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The Mules Go Free

Boer Attempts to Stop Shipment From New Orleans Frustrated.

Judge Parlange Holds the Courts Have No Jurisdiction to Interfere.

New Orleans, La., April 13.—The application by Boer representatives to prevent the shipment of mules and horses for the use of the British army in South Africa was dismissed to-day.

Judge Parlange, in his decision, holds that the transactions between citizens of the United States and the British government were conducted under the order of private citizenship, and that the courts had absolutely no jurisdiction to interfere. The horses and mules, the court said, were bought in a neutral territory. Judge Parlange continues:

"If the complainants could be heard to assert their rights, rights personal to themselves in the treaty invaded, and if the mules and horses involved in this case are munitions of war, all of which is disputed by the defendants, it would become necessary to determine whether the United States intended by the declaration of the treaty of Washington, May 8, 1871, to subvert the well established principle of international law, that private citizens of a neutral nation can lawfully sell supplies to belligerents.

"It is almost impossible to suppose that the United States would have done so, and would have thus provided for the most serious and extensive derangement of the injury to the commerce of our citizens where two or more foreign nations should go to war, and it would seem that there is nothing in the treaty, especially when its history and purposes are considered, which would warrant the United States inserting therein a new principle of international law from which the greatest damage might result to the commerce of this country, and which was absolutely different from and antagonistic to the rule and policy which the governfent of this country has heretofore strenuously and invariably followed.

"The principle that neutral citizens may lawfully sell to belligerents has long been settled in this country by the highest judicial authorities."

GERMAN ROYALTY.

Crown Prince Going to Vienna for a Good Time.

Berlin, April 13.—Crown Prince Frederick William to-night proceeds to Vienna in acceptance of an invitation from Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria. During the Crown Prince's visit a number of festivities, lasting several days and including parades and a large court ball, will be held in his honor. Emperor Francis Joseph, during his last stay in Berlin, and more recently at Munich, during the celebrations, March 12, attending the 80th birthday of the Prince Regent of Bavaria, conceived an extraordinary affection for the Crown Prince, which he has since testified upon a number of occasions. The Emperor of Austria is especially pleased with the Crown Prince's modest, frank and unaffected bearing. Shortly after the Crown Prince returns from Vienna he will go, April 24, to Bonn-on-the-Rhine, there to matriculate at the University. Emperor William will accompany him to Bonn, and intends to stay there several days. The Crown Prince will join the Students' corps called "Borusia" (the Latin name for Prussia) of which Emperor William was once a member.

The Turkish ambassador to Germany, Tewfik Pasha, will dine with the Emperor to-morrow.

Emperor William leaves for Hamburg next Monday, there to greet the returned sick and wounded German soldiers from China. On April 18, the Emperor will proceed to Kiel to witness the entrance of his son, Prince Adalbert, into the German Navy.

PANAMA CANAL.

Colombian Minister to Great Britain Upon Its Chances.

London, April 13.—Senor Gutierrez Ponce, the recently appointed Colombian minister to Great Britain, denies the reports that he has approached the British government in any way with respect to the Panama canal. Senor Ponce told a reporter of the Associated Press that up to the present time the basis of negotiations on this subject had been entirely confined to Washington. "Eventually," said the Colombian envoy, "I may have to take up the question, because it is of the greatest importance to the commerce of the world, and the recent action of Great Britain on the subject of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty shows that she is not indifferent. In regard to the ultimate disposition of the matter," said Senor Ponce, "there is no doubt that Great Britain's attitude in regard to Nicaragua furnishes an advantageous opportunity for Colombia to press her Panama claims."

Senor Ponce is of the opinion that if the Panama scheme should be transferred to the United States, any arrangements would be based upon the principle of strict neutrality of the canal and the maintenance of the sovereignty of Colombia upon the Isthmus of Panama.

WERE OLD-TIMERS.

