Sparring For Time

Chinese Want Fighting Stopped and Promise to Chastise Boxers.

French Minister Demands First Exemplary Punishment of Head Men.

Official Report of the Capture of Mukden By the Russians.

Paris, Oct. 18.—The Havas agency has received the following despatch from Pekin:

The diplomatic representatives have received a joint note from Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, saying that it is time to end the present situation and to treat for peace, and that the princes and ministers who were accomplices of the Boxers will be handed over to the courts to be judged and punished according to Chinese law.

In their quality of plenipotentiaries, Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching offer to treat for peace, and accept the principle of indemnities for the legations destroyed. The losses are to be estimated by delegates of the powers. European nations can be accorded fresh commercial advantages or the old treaties modified, but as the requirements of the powers vary, each power must formulate its own.

The plenipotentiaries demand an immediate cessation of hostilities, because of this offer, and request an interview with the Tsung li Yamen for October 21.

Replying to the note, M. Pichon, the French minister, said that China having recognized that she had violated the law of nations, was bound to accept for that very reason, the responsibilities involved. Consequently he demanded that exemplary punishment be inflicted upon the principals guilty, namely, Prince Tuan, Prince Chweng, Kang Li and Tung Fu Hsiang, adding that so long as their heads had not fallen it was impossible to cease hostilities.

M. Pichon has been confined to his bed for several days with a slight attack of typhus, but his condition is not grave.

Owing to the arrival of Count von Waldersee, Gen. Voyron (commander of the French forces) has decided to prolong his stay in Pekin until he receives fresh orders.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 18.—The war office has published further official advices regarding the advance and occupation of Mukden. These show that the Russians left camp at Liao Jan, September 30. The Chinese retired before them in disorder, plundering and burning the villages as they traversed them. The main body of Chinese retired in the direction of Mukden, although large numbers moved eastward and westward.

At Jan Tai, Gen. Sobbotitch, one of the Russian commanders, learned that the Chinese authorities had deserted Mukden and that their flight had been followed by that of the Chinese troops, after pillaging the town. He immediately despatched a flying column under Col. Artamonoff, which, after slight resistance, occupied Mukden at 4 o'clock p.m., October 2.

The Chinese had fired the mines and destroyed the city gates. The Russians found all the buildings belonging to Europeans and native converts looted. The important palace had been looted and burned. A few Chinese maintained a weak fire in the streets, but soon retired.

The main body of the Russians occupied the town in the course of the following day and cleared out all of the remaining Chinese troops. Considerable stores of war material, with some modern guns and rifles, were found.

London, Oct. 19.—The Times, whose Pekin correspondent, Dr. Morrison, describes the tone of the joint note of Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching as characteristically arrogant, as if it were China, and not Europe, that is dictating terms, says editorially:

"The description applies with equal truth to the substance of the circular. To whatever cause this attitude is due, it is a bad augury for the progress of the negotiations, which cannot be fruitful until China has been taught her place. M. Pichon has given her the answer her impudence."

Special despatches from Shanghai recite numerous rumors in circulation there. Among these reports is one that the heir apparent, Hu Chun, son of Prince Tuan, is dead, that Li Hung Chang has been degraded on account of the surrender of Pao Ting Fu, and that Prince Tuan has got possession of the Emperor's seal and is terrorizing the Empress Dowager.

Tien Tsin, Oct. 18.—A courier reports that the British column of the Pai Ting Fu expedition reached the walled town of Whang Chia Kou, October 15, meeting with no resistance, and that the other columns have also been unopposed. The natives are friendly and supplying food to the troops. The Tao Tai of Wang Chia Kou asserts that a body of troops, supposed to be French or German, dispersed a force of Boxers around Wenan, October 9, inflicting severe losses and burning a number of villages.

Gen. Chaffee has ordered two companies of the 9th United States Infantry to garrison Tien Tsin. The provisional government of Tien Tsin has sent 40 Boxers to death.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Times, wiring yesterday, says:

"The Tao Tai has applied to the consuls to arrest over six hundred Chinese who reside in the foreign settlement, on a charge of conspiracy. Those named include several well known Chinamen, whose only crime is that they possess aggressive ideas. This demand is significant of the growing influence of the anti-foreign party. The fact that a tribute of rice is regularly shipped up the Yang Tse Kiang proves that the viceroys are still supporting the Empress Dowager."

EMPRESS FREDERICK.

A Very Gloomy View of Her Condition at Berlin.

