

France Is Resolute

Naval Force Will Not Permit the Sultan to Daily any Longer.

Russia Is in Complete Accord With the Move in Progress.

Later Reports However Say the Squadron Has Returned to Toulon.

Paris, Oct. 31.—The decision to make a naval demonstration against Turkey was taken at a meeting of the cabinet on Tuesday, at which M. Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, explained the Sultan's procrastination regarding the French demands.

Admiral Caillaud's squadron consists of the armored cruisers Admiral Pot-au-chaud, Chanzy and Latouche Treville, the second-class cruisers Du Chayla and Cassard, and third-class cruiser Galilee. The crews aggregate 3,286 men, but the vessels will also carry landing parties.

The Journal des Debates says: "Everyone at Constantinople and the other capitals, must be aware that France and Russia are completely in accord in this matter. Under these circumstances it is difficult to believe that the Ottoman government will not come to its senses and recognize its error before it is too late, relieve us of the necessity of using other means than those of diplomacy and courteous discussion."

La Liberté remarks that the fact that Admiral Caillaud has embarked 2,000 marines is a warning to the Porte that France will not stop before a slight show of resistance, but will go to the end even though war should ensue.

Washington, Oct. 31.—M. Margerie, the charge of the French embassy here, had a short interview with Secretary Hay this afternoon, after which the secretary at once left for the White House. M. Margerie feels confident that there is not the slightest danger of dissolution of the concordat owing to the action of the French government in sending warships to make a naval demonstration in Turkish waters, and to seize a customs port, the other nations parties to the Concordat, understand the situation perfectly, and in fact most of them are in agreement with the French move. Like the French complaints, so they may look with complacency upon the effort to make the Porte meet its obligations. There is also a precedent for this action for a few years ago Austria seized a Turkish port in the Gulf of Alexandria and held it until her claims were paid, yet the incident did not militate against the other powers, nor even attract much attention. It is confidently expected that it will not be necessary for the "other" nations to proceed to great lengths before the Turks will meet their demands.

LATER.

Paris, Nov. 1.—A despatch from Toulon to the Figaro contains the report of the return of the entire French squadron, and adds that Admiral Caillaud's division is still held in readiness to sail at a moment's notice.

Editorially, the Figaro and other morning papers express surprise at this perplexing and unexplained move after the despatch of Admiral Caillaud's squadron. The Marseilles correspondent of the Matin says the return was due to the fact that the squadron was supplied with only two days' rations.

WESTMINSTER INVENTOR

Has Made Important Sale of Cannon Welder—Accidentally Shot.

New Westminster, Oct. 31.—John Kelington, of this city, who recently invented an automatic machine for welding salmon cans, has sold the patent rights for this specific purpose for Alaska and Pacific states, to the Alaska Packers' association, for an amount well up in the thousands. Ten of these machines were operated on the Fraser last season and gave great satisfaction. The owner proposes pushing the adaptation of the patent to other businesses.

Tom Davies, the forist, had his right arm nearly blown off today by his shot gun accidentally discharging as he was crawling through a fence while out hunting in Burnaby.

Steamer Dauntless leaves tonight on her first trip to the latest fishing grounds off Queen Charlotte Island. She carries 12 experienced fishermen and will operate six dories.

ANOTHER CRISIS.

Venezuela Has Another Cabinet Trouble on Hand.

Willemstadt, Island of Curacao, Oct. 31.—Admiral Guzman, of Caracas, says that a cabinet crisis is expected there as a result of the wording of the answer of the President of Venezuela to the resolutions adopted by the pan-American congress, expressing the hope that Venezuela and Colombia would reach an equitable agreement regarding their present difficulty. The reply was sent against the wishes of the Venezuelan cabinet.

Colon, Oct. 31.—The Venezuelan troops at Tacra have been ordered to withdraw, according to the latest dispatch received here from Barranquilla, where the aggression of Venezuela is waning. The Colombian government, however, continues to strengthen its position at Rio Hacha. Four thousand troops guard the Colombian frontier and 1,500 troops have been sent to Antioquia.