J. A. Dougall of Windsor and James Cummiford Dead.

Windsor, April 13.—(Special)—J. A. Dougall expired suddenly last evening. Death was caused by apoplexy. He was born in Amherstburg 77 years ago, and had lived in Windsor since childhood.

James Cummiford, aged 83, oldest magistrate in Essex county, having been appointed 35 years ago, is dead at his home in Northridge. Paralysis was the immediate cause of his death.

SUBMARINE BOATS.

Germans Supposed to Have One That Is a Wonder.

Berlin, April 13.—The German authorities have been making extensive trials and experiments since March 1, near Lindau, on Lake Constance, with a new type of submarine torpedo boat. The inventor, who is a civil engineer named Gurt, of the navy department, preserves silence concerning the result of the experiments, but it has been ascertained that the tests have so far been successful. The boat dives for a short time to a depth of 300 feet.

METHODIST SMOKING CASE.

Why Church Court of Appeal Referred the Matter Back to British Columbia.

Toronto, April 13.— (Special.) —The Methodist court of appeal discussed several matters of church discipline at their annual meeting here. The most important case arose out of a misunderstanding as to the wording of church discipline which makes a letter of discipline of no effect in convicting a minister of smoking. The clergyman accused is Rev W. W. Bear, of Victoria district. His case was laid before the district by Judge Williams, and chairman of the district. Rev. J. C. Speer ruled that the paragraph cited in the case did not apply to ordained ministers. It was a technical question and the case was thrown out. Mr. Williams appealed to Rev. Mr. Whittington, president of the British Columbia conference, who sustained the ruling of the chairman, and the court of appeal has been asked to decide as to the working of the discipline. The court allowed the appeal and sent the case back to the district for trial. Rev. Mr. Speer should have tried it when it came before him. It is explained that some years ago Rev. Mr. Baer fell a distance of fifty feet, disorganizing his nervous system, and he suffered from insomnia from which he was relieved by administration of opium. Later he substituted tobacco for opium. Rev. Dr. Carman presided and the members of the court included J. J. McLaren, K.C.; Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Montreal; Rev. Dr. Antliffe, Montreal; Rev. S. Bond, of London; Dr. Jas. Mills, of Guelph; Judge Deacon, of Pembroke; N. W. Rowell, of Toronto, and Rev. Mr. Gundy.

The Grocers' Black List

Vancouver Retailers Have a Novel Idea for Recovering Bad Debts.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, April 12.—The names on the black list now number 800, and have been as high as 830, but they are now being taken off, thanks to the system inaugurated, at a faster rate than they are being put on. The retail grocers met on Thursday night to further consider ways and means in overcoming the serious losses caused by the credit system in vogue in Vancouver. They decided to continue the black list but to remove at once the name of any one from the list who made a payment on account or showed a disposition to do his best to settle. It was further decided that honest, sober delinquents be not blacklisted, that the list be used for those who could pay and did not pay, owing to scarcity of cash from extravagant and dissolute habits, or from a deliberate intention of beating their way. The people therefore who do not pay their grocers' bills are represented by a very much larger list of names than the 800 odd on the black list. It was further decided at the meeting that the black list did not induce those whose names appeared thereon to settle, that they would be given three months' time during which they would be urged to arrange the account. If they did not do so, a collector in scarlet uniform would be sent to their house or office to render the account, and this collector will have power to sue in the courts. In this way it is hoped that some of the dead beats, at least, will be induced to try some other city. Before a debtor is called upon by the bright uniformed collector, he will, of course, be proved incorrigible. Some of those on the present list have from three to five crosses in front of their names, which means that they are in the debt of from three to five grocers.