Berlin, Oct. 15.—The bulletin issued to-day at Hamburg regarding the condition of the Empress Frederick confirms the report cabled yesterday that her heart is affected. It has made a very pessimistic impression here.

FIRE AT LETHBRIDGE.

Boiler House at Coal Mines Burned Down.

Lethbridge, Alberta, Oct. 18.—Fire has destroyed the boiler house at No. 2 shaft of the coal mines. Fortunately the flames did not reach the fan house, the loss of which would have caused the mines to shut down for a week. The present damage is serious enough, as the mines were running full blast, and will have to be closed down for two days.

THANKSGIVING MANOEUVRES

Military Make an Attack on the Federal Capital.

Ottawa, Oct. 18.—A series of military manoeuvres was carried on to-day before Major-General O'Grady Haly, two regiments of infantry participating. A force attacking the city from the south succeeded in crossing the Rideau river and turning the defenders' right flank. The invaders on the north, however, were repulsed. At the close of the day the General complimented the signal corps especially on their excellent work.

The Telegraph To the Yukon

Line Complete and Working Five Hundred Miles North of Quesnel.

Believed That Bad Weather and Rough Country Has Delayed Connection.

Quesnel, Oct. 18.—Mr. J. B. Charleson, superintendent of construction of the Quesnel-Dawson telegraph line is here. He reports the line complete and in working order to a point five hundred and seventy miles north of Quesnel, and the trail cut and cleared five miles further north. This is as far as the work was contemplated, and completes the section of work from this end. Mr. Charleson states that the construction outfit building south from Telegraph creek had but sixty-seven miles to build on Sept. 15 to complete connection. The intervening uncompleted section is through an unexplored country. A couple of runners from the north reached the south end last Saturday and report the country very mountainous, rough and heavily covered.

The weather has been most unfavorable, the rainfall being unprecedented this year in this section. Notwithstanding these natural and unforseen obstacles, Mr. Charleson expects the last connection in this most unique work in the history of telegraph construction to be made almost any moment.

BUSINESS IN NELSON.

Hall Mines Smelter in Operation and Ore Flowing In.

From Nelson Tribune.

The Hall Mines Smelter blew in on Sunday, after a brief shut down caused by failure of water supply and other minor causes. The smelter has now connected direct with the city water system, and while they do not anticipate having to fall back on this source, are assured of an abundant supply of water should any contingency interfere with the ordinary supply. The blowing in proceeded satisfactorily accomplished, and with a large stock ahead of coal, lime and ore, the smelter will be run close to its capacity for several months at least. The construction of the mechanical roaster is progressing slowly but surely. Freight business on the lines operating in the Nelson district is better to-day than has been the case for a couple of years and the class of business is of the variety that grows constantly. The big Boundary properties which have commenced shipping have made a marked difference in freight traffic, the Rossland output is gaining in magnitude with the prospect of much greater improvement in the near future, and a steady stream of ore is flowing into the Nelson smelter. The outlook for business was never better. Within a couple of months the list of shipping mines will be lengthened by the addition of several important properties of the Mollie Gibson, Ivanhoe, Silver Hill and Emily Edith claims. All this brings grist to the railroad mill, and incidentally interests the whole community.

FEDERATED AUSTRALIA.

Duke of York's Body Guard Will Represent the Whole Army.

London, Oct. 18.—It is officially announced that the Duke of York will be accompanied to Australia, where he is to open the Commonwealth Parliament, by a guard of honor composed of details of men from every branch of the British army, including volunteers. The Indian troops sailed for Australia on Oct. 16.

GENERAL LINARES.

Progressive Military Man Gazetted as Spanish Minister of War.

Madrid, Oct. 18.—Gen. Linares has been gazetted as minister of war, and Gen. Axcarraga as president of the senate.

FERRON ON TRIAL.

Charged With Murdering His Friend, Express Messenger Lane.

Marshville, Ohio, Oct. 18.—Roslyn Ferron, charged with killing his friend, express messenger Lane, in order to secure funds for a wedding, sat in the docket to-day with downcast eyes, while the widow of Lane testified as to her marriage and described the clothing worn by the murdered messenger.

PRINCE HOHENLOHE RESIGNS.

And Count von Bulow is Appointed in His Place.

Berlin, Oct. 17.—Count von Bulow has been appointed imperial chancellor in place of Prince Hohenlohe, who has resigned on account of old age.

Count von Bulow has also been appointed Prussian minister, president and foreign minister.

