

Unexpected Defeat

Of the Conservative Party in
Denmark!Unanimous Thanks of the British
House to Ex-Speaker Peel.Reported Seizure of a British Steamer
by the Japs.Official Announcement of the Reina
Regente's Loss—Continued Increase
of the Caucasian Oil Output.

THE LOST CRUISER.
MADRID, April 9.—The Official Gazette appears today with a black border, and contains a formal announcement of the loss of the cruiser Reina Regenta, with an expression of the deepest sorrow felt by the Queen Regent and the Government over the disaster.

ONLY THREE SAVED.
LONDON, April 9.—The British ship Dundreman, Capt. Palmer, from Chingong, Feb. 2, previously reported as wrecked off Struis Point, on the southern coast of Africa, is a total loss, together with her cargo. Three of her crew were saved, but the remainder went down with the vessel.

COUNTESS RUSSELL'S CASE.
LONDON, April 9.—The cross-examination of Countess Russell was resumed this morning. She declares her sole object now was to return to her husband. She believed him to be a virtuous man, and wished him to forgive her if there was anything to forgive. The case was adjourned for the day.

AT THE ANTIPODES.
SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 9.—The New South Wales Assembly by a large majority has passed the motion to reduce the salary of the Governor-General to \$25,000.

MELBOURNE, April 9.—The project to hold a special session of the Victorian Parliament for the purpose of discussing tariff reform has been abandoned.

DENMARK CONSERVATIVES DEFEATED.

COPENHAGEN, April 9.—The general elections have resulted in a great victory for the Radicals, who will have a small majority in the Folkething. The capital is excited over the unexpected defeat of the Conservatives. Seven Socialists, five Radicals and four Rightists have been returned in this city.

BRITISH STEAMER SEIZED BY JAPS.

LONDON, April 9.—A dispatch from Shanghai to the Central News says that Japan has seized the British steamer Yiksang with a quarter of a million of cartridges near Taku.

A dispatch from Tien Tsin to the Central News says it is almost absolutely certain that peace will be proclaimed within a few days.

TOO MUCH FOR HIM.

LONDON, April 9.—The Morning Post will tomorrow print a dispatch from Friedrichsruhe saying that Prince Bismarck's health is less satisfactory than is to be desired. This is the result of the recent fetes and receptions, which overtaxed the old Chancellor's strength. It is doubtful if the dispatch says, whether the Prince will be able to receive all the other deputations that were to have visited him.

WOULD SNUB GERMANY.

PARIS, April 9.—The French Socialists are organizing a meeting to protest against sending a squadron of French warships to Kiel in order to take part in the ceremonies attending the opening of the Baltic and North Sea Canal in June next. An Alsatian delegate proposed that the Strasbourg monument on the Place de la Concorde be draped with crepe upon the day of the opening of the canal.

ITALY'S ABYSSINIA.

ROME, April 9.—The Government has decided not to occupy the territory of Adua, in Abyssinia, although the chiefs and people have offered to submit to Gen. Baratieri.

The Government is informed that a severe fight occurred between the troops and a band of brigands in Sardinia yesterday. Two of the brigands were killed and several wounded, and a number of others were made prisoners.

RUSSIAN OIL OUTPUT.

LONDON, April 9.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Odessa says that the Ministerial Department of Trade and Manufactures recently sent an envoy to Paris to confer with delegates of the Standard Oil Company, which had made overtures to Russia looking to an arrangement to obviate ruinous competition. Nothing definite was decided upon, and now it is stated that Russia's hesitancy arises from reports that the American oil wells show signs of exhaustion, while the Caucasian wells increase both in number and output.

BRITAIN'S PARLIAMENT.

The Republic of Hawaii Recognized—Thanks to the Retiring Speaker.

LONDON, April 9.—In the House of Commons today Mr. Sydney Duxton, Under Colonial Secretary, announced that one half of the troops in British Honduras would be withdrawn on April 30 and the remainder at the end of July. Sir Edward Grey, replying to a question by Sir Thomas Esmonde, said that the Republic of Hawaii had been recognized by Great Britain.

