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WAR COMES HIGH.

Fight With Spain Cost United States \$275,000,000.

And the Expenditure in Connection With Cuba and Philippines Still Goes On.

The Public Debt Walked Up Over Twenty-two Million Dollars During the Month of April.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The monthly comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures show the total receipts for April, 1899, were \$41,811,587, an increase as compared with April, 1898, of about \$8,000,000.

The expenditures during April, 1899, were \$65,949,106, an increase over April last year of \$21,700,000. Included in the expenditures is the payment of \$39,000,000 to Spain.

The total receipts for the ten months of the present fiscal year were \$424,056,014, as compared with \$340,928,000 for the same period of the last fiscal year. The expenditures for the last ten months aggregated \$533,451,409, as compared with \$347,873,195 for the same period last year.

The amount of cash payments already made on account of the war is approximately by the treasury at from \$275,000,000 to \$375,000,000. Of this amount about \$18,000,000 is estimated to have been paid through the war department, \$54,000,000 through the navy department, \$20,000,000 under the treaty with Spain, and \$4,000,000 on account of increased expenditures in the civil establishment.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The monthly statement of the public debt, issued today, shows that at the close of business April 29, 1899, the debt less cash in the treasury amounted to \$1,173,787,264, an increase during the month of \$23,061,701. This is accounted for by the payment of \$20,000,000 to Spain in settlement of treaty obligations.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The comptroller of currency says the total national bank circulation on April 29, 1899, was \$242,714,333, an increase for the year of \$15,101,488 and a decrease for the month of \$337,984. The coinage executed at the mints of the United States during April, 1899, aggregated \$10,066,994.

FREDERICTON.

Exports Fell Off But Imports Increased in April.

Mr. Ryan Elected Alderman in Wellington Ward—U. N. B. Societies and Their New Officers.

FREDERICTON, May 1.—The election of officers took place at the university this morning and resulted as follows: Literary editors of Monthly, W. E. Clawson, Harrison, McNally, Page, J. Clawson and Raymond; business manager, J. R. C. Macroderic; assistant manager, A. H. McKee; corresponding editor, F. P. H. Smith. Debating society—President, W. H. Clawson; vice-president, Hamilton; 2nd vice-president, Martin. Athletic association—Honorary president, Dr. Ellis, M. F.; president, F. P. Burden; vice-president, G. Johnson; secretary, John Lenihan. Members of council—A. H. Green, T. Eddy Legere. Captain of foot ball team—Walter Wilson. University financial association—President, F. O. Erb; secretary-treasurer, G. C. Crawford.

The customs receipts for the past month show a falling off in the value of exports and a considerable increase in the value of imports as compared with the corresponding month of last year. The aggregate values of goods imported in April, 1898, were \$14,849; and for April, 1899, \$11,832. The chief articles of export last month were: Potatoes, \$5,587; shingles, \$4,605; and turpins, \$400. The goods imported last month were valued at \$39,326, upon which \$5,979.08 duty was paid. In April, 1898, the imports totalled \$29,854 and the duty was \$2,785.76.

The police court receipts for April were \$328, of which \$250 was for violation of the Scott act and the remainder for ordinary fines.

In the aldermanic election for Wellington ward today, Mr. Ryan polled 275 votes and J. S. Bailey 119; majority for Ryan, 156.

PARLIAMENT.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Outlines the Government's Programme.

Mr. Blair Admits Giving Intercolonial Railway Contracts to Americans Without Tender.

Miners Protest Against the Manner in Which the Yukon Enquiry is Being Conducted—The Case of Collector Costigan.

OTTAWA, April 28.—It was the intention to take up the Drummond Railway bill the afternoon, but Sir Charles Tupper, who is to reply to Mr. Blair, is ill and the house went into supply instead. Before 6 o'clock the committee had got through the civil service and contingencies, and was dealing with the appropriations for legislation.

The house in supply spent the whole evening discussing the failure of the government to perfect the dominion voters' list, as required by the franchise act passed last year.

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RAILWAY HORROR.

A Sunday Excursion Train Wrecked Near Rochester.

Two Killed Instantly and a Dozen Others Expected to Die.