Although rumors had been current for several days that the Prince Hohenlohe intended to retire, little credence was given to any of them since such reports had returned periodically for years past.

The reasons which induced the prince to insist upon retiring were, in the main, his rapidly growing infirmities and his distinct disapproval of the Emperor's personal policy in China.

Buller's Defence

Manly Speech on His Action In Attempting to Relieve Ladysmith.

Had He Waited the Boers Would Have Over Run Natal.

Knew Task Was a Hard One But Took the Responsibility.

London, Sept. 19.—The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail wires as follows:

"In his speech returning thanks for the sword of honor presented to him, Sir Redvers Buller made a spirited defence of his strategy. He said that he did not believe that any general had ever faced a situation so difficult as that which confronted him when he disembarked at Capetown without an army and with no hope of one for another seven weeks or longer. "I found Mafeking and Kimberley beleaguered," he continued, "and the two main avenues across the Free State, Bethulie Bridge and Norvals Pont, in the hands of the enemy with Ladysmith surrounded.

"If I had waited for the army and then advanced on Bloemfontein it would have been at least twelve weeks before I could have exerted any influence on the situation."

"In that time the Boers would have overrun and occupied Natal and what would have been the effect of that on Europe and the British people?

"General Buller then proceeded to make the interesting announcement that Sir Evelyn Wood had wired asking to be allowed to come out to serve under him.

"He said he was never so tempted in his life to take a man at his word, for he had begun to look upon Natal as a forlorn hope, but it would have been cowardly to have let Sir Evelyn come to take the risk. 'I knew that if I failed to relieve Ladysmith,' he exclaimed, 'I should lose the supreme command. I lost it, and rightly, I think, but I had taken on the task and was bound to see it through to a conclusion.'

"Sir Redvers paid the highest compliments to the loyalty and gallantry of his troops under the tremendous strain, a strain, he believed, such as no soldiers in the history of the world had ever to undergo."

Pretoria, Oct. 18.—The Boers are daily tearing up portions of the railway and cutting the telegraph and telephone wires. Their attacks are indiscriminate. The repairing linemen cannot leave the garrisoned forts without considerable escorts. The only remedy seems to be to corrall all the burghers and deport them, as apparently none can be trusted.

EMPEROR'S THANKS.

Kaiser Writes to Prince Hohenlohe His Appreciation of Faithful Services.

Berlin, Oct. 18.—Emperor William has written to Prince Hohenlohe an autograph letter, yielding to the chancellor's request for relief from his official duties, and expressing His Majesty's warmest thanks for his fidelity, distinguished services and unvarying faithfulness.

CHICAGO SQUATTERS.

Declared Not Guilty of Conspiracy to Murder.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Capt. Geo. Wellington Streeter and seven co-defendants, whose attempt to hold filled-in land on the lake front here last summer resulted in the mobilization of the police force of this city and the wounding of two persons, were declared "not guilty" of conspiracy to commit murder. A charge of unlawful assemblage still remains against "the squatters," as well as a number of civil suits.

THE DAILY LYNCHING.

Kentukian Mob Take a Negro From Jail and Kill Him.

Elton, Ky., Oct. 18.—Erastus Warfield, a negro, was lynched here after midnight by a mob, who took him from the county jail, where he had been placed for attempting to break into a farm house, where the farmer's wife and little child were the only occupants.

LIPTON PLEASED.

He Expresses Pleasure at New York's Acceptance of Challenge.

London, Oct. 18.—It became known today that Sir Thomas Lipton had agreed to the New York Yacht Club's suggestion to change the time of the start of the next international cup races to 2 o'clock. He thinks it an excellent, common sense arrangements, and is delighted with the New York Yacht Club's prompt and satisfactory reply to his challenge.

The Daily Telegraph publishes an interview with Sir Thomas Lipton in the course of which, referring to the report that Mr. Herreschoff had expressed himself able to build a boat that would do the course in five minutes quicker time than the Columbia, he said: "I have too high an opinion of Mr. Herreschoff to believe that he ever uttered anything of the sort. He is not the man to brag."

It is now understood that Shamrock II. will be built by the Hendersons on the Clyde, and Sycamore will be her skipper, with Mr. Jameson in general charge.

Sir Thomas Lipton will take both the new and old Shamrocks across the Atlantic.

VON BULOW.

Curiosity in Germany as to How New Chancellor Will Act.