Their usual plan is to keep back a certain amount each month as long as the grocer will stand it. For instance, if the bill is $25 for the month, a story of hard times will be told the grocer and $6 or $8 kept back, say $18 paid on the account after a wait of 30 days. This happening for five or six months successively, the amount owing becomes serious for the grocer, and he requests immediate payment. His customer becomes indignant and changes his grocer, when grocer number two passes through the same experience as grocer number one. The present black listing system it is thought will be a great protection to grocers in this respect, in fact, it has already been so. Many men lately, who have asked for credit, and have waited until the grocer looked at his little black book, and have been told that they could not get credit as they were on the black list as owing three grocers already. Since the black list started over 40 of the men whose names appeared thereon, have, on getting this pointer, been frightened into full, or partial settlement, and their names have been removed from the list. New names are continually going on, but consciences are being awakened and grocers report that more names are being removed than are being listed, and the favorable ratio is constantly increasing in spite of the present very quiet times. It is said that drinking, gambling and extravagant living is responsible for the listing of 75 per cent of the names in the black book.

The body of Jos. Remo, aged 19, brakesman of the Hasting's mill logging train, Rock Bay, was brought to the city yesterday. Remo missed his footing while on a moving train. He slipped between the cars and was run over, being killed almost instantly. He came to this Coast from Massachusetts.

Several aldermen in the city are inclined to believe that contract work is cheaper than day work, and they are experimenting in sidewalks, calling for tenders for board and cement sidewalks instead of building them by day labor. The Trades and Labor Council strongly object to the contract plan.

NOT WANTED.

Soldiers Do Not Desire Jail Birds as Comrades.

Woodstock, Ont., ApRril 12.—The military authorities declined to enlist Geo. McDonald and Geo. Million, two men who had been given a chance by the magistrate of enlisting in the Canadian regiment at Halifax, or going to jail. In consequence the men to-day were fined ten dollars and costs or 30 days in jail. The military authorities say they can get all the men required without enlisting jailbirds and drunkards.

SENT TO PRETORIA.

All the Inhabitants of Nystrom Moved to Headquarters.

Nylstroom, Transvaal, April 12.—All the inhabitants of this place have been sent to Pretoria.

The Rules Changed

Provincial Association Decides on New Plan For Time of Play.

Y. M. C. A. Team of Vancouver Shut Out—The Season's Schedule.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, April 13.—The annual meeting of the British Columbia Amateur Lacrosse Association convened at the Hotel Vancouver this afternoon, President Armstrong, of Westminster, in the chair.

The move to admit the Y. M. C. A. lacrosse team of Vancouver was defeated, for although 10 votes were in favor and 9 were against, it takes a two-thirds vote to carry such a resolution.

Mr. A. E. McNaughton presented the claims of the Y. M. C. A., and the matter caused a lengthy discussion. It is reported that players who resigned to join the Y. M. C. A. will rejoin the Vancouver team, and peace will reign.

The Nanaimo team were admitted into the association by a unanimous vote. The matter of professionals voting at a recent meeting of the Vancouver association was brought up, but as it was shown that the voting was done through ignorance, no action was taken.

The report of W. E. Ditchburn, secretary-treasurer, showed the association sound financially. He referred to the season's play as not being satisfactory owing to inequality in the teams, and paid a high compliment to the Westminster team for the splendid work in the East.

The association decided that a team defaulting a game must pay $20 to the club defaulted to in five days or be suspended.

The time of games will be changed to 20 minute quarters, as follows: For 20 minutes the game will be played without rest or change of goal; then there will be a five minutes intermission. At the end of another 20 minutes play, ten minutes rest will be taken; then 20 minutes more play with five minutes rest; then 20 minutes play to wind up. The goals are changed every 20 minutes.

The following officers were elected:

Honorary President—Sir Henri Joly.

President—D. A. Smith, Vancouver.

First Vice-President—W. E. Ditchburn Victoria.

Second Vice-President—A. Simpson, Nanaimo.

Secretary-Treasurer—A. Turnbull, New Westminster.

THE SCHEDULE.

