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SCHWAB INVADES ONTARIO BUYS NICKEL PROPERTIES

Obtains a Controlling Interest in the Canadian Copper Company in This Province.

New York, March 23.—The Tribune says: A report was current three or four months ago, and denied at the time by representatives of both companies, that negotiations were in progress for the purchase by the United States Steel Corporation of a controlling interest in the Nickel Corporation of London, England. The basis for that report developed yesterday, when it was learned that Charles M. Schwab, acting, however, as an individual, and not in any sense as a representative of the United States Steel Corporation, had, in company with certain other capitalists, purchased an interest in the Nickel Corporation and other nickel-producing concerns.

Robert M. Thompson, president and principal owner of the Orford Copper Company, when asked yesterday about a published statement that control of that company, the Canadian Copper Company of Cleveland, and the Nickel Company of Paris, France, had been obtained by Mr. Schwab and several of his financial associates, who had organized a $9,000,000 company for taking over these properties, said:

"Our company obtains a large part of its supply of nickel from the mines of the Canadian Copper Company, in the Province of Ontario, and the New Caledonian Mines of the Nickel Corporation of London (not the Nickel Company of Paris). The stock of these two companies seemed to me a desirable investment, and I and several associates, among them Mr. Schwab, **purchased a controlling interest in the Canadian Copper Company**, and a considerable block of stock of the Nickel Corporation, altho not enough to constitute control. It is our purpose to form a holding company, capitalized, probably, at $9,000,000, to which will be transferred the controlling interest in the Orford Copper Company and the Canadian Copper Company, and our holdings of Nickel Corporation stock. The Orford and Canadian companies will continue to be operated separately. The former has $300,000 stock, and the latter $2,500,000, while the capital stock of the Nickel Corporation is £750,000."

NURSE'S FATAL MISTAKE.

Took Bi-Chloride of Mercury Instead of Epsom Salts.

Brockville, March 23.—Miss Mary Jackson, eldest daughter of Mrs. Joseph Jackson, Park-street, died a shocking death this morning at the General Hospital, where she was employed as nurse. About 10 o'clock last night she went to the drug department with the intention of taking Epsom salts. In some way, the unfortunate young woman took a dose of bi-chloride of mercury in mistake, and tho everything possible was done, she expired at 3 o'clock, after suffering terribly. She was 23 years of age.

TAILORS WILL STRIKE.

Ottawa Bosses Refused to Grant 10 Per Cent. Increase in Wages.

Ottawa, March 23.—Seventy-five tailors will go out on strike to-morrow for an increase in wages of 10 per cent. The employers were given until Saturday night to grant the demand, but all except two firms refused to accede to the journeymen's request.

INVINCIBLE CHAMBERLAIN.

New York, March 23.—I. N. Ford, in his London cable to The Tribune, says: "The storm raised by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's trenchant criticism and Mr. Dillon's infirmity of temper has quieted, and Mr. Chamberlain has again proved his invincibility against attack in the Commons. Now that Sir William Vernon Harcourt's natural force has abated he has no foeman worthy of his steel, and when challenged he resembles Mr. Gladstone when exposed to the onset of a feeble antagonist like Mr. Chaplin."

"ETERNAL CITY" ON THE STAGE.

London, March 23.—Hall Caine is dramatizing "The Eternal City," which will be produced by Beerbohm Tree in England in the autumn and in America with Viola Allen in the leading role. Mr. Tree will not visit America until 1904.

ITALY WILL APPROVE.

London, March 23.—A despatch to The Central News from Rome says rumors are in circulation there that Italy is about to give her adhesion to the Franco-Russian note in regard to China.

ANTI-GAMBLING LAW IN BELGIUM

Brussels, March 23.—The House of Representatives has voted in favor of the bill for the suppression of gambling houses thruout Belgium. The bill now only lacks the royal signature to become a law.

LONDON MAN FOUND DEAD.