The Train Left the Track While Going Round a Curve at Full Speed.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 30.—A disastrous railway wreck occurred this afternoon on the Rochester and Lake Ontario railway at Rosenburg's Corners, about one half mile north of the city line, when two cars on an excursion train filled with passengers left the track while going around a curve at full speed and were completely wrecked.

Over fifty persons were injured, two are dead and at least a dozen are fatally injured.

The dead are: John Helberg, aged 20, died at the Homeopathic hospital; unknown man, died after being removed from the wreck.

The train, which was crowded with excursionists bound for different points along the shores of Lake Ontario in the Irondequoit Bay district, left the Bay depot in this city at 2:41 o'clock this afternoon, about fifteen minutes late. Every seat in the coaches was filled and a large number of people were standing on the platforms. The train was made up of an engine, one closed and two open coaches. There is a grade about one hundred yards from the corner of North avenue and Ridge road, and when the grade was reached the speed of the train increased perceptibly. Down the grade swept the train, its speed increasing almost constantly. When the far curve was reached, the engine rounded it with startling rapidity. Next to the engine was the closed carriage, divided into two compartments and when it reached the curve it veered over to the north and rode around the curve on the wheels on the left side. It had crossed but part of the bend in the track when it left the rails and shot straight ahead. There was a sudden crash as the couplings between the engine and coach were severed, and then it again veered over and plowed through the earth for several feet before dropping on its side at the front of the Ridge Road hotel.

When the first coach left the track the engine sped on down the track, and the other coaches were forced off the track. The second coach scraped along the side of the one which first left the track, tearing away the platform and otherwise injuring the car. These cars, impelled by the force they had already received, ran ahead for about one hundred feet. The second car had been drawn off the track by the first coach, and being tossed to one side poised in the air as though it was ready to follow the other and topple over in the road. But the next instant it struck one of the trucks of the coach already derailed, and the car was thrown back on the track, where it came to a standstill. The engine whirled on down the track and was not stopped until it had gone nearly a mile.

The closed coach which was overturned had in it a partition that divided the front part from the rear. The front apartment was a smoking compartment. In it were several men and standing in the entrance were two women and a little girl. These were thrown over against the roof of the car and were slung under the seats and the partition in the car which was torn to pieces.

The scene which followed was heartrending in the extreme. The moans and shrieks of the injured filled the air, and a sickening sight met the eye. John Hilberg was standing on the platform between the second and third cars when the crash came, and was caught between the two cars and crushed to death. His body was recovered with great difficulty and sent to the morgue.

Little Emma Tuofel was among the first of the wounded taken from the wreck. Her face was covered with blood; her nose broken and cuts and bruises all over her face, hands and arms. She was crying piteously, and said she was sure both her father and mother, who were aboard the train, had been killed. George Brasser, who sustained a compound fracture of the forearm, was found pinned under a heavy beam, and was recovered with considerable difficulty. The work of rescue was energetically carried on, and as soon as each sufferer was taken out he was sent to the hospital. Ambulances had been quickly summoned from the city, and although it was a long run remarkably quick time was made. The ambulances carried extra doctors, so that the wounded were quickly attended to, and the more seriously hurt were hastily removed to the several different hospitals.

SHEFFIELD NEWS. SHEFFIELD, Sunbury Co., April 28.—The river boats are now making their regular trips and are getting a good freight of vegetables and live stock from all the river wharves.

Dr. J. W. Bridges from Fredericton and his brother, Sidney F. Bridges, a graduate from Pennsylvania Dental college, are spending a few days hunting on the lower intervale in Sheffield.

Albert Ferguson of Lakeville Corners lost a valuable young horse this week. A number of valuable horses have died in that village this spring and winter.

Ship Leslie Burrell has been chartered to load lumber here for Buenos Ayres.

AMERICA LEFT OUT.

News of An Anglo-Russian Agreement Regarding Spheres of Influence in China.

LONDON, May 1.—Pending detailed information, the London papers comment approvingly but cautiously upon the news of the Anglo-Russian agreement regarding spheres of influence in China.