The schedule aranged was as follows:

May 11.—Victoria at Nanaimo.
May 18.—Vancouver at Westminster.
May 24.—Vancouver at Victoria.
May 24.—Westminster at Nanaimo.
June 1.—Victoria at Vancouver.
June 8.—Nanaimo at Vancouver.
June 15.—Victoria at Westminster.
June 22.—Nanaimo at Victoria.
July 1.—Westminster at Victoria.
July 13.—Nanaimo at Westminster.
July 20.—Vancouver at Nanaimo.
July 27.—Westminster at Victoria.
July 27.—Nanaimo at Vancouver.
August 3.—Victoria at Vancouver.
August 3.—Westminster at Nanaimo.
August 10.—Westminster at Vancouver
August 17.—Victoria at Nanaimo.
August 24.—Victoria at Westminster.
Sept. 7.—Vancouver at Nanaimo.
Sept. 14.—Nanaimo at Victoria.
Sept. 21.—Westminster at Victoria.
Sept. 28.—Nanaimo at Westminster.

The Governor-General, through his secretary, writes the New Westminster Association that he had offered no trophy for competition by the lacrosse clubs of Canada, and says if he does he will notify all clubs.

FRENCH REPORTED CAPTURED.

But the Story is Entirely Discredited in London.

London, April 15.—It is said that a private telegram has been received here to the effect that Gen. French, with 500 British troops, has been captured by the Boers while the force was enveloped in a mist on the hills. No confirmation of the report can be obtained.

The War Office here knows nothing about the rumored capture of Gen. French, and entirely discredits the report.

Amsterdam, April 15.—The report cabled to the United States that an attempt has been made to assassinate Mr. Kruger is purely imaginary.

MORE STRATHCONA'S.

Sergt. Duncan Among Those Who Are Travelling West.

Winnipeg, April 13. — (Special.) — Among to-day's arrivals from the East were the following members of Strathcona's Horse: Sergt. McMullen, of Armstrong, B. C.; Sergt. Duncan, of Victoria; Corp. Thornton, of Moosomin; Pte. English, of Calgary. Pte. Harris, of Okanagan, B. C., a member of C. M. R. was in the party.

ICE SHOVE.

St. Lawrence Rises Six Feet Opposite Montreal.

Montreal, April 13.—(Special)—Within five minutes of midnight the water in the St. Lawrence rose upwards of six feet, according to the gauge in the harbor commissioner's office. The ice shoved a short distance in a solid cake, then jammed in front of the city, forming a jagged mountain of huge cakes piled one upon the other. The water is rising rapidly.

FRENCH REVENUES.

Show a Falling Off Compared With Previous Years.

Paris, April 13.—Official returns show that the indirect revenue for March is 22,114,300 francs below the estimates, or 28,129,900 francs below March, 1900.

THE QUEEN.

She Has Started on Her Journey Home to England.

Frankfort-on-the-Main, April 13. — Queen Alexandra boarded a train at midnight on her return journey to England.

Wm. Braid, wholesale grocer, and H. T. Lockyer, manager of the Hudson's Bay Company, two leading business men of Vancouver, were in the city last evening.

DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder

Each time the United States Government has officially tested the baking powders the report has shown Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder of superlative leavening strength, free from alum, absolutely pure and wholesome.

This is gratifying, for Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is depended upon by millions of people to raise their daily bread.

PRICE BAKING POWDER CO., CHICAGO.

NOTE.—These Government inquiries also developed the fact that there are many mixtures upon the market made in imitation of baking powder, but containing alum or other caustic acid whose use in food is dangerous.

A DRUNKEN ROW.

Hungarian Trouble Was Not of Any Significance.

Buda Pesth, April 12.—The alleged disturbances yesterday at Tatatovaros, Hungary, was a drunken row among the miners, and not a serious conflict between strikers and soldiers, as reported in the United States by a news agency. No one was injured.

SEEDING IN MANITOBA.

Increase in Wheat Will Be Ten Per Cent.