Sir William Harcourt moved a vote of thanks for the retiring Speaker, Right Hon. Arthur Wellesley Peel.

The motion was seconded by Mr. A. J. Balfour, the Conservative leader, and supported in eulogistic speeches by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and Mr. Justin McCarthy. The House passed it by acclamation.

Sir Edward Grey, replying to a question by Sir Edward Harlan, said the Government had not sent a commission to co-operate with the United States commissioners in regard to the Nicaragua Canal, nor would they do so unless they were invited by the Washington Government. The Government, he said, was fully sensible of the importance of the canal to British shipping, and would take measures in the event of the completion of that waterway to secure as favorable treatment for the Great Britain as was awarded to other nations.

Sir Edward Gray, replying to an in-

terrogation by Sir George Baden-Powell, said the Government had received no proposal that they advance money to pay damages to seafarers under the award of the Paris tribunal pending the settlement of these claims by the United States.

A PREY TO FLAMES.

Seventeen Horses Burned to Death in a Boarding Stable.

Fire in a New York Deaf and Dumb Asylum—The Inmates Escape.

KINGSTON, N. Y., April 9.—At 2 o'clock this morning Metzger Bros., boarding stables, were completely gutted by fire. Seventeen horses were burned to death.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Fire started in the mechanical department of the New York Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at One Hundred and Sixty-Fifth and Boulevard last night. The building, a three-story brick, is a total wreck. The loss is estimated at \$40,000. No lives lost.

WINSLOW, Ariz., April 9.—The roundhouse and machine shop of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company were destroyed by fire last night. Several locomotives were burned. Loss, \$100,000.

WINNIPEG, April 9.—The little daughter of a Frenchman named Pierrot was burned to death at St. Cloud. She with her baby brother were left alone in the house when it took fire. The girl carried the baby out, and returned to save the furniture, when the roof fell upon her.

Late Canadian News.

Winnipeg Masons Have Decided to Build a \$10,000 Temple—An Old Man Suffocated in Bed.

Dr. K. H. Cameron, a prominent Conservative worker, died on Monday at Cayuga.

Rev. Canon Brent, rector of St. George's Church, Newmarket, died on Monday evening, in the 75th year of his age.

The report of the interior department says that 370 settlers have arrived in the Alberta district during the month of March.

The ice on the St. Charles River is breaking up, and it is expected that river steamers will commence running this week.

The City Council of Montreal has granted Tiger Square on which to erect a monument to Dr. Chenevix, of St. Eustache.

At a meeting of the Kingston City Council on Monday night, a motion to abolish the mayor's salary was defeated by 17 to 2.

A grain buyer of Carberry named Morgan eloped with Miss Renwick, a village belle. He leaves a wife and three children.

Judge Kilham, of Winnipeg, has quashed the local option by a decision that it was a direct infringement of private rights.

The Rev. Father Paradis, the Canadian missionary, and head of the reparation scheme, is seriously ill at Lake Linden, Mich.

There is a report that Miss Julia Arthur, of Toronto, who is now in London, Eng., has got an engagement with Henry Irving's company.

Charles Ford was found dead on Tuesday morning in the Palace Hotel, Montreal. He was a son of Mrs. James Ford, Rose avenue, Toronto.

George Darragh, a Kingston horse trainer, who was bitten by a colt, is now suffering from blood poisoning, and is in a critical condition.

The Masons have decided to build a temple in Winnipeg that will cost \$16,000. The site has been selected and work will be commenced shortly.

Over 150 guests sat down to the banquet in the Russell Hotel, Ottawa, on Tuesday night given by the citizens of Ottawa to the Newfoundland delegates.

A Quebec dispatch says a man named Theodore Lessard was accidentally drowned in a dam at the Hardy & Dubord match factory Tuesday afternoon.

The death occurred at Souerville, Carlton county, N. B., of Rev. Ezekiel Slipperell, Free Baptist, at the age of 95 years, having been a minister for 65 years.

An old settler, Joseph Louie, was drowned at Selkirk. He was crossing the river on a dog-sleigh when the ice broke, and he and the sleigh went down.

It is altogether likely that Toronto's order for a Merrivether fire engine will be canceled, and that a second engine will be purchased from Mr. Ronald, of Brussels.