Berlin, Oct. 18.—The retirement of Prince Hohenlohe is naturally the principal theme of discussion here. The Agrarian and Liberal press says the chancellorship has practically been made vacant. The press generally adopts an expectant attitude, and there is much curiosity as to Count von Bulow's policy in respect to the Prussian diet and the imperious demands of the Junker squirarchy. The general feeling is that a strong young statesman becomes the responsible chief in command of the state and empire.

Up-to-Date Styles at

WEILER BROS.

Our first consignment of Fall Goods in the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtain line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchasings.

Latest Novelties From

Paris, Berlin, London.

WEILER BROS.' VICTORIA, B. C

Mr. Kruger Is Afraid

Taken Secretly Aboard a Dutch Warship to Avoid Boer Dupes.

Brisk Little Fight at Jagersfontein In Which Burghers Lose Heavily.

Lorenzo Marques, Oct. 19.—Mr. Kruger was taken secretly on board the Dutch cruiser Gelderland at 5 o'clock this morning. This vessel will take Mr. Kruger to Holland. The reason given for Mr. Kruger's embarkation was that he feared the Boers there would attack him. The feeling of the refugees against Kruger for fleeing from the country is very strong. The party drove through the custom house and embarked from the custom pier instead of from the passenger jetty.

It is reported that the Gelderland will sail to-morrow.

London, Oct. 19.—Lord Roberts reports from Pretoria, under date of October 18, as follows:

"A party of Boers got into Jagersfontein on the night of October 16, and a fight ensued in the morning. Our loss was eleven killed. The Boers lost their commandant and twenty killed.

"Kelly-Kenny despatched a column under Hughes-Hallett, which should reach Jagersfontein to-day."

OIL STOCK HIGH.

Standard Company's Certificates Take Another Upward Jump.

New York, Oct. 15.—A new record for Standard Oil certificates was made in the outside market to-day when they went up to $583 a share, an advance of 17 points over the highest made in May last.

SPANISH CORTES.

Re-opening Will Be Postponed on Account of International Meeting.

Madrid, Oct. 18.—The cabinet has decided to postpone the re-opening of the Cortes until Nov. 20 on account of the Spanish-American congress, which meets Nov. 12 and lasts until Nov. 20. The Spanish government will take an active part in the congress, and an exceptional welcome will be given to the official delegates from the Central and South American republics.

COUNTER ATTRACTIONS.

Street Preacher Was Not the Only Crowd Collector—Ludgate Lease.

Vancouver, Oct. 18.—A rather unique charge was preferred against a street preacher—R. H. Burke—in the police court yesterday. Mr. Burke was charged with speaking in a very loud voice and obstructing the sidewalk. Several men who were in the crowd listening to Burke appeared as witnesses, and all of them gave evidence favorable to the preacher. One man said that he had heard preachers in churches screaming louder than Burke did. Another said that a socialist on one corner, a saloon on another and a drunken man on another were attracting bigger crowds than Burke, and Burke was the only attraction objected to by the police. The magistrate said he would find out what was done in large Eastern Canadian cities in such cases, and in the meantime would reserve his decision.

Theo. Ludgate met Mr. Wells, of Chicago, in Vancouver yesterday, and they both visited Deadman's Island, for which Mr. Ludgate holds a disputed lease. Mr. Wells said: "We are going to Seattle to look over our new mills there, mills that would have been erected in Vancouver, if the citizens had not opposed us. The question of the ownership of the island is still in the courts, and until that is settled, it is of no use discussing the question."

The Anglican synod of the New Westminster diocese met in New Westminster yesterday, Bishop Dart presiding. Mr. N. C. Schou presented the report of the executive, and Mr. Walter Taylor, the balance sheet. Archdeacon Pentreath presented a report on organization and development work. A scheme was discussed of raising a twentieth century memorial fund for the diocese. A resolution was passed congratulating Bishop Bond and the diocese of Montreal on the fiftieth anniversary of the diocese and the Bishop's attainment of his 85th year.

FORCIBLE FACTS.

One sixth of the deaths from disease are due to consumption. Ninety-eight per cent. of all those who have used Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for "weak lungs" have been perfectly and permanently cured. Cornelius McCawley, of Leechburg, Armstrong Co., Pa., had in all eighty-one hemorrhages. He says: "My doctor did all he could for me, but could not stop the hemorrhages, and all gave me up to die with consumption." What doctors could not do "Golden Medical Discovery did. It stopped the hemorrhages and cured their cause. This is one case out of thousands. Investigate the facts.