TREASURER ARRESTED.

Municipal Official of St. Boniface Accused of Defalcation.

Winnipeg, Oct. 31.—(Special.)—F. Carrier, ex-secretary-treasurer of the rural municipality of St. Boniface was arrested this afternoon for defalcation to the amount of \$1,000 on the instigation of the London Accident & Assurance Co. his sureties—Carrier has been in arrears for some months.

IN THE FAR WEST.

How do you feel, asked the leader of the mob after the tax and feathers had been applied in liberal doses.

Oh, I feel like a bird, smiled the barn-stormer, glancing at the feathers.

For such wit they allowed him to write home and tell the old folks he was leaving town by the all railroads.—Chicago News.

ANOTHER LIBRARY.

Mr. Carnegie Makes an Offer to Guelph.

Guelph, Ont., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—James Watt, chairman of the Free Library board has received a letter from Andrew Carnegie offering to give \$20,000 for a public library in Guelph, provided the city will provide a site and grant \$2,000 annually for maintenance.

IRISH AGITATORS

Land in New York and Received by Their Admirers.

New York, Oct. 31.—John E. Redmond, Patrick McEllough and Thomas O'Donnell, a Nationalist member of parliament, who came here in behalf of the Irish cause, landed today. They were enthusiastically welcomed on the pier by a large delegation of Irish-Americans. They intended to make a six-weeks tour of the United States, and the object of their mission is to further the interests of the Irish League and explain the changes that have taken place in parliamentary affairs since the death of Charles Stewart Parnell.

W. R. BAKER HONORED.

Assistant to Second Vice-President of C.P.R. Presented With Tea Set.

Winnipeg, Oct. 31.—At the Board of Trade rooms here today, Mr. W. R. Baker, assistant to the second vice-president of the C. P. R., was presented with a silver tea service and an address by the business men, on the occasion of his removal from Winnipeg, and in recognition of his integrity and unflinching courtesy and great ability displayed both as an official and as a public-spirited citizen. Mr. Baker recently left Winnipeg to take up his residence in Montreal and shortly afterwards accompanied the Royal train across the continent as representative of the C.P.R.

John Morley On The War

Liberal Member Attacks the Government For Conduct of the Campaign.

And Says Leaders of a "More Pliant Mind" Are Needed.

London, Oct. 31.—John Morley, M.P., addressing his constituents today at Arbroath, said: "The government are aggravating the essential mischief of the situation in South Africa by their management of the concentration camps. The death rate of children, measure as you will, is hideous, excessive and appalling. The policy of devastation has been admitted by the cabinet. I wonder what Lord Palmerston would have said of a government justifying themselves by saying that Russia in Poland and Austria in Bosnia had done something like the same thing. The war is entirely changed in character and is drifting into a war of extermination of the grievance of the world. The policy of unconditional surrender and submission means extermination and annihilation. The present attitude of the government is one of utter desperation. There is nothing worse than a man in a blind horse. The King will, perhaps at no distant date, have to seek other ministers with a better insight and a more sane and sane mind in the dangerous and complex situation which confronts the country."

A QUESTION OF JURISDICTION

Right of Judge Henderson to Hold Supreme Court Chambers in Vancouver.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 31.—The question of the jurisdiction of County Court Judge Henderson to sit in Supreme court chambers came up this morning before Mr. Justice Martin who stated that the proper way to decide the question was to bring it up as a test case on Tuesday next, when the Full court sits here. He thought the Full court would have the case placed at the head of the list of appeals so as to have the question speedily settled. Mr. Justice Martin said it was his present opinion that County Court Judge Henderson possesses jurisdiction as a local Supreme court judge to sit in chambers. In the discussion this morning L. G. McPhillips, K. C. argued that Judge Henderson had not the jurisdiction. Mr. Justice Martin refused to hear chambers cases, and litigation is much delayed.