The young man posing as private secretary to Senator McInnis in Montreal dead-beated his way in Winnipeg in 1893 and 1894, and landed in jail, where he served four months.

Philip Brown, a respected resident of Rawdon, Hastings county, was suffocated in bed on Sunday evening by a fire which broke out in his dwelling. He was over 80 years of age.

Jules Gionas, a well-known young French-Canadian, attempted to commit suicide on Tuesday afternoon by shooting himself at the Richelieu Hotel, Montreal, but he did not succeed. His action was due to over-drinking.

Bradstreet's reports the following assignments: J. L. Courtice & Son, general store, Holmesville; Simon Bradstreet, coal, Milton; Alphonse Londrea, boots, shoes and groceries, Renfrew; Henry Cohen, furniture and stoves, Toronto.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

The appeal of Madame Joniaux, the Belgian poisoner, for a new trial, has been rejected.

Thirty years ago on Tuesday General Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia.

Shocks of earthquake were again felt at Reggio di Calabria on Monday evening, but no damage was done.

For the first time in the history of the Mexican Republic, the national budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 next does not show a deficit.

The funeral of the late C. Spencer Millichamp, paying teller of the Bank of Toronto, took place Tuesday afternoon, from his father's residence, 592 Church street, Toronto, to the Necropolis. No further light has been thrown upon the mystery surrounding the motive which caused the young man to take his own life. There is no shortage in his accounts.

Sir Thomas Powell-Buxton has been appointed Governor of South Australia to succeed the Earl of Kintore.

In Re Brooms.

Another Division Taken in the
Legislature.And the Government Gets 14 of a
Majority.This Time the Patrons Voted With
the Cons.

(Special to the "Advertiser.")

PARLIAMENT HOUSE, TORONTO, April 9.—Hon. Mr. Balfour's bill to incorporate the Windsor, Amherstburg and Lake Erie Electric Railway Company came up before the railway committee this morning and was passed. It is promoted by James A. Randall, Samuel W. Smith, of Detroit; Samuel W. Smith, of Pontiac, Mich.; Hon. W. D. Balfour, of Amherstburg; Thomas Ouellette and W. McGregor, M.P., of Windsor, and is designed to run from Windsor to Bar Point, on Lake Erie. In its application the company left itself an alternative between steam and electricity as a motive power, and before the committee they chose steam as the motive power.

THE SESSION.
Another division was recorded today, and the Government's majority this time was 14, although the Patron forces were wiser.

The subject was the renewal of the Government's contract with H. A. Nelson & Sons, whereby the firm purchases the brooms and whisks made at the Central Prison. The actual point is as to whether the Government should make such contracts without advertising for tenders, but the question of prison versus free labor crept in and evoked from Dr. Ryerson the remark that he would sooner see the convicts digging holes in the sand and filling than see them employed as now.

The debate began over Hon. Mr. Gibson's motion that the Government should not enter into such agreements without the consent of the House, and Mr. Whitney moved in amendment that such agreements should not be entered into without all persons and the House should have an opportunity given them by a proper system of competing. The Government had made the bargain with Nelson & Sons, Mr. Whitney held.

Mr. Gibson defended the Government's course of dealing with a firm that was financially strong, and cited the embarrassments caused by the failures of contractors who had been let to work by the Government. He held that Nelson & Sons by selling largely out of the Province had done less than most other firms would do to depress wages.

Mr. Haycock declared that while he approved of prison labor, he nevertheless argued that full competition should be allowed to make such agreements were made.

The vote stood 51 to 37, Mr. Beatty, of Parry Sound, voting with the Government.

EVENING SESSION.

In the evening the House went into concurrence, and a string of votes followed, the Government being sustained by majorities ranging from 10 to 29. First Mr. Carnegie moved to strike out of the salary of the provincial inspector of licenses—\$1,750. This was beaten by 52 to 35, the Patrons, except Messrs. Bennett and McNicol, voting with the Conservatives.

Next Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Beatty, of Parry Sound, moved with the Government being Mr. Beatty, of Parry Sound (Con.) and Mr. Haggerty (Ind.).