Free, Dr. Pierce's great work, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay cost of mail and customs. Send 31 one-cent stamps for paper covered book, or 50 stamps for cloth binding. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

TO MANUFACTURE FUEL.

The Agglomite Process of Making Fuel at Cardiff Described.

From New York Times.

Daniel T. Phillips, United States Consul at Cardiff, in a report describes at length recent tests of the agglomite process of manufacturing fuel in Wales, and declares that there is no reason why a pound of coal dust, whether bituminous or anthracite, should be wasted in the United States.

By this process the coal and agglomerants are subjected to heat and pressure in a sealed vessel, by which a chemical combination of the ingredients is effected, the result being an entirely new fuel compound.

The coal and agglomerants are mixed and ground in a dry state. If tar or pitch or other liquid substances are used, they may be subsequently added; then the prepared material is put into a hopper attached to the end of a horizontal tube. The opposite end of this tube is connected with the briquette press. A worm is kept constantly revolving in the tube, conveying the material through the tube and feeding it into the pressing ram chamber. The tube passes through a small furnace, which enables the material to become heated to a temperature of 500 to 600 degrees Fahrenheit. The gases evolved cannot escape; hence the pressure produced within the tube is shown on an attached gauge to be about ten pounds per square inch. Practically very the tube is an automatically sealed vessel, for the closely packed mass of coal materials fed from the hopper into one end of the tube by the revolving worm and the hot plastic mass fed out by the same worm into the press chamber at the other end of the tube is so closely blocked up by the passages as to overcome the internal pressure of ten pounds per square inch created by the hot gases. These gases, under pressure, permeate the hot plastic mass which is being turned over and over as it slowly travels along the sealed tube.

Tar, as well as pitch, can be used as an agglomerant. Indeed, the use of tar, which is considered cheaper than pitch, affords opportunities for many possible new chemical combinations in the manufacture of agglomite. There is no question that a form of tar distillation goes on in the tube with the degree of heat employed; and that with such distillation carried on under pressure the numerous well-known substances are broken up, re-arranged, and are intimately incorporated with the particles of coal in a way which is not possible under any other fuel-manufacturing system. Millions of tons of anthracite coal dust now thrown away can be successfully utilized in this manner.

James Stevens, a mechanical engineer, who inspected the experimental plant at work, reported that the fuel ignited very readily and burned with a white flame of great heat with much briskness. The briquettes slowly opened out on the grates and presented an appearance, when partly burned, like lumps of coral. There was no tendency to melt, and only 1.19 per cent. fell through the grate bars in the shape of ash. Owing to the excess of dirt in the coal, the clinker was 7.19 per cent.; this, of course, can easily be avoided in a better-class fuel. The boiler was fired twenty times in six hours, but no further attention on the part of the stoker was necessary.

The smoke produced was very satisfactory, the amount visible after each firing being faint and lasting about one minute.

The average of a series of tests with Thompson's calorimeter proved that the calorific value of the fuel was 11.08 per cent. higher than that of the coal from which it was made. This instrument gave an average theoretical evaporation of 14.9 pounds of water per pound of fuel from and at 212 degrees Fahrenheit.

Mr. Stevens declares that in his opinion the agglomite process of making patent fuel, when carried out in suitable machinery, is superior to any of the processes known to him.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Train For Vancouver Comes to Grief North of Seattle.

From the News-Advertiser.

What might have been a serious accident to yesterday (Wednesday) morning's train from Seattle to Vancouver occurred when it had just passed Cathcart, about 33 miles north of Seattle. The train consisted of a combination baggage and express car and a day coach of the N. P. & S. I. and C., P. R. tourist and parlor cars in the order named. Just as the rear car passed Cathcart the two rear coaches left the rails, and after bumping violently for about 50 yards toppled over. Fortunately the train had just commenced to slow up before crossing a trestle bridge under repair and the engineer immediately brought the train to a stop. The couplings between the baggage and first coach and between the two rear cars breaking, also checked the train. The probable cause of the accident was the spreading of the rails at the point where it occurred. The ties also appeared to be somewhat defective.

A DOWIE ROW.

London Students Create an Uproar at His Meeting and Police Are Called.

London, Oct. 18.—Bands of medical students this afternoon raided the meeting held by Mr. John Alex. Dowie, the Zionist of Chicago. Groups of students formed in all parts of the hall, bellowed interruptions and jeered in chorus. Mr. Dowie denounced the disturbers and sent for the police. The latter entered the hall during the scene of uproar and arrested six of the students, which restored order.