Winnipeg, April 13.—Seeding has now fairly started throughout Manitoba. The soil is in good condition, and it is estimated that the increase in wheat average will be about 10 per cent over last year.

Vancouver Public Schools

Movement Among the Pupils to Raise Funds For Victoria Memorial.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, April 13.—A movement is on foot among the school children of Vancouver to raise funds for the erection of a memorial statue of Queen Victoria in the city to be presented by the children to the city. The idea is Trustee Banfield's. Mr. Banfield estimates the statue will cost $1,300 and he thinks that the 3,000 school children of the city will be able to raise that fund, by contributing five cents a week and by entertainments. Some strong language was used regarding the action of the city council in reducing the estimates, and one trustee suggested that the public be notified that when present funds were exhausted the schools would be closed. The following resolution was passed among o the subject:

"That the city council be notified that whereas the council has reduced the estimates submitted by the board of school trustees, by reducing the secretary's salary, and by striking out the salary of the truant officer, also the amount requested for new teachers, and sundry amounts required for miscellaneous work; we, the board of school trustees, would call the attention of your honorable body to the fact that we have complied with the School Act, in submitting our estimates by February 1st. We would also refer your honorable body to the position of the school board, as to the control of the finances and school management according to the act. We therefore submit to your honorable body that this board is managing the schools with due regard to economy, with efficiency, and will conduct the school business in the future as in the past, and should the council refuse to pay the accounts contracted by the board we will appeal to the public."

During the month of March the average attendance was 3,066.92, or 88.3 per cent. of the total number of pupils.

Sir Hibbert Tupper arrived from Ottawa yesterday. He states that in spite of newspaper reports to the contrary, he has made no charges whatever against Mr. Charleson, superintendent of construction of government telegraphs. As far as the inquiry has gone at present, is the auditing of the accounts, in connection with the construction of the lines. Some $400,000 have been spent and an enquiry is being made into the way this money has been disbursed. It may be that next session charges will be made if thought advisable, and a select committee appointed to investigate.

Never was a singer so enthusiastically received in Vancouver as was Albani last evening. Vancouver audiences are noted somewhat for their cold-blooded ness and apathy; therefore it was all the more remarkable when they rose in their seats and cheered Albani, demanding encores, double, treble and quadruple.

Twenty-seven Chinese gamblers were run in last night by the police, and this morning the city coffers were replenished by about $700 in fines.

The city council have adopted an agreement with the Stave Lake Power Co. The company refused to insert a clause that they forfeit $10,000 provided they did not carry out their agreement with the city, and the council finally yielded this point.

Dominion Capital

Survey of Southern B. C. Boundary to be Undertaken Early This Spring.

Crows Nest Pass Representatives Are Conferring With the Government.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 12.—Major Jarvis, late of Strathcona's Horse, has decided for family reasons, not to accept a commission in the South African constabulary. He will be re-appointed inspector of the Northwest Mounted Police, and will likely be stationed on the Dalton rail.

The energies of the surveyor-general's staff will be devoted this year to re-marking the boundary between the States of Washington and Montana and the Province of British Columbia. Cairns and iron pillars were erected over 30 years ago to mark the boundary, but nearly all disappeared and it is felt necessary, owing to close proximity to the boundary of many important mines, to replace these landmarks. Surveyors will be sent out early in the spring.

Mr. Fitzpatrick has given notice of a resolution to increase the saalry of the chief justice of the Northwest Supreme court by $1,000 and fixing the salary of an additional judge of the Yukon at $4,000.

Representatives of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. have been conferring with the government since the meeting of the railway committee yesterday, but so far no agreement has been reached.

J. McEvoy, geological surveyor, has made a report to the government on the Crow's Nest coal fields. He estimates the coal fields to contain over 22,000,000,000 tons of possibly workable coal.

The house discussed immigration matters all day.