Mr. Preston moved that the appointment of a judicial committee be managed more stringently than at present. This was beaten by 49 to 39, the Patrons siding with the Conservatives.

Dr. Mescham tried to have the salary of the police magistrate at Haliburton of the police reduced to \$800, struck out, and was beaten by 55 to 29. Nearly all the Patrons, Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Beatty, of Parry Sound, voted with the Government, and Messrs. Gage, McDonald, Kidd, Dynes and Shore, with the Conservatives.

Over the next amendment there was a spirited debate, Mr. St. John moving to abolish the Ontario School of Pedagogy, claiming that this was unnecessary, and that the university should teach pedagogy. Hon. Mr. Ross made a brilliant reply, showing that to commit this to the university would be a gross injustice, and an attack on the efficiency of the whole school system.

The vote stood 53 to 34. Messrs. Caven, McNicol, Beatty, of Parry Sound, and the rest of the Liberals, and the rest of the Patrons and Mr. Haggerty with the Conservatives.

On the vote for the Toronto Asylum coming on, Dr. Willoughby moved to reduce the appropriation for the item of farm feed and fodder, and Mr. Haycock sided with the Conservatives. His criticism was vigorous, and provoked a sharp passage of arms between himself and Mr. Gibson, the two combatants proving well matched. The vote stood 53 to 35, Messrs. Caven, McNicol, Beatty, of Parry Sound, and the rest of the Liberals, and the rest of the Patrons and Mr. Haggerty with the Conservatives.

Mr. Haycock bore no malice, however, for on Mr. Little's moving that the municipalities should hand over to the municipalities the money for colonization roads he declared that the Government's management of the sum for colonization roads had secured better results than municipal control would have done. The motion was beaten by 58 to 31, Messrs. McDonald, Gage, McLaren, Dynes, Kidd, Shore and Haggerty voting against, and Mr. Haycock, the rest of the Patrons and Mr. Beatty, of Parry Sound, voting with the Government.

Next Mr. Howland moved to strike out of the vote of \$2,000 for forestry, and was beaten by a vote of 53 to 31. Messrs. Haycock, Gage, McNicol, Kidd and Currie, of Parry Sound, voted with the Government, while with the Government voted Messrs. Caven, McNicol, Beatty, of Parry Sound, McLaren, Gage and McCallum.

The condor is the largest bird in existence. Some of those shot in the Andes had a spread of wing of eighteen or twenty feet.

Servants Are Easily Secured

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Political Points.

The Session a Surprise to Both
Political Parties.Division in the Conservative Camp at
Ottawa.Haldimand Patrons Decide to Make No
Nomination—Notes.

TWO CONSERVATIVE CAMPS.

OTTAWA, April 9.—The Ottawa Conservatives are going to have some more fun among themselves. Like the Cabinet, they are divided into two camps. One party reorganized the Conservative Association and nominated candidates at a regularly-called convention. Yesterday another Conservative Association election, but the growing feeling calling its annual meeting on Monday next. They intend to hold a convention and nominate candidates. In this way there will be four Conservative candidates for two seats.

TO OPPOSE MR. MONTAGUE.
Attorney-General Sifton, of Winnipeg, will go to Haldimand in time for the bye-election contest in that riding between Dr. Montague and Mr. Jeffrey McCarthy. Mr. Sifton is booked to speak at four places, and will likely meet Dr. Montague at all of these.

THE UNEXPECTED SESSION.
The Ottawa correspondent of the London Times cabled that journal on March 22 as follows: "Both political parties are astonished at the decision of the Ministry to summon Parliament for April 18. Preparations for the general election were actively proceeding. Up to Tuesday everything pointed to a general election, but the growing feeling in Ontario against interference in Manitoba's school affairs undoubtedly led the Government to defer its appeal to the country." This frank statement, published in a quarter where facts and not politics are required, was written by a gentleman in the confidence of the Prime Minister and the Government, and confirms the repeated announcement that dissolution had been determined upon. The decision to call Parliament was the result of a complete and sudden change of mind.

