upon the resolution was a test of strength between the friends and opponents of annexation, and was defeated decisively by 44 to 15. Having gained this point in developing the numerical weakness of the opposition, Mr. Davis readily agreed to a motion for an executive session.

RANSOM FOR HOBSON.

Suggestion to Washington That Its Payment Might Secure Prompt Release.

Madrid, June 20.—Premier Sagasta when questioned on the subject to-day said nothing had been decided in title of the American reports regarding the exchange of naval constructor Hobson and his companions who were captured by the Spaniards after they sank the collier Merrimac in the channel leading into the harbor of Santiago de Cuba.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 20.—W. Ransden, the British consul at Santiago, now acting for the United States in the negotiations with the Spaniards for the exchange of Lieut. Hobson and his comrades, has suggested to the officials at Washington that even a ransom might be paid to secure the prompt release of the American prisoners. That idea was undoubtedly expressed in the cable despatches which passed to the colonial authorities, but in what form it was shaped is not clear.

Yesterday was a busy day down at the E. & N. railway depot. Fifty-five cars are being loaded with water-pipe to be used in connection with the water company's works. Goldstream, and the matter of shipping them required no small force of men.

CANADA AND GERMANY.

Exclusion of Dominion From the New Treaty Will Be Accepted Without Protest.

London, June 20.—German newspaper comments continue to characterize Canada's refusal to accept the terms of the provisional Anglo-German commercial treaty as proof of Canada's unfriendliness towards Germany. It is anticipated that Germany's exports to Canada will cease entirely, the most important item being unrefined sugar. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement made last week that Canada was quite prepared for Germany's action has stopped English protest against Canada's exclusion from the treaty. It is not now supposed that Mr. Chamberlain will take any action in the matter.

DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Death of a Senator—Agricultural College Students on Strike—C. P. R. Montreal Depot.

The Canadian Pacific company has practically decided upon building an addition to the present Windsor street depot at Montreal, to cost about a quarter of a million.

W. H. Wright, manager of the Bermill Hope stock company, who was accused by W. E. Phillips, of the Theatre Francaise, Montreal, of stealing \$3,300 in connection with the purchase of "A Southern Romance," was honorably acquitted by Judge Lafontaine yesterday.

G. Shaughnessy, vice-president of the C. P. R., has returned to Montreal from his trip to the Pacific Coast.

The second year students of the Ontario agricultural college at Guelph have gone on strike, refusing to write an examination which they claim should not have been imposed upon them as a condition of their receiving the associate diploma from that institution.

Hon. P. DeLois, senator for the electoral division of Lasalle, Que., is dead, at his residence at Beauport, aged 77.

Ferdinand Cloutier, a Winnipeg merchant brought to Montreal for trial on a charge of obtaining \$40,000 worth of goods from Montreal under false pretences, has been acquitted.

J. A. Letellier, jeweller of St. Hyacinthe, has committed suicide. Financial embarrassment was the cause.

A Montreal Star cable from London says: "The idea that the Duke of Connaught will succeed Lord Aberdeen as Governor-General of Canada is quite discarded in official circles. If he accepted the royal title anywhere it would be at Dublin. Lord Wolseley's name still remains the favorite for the Canadian position."

The hardware and chandery establishment of Crowl Bros., at Halifax, was damaged by fire yesterday with a loss of about \$5,000.

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Tea Importers Protest Against New Standards—The Supreme Court Restrains.

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General Gascoigne leaves for England within the next ten days. No information has been received at the department regarding the appointment of Col. Hutton as his successor. It is known, however, that Col. Hutton is an applicant for the position.

The Royal Military College entrance examinations commenced to-day at the newly finished military headquarters. There were six candidates here.

The strike at the Rockland mills of Mr. W. C. Edwards, M.P., is over. Mr. Edwards having conceded the men's demands, which include a 10-hour day and cash wages paid fortnightly. The truck system will be abolished.

The minister of customs was interviewed to-day by representatives of tea importers who wished a thorough understanding regarding the new standards. The tea men strongly protested against the proposed chemical test as unfair in the case of high grade teas, and urged that time should be given for consideration of the proposed changes. The upshot of the interview was a decision to postpone the operation of the standards until January next, and another conference will be held in November.

Representatives of the Ontario and Quebec governments are to confer with Sir Louis Davies to-morrow regarding the recent judgment of the judicial committee on the fisheries question.