LIPTON AT HOME.

Gets a Splendid Reception from Friends and Neighbors.

London, Oct. 31.—Immediately after his arrival in London today, Sir Thomas Lipton drove out to his suburban residence at Southgate, an assemblage of friends and neighbors met him about two miles from the house with a band, unharmed the horses and drew the carriage home. Responding to a message by Hosenfratz's threats and in a moment of bravado went into the bush and fired his companions, his concealment of the affair from his mother all pointed strongly to his guilt. Why should he lie so about it? he asked in clear conscience? He had no desire to press the case against the accused and let the matter in the hands of the jury, with the conviction that they would do their duty.

His Lordship, in charging the jury, said that the shooting was a crime, but the intent, or absence of intent, of the prisoner from the facts disclosed in the evidence, as there was nothing in the evidence to show that he was accused which would show that he was actuated by malice. After briefly reviewing the leading points of the evidence, His Lordship committed the case to the jury instructing them that if they found accused had fired the shot with intent as laid in the indictment, they must find him guilty. If they concluded that the shooting was accidental, they would acquit him.

THE VERDICT.

The jury retired shortly before 1 o'clock and returned into court at 2 with a verdict of guilty.

His Lordship relieved the jury from their attendance and adjourned the case to be heard on the 11 o'clock, until which hour the court was adjourned.

A HORRIBLE DEATH.

Old Lady's Body Found Partially Devoured by Hoags.

Ridetown, Ont., Oct. 30.—Mrs. James Robertson, aged 84, went to the pasture to sleep yesterday. Not returning search was made instantly, and her body was found partially devoured by a number of hoags in the pasture.

ITALY SHAKEN.

Earthquakes Felt in Several Cities and Some Damage Done.

Rome, Oct. 30.—This afternoon an earthquake was felt in Italian cities, including Spezia, Genoa, Bologna, Verona, Brescia and Milan. There were no severe shocks at Gallarate, where a number of houses were damaged.

Stevens Is Convicted

The Jury Found That He Shot Hosenfratz With Felonious Intent.

Will Be Brought Up For Sentence at 11 O'clock Today.

The trial of Ernest Stevens, for the shooting of Isaac Hosenfratz, was continued this afternoon by the Hon. Mr. Justice Drake, and resulted in the jury finding a verdict of guilty of shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm. The jury returned their verdict at 11 o'clock this morning. The maximum penalty for the crime is imprisonment for life.

Stuart Rutten, an engine driver on the B. & N. railway was the only witness called for the Crown yesterday. He corroborated the testimony of previous witnesses that the accused was near the shooting. When Hosenfratz was shot and fell to the ground, Rutten picked him up. Hosenfratz exclaimed: "Stevens has shot me, and he intended to do so. Stevens, you will suffer for this." The bushes between Stevens and Hosenfratz were about the height of a man's head. Witness did not see any indication of anger on the part of accused.

The closed the case for the Crown. Mr. Belyea, K. C., addressed the jury briefly on behalf of the accused. He contended that the Crown had utterly failed to show that Stevens had any motive or provocation for the shooting. There had been no evidence to show that the prisoner's character was bad or vindictive. Hosenfratz himself had admitted that he was in the bushes, and it was impossible to believe that the boy had deliberately fired at Hosenfratz.

He recited the incidents leading up to his and his companions meeting with Hosenfratz, and his party. He asked Hosenfratz what he did when he heard a woodpecker, having seen one flying into the bush, just ahead. He and the others kicked manure towards Hosenfratz, and the latter ran away. Hosenfratz said he would wrap their necks—they laughed. He then went into the bush to look for game. He told him that he heard a woodpecker and fired at it. (Illustrated at the court and jury how he fired.)

Did not see Hosenfratz nor any of the other rangers, but saw a man plainly through the bushes. The stone said to be where he stood was not exactly in the right position, he stood further up. After the shot he heard a groan. Heard a boy shout that he had shot Hosenfratz in the head. Ran down the railway track. Met Mr. Belyea and Borgeson. The latter told him he had shot Hosenfratz. Went home. Did not say anything about the affair.

