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Three Ships Under Admiral Gampson at New York.

New York, April 28.—Greeted by the salute of cannon from Fort Mifflin, from Castle William on Governor's Island, and from the ships of the armored cruiser division of the North Atlantic fleet, the three cruisers sent by France to participate in the recent John Paul Jones ceremony at Annapolis, arrived from the Maryland capital to-day, and dropped anchor in the North River. The visiting squadron, under command of Admiral Gampson, consists of the flagship *Marsellaise*, the *Admiral Aube*, and the *Conde*. They are moored in North River, near the anchorage where the West Virginia flag of Admiral Brownson, the *Pennsylvania*, the *Maryland*, and the *Colorado* have been lying for two days. As soon as the French fleet anchored the two admirals exchanged visits.

The French cruisers are here to stay until next Thursday, and a series of dinners, luncheons and entertainments has been arranged for the officers and men.

Grand Trunk Connection for Upper Lakes.

Express leaving Toronto 7.35 a.m. will connect at Sarnia with Northern Navigation Company's steamers leaving at 2.30 p.m. May 2, 4, 7, 11, 14, 16, for Sault Ste. Marie, Port Arthur and Fort Williams; on May 7 and 16 for Duluth. On Georgian Bay and Mackinaw division, steamer will leave Collingwood 1.30 p.m. Owen Sound at 11 p.m., every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for Manitoulin Island, Sault Ste. Marie and other intermediate points.

On North Shore and Parry Sound division, steamers will leave Collingwood at 2 p.m., Penetang at 2 p.m., and Midland at 3.30 p.m., every Monday and Thursday for Parry Sound, Byng Inlet and French River. For further information and tickets call at City Ticket Office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets.

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Opens Safe Locked Ten Years.

Kingston, April 28.—A Gravelle, proprietor of The Renfrew Journal, whose fame as a safe opener has spread throughout the Dominion, was in Kingston to open a safe, the door of which had remained closed for ten years. The executor of the Henry George estate summoned Mr. Gravelle to open this safe, which had been in Mr. Casey's possession for the period named. The Renfrew expert did not experience much difficulty in the work.

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Imperialism Best Exemplified by Empires of Rome and Britain.

"Imperialism is generally thought to be best exemplified by the Empire of Rome, and the Empire of Britain," said Prof. J. F. MacCurdy at the Canadian Institute on Saturday evening in the course of a lecture on "The Beginnings of Imperialism."

"But," he added, "there are other and earlier types of powerful states slowly built up and attaining to wide dominion also worthy of attention. The study of their rise and fall is full of suggestion, for they reveal even more clearly than the later systems the best tendencies and essential character of empire."

GIVES SECRETS TO ARCHBISHOP

An Allegation Against Government Employee Which is Denied.

Statements made by H. C. Hocken, editor of The Orange Sentinel, indicating that Provincial Secretary Hanna had been brought into clash with Roman Catholic influences in Ontario government departments are flatly contradicted by Mr. Hanna.

Mr. Hocken, speaking at an Orange meeting at St. Catharines on Friday night, referred to the three-fifths vote required for local option, saying it would bring a religious issue in line with 40 per cent. of the population Roman Catholic and 40 per cent. Protestant.

Touching the Sbarrett incident, he said that the hierarchy had a great hold on the Ontario as a whole, and that a great majority of holders of provincial departmental jobs were Roman Catholics.

Of Mr. Hanna it was stated that on asking an idle government employe to bestir himself, the latter had retorted that he would "see the archbishop."

Mr. Hanna then giving him notice to quit; also that he had learned that information as to the contents of all his letters on private government business was conveyed to the archbishop.

"It is absolutely without foundation," said Mr. Hanna, Mr. Hocken says that he got his information from an employe in one of the departments.

TRAVELS 55 MILES IN AIR.

Aeronaut Makes Trip From Pittsfield to Woodville, Conn.

Pittsfield, Mass., April 28.—Favored by beautiful weather and a breeze that carried them rapidly in a southeast direction, Count Hendri de la Vaulx of Paris, with Capt. Homer W. Hedges of New York, president of the Aero Club of America, and Charles Jerome Edwards of New York, made an ascension to-day in the big balloon Centurion in the presence of 3000 persons.

The balloon landed safely in Woodville, Conn., at 6.30 to-night. It travelled fifty-five miles, and it is understood the men in it hoped to reach New Haven, but this idea was given up as darkness approached.