Chicago, March 23.—A man supposed to be J. McGregor of London, Ont., was found dead in his room at a Sheldon-street hotel to-day. Gas was escaping from an open jet. The man had not undressed, and lay on the floor beside the bed in such a position as to indicate that he died struggling for breath. In his pockets was found a bank book on a London, Ont., bank, bearing the name J. McGregor. He also had a mileage book from London, Ont., to Winnipeg.

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DEATH OF EX-ALD. SCOTT

One of Toronto's Best-Known Citizens Succumbed After a Year's Illness.

SAT IN COUNCIL FOR THREE YEARS

Prominent in Commercial Life and a Friend of Charities—Warden of St. James'.

Ex-Ald. James Scott, President of the Northern Navigation Company, and one of Toronto's best-known citizens, died at his late residence, 173 Jameson-avenue, last evening at 5.45 o'clock. Altho Mr. Scott had been a sufferer for the past year, his condition did not cause any alarm, until three days ago. About the latter part of last May he was taken ill, but, with care ul attention, recovered, the improvement, however, being only temporary. Several months ago, the old trouble returned, and he was compelled to take to his bed. Dr. McPhedran was in at-

tendance, and everything possible was done, but he failed to rally. Last Friday his condition took a turn for the worse, and Mr. Scott gradually sank until death occurred. He was conscious up to within a few minutes of his decease. Death was due to lymphaemia.

For many years deceased had resided in Toronto, and, at various times, had held responsible positions in societies and corporations. He had devoted much of his time to the study of public questions, and many of Toronto's charitable institutions have been assisted thru his generosity.

Mr. Scott was a native of Ireland, where he was born 60 years ago. At an early age he came to this country with his parents, and settled in Eastern Ontario. He lived at Kingston for some years, and, later, removed to Toronto. For several years he was connected with the Crown Lands Department. When a young man, he became interested in the lumber business, and associated himself with the Georgian Bay Lumber Company, of which he was general manager for a number of years. He held an interest in this company up to the time of his death. He had also been connected with the Northern Navigation Company, for many years occupying the position of president.

M. Scott, on the earnest solicitation of his many friends, consented to become an aldermanic candidate in 1894 for Ward No. 6. He was returned by a large majority. He continued to represent the ward for three years, when he retired. Four years ago, his friends requested that he become a candidate for the Mayoralty, but he would not be persuaded. In politics, he was a Conservative, but had never taken any active interest.

In his death the Church of England has lost a trusted and devout worker. For many years he was a member of St. James' Cathedral, and, at the time of his death, was warden, a position he had occupied for the past four years. He was also a lay delegate to the synod and a member of the Corporation of Trinity College. Mr. Scott was a former president of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, and a past president of the Home for Incurables. He was a member of the boards of several charitable institutions. Deceased was unmarried. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Bonney of Port Colborne and Miss Scott, who resides at her late brother's residence.

Altho no definite arrangements have been made for the funeral, it is likely that the interment will take place in Kingston.

THIRTY RIOTERS KILLED.

Strikers Storm a Jail and Are Driven Back.

Tiflis, Transcaucasia, Russia, March 23.—The official Caucasus Gazette reports a strike among the men employed at the Rothschilds petroleum works at Batoum, on the Black Sea.

According to this newspaper three hundred strikers went last Friday to the police station and demanded the release of ringleaders who had been arrested the previous day. This demand was refused. The strikers reassembled the following day (Saturday), attacked the jail and attempted to release the prisoners. They fired at the soldiers, who were guarding the prison. The latter in turn fired on the mob, and 30 of the rioters were killed. One soldier was wounded.

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SCOUTEN SHOT SIMPSON.

Calgary, N. W. T., March 22.—The verdict of the coroner's jury in the shooting affray was: That Arthur Simpson came to his death by a bullet, wilfully discharged from a revolver in the hands of George Scouten in the Atlantic Hotel, Sunday, March 16.

HURONIAN IS LOST.

Halifax, March 23.—The Parisian, from Liverpool, arrived yesterday. The officers of the ship report they saw nothing of the missing Huronian. They think there is but little chance of her ever being heard from now.

Perfection Smoking Mixture very cool. Alive Bollard.

RHODES IS WEAKER.

Cape Town, March 24.—(6 a.m.)—After a restless night Cecil Rhodes is weaker this morning.