Lord Aberdeen is to receive the degree of LL.D. at Harvard on the 29th. Liberal members of parliament are hot after the Supreme court registration, but Hon. David Mills has decided upon his man, E. R. Cameron, a London lawyer and strong supporter of the minister of justice, is to get the position. The salary is \$3,000. The vacancy was caused by the death of Registrar Cassels.

FOR HOME WORK.

Only the Best Goods Give Satisfaction.

Diamond Dyes, the World's Leader, Do the Best Work.

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GOLD FROM THE YUKON

Speculation is rife along the water front as to whether an American or British steamer will bring the first gold South from the Yukon, as to whether it will arrive and as to whether it will be landed here or elsewhere.

When it is recalled that last year, the excitement produced, even in this city where some of the after-effects came, was tremendous. That the first arrival of this year's gold will cause a stimulus to the Yukon trade again is not in the least doubted. Hence the interest that is being taken in the ships to come from St. Michael's.

Of these the Tordenskjold, Brigham and the other two are the most likely to be the first to arrive. The Tordenskjold is being three weeks have their headquarters here. The former two are due to arrive in a fortnight and the Dannebrog in about thirty days.

THE CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY are allowing the Tordenskjold 20 days to make up the voyage as she has to make a stop at Victoria and is not to be down the river. The Laurada is another bidder for the gold, which will either make Vancouver or Victoria her first landing port. According to the history of the North Yukon opens at St. Michael's about July 1, but owing to the climate of the coast, the navigation will be earlier this season than for years. On the upper Yukon navigation opens as early as May and therefore the natural conclusion is that some of this year's big clean-up of Yukon gold is expected to be made in the latter part of the year.

The government reports show that there are about 14,000 Spanish soldiers at Santiago and about 10,000 under General Pando 100 miles to the northwest. Up to the close of office hours neither army or navy departments had received any detailed information as to the arrival of the troops at Santiago. The only information was confined to a brief despatch from Capt. Allen of the signal service to General Greeley stating that the transports had arrived. The news has quite considerably longer than was anticipated and officers believe at least three days more will be required before the troops are on shore and in any sort of organized condition.

NEW FIGHTING CRAFT.

Great List of Battleships, Monitors and Torpedo Boats Named by Secretary Long.

Washington, June 20.—There was a wholesale christening at the navy department to-day when Secretary Long supplied names for no less than 35 war craft. All of these were provided for in last naval appropriation bill and while not been let, the advertisements have not been issued except in the case of monitors and what boats will be under way before the cold weather. First in the list of big battleships is the Maine, the progress has provided that that name shall be continued in the naval list. The other big battleships will be called the Missouri and the Ohio. The first of the torpedo boats bears the name of the brave young ensign Bagley who was killed on the deck of the Winnow under the guns of Cardenas, the first American naval officer to lose his life in the war.

Four states have the privilege of giving their names to monitors—Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida and Wyoming. The names given to the sixteen torpedo boat destroyers are those of America's foremost naval heroes. The names applied to the torpedo boats are those of lesser fame, but of glorious memory.

SYSTEM OF SIGNALLING.

The system of signalling at Little Canyon reported by Joe E. Roy, who arrived from the Navy on the steamer Tees last week, has been very conveniently arranged by the department of marine and fisheries. Signals shown from stations on either side of the canyon serve for the guidance of navigators. A white ball hoisted to the top of a pole indicates a vessel against entering the canyon and a black drum or square will denote that the channel is not clear and therefore must not be entered. The signal for a steamer with the signalman warning to issue instructions. Among other regulations affecting navigation on the Canadian Stikine is one giving a vessel starting up stream the right of way as against one coming down stream and the latter is obliged to tie up at extreme low tide. The signalman will also be required to give the signal for a vessel to stop. The signal for stopping is two long whistles followed by two short ones.

A MAIL IN THREE DAYS.

The City of Kingston yesterday morning brought in the first Sunday mail to arrive here in three days, a fact that has caused a great deal of grumbling in business circles. It will be remembered that the Kingston was laid off the run Saturday to have a new propeller adjusted and it was not until yesterday that she resumed service. The City of Seattle made the trip for the Sunday but did not carry the mail. The Kingston is the only ship subsidized by the Ottawa government to carry the mail but mercantile see no reason why they should not receive their Sound mail twice a day as easily as once a day.

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