Will Return Visit.

New York, April 28.—(Special.)—To repay the respect shown for the United States by Prince Louis of Battenberg in including New York in his visit to this side of the water, the North Atlantic squadron will leave for England in a short time. This is the information derived from some words dropped by one of the high naval authorities. It is corroborated by the fact that preparations are being made by all the vessels in the fleet for some time.

Sails on May 5.

London, April 28.—(C. A. P.)—W. T. R. Preston sails for Canada on May 5 on the Empress of Britain.

NATAL RESERVES ORDERED OUT

Trouble With the Natives Assuming Ominous Proportions.

London, April 28.—The government has called out the first reserves in seven districts of Natal to cope with the native insurrection.

The disorder is spreading among the Dini Gulus. The chief instigator on behalf of the colonial government to Chief Sigandama has failed, and he reports that Sigandama's tribe is in a state of rebellion.

The natives of Swaziland are showing signs of restlessness and Europeans there are appealing for protection.

BANDITS KILL CHINESE TROOPS.

Chefoo, April 28.—Two weeks ago at Yenching, in the southwest part of the Province of Shantung, 600 foreign-drilled Chinese troops were attacked by 2,000 bandits armed with modern rifles. One hundred of the soldiers were killed.

Canadian Boys' Club.

The annual closing banquet of the Canadian Boys' Club was held on Friday evening, and proved the most enjoyable and successful banquet the club has held, over 50 being present, and amongst these were: Mr. and Mrs. T. Findlay, Mr. J. Burns, Mrs. Dr. A. D. Watson, E. H. A. Watson, J. W. Hopkins and F. Messing, Dr. A. D. Watson was chairman and toastmaster. E. H. Watson was presented with a set of books by members of the club who attended the literary class which was taught by Mr. Watson. The club was presented with a picture of Lord Beaconsfield by Louis Benjamin. The speakers of the evening were: Mrs. Dr. A. D. Watson, who replied to the toast of "The Ladies"; and J. W. Hopkins, E. H. A. Watson, Thomas Findlay, L. Benjamin, H. Barlow, F. Marshall, F. Rutherford, Kirby, Frank Watson, H. Marshall, F. Samuels, J. Valentine, R. Crocker, B. Jaxon, W. Powell and T. D. Benjamin.

Acquitted.

Belleville, April 28.—The case of Walter Lucas, who, with his brother John, was charged with breaking into loaded C. T. R. cars and stealing grain and flour therefrom, was disposed of in the police court here to-day, the prisoner being acquitted.

The Toronto Daily World is now for sale on the wharf at Hanlan's Point and at Rennie's parcel office, Island Park.

RAG PEDLARS COMBINE
TO KEEP UP JUNK PRICES

Application in High Court for Injunction Restraining the Union.

"Of course the union will fight this," said Louis Gurofsky to The World when seen at his office in the Crown Bank Building on Argus street.

A large number of officers (including President Z. Shore of the Toronto Junk Pedlars' Union) were present during the conversation, and there was a murmur of approval when Louis Gurofsky spoke.

He was referring to the application made on Saturday in the high court by R. E. Kingsford for an injunction restraining the operations of the union, which is alleged to be in the nature of a combine.

Sign Agreement.

Affidavits declaring that the president of the union called on S. Schwartz, the Granatstein Rag & Metal Company and many other large junk dealers and got them to sign an agreement under which junk dealers agreed to pay all members of the organization who have exercised their warehouses the sum of \$150 per hundred for mixed honest rags and 50 cents per hundred for wrappings and the current market price for metals. Junk dealers are also required not to refuse to purchase goods during business hours from members of the organization, and they are also asked to enter into a bond of \$1000, to be forfeited if they broke the terms of the agreement.

These were a few of the interesting elements in an agreement which provided for arbitrators to decide any differences and to judge cases on their merits.

Certain firms signed the agreement, and fees of the union say that compulsion and coercion have been exercised.

"These men," said Gurofsky, pointing to the bunch, "are the fellows who go around picking up rags for the various houses." "Bunter Bryson and the wheezing push carts loaded with old iron and waste from the furthestmost parts of the city, so that they may earn a dollar a day for the support of their families."

"These are the men who are served with writs and are called conspirators and 'combinesters,' just like the plumbers."

Large Dealers Cut Prices.