Try the Decanter at Thomas.

BOER LEADERS MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT FOR PEACE SCHALKBURGER AND OTHERS SEE LORD KITCHENER

Under Flag of Truce Several Boer Leaders Go to Pretoria and Interview the British Commander-in-Chief—Acting President Narrowly Escapes Capture—In London Looked on as Tending Toward Peace.

PRETORIA, March 23.—Acting President Schalkburger, F. W. Reitz, ex-Secretary of State of the Transvaal, and Commandants Lucas Meyer and Krogh, with their secretaries and attendants, arrived here yesterday, March 22, at 2.04 on a special train from Balmoral, about 50 miles east of here. They came into Balmoral under a flag of truce.

Upon arriving here Mr. Schalkburger and his party drove immediately to Lord Kitchener's headquarters, where he had an interview with the British general. The Boers afterwards proceeded to the railroad station and entrained at five o'clock for Kronstadt, whence they will go out under a safe conduct.

For a week past Mr. Schalkburger and his colleagues have been stationed at Rhenoster Kop, north of Balmoral, where they have been closely pressed by British columns. Dispatch riders entered Balmoral Friday night and notified the British of the approach of Mr. Schalkburger and his party.

It is reported that the Boer position at Khenoster Kop had become almost hopeless, and that Mr. Schalkburger narrowly escaped capture.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT PEACE.

LONDON, March 24.—The news that the Wandering Boer "Government" had entered the British lines is regarded as having but one meaning, namely, that another attempt is being made to negotiate peace. The fact that the censor passed the news of this movement is accepted as confirmation of this opinion.

Nothing is actually known here of the intentions of Messrs. Schalkburger, Reitz, Meyer and Krogh. It is possible they have only sought permission to traverse the British lines in order to consult with Mr. Steyn and the Boer Generals Dewet and Delarey, but, whatever their object, the news has been welcomed in London as pointing to the possibility of peace.

Some correspondence which was seized a short time ago when Mr. Steyn narrowly escaped capture proved that he and Mr. Schalkburger were anxious to conclude peace. No extravagant hopes, however, are being built on the outcome of the movement of Mr. Schalkburger and his companions, chiefly because it is feared that Delarey, in the flush of his recent success, will refuse to be a party to any negotiations.

The War Office has informed a representative of the Associated Press that it has received no official information either to confirm or contradict the news.

Commandant Krogh is one of the secretaries of the Boer Government. He was formerly the administrator of Swaziland, and has not been prominent during the war.

STILL OUT FOR INDEPENDENCE

Brussels, March 24.—Le Petit Bleu, referring to the arrival at Pretoria of Messrs. Schalkburger, Reitz and Commandants Meyer and Krogh, says it believes Mr. Schalkburger's move is in response to fresh overtures for peace from Great Britain, made out of gratitude for the release of Gen. Methuen. The paper predicts that these overtures will lead to no result unless Boer independence is conceded.

MEYER'S PRESENCE SIGNIFICANT.

London, March 24.—Few of the papers here comment on the news from Pretoria. These take it for granted that Mr. Schalkburger and his companions are on a mission of peace, and again engage in a discussion of possible peace terms, expressing the hope that the overtures will have a successful outcome. The presence of Lucas Meyer is regarded as significant, as he is an intimate friend of Louis Botha.

The Daily Chronicle, commenting on the absence of Botha from the deputation, suggests that he is standing aside owing to the failure of his overtures of a year ago, and considers that, altho the conditions Lord Kitchener then offered to Botha had been annulled, it is highly probable that peace will be arranged on similar lines, but that the Boers cannot expect more lenient terms.

The Daily News remarks that a settlement would be possible if the Boers were treated like civilized combatants, "but men do not surrender unconditionally just after taking one of the enemy's generals and four of his guns."

SWITZERLAND NOT TO INTERFERE

Berne, March 23.—The Bundesrath yesterday rejected the proposals of the Federal Assembly inviting the government to join with other States in approaching Great Britain on the subject of the concentration camps in South Africa, on the ground that Great Britain had already taken measures to relieve the suffering, and that the results should be awaited.

MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED.

Ottawa, March 23.—Lord Minto this morning unveiled a tablet in St. Bartholomew's Church, New Edinburgh, to the memory of Arthur, Earl of Ava, son of Lord Dufferin, who was mortally wounded at Wagon Hill, near Ladysmith, on Feb. 20, 1900. On one side of the tablet is another erected to the memory of three Ottawa boys who fell in South Africa. On the other is a tablet to Lord Ava's aunt, Mrs. Stephenson, a sister of Lady Dufferin, who died on shipboard in 1885.

AGITATION WITH DYNAMITE

Universal Suffrage and Proportional Representation in Belgium Creating Turmoil.

CARTRIDGES EXPLODED IN POSTOFFICE

Big Parade of Liberals and Socialists Present Petition to Brussels' Burgomaster.

Brussels, March 23.—The Liberals and the Socialists, including many members of the Chamber of Deputies, held a big parade here this afternoon. The paraders halted in front of the City Hall and sent a deputation to the Burgomaster of Brussels, bearing a petition for universal suffrage and proportional representation. The Burgomaster promised to submit this petition to parliament.

There were no disorders here to-day. As Prince Albert, a nephew of King Leopold, was leaving the theatre last night, hundreds of Socialist students gathered about the Prince and shouted for universal suffrage.

Dynamite cartridges were exploded this morning in the postoffice at La Louviere, Province of Hainault, Belgium. The building was damaged, but no one was hurt.

The explosion last Friday night of dynamite cartridges under the home of M. Dorbaise, a Catholic deputy at Binche, Hainault Province, is also attributed to the suffrage agitation. No one was injured by the explosion.

BOATMAN RESCUED WORKMEN.

Flood Carried Away False Work of a Bridge at Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 23.—Floods carried away the false work of the Alonzo Wright Bridge over the Gatineau River this afternoon, and ten employees, who were rushing work on the bridge, were thrown into the water. One had his arm broken, and another was badly cut, but all were rescued from the river by a boatman, who happened to be in the neighborhood gathering wood.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, offices Canadian Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

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EARLIEST EVER KNOWN.

Detroit, Mich., March 23.—The White Star Line steamer Arundel to-day made the first trip of the season to the St. Clair Flats and Algonac. No ice was seen in either Lake St. Clair or the St. Clair River. This is the earliest opening of navigation ever known.

REBELS CAPTURE CHINESE TOWN.

Hong Kong, March 23.—It is reported that the rebels in Southern China have captured Kangchau in the Province of Kwantung.

The Latest New York Drink.
A well-known club man brings back the following receipt from the Waldorf-Astoria, New York: Cut very thin slices of lemon peel, being careful not to go deeper than the yellow, place them in bottom of tumbler, slightly bruise with muddler or spoon, put in broken ice, Scotch, gin or rye to taste, and fill up with Radnor Water. The combination of any of the above with Radnor Water makes a deliciously refreshing drink.

FATAL BRANTFORD ACCIDENT JAMES QUIRK IS FOUND DEAD

It is Thought That He Fell From a Ladder While Coming From the Hay Loft of His Barn—Well Known in the Sporting World.

One of the bell boys at the Grand Union Hotel was notified early this morning of the death at Brantford of James Quirk, the well-known proprietor of the Commercial Hotel there. The bell boy, who was a friend of the Quirks' family, was asked to notify deceased's daughter, who is attending Loretto Abbey on Wellington-place.

Quirk was found in an unconscious condition about 2 o'clock in his barn at the rear of the hotel. He was lying on the floor at the foot of the ladder leading to the loft. The discovery was made by one of the employes of the hotel, who heard him groaning. Dr. Bigley was called, but Quirk died before he arrived. The physician notified Coroner Fiset, and it is likely an inquest will be held.

Deceased had left his hotel about five minutes before he was discovered. He had gone to the barn to attend to some game chickens, and it is believed that in leaving the loft he fell down the ladder. Death was due to an extensive fracture of the skull. Quirk was 42 years of age and one of the best known residents of Brantford. He was well-known in the sporting world as a runner.