The police came about 8 o'clock. Redgrave and Palmer, his mother's other present. His mother asked him why he had not told her, and said he would tell her all the details. He was charged with shooting the Hosenfratz boy. Palmer and Redgrave took him to the hospital. Made a statement on the way to the hospital, and in the hospital, that he did not see anybody in the bush, that he shot at a woodpecker, and that the bullet must have glanced off the rifle. He remembered either of the police cautioned him. He might have told Hosenfratz that he had shot him, but he did not. He was actually fired at a woodpecker. Did not take Hosenfratz threat to wrap their necks seriously.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hunter.—Fired the shot three or four minutes after Hosenfratz's party went into the bush about two minutes after the rifle was pointed towards the Hosenfratz party, but not at them, then away by the bushes. When Borgeson told him of the shooting he cried because he felt sorry. Did not tell his mother. Told her about it at my next visit. He did not help him out of the scrape. Thought Borgeson might say he shot at Hosenfratz. Asked the boys to keep it quiet. He would not enquire as to Mr. Hosenfratz's condition.

This closed the evidence for the defence and Mr. Belyea proceeded to sum up to the jury. He said that the motive was to the motive or intent which would impel Stevens to do the shooting and to arrive at a proper conclusion they must first of all consider the evidence before the shooting. If they could find that Stevens had no motive, and no intention to injure Hosenfratz, they must find him not guilty. He then fully reviewed the evidence, showing that there had been no quarrel or serious trouble between the accused and the victim. He then pointed to the evidence that every circumstance of the case pointed to the inevitable conclusion that the shooting was a crime. He then asked the jury to remember that they were dealing with a boy, and that they must judge his acts after the accident as if he were a grown man. He then said that he was not satisfied that accused went into the bush with the malicious intention of shooting Hosenfratz they must acquit him.

Mr. Hunter replied for the Crown, contending that Stevens was the ringleader of the boys who were in the bushes. He said that he was deeply angered by Hosenfratz's threats and in a moment of bravado went into the bush and fired his companions, his concealment of the affair from his mother all pointed strongly to his guilt. Why should he lie so about it? he asked in clear conscience? He had no desire to press the case against the accused and let the matter in the hands of the jury, with the conviction that they would do their duty.

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WAGONS FOR THE ARMY.

More Supplies Purchased in Canada By Imperial Authorities.

From Ottawa Citizen.

Approval of the arrangement made with the war office for the supply of a million bushels of oats from Alberta for the army in South Africa, it is estimated that since the Boer war began Canada has furnished army supplies to the British government for value over three million dollars. Besides hay and oats there have been purchased in Canada through the department of agriculture large quantities of such articles as flour, sugar, and other provisions. The militia department also has been keenly alive to the commercial possibilities of the war, and has secured for Canadian manufacturers considerable orders for harness, clothing, boots, and the like. The British forces in South Africa and the British forces in China aggregate about \$1,250,000 to date. Recently the militia department was placed in charge of the supply of wagons on the pattern of a sample submitted to the British military authorities. The first shipment of 25 of these wagons has been shipped from Montreal. They were made by the Massey-Harris company, which will forward the balance of the order shortly. Col. Finsitt was pleased to learn that the British-made articles were considered to be superior to the British-made wagons and as they are somewhat less costly he hopes for further orders before long.

FLEE FROM NOME.

Terrible Distress Predicted in Over-boomed Alaska Mining Camp.

Port Townsend, Oct. 30.—The steamers Queen and Valencia arrived today from Nome. Each brought 500 passengers. On the Queen the number of passengers was so large that the vessel was obliged to be climbing up the anchor chain while the vessel was an anchor in the roadway at Nome. Passengers report that the ship was left in a state of confusion and that many of the passengers were penniless and with no means of making a living during the winter, and a reign of terror is predicted. During the strike very many of the passengers' belts were of daily occurrence.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Liverpool Authorities Preparing to Take Greater Precautions.