Mr. Wilcox (Lennox) vigorously attacked the government for the importation of Doukhobors, Galicians, etc. He demanded these people be compelled to conform to the laws of the country.

Mr. McCreary (Selkirk) defended the Doukhobors, whom he said were highly moral people.

The discussion lasted all evening.

Mr. Oliver (Liberal) strongly denounced the Doukhobors.

Just after the house adjourned to-night, Talbot, of Bellechasse, attempted to assault Wallace in the chamber, but was prevented by several members.

The following changes are announced in the Rocky Mountain Rangers. Provisional second lieutenants, W. F. Crage and J. J. Holland having left, limits their names are removed from the list of officers. To be second lieutenants, Sergt. H. P. Hicks.

Dead letter offices are to be established at Vancouver and Dawson.

TOO ULTRAMONTANE.

Chapais' Course Killed Le Courier du Canada.

Quebec, April 12.—(Special)—Le Courier du Canada suspended publication last night. It had been in circulation for fifty years. Editor Chapais' ultramontane ideas seem not to have been taken kindly.

New York State Institution Has Come to Grief.

BRAID BEATEN.

Varden Wins From Him in Thirty-Six Hole Match.

London, April 12.—Harry Varden met James Braid to-day on the links at Ellham, in a 36-hole match. Both played brilliant golf, and a splendid contest was he result. Varden won by two holes up and one to play.

OLD AGE PENSION.

French Miners' Congress Favor Several Reforms.

Lens, France, April 12.—The Congress of French Miners, which opened here yesterday, to-day passed resolutions in favor of a minimum old age pension of two francs a day and an eight hour labor day, and a permanent minimum rate of wages.

PEKIN AMUSEMENTS.

Foreign Troops Seeking Relaxation in Horse Racing.

Pekin, April 12.—The discussion of politics has this week given place to amusement commencing with the races at the hunting park on Monday last. The remainder of the week was devoted to international races, an assault at arms and tent pegging at the Temple of Heaven. The Russians are celebrating the Easter holidays. The ministers openly express their desire that the foreign troops leave Pekin. They are as anxious for the departure as were the besieged ministers anxious for the arrival of the troops.

BANK OF SPAIN.

Senor Gullon Has Been Appointed Governor.

Madrid, April 12.—Senor Pio Gullon has been appointed governor of the Bank of Spain.

THE IRISH EMIGRANT.

Nearly Fifty Thousand Persons Left the Island Last Year.

London, April 12.—The official report of emigration from Ireland shows 47,107 persons left that country in 1900. This is 10.5 per thousand of the estimated population. The emigrants were equally divided between the sexes.

Applies Only To Fresh Beef

Chicago Canners' Nerves Were Unduly Shaken By the War Office.

London, April 12.—The British war office confirms the report that it is going to try the experiment of supplying the army with only home grown beef. The experiment will extend six months from June 2.

The director of contracts, A. Major, said to an Associated Press representative: "The new rule applies only to refrigerator beef, hitheto bought in the open market in London. It will not seriously affect the American trade as the total weekly supply for the army is only 20,000 pounds, which is barely two per cent. of the weekly imports of refrigerator beef into England from the United States. Mr. Brodrick's action was taken long before the New Orleans proceedings. It is quite absurd to suppose that any idea of retaliation prompted the order, which was due to a natural desire to help some of the industries. The difference in price is very trifling, and we are making that up by giving 'Tommy Atkins' frozen mutton two days instead of one day weekly. If the plan is satisfactory, our supply problem will be greatly simplified, for we often have complaints and disagreement over refrigerated beef. You must not suppose that we now use no home grown beef. Aldershot and some of our other camps are almost entirely supplied with home grown beef. We have hitherto used refrigerated beef in addition to our rations rather than as an integral part. We have no prejudice against American firms, and we do not believe they will miss this trade to any extent, even if it is decided to continue the experiment."

MR. LOOMIS.