Deceased is a brother-in-law of Fred Westbrook, who will, at a near date, take charge of the new Elboner Hotel here.

CAPT. HENDRIE,
Commanding the Highlanders, who left yesterday to take part in the New York Military Tournament.

NOTABLE BUSINESS CHANGE

The W. W. Ogilvie Milling Company Extensive Concern Bought By Montreal Men.

MESSRS. HOSMER AND THOMPSON

Price is Said to Be From Three to Four Million Dollars.

Montreal, March 23.—It is understood that one of the most important transactions that have ever yet taken place in Canada is about completed, and one that will create the warmest interest all over the Dominion. Messrs. Charles R. Hosmer and F. W. Thompson have purchased the W. W. Ogilvie Milling Company's extensive business, and having secured the support of other strong capitalists, the company will be re-organized, changed slightly in name, and carried on under entirely new auspices.

Mr. Thompson, who has been the leading spirit of the old organization since Mr. W. W. Ogilvie's death, has been in Montreal for several weeks past, where negotiations have been carried on, culminating in the extensive deal just alluded to. The purchase price is said to be from three to four million dollars.

Mr. Hosmer is well-known in the financial world, and Mr. Thompson's great ability is universally recognized. The new organization is exceedingly well spoken of in banking and business circles generally.

STRIKE OF "HIRED MEN."

One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Italian Farm Laborers Go Out.

London, March 22.—A despatch from Rome to the Central News says the strike of agriculturists is spreading thruout Italy, and that 150,000 farm laborers are now out in the Provinces of Ferrara, Bologna and Vincenza, while in 16 other provinces it is reported the laborers are organizing. Thus far no violence has been reported.

KILLED HIMSELF IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, March 23.—David Hall, porter at the Occidental Hotel, committed suicide on Sunday morning. He was 50 years of age. The cause is unknown.

ROSEBERY CAN'T SLEEP.

London, March 23.—The Earl of Rosebery is again suffering from obstinate insomnia, and has chartered a steam yacht for a cruise on the Mediterranean.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Grand concert, Canadian Order of Chosen Friends, Massey Hall, 8 p.m.
Annual meeting Ontario Rifle Association, Military Institute, 11 a.m.
Ex-members No. 5 Company, Q.O.R., Morgan's, 8 p.m.
Federated Council Building Trades, Richmond Hall, 8 p.m.
Lecture, "Canoe Trip Thru Northern Ontario," A. D. Crooks, St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.
Beaver L.O.L., No. 911, banquet, Victoria Hall, 8 p.m.
Lecture, "Physiology of the Voice," Dr. G. S. Ryerson, Conservatory, 8 p.m.
James O'Neill in "Monte Cristo," Princess, 8 p.m.
The Four Cohans in "The Governor's Son," Grand, 8 p.m.
"McFadden's Flats," Toronto, 2 and 8 p.m.
Shea's Stock Company in "The Liars," Shea's, 2 and 8 p.m.
Burlesque, Star, 2 and 8 p.m.

CANADA AT CORONATION HON. MR. BORDEN'S PLAN

NAVIES TO CHECK RUSSIA

New Zealand Premier Seddon Discusses the Far Eastern Situation at a Banquet.

INCREASE AUSTRALIA'S SQUADRON

Thus the Trade of the Colonies Would Be Protected—Better Ships Needed.

Wellington, New Zealand, March 23.—Speaking at a banquet here last night, Prime Minister Seddon said he was in favor of the increase of the Australian squadron. He declared that Russia was plainly attempting to secure a large seaboard in China.

The Anglo-Japanese agreement was made in order to prevent Russia from becoming the controlling power in the North Pacific. The Japanese navy and the British-Chinese squadron, the Prime Minister declared, would be sufficiently strong to combat the Russian influence.

The Australian squadron would have to protect the trade of the colonies. Some of the cruisers now in service were out of date and would have to be discarded and replaced by better ships.

COALITIONS IN THE EAST.