The Daily Chronicle points out that the agreement will produce similar arrangements with Germany and France, resulting in the partition of China, which Lord Charles Beresford predicts will bring about war.

"America," says the Daily Chronicle, "will apparently be left out in the cold, and she really deserves no sympathy for her statesmen had been willing to join us at an earlier stage in keeping China open to the world, the present situation would never have arisen."

PARIS, May 1.—The French papers comment acidly upon the Anglo-Russian agreement. La Liberte says: "There are millions of French capital embarked in commercial and industrial undertakings in the Yangtze section, and we refuse to believe that Russia has so completely disregarded the interests of her ally as to recognize Great Britain's sole right of commercial exploitation in that valley."

A NOVA SCOTIAN.

John P. Ross, Shot by His Wife at Sharon, Mass., on Friday.

SHARON, Mass., April 28.—John P. Ross of this place was shot and killed by his wife, Mary E. Ross, in the course of a quarrel at their home this morning. Mrs. Ross was taken into custody at once. She admitted the shooting, claiming that she acted in self-defense, as her husband was choking her at the time. Ross was 59 years of age and his wife 49. They had been married about a year.

Those who live in the vicinity state that Ross was of a quarrelsome disposition, especially when under the influence of liquor, in which condition, it is claimed, he frequently had been of late.

The family lived in a tenement in the Morse block. The other occupants of the building were started at about breakfast time by the sound of a revolver shot in the Ross apartment. Two of these persons hurried towards the door of the room where came the sound, but before they reached it Mrs. Ross stepped out. She told the neighbors that her husband had attacked her and had choked her almost into insensibility when she managed to get hold of the revolver and fired to save her life.

The police were notified at once. They found Mrs. Ross waiting for them. She told them her story. They placed her under arrest, and she was taken to the town lock-up.

The woman claimed that her husband had been drinking heavily and that he was quarrelsome when intoxicated. This testimony the neighbors substantiated. Mrs. Ross stated that all last night her husband was in an ugly mood, and several times he made attempts to beat her. She succeeded each time in pacifying him before any harm was done, but this morning he renewed the trouble and seized his wife and choked her. It was at this point, Mrs. Ross claimed, that he would take her life, she discharged the revolver, of which she had taken possession, to defend herself. She claimed that she had no intention of killing the man, but merely wished to escape from his grasp.

The police have learned that Ross came from Nova Scotia and that Mrs. Ross falls from Maine. She has the reputation of being a kind-hearted, faithful and hard working woman, who has done her best to perform her duty toward her husband.

LABOR STRIKES.

Toronto and Winnipeg Wage Earners Demand Better Pay.

TORONTO, May 1.—A thousand citizens went on strike this morning, including bricklayers, who want 40 cents an hour; cloak makers, who demand 10 to 15 cents more per garment; moulders, who want 25 cents an hour; stonecutters, who seek 43 cents an hour, and cigar makers, who object to the number of apprentices. Some employers have already compromised. It is feared the strike will affect the building boom which is now on.

WINNIPEG, May 1.—Carpenters, plumbers and gas fitters are out on strike today. The latter want 40 cents where they are getting 30 cents. The employers say they will not yield.

BROCKVILLE.

The Place Where Liberal Ward Healers Use Forged Ballots.

BROCKVILLE, Ont., May 1.—The re-count of the by-election ballots was begun before Judge McDonald this morning. At the hour of adjournment the ballots cast in Brockville and two divisions of Elizabethtown had been counted, with a net gain for White of 22. The re-count will proceed tomorrow. So far no grave irregularities have been discovered.

In the police court this morning the case against Antoine Wessling of giving out forged ballots in the recent election was adjourned until tomorrow, owing to the absence of an important witness.

NOTES.

General expressions of sorrow were heard among members of both houses when news was received of the death of George F. Baird, ex-M. P. Tupper, Foster and other New Brunswick members joined in a telegram of sympathy to Mrs. Baird.

The supreme court will meet for hearing argument tomorrow without Judge Selwyn, who is confined to his home with a severe illness.

Senator Ferguson is not able to leave the capital, though the upper chamber has adjourned for three weeks. The senator's son, who has just passed with high honors the ex-