Liverpool, Oct. 30.—Dr. Hope, medical officer of the port, has conferred with the foreign consuls regarding bubonic plague precautions, and has arranged to supplement the Board of Trade examination of outgoing vessels so as to meet the desires of the respective consuls. Foreign consuls, representative of the local Government Board will visit Liverpool on behalf of the government to confer with Dr. Hope.

UP-TO-DATE STYLES AT

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VICTORIA B. C.

Recent Strike in Cariboo

Return of Second Party of Prospectors and What They Found.

Description of the Country and Formation Where the Gold Lies.

A private letter from a very reliable source was received in Victoria yesterday regarding the recent gold strike in the Cariboo. The letter is dated Horsely, October 25, and is as follows:

The first party of prospectors have returned from the Horsely river. They had a hard tramp over one of the roughest and most difficult trails, and after they had returned they had sufficient grub to last two or three days when they had to return. During their stay on Horsely creek and obtained quite a bit of gold, and located a number of claims.

Bureka creek is now staked from Discovery to the mouth and timber also above. Bureka creek is rich beyond a doubt. They found no trouble in getting gold anywhere and brought down quite a bit of gold. It is good quality. There seems to be a high run or ancient channel running along Horsely creek and parallel with the main river.

From indications this channel is over one thousand feet wide and lies at much higher elevation than the present Horsely river. It has been by the breaks, and has made them rich below. They undertook to sink a shaft in this channel, but owing to the lack of proper tools and equipment could not get very far down. They found a large stratum of hard border clay under which was a layer of sandstone. The character and richness of the gravel indicates this.

So much is yet known of this country it is difficult to determine the extent of the deposits. However, there seems to be an area of about 10 miles, composed principally of quartz, much of which is well worn, though some is very fresh. The formation of the district is slate with granite lying to the west and east. The elevation is 5,000 feet above sea level. The country is very snow fall there, so that it will be June before trails can be made so that supplies and men can be taken to the district. The fallen timber and underbrush make it most difficult task to get in with grub enough to last more than a few days, but as long as the ground is bare of snow men will keep going in and everything will be cleared up by the time the snow is gone. There are four or five men leaving every day and we hear they are coming from Ashcroft and the other places.

"Horsely" camp is the starting place for the new district as it is the only one that King Edward is suffering from cancer and desires to return to his home during his recent visit to Denmark.

TO HEADQUARTERS.

Mr. George McL. Brown on His Annual Trip to Montreal.

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STEEL AND IRON.

Eyes of British Capitalists Turn Toward Canada.

According to a despatch in the Toronto World from Sydney, Nova Scotia, the recent visit to Sydney of two British capitalists interested in the development of the iron and steel industry has contributed strong evidence that the Old Country manufacturer is beginning to look towards Canada for supplies of iron. Sir Christopher Furness and Mr. John Darby, the gentlemen referred to, control and have close connections with iron and steel enterprises in the United Kingdom. They are also interested in the development of the Canadian industry, more especially that of the Dominion Steel and Pipe Company, which has acquired them in crossing the ocean.

Mr. John Darby, of Wrexham, Eng., is the general manager of the Breanbo Iron and Steel Company, North Wales. This is the first industry in the United Kingdom to use the basic open hearth steel process for treating pig iron. In a modification of this process, the Bessemer-Thomas steel is used. The Breanbo process will be used by the Dominion Iron and Steel Company here. The Breanbo steel process enables the manufacturer to produce a superior grade of steel at a much lower cost than the old process.

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Asked what influence the Dominion Iron and Steel Company would have upon the iron and steel trade of Great Britain, Mr. Darby said: "I am sure it will have considerable influence in that way. The great quantities of the product of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company form already a topic among the industrial centres of the United Kingdom. As a matter of fact, I know of no steel manufacturing concern in Great Britain whose works are being reconstituted independently upon Sydney as its source of supply."