London, March 23.—While there is hardly a ripple on the surface of foreign affairs, there is a strong undertone in the direction of coalitions in the Far East. One dual alliance runs counter to another, and Germany in the emergency will naturally support England and Japan. The silence of the Berlin Foreign Office does not alter the fact that German commercial interests are involved in England's obligation to support Japan if Russia and France attack her. France accepts loyally the commitments of the Dual Alliance, but is not likely to be drawn into a war with Japan if her own fleet is exposed to immediate attack by two British squadrons, with the German navy somewhere in the offing. The importance of the revolt in South China is still uncertain. The German tariff situation remains a lottery, with blanks for the Agrarians.

THREE MONTHS IN JAIL.

Owen Sound Lad Who Was Brutally Treated By Employer.

Owen Sound, March 22.—John Haines of Keppel was brought before Mr. George Spencer, P.M., and Mr. John Rutherford, J.P., charged with cruel treatment of Samuel Penn, a lad of 14, whose mother lives here. It was proved that the accused had brutally beaten and kicked the boy, who was working for his board and clothing only, and that he had finally turned him out on a cold day to find his way home, some 14 miles, as best he could, with the result that, being poorly clad, his feet and hands were frozen. The bench sentenced the accused to three months in jail.

HOUSEMAID FOR LORDS.

New Functionary Must Reside on the Premises, Says Committee.

London, March 23.—A state document was issued last week containing a recommendation from the Lord Great Chamberlain to the Select Committee of the House of Lords for the appointment of a new House of Lords functionary residing on the premises. The Select Committee have agreed with the Lord High Chamberlain and will now formally pass on the request to the House itself for approval. The new functionary is a housemaid.

TWO WEEKS TO PLACE.

Galt, March 22.—The head office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, is installing an immense safe, which was shipped to-day. It weighs 31 tons and required four cars to hold it. This ponderous safe will be hoisted into the bank thru a window 16 feet from the ground, an undertaking which will require about two weeks.

MAN'S BODY FOUND.

Sault Ste. Marie, March 22.—Some workmen fitting out the steamer Merritt found the body of a man in proximity to the Government Dock to-day. It is not definitely known, but generally believed to be that of a Mr. King, formerly a school teacherr in Korah Tonwship.

Pember's Turkish and Russian Baths are the best. 127-129 Yonge.

MORE G.T.R. DOUBLE TRACKING.

Montreal, March 23.—Tenders were opened Saturday for the double tracking of the Grand Trunk System between Jordan and St. David on the Niagara Falls division, a distance of 14 miles. The company will do the tracklaying themselves, the masonry having been already finished.

Patents — Fetherstonhaugh & Co., King-street West, Toronto, also Montreal, Ottawa and Washington. ed

SYDNEY THEATRE BURNED.

Sydney, N.S.W., March 23.—His Majesty's theatre was much damaged by fire last night, the interior being destroyed. The properties and scenery of "Ben Hur," valued at $14,000, were lost. There was practically no insurance on the property destroyed.

Monuments.
The McIntosh Granite & Marble Company, Limited, 1119 and 1121 Yonge-street. Tel. 4249. Terminal Yonge-street car route. 146

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths Bath and Bed $1. 202 and 204 King. W

Lilac Trees in Full Bloom.
Such a sight is refreshing and they remind one so much of spring. Prettily decorated with ribbons and frills they make a most acceptable present. See these and the other glorious flowers at Dunlop's, 5 King W., 445 Yonge-street. Price list for the asking.

DEATHS.

SCOTT—On Sunday, March 23, 1902, James Scott, at his late residence, 173 Jameson-avenue, Toronto.

Notice of interment will be given subsequently.

Chance for South African Veterans Who Did Not Come Home Thru London.

Ottawa, March 23.—It has not yet been decided what shall be the composition of the force of 580 officers and men who are to constitute Canada's military contingent at the coronation.

In a general way it is understood, however, that it will represent all arms of the service, as was the case with the Jubilee contingent, and all the provinces of the Dominion.

Preference will be given to officers and men who have served in South Africa, but the Minister of Militia is said to have under consideration a plan of selection which will give first call to those of the Canadian contingents who did not have the privilege of visiting the Mother Country on their way home from the war.