FEDERATION WITH COLONIES.

Imperial Liberal Council Will Make This a Principle.

London, Oct. 19—The Imperial Liberal Council at its meeting to-day adopted a resolution in favor of re-organizing the Liberal party upon the basis of social reform at home and of the consolidation and ultimate federation of the United Kingdom with the colonies.

BANQUET TO STRATHCONA.

Elaborate Arrangements For the Entertainment at Toronto.

Toronto, Oct. 19.—Elaborate arrangements are being made for the banquet to Lord Strathcona to be given by the board of trade on October 29. A number of tableaux will be presented on the stage of the Pavilion while the banquet is in progress, among them being one showing a drill of Strathcona's Horse.

INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS.

McGill Wins From the Toronto Students.

Toronto, Oct. 19.—The intercollegiate contest between Toronto and McGill universities took place to-day. The games were well contended. McGill won the majority of events.

Attack on Toronto Fails

The Officer Commanding the Defence Wins In Sham Battle.

Colonel Peters Gets Chaplain Up In Arms by Proposed Sunday Drill.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Toronto, Oct. 18.—The annual sham fight arranged for Thanksgiving Day was not less successful to-day than usual. The manoeuvres took the form of an attake on the city of Toronto and were planned and carried out by Lt.-Col. Delamere, who had as his brigade, the Queen's Own, 544 strong; 48th Highlanders', 251 strong; 9th Field Battery, with two guns, and a score of cavalry from the Governor-General's Body Guard. The Beaver company for the first time accompanied the troops.

The city was to be taken from the west, and operations began just east of the Humber river.

Lt.-Col. Mason had charge of the defence, and his brigade consisted of the Royal Grenadiers, 440 strong; 13th Regiment, Hamilton, 421 strong; a section of the 9th Field Battery, with two guns, and a troop of the Governor-General's Body Guard. He was also accompanied by a field hospital company of the army medical corps.

Early in the day Col. Mason, figuratively, blew up the bridges across the Humber at entrances to the city. The defence was admirably conducted, and Col. Peters, D. O. C., who was umpire, awarded the palm to Col. Mason. In his remarks at the garrison banquet during the evening, Col. Peters made the somewhat startling proposition to the effect that the militia manoeuvres should take place on Sundays from time to time during the year. Col. Mason, who some time ago suggested rifle practice on Sundays, seconded the proposition, but Canon Fernerer, chaplain of the 13th Regiment, who was the only chaplain present, warmly condemned the proposition.

The weather was grand and the holiday altogether a success.

SAILOR'S WONDERFUL ESCAPE.

Clung to the Keel of a Capsized Vessel for Two Days.

St. John, Oct. 18.—Steamer City of Monticello, which arrived this afternoon at Yarmouth, rescued a seaman named Jonas Stafford on the bottom of the schooner Rowena, nine miles southeast of Point Lepreaux. The Rowena was bound from Stentington to St. John in ballast, and while beating in towards the harbor on Tuesday night she was struck by a heavy squall and upset. When she careened over, Stafford, who was forward, got on the rail and climbed up the bottom to the keel. He remained on the bottom from 9 o'clock Tuesday night until rescued at 1 o'clock to-day with nothing to hold on by but the bare keer with seas washing over him. How he managed to hold on is a miracle. When taken off his legs and hands were badly swollen. Captain Wm. J. Evans, of St. John, Mate Leonard, of Deer Island and a Dutch seaman named Arthur Davidson were drowned. Evans leaves a wife and family. The schooner is owned in St. John.

A HITCH.

Strike Difficulties Are Not Yet All Cleared Away.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 18.—Representatives of all the big coal mining companies met here this afternoon and decided to insist on a decrease in the price of the powder being computed as part of the increase in wages to contract miners.

District President Nicholls, of the United Mine Workers, says the mine workers officers were directed to get a straight advance and that another miners' convention will be necessary before the strike can be declared off, even though the officers were disposed to accede to the condition that powder should figure in the present negotiations. The operators making this agreement post notices extending the offered increase of 10 per cent. to April 1.

NOMINTAIONS.

Candidates Named in Montreal—Liberal in Kingston to Retire.

Montreal, Oct. 18.—Ald. Gallery was nominated by the Conservatives for St. Anne's division against M. Quinn, and Ald. Lesperance