AFTER MANY YEARS.

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FRANCE HAS NOT EMPLOYED COERCIVE MEANS TO ENFORCE A SETTLEMENT CONCERNING CLAIM BY TURKEY FOR FEAR SUCH ACTION WOULD ALARM THE COUNTRY, BUT IT UNDERSTOOD THAT THE POWERS ARE OUTLINE A POLICY TO FORCE THE SULTAN TO CARRY OUT THE TREATY OF BERLIN.

Best First Consignment

Of Fall Goods in the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtains line are now on hand, and we can only say that for color, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchases.

Latest Novelties From PARIS, BERLIN, LONDON.

WELLER BROS.

VICTORIA B. C.

POLICE SYSTEMS.

An agitation has been started in the East for the adoption of a universal system for the detection of criminals and the suppression of crime in the Dominion. The chief police officer of each of the different cities have been asked to express their opinion as to the best system to be adopted, and naturally the majority have recommended the Bertillon system, which has proved so successful in the United States and elsewhere. It is now used in the British Columbia penitentiary. It has also been suggested that the police force be established at Ottawa, such as there is in Chicago. Of course, it is recognized that very few Eastern Canadian criminals come to the Coast, and few Coast criminals go to the East, but would nevertheless be well for the police to have a system by which they could work in harmony. As far as Victoria is concerned the system by which the police of this city exchange photographs and news of criminals with the police of other cities of the Coast is satisfactory, and it is hoped that the police may deal with here come from the South.

Speaking of the matter yesterday, Chief Langley said he considered that it would be a good thing to have a system for Canada, and he favored the Bertillon system, as in a short time it would become universal, and in fact, is used very extensively. He also mentioned the establishment of a bureau at Ottawa, but also thought a good idea, and further, he considered that it would be well if there could be an exchange of police chiefs to exchange ideas.

Toronto, Oct. 31.—Col. Dent, who is in the city, says that since March he has shipped 6,400 horses from Canada to South Africa, and will ship 800 next month and 800 in December.

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Result of Provincial Bye-Elections in Quebec—A Lively Whale.

Montreal, Oct. 31.—The Quebec provincial bye-elections took place today. In Drummondville, J. Lafey, government candidate was elected by 775 majority. In Quebec county, Delage, government candidate, was elected by 200.

Police Commissioners Deal With the Question of St. George's Hotel.

Forward Report of Chief of Police to the Licensing Board.

A special meeting of the board of Police Commissioners was held yesterday to investigate the complaints made in regard to the St. George's hotel on the Esplanade road, and to deal with any other business that might be brought before the board.

Before proceeding to the principal business of the meeting, the clerk read a letter from Chief Langley, in which he recommended that new suits be purchased for the detectives and new trousers and shoes for the constables. It was explained by the mayor that with the clothes now wanted the cost for uniforms would be about \$2,000 less than in former years.

The letter will be sent to the council, with a recommendation that the clothing required be purchased. Mayor Hayward then introduced the question of the St. George's hotel. He said that early in the month he had seen a notice in the papers regarding the license for the hotel from Mrs. Rhodes to Messrs. Roblin & Cromby. The matter that came up at the trial of Gill, and consequently granted the temporary permit. Had he known what the license was for, he would not have allowed it to be granted. It had been conducted very badly, in fact he was told that it could not be worse.

This report was to the effect that the chief had been informed that liquor had been sold on Sunday, and investigated it with the result that an information had been sworn to charging Mrs. Rhodes with having sold liquor on Sunday. Several times during the summer she had had occasion to go to the police station and on each occasion she had promised to conduct the house in a more orderly manner. Messrs. Roblin & Cromby had also had occasion to go to the police station, and on each occasion she had promised to conduct the house in a more orderly manner. Messrs. Roblin & Cromby had also had occasion to go to the police station, and on each occasion she had promised to conduct the house in a more orderly manner.

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