PREPARATIONS IN LONDON.

London, March 23.—Wearied by the inglorious war and bored by stagnant politics, England reverts to the coronation as the only agreeable theme. The King's sagacity has been displayed in popularizing the unique ceremonial by the entertainment of half a million of the poorest London subjects at dinner. The proposal has been warmly approved in every quarter, and the royal example will not be disregarded by the provincial towns, where arrangements are already making for entertaining the poor on an unexampled scale. The coronation in this way will be converted into a national fete.

For Public Rejoicing.

While the King has been influenced by the Queen's personal interest in jubilee dinners for the poor, he has taken effective measures for restoring the best traditions of mediaeval coronations. While the court officials have been splitting hairs over the fine points of etiquet, and the peeresses have been fidegting over coronation robes and coronets, he has reminded the nation that the ceremonial is not designed exclusively for the development of class pride, but has been invariably made an occasion of public rejoicing.

Public interest in the splendid function has already been deepened, as is

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ITALY TO SEIZE TRIPOLI.

Preparations Being Made for an Expedition on a Large Scale.

Rome, March 23.—Preparations are still proceeding at Spezzia, Naples and other ports in Italy for an expedition of some kind on a large scale. It is presumed that the objective point of the expedition is Tripoli.

Ten steamers have just been chartered from the Italian General Steam Navigation Company and are being fitted out for the transportation of troops. Great activity prevails in the War Department and not a day passes without the leading Generals conferring with the Minister of War.

All the circumstances certainly justify suspicion, but another week will probably elapse before the mystery is solved.

MORE PACIFIC CABLES.

Holland and Germany Propose to Connect With American Lines.

The Hague, March 23.—The government of the Netherlands has submitted to the States-General a telegraphic convention with Germany providing for a joint subsidy for cables to the Dutch colonies in the Far East. It is proposed to connect the Islands of Menado and Celebes, in the East Indies, east of Borneo, with the American Philippine cable, which will be connected with Shanghai.

The importance of the convention lies in the fact that communication will thereby be established with Europe, via America, by cables belonging to various nationalities.

More New Hats.
Every new hat that's stylish and good—all colors in hard and soft felt—all makers of any name. That is what the Dineen Company handle in the line of gentlemen's hats. An important point concerning them is that they are Dunlap's and Heath's sole Canadian agents. These are the greatest hatters in the world. On Friday the Dineen Company received an extra large shipment of new designs in Derby hats by Stetson of Philadelphia. It includes the wide-brim derby, so popular in Chicago and the West. See them.

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Bath and bed $1. 202 and 204 King W.

FINE AND MILD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 23.—(6 p.m.)—Rain has fallen to-day in Manitoba, where the weather has been fair and over the greater portion of the country very mild.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson City, 6 below—24; Victoria, 38—50; Kamloops, 34—54; Qu'Appelle, 24—42; Winnipeg, 36—40; Port Arthur, 32—38; Parry Sound, 26—54; Toronto, 36—54; Ottawa, 30—50; Montreal, 36—48; Quebec, 30—38; Halifax, 36—48.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes, Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley, Upper and Lower St. Lawrence—Fine and mild.

Gulf and Maritime—Moderate to fresh northerly winds; generally fair; not much change in temperature.

Lake Superior—Northerly to easterly winds; fair and mild to-day; Tuesday, showers in many places.

Manitoba—Cloudy to partly cloudy; local showers; not much change in temperature.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

March 22.	At.	From.
Philadelphia	New York	Cherbourg
La Touraine	New York	Havre
Assyria	New York	Hamburg
Norwegian	Boston	Glasgow
Auguste V.	Naples	Constantinople
Lombardia	Genoa	New York
Sylvania	Liverpool	Boston
Lucania	Liverpool	New York
Vaderland	Antwerp	New York
Prinzessin V.L.	Madeira	New York
Parisian	Halifax	Liverpool
March 23.		
Norge	New York	Copenhagen
Ryndam	New York	Rotterdam
Bohemian	Liverpool	New York
Cevic	Liverpool	New York