HALDIMAND PATRONS.
CAYUGA, April 9.—The Patrons of Industry met in convention in the court house today, and passed resolutions to the effect that they do not deem it advisable to place a candidate in the field, and that each member of the order be left to exercise his judgment in casting his ballot on the questions at issue, also expressing confidence in Mr. Beck, their candidate for the House of Commons, and endorsing the action of the Patrons in the Legislature.

BURIED ALIVE.

Collapse of a Four-Story Building in Wheeling, Va.

Taking Out the Dead—A Priest Killed While Passing.

THE VICTIMS.
WHEELING, W. Va., April 9.—At noon the following had been taken out dead: Father F. Park, vicar-general.

W. S. Pritchard, merchant, Buchanan, W. Va.

Those thought to be lost are: Eugene Burke, employee of Hutchison & Co.

Robert Wincher (boy), employee of Hutchison & Co.

Harry Cowl, Western Union messenger.

William Crabbe, cabman.

THE CAUSE.
The cause of the accident was the defective construction of the Hutchison building, which was weakened a year ago by the addition of two stories. Natural gas set fire to the ruins.

The financial loss by the disaster will exceed \$250,000.

AT 9 O'CLOCK MISSING.
At 9 o'clock tonight the list of dead and missing was as follows:

Father F. H. Parke, vicar-general of West Virginia diocese.

Ben. Pritchard, carriage builder, of Buchanan, West Virginia.

Robert Winchar, Eugene Birch and Michael Moran, employees of Hutchison & Co.

Henry Cowle, Western Union messenger.

THE INJURED.
T. T. Hutchisson, senior member of Hutchisson & Co.

J. Ford, employee of Hutchisson & Co.

C. E. W. Williams, carpenter.

G. W. Clifton, carpenter.

All the injured will recover.

The cause of the collapse was the defective construction of the Hutchisson building, which was condemned two years ago.

TRACK-WALKER KILLED.
GUELPH, April 9.—An unknown old man who was walking along the Wellington, Grey and Bruce track about three miles north of here was struck and instantly killed by a down passenger train, due here at 10:10 a.m. The train was stopped and the body brought on to Guelph.

RAILROAD WRECK.
BRADFORD, Pa., April 9.—A bad wreck occurred on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad early this morning between Punksatawung and Big Run. The official account of the accident received from the company is that the train struck a washout and left the rails, piling up the engine and eighteen empty gondollers promiscuously. Engineer Ed. C. Taylor and Fireman Morris Shea and Brakeman O'Connor were buried under the wreck and killed. The conductor escaped uninjured.

MISHAP ON THE C. P. R.
TORONTO, April 9.—The C. P. R.'s train from Montreal this evening was four and a quarter hours late in arriving owing to a slight mishap between Claremont and Myrtle. The engine and tender of freight No. 3 left the track at the point named early in the morning, blocking the line for some hours and necessitating the transhipment of passengers. None of the cars left the rails, and the only damage done was to the permanent way. The road was cleared by nightfall. The passengers on the delayed train, booked for points further west, made connections at Toronto Junction, where the west-bound train was held for them.

Steamers Arrived.

April 4. At From.
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Maa dam.....Boulogne.....New York
Paris.....Hamburg.....New York

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Torchon

Valenciennes

Irish Point

Point De Luxvel

Oriental

Guipure

Vandyke

Spanish

Chantilly

Soutache

Vandyke

DRESS GOODS.

Every store in town claims to have the leading Dress Goods Department. We can only say come and see us. It is a moral impossibility to discuss our various lines. Perhaps we can give you an idea if we say we have everything. Come and see our stock.

SILKS.

In Silks we are stronger than ever this season. We start at an All-Silk Surah at 25c the yard, and stop at \$5 the yard. Every kind and color you can think of is here for your choice, at all prices.

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Chinas

Surahs

Pailles

Pailles

Gros Grains

Taffetas

Merveilleux

Duchesse

Duchesse

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Armures

Luxors

Royales

Royales

Empires

Crystals

Satins

Pongees

Pongees

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Perfect Service,

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Mattings,

Curtains,

Curtain Materials,

Rugs.

Mats,

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Blind Rollers,

Blind Fringes,

Curtain Poles,

Etc., Etc.