It is reported that the large junk dealers of Toronto met a few weeks ago and agreed not to pay the pedlars more than 90 cents per hundredweight for their rags and to effect a general reduction in the price of other waste materials.

"Such a reduction would have meant practical starvation to these pedlars, who are all poor men. Driven to bay, they formed this union, and it was agreed upon by them that they would sell the goods only to men who would give them a living price—a dollar and a half for a ton."

The Granatstein Rag & Metal Co.

one of the largest dealers in the city, agreed to pay the price, and the members of the union at once disposed of their goods.

"Other firms found that their trade dwindled, and two others of them signed an agreement with the Granatstein Rag & Metal Co. and the other firms got together and induced the last two to join the union, and the agreement was cancelled and the breaking up of the union."

One Firm Refuses.

"The Granatstein Rag & Metal Co. do this, claiming that a dollar and a half was a reasonable market price, which they were willing to pay at all times. Anyone who would bring in the goods."

"No compulsion, threats or intimidation have been used at all. All that was agreed upon by the union was to sell to those who would pay the price."

The union further agreed that no member of the union should sell to any other dealer who would pay the price. The agreement, even though the latter might be willing to pay the proper sum for a short time, is assisting these men because they are mostly foreigners who are unused to the ways of our country, and I do not like to see them taken advantage of."

The Junk dealers have prospered at our expense,

said a member. "A combine they call us," said another, "but the derisive laughter of his comrades."

R. & O. Service, 1906.

The Hamilton-Montreal Line steamers Picton, Belleville and Hamilton, commencing May 1 steamers leave Toronto 4.30 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, for Port Hope, Cobourg, Bay of Quinte Ports, Thousand Islands, Brockville, Montreal, real and intermediate ports. Freight now being received. Good passenger accommodation on the above line. Toronto-Montreal Line. Steamers Toronto and Kingston, commencing June 2, leave 2.30 p.m., daily except Sunday; from July 1, daily, for Rochester, Thousand Islands, Rapids of the St. Lawrence, Montreal and intermediate ports.

The Montreal, Quebec and Saguenay Line boats are now in commission, ed

Ingersoll Old Boy.

Every Ingersoll old boy and Oxford old boy in Toronto should make arrangements to get to the old town on the 24th of May. All old boys are requested to send their names and addresses to or communicate with Acting Secretary Thomas Gibson, Canada Life Building.

The committee in Ingersoll is working hard to give the home comers a good time, large representations will be there from every city in Canada, and it is hoped that the crowd from Toronto will be as large as possible. A meeting will be called at a later date to arrange transportation.

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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

That breezy western operatic comedy, "The Tenderfoot," will be the strong attraction at the Princess Theatre this week. The stars of the production are Oscar L. Figman and Ruth White, well-known thru their work as the stars of "The Burgomaster" and other musical productions. Mr. Figman is the gentle philosopher, Professor Peto (ibone), is said to be a delight, his keen sense of humor and talent for making audiences laugh, standing him in good stead. Miss White's fine soprano voice is heard to the best advantage in the role of Marion. The music of "The Tenderfoot" is peculiarly bright and swinging. The company numbers nearly seventy people.

The successful cartoon comedy, "Buster Brown,"

which will be presented for the first time in this city at the Grand Opera House, is under the personal direction of Melville B. Raymond, a noted American producer. The cheerful "Buster Brown" and "Tige," whom all readers of the funny pages of The New York Herald have learned to love, will delight the young and old. There is probably not a theatre-goer who is not familiar with the name of "Buster Brown" and who has not laughed at his mischievous pranks and large bawdy chorus will lend charm to the entertainment as heretofore. Matinees will be given on Wednesday and Saturday.

Arkansas has often been the theme

of song and story, and no melody ever written has evoked more genuine pleasure than "The Arkansas Traveler." The same may be said of "Human Heart," which is a strong story, dealing with life in the Arkansas Hills. In addition to laughter it is mingled with heart interest and tears. The scenic equipment this season will be entirely new, the past summer having been devoted to securing new models and the building and painting of new scenery. Consequently, this year opens the act, and the Village Cut-ups is the final scene. Miss Boley is assisted by a company of fourteen, Walter C. Kelly, as the "Virginian" singer, has a great monopoly on the acts of the musical comedy. "The Maid and the Mummy," The Polly Girls, in two of the big hits of the musical comedy. "The Maid and the Mummy," The Polly Girls, in two of the big hits of the musical comedy. "The Maid and the Mummy," The Polly Girls, in two of the big hits of the musical comedy.