Will Be Asked to Explain His Utterances by United States Government.

Washington, April 12.—The various interviews ascribed to Minister Loomis at San Juan have attracted much attention here, and the minister probably will be invited to explain some of his utterances if he is not able to enter a broad denial of the accuracy of the interviews. Reflections upon the personal character of the President of Venezuela are not regarded as proper, according to official etiquette. The prevalent idea is that no matter how these personal questions may be settled, it will be a long time before a United States minister will resume the post at Caracas.

BANK SUSPENDS.

Monticello, N. Y., April 12.—The Alton bank at Walton, Delaware county, N. Y., known as the Delaware Loan & Trust Company, has suspended. The report of the receivers shows $94,805 cash in hand, and between $185,000 and $100 $100,000 liabilities. It is proposed to distribute the money on hand at once and the remainder as it is collected. The officials of the bank say that the depositors will be paid in full.

Hoping To Agree

Negotiations on Hay-Pauncefote Treaty of Tentative Nature In Progress.

British Government Will Insist on Quid Pro Quo from U. S.

London, April 12.—Negotiations on the Hay-Pauncefote abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty are progressing, though they have not yet passed the tentative stage. A representative of the Associated Press has been informed that they are being conducted on a quid pro quo basis, and that no other method of abrogation would be considered by the British government. The foreign office hopes that a settlement satisfactory to both the United States and Great Britain will be arrived at before congress reconvenes.

Great Britain has not yet estimated the indemnity she desires China to pay. A representative of the Associated Press is informed that the government adheres to the belief that little can be gained by insisting upon cash payment from China, and though the government regrets that this will possibly be a cause for delay, it continues to instruct the British minister to China, Sir Ernest Satow, to try and induce the powers to agree to a demand for further trading privileges instead of money. The government is of the opinion that the opening up of those rich provinces hitherto closed to foreign commerce, will result in much greater benefit to the nations concerned and to China itself, than the extraction of lump sums of money.

Regarding Japan's attitude toward Russia, opinion in Downing Street inclines to the belief that Japan in common with the other powers is satisfied with what is termed as Russia's backdown, but that Japan will continue to keep a sharp eye on Korea, and have no hesitation in threatening hostilities should Russia menace that country.

The Statist has discovered a clique of swindlers making London their headquarters, who profess to represent a leading United States insurance company. These swindlers, it will say tomorrow, notify the family of a man recently deceased that the last premium, which ought to have been paid at a given date, usually very recent, has not, as a matter of fact, been paid, and that if it is not forwarded by a specified date, the policy will lapse. The widow hastens to send the remittance. The victims are usually French and Germans.

WANTS TO KNOW.

United States Feeling Somewhat Anxious About the Beef Business.

Washington, April 12.—Secretary Hay has cabled to Ambassador Choate an inquiry into the reason for the order of the British government measure which excludes the United States refrigerator beef heretofore used. This action is taken at the instance of the department of agriculture.

STRIKE THREATENED.

Carpenters in Cleveland Want Thirty-Two Cents an Hour.

Cleveland, April 12.—As a result of the refusal of the carpenter contractors to pay their employees 32 cents an hour, a strike of all the labor unions affiliated with the building trades council is threatened in this city. If the contractors employ non-union men, as they have announced they will, it is said a general strike will be ordered, affecting many thousands of men.

LATE J. C. McLAGAN.

Funeral at Vancouver Attended by Many People.

Vancouver, April 12.—(Special)—The funeral of J. C. McLagan, which took place at 2:30 to-day, was one of the largest ever seen here. The flowers were so numerous that they completely buried the coffin, as well as the top of the hearse. All the prominent citizens in Vancouver followed the remains to St. Andrew's church on foot, and a large number drove to the cemetery in carriages.

Always avoid harsh purgative pills. They first make you sick and then leave you constipated. Carter's Little Liver Pills regulate the bowels and make you well. Dose, one pill.