Opening this afternoon, at Shea's

Yonge-street Theatre, the bill will be headed by one of the most attractive girls of the season, Madeline Carter, the Polly Girls, in two of the big hits of the musical comedy. "The Maid and the Mummy," The Polly Girls, in two of the big hits of the musical comedy. "The Maid and the Mummy," The Polly Girls, in two of the big hits of the musical comedy.

The patrons of the Star Theatre

will be treated this week when the Jolly Grass Widows will present for their approval their lavish extravaganza, "The Sign of the Cross." The performance opens with "The Widow's Wedding Night" or "The Matrimonial Club, introducing Nevada Farrington as the widow. This will be followed by a big olio, composed of such well-known vaudeville acts as the Four Alvinos, Pinard and Walters, Ruth Everett, and Thompson and Laurance. The performance will conclude with a funny burlesque entitled, "The Sign of the Red Light."

When Madame Nordica comes here

on Tuesday of next week she will be assisted by an eminent pianist in Signor Patricolo, an Italian virtuoso, who comes here highly recommended from abroad. Madame Nordica's numbers will include the Elizabeth aria from "Tannhauser," a group of three English songs, a group of three French songs, and her concluding numbers will be Rubinstein's "Es Blinkt der Thau," Schubert's "Erkling," and Peter Cornelius' "Song of Solomon." The sale of reserved seats begins to-morrow (Tuesday).

The advanced pupils of David Ross' studio gave a vocal recital in Nordheimer's Hall Saturday afternoon. Dubois' "Air de Trionphe" an excellent song, was rendered by W. Gillespie in a thrilling style, and was prof-

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ably the most appreciated number on

the program, with the possible exception of Miss A. L. Madeline Carter, who sang Schubert's "Gute Nacht" and "Liebes Lied," by Blazewicz, in a clear, sweet soprano voice, with feeling. Her numbers were Mozart's "Vol che Sapete," by Miss Eva Scythes (soprano); Mozart's "L'addio," by Miss Lily Crossley (contralto); Handel's "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," Mrs. W. E. Colwell (mezzo soprano); Verdi's "Ella Giunna M'amo," A. D. Robertson (baritone); De Koven's "Armourer's Song," by Willard W. Demmy (basso), and Handel's "Hear Me, Ye Winds and Waves," G. Henry Eaton (baritone). Master Arthur Singer, pupil of W. O. Forsyth, gave a skilful treatment of Moszkowski's "Valse in E major" (from Op. 34). For a youth, he is a genius at the piano, and is deserving of highest praise.

The Ontario Sunday School Association summer school.

It has been decided to include in this, besides the four courses of regular lectures, exhibit of Sunday school appliances, missionary literature, etc. Denominational representatives as follows: Rev. R. P. MacKay, D.D., Presbyterian; Rev. F. C. Stephenson, M.D., Methodist; Rev. F. G. Brown, B.A., Baptist; Rev. T. B. Hyde, Congregationalist; N. W. Hoyles, L.L.D., Church of England, are co-operating with the summer school committee of the association in this matter.

Metropolitan Anniversary.

The thirty-third anniversary services of the Metropolitan Church were celebrated yesterday. Bishop Henry W. Warren, D.D., L.L.D., of Denver, Col., preaching both morning and evening. It was announced from the pulpit that Bishop Warren would address the Methodist Social Union Tuesday evening on "England in India." He has given great attention to the study of British influence in India, and as he is a very brilliant speaker his discourse will be very interesting and instructive.

Thursday evening in the church,

Prof. Duxbury of Manchester, England, will give a recital of Ewing's dramatic story of Prince Jonathan. From 7.30 to 8 P.M. Dr. F. H. Torrington gives a grand organ recital showing bells and various features of the organ.

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SYMPATHIZE WITH GORKY.

Russian Writers Surprised at His Reception in America.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—The Twentieth Century, a leading literary paper, publishes to-day a protest signed by twenty-six writers setting forth that the Americans have insulted a Russian author and a Russian lady by coarsely drawing attention to their private life. The protest concludes as follows: "To find such a disregard of the elementary usages of cultured society among the writers of America, as represented by Mark Twain, was the very last thing that we, as Russian literary men, expected. We hereby signify our profound indignation."

Appointment for Witte.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—Reports feda in circulation to-day that Emperor Nicholas will appoint Premier Witte to be president of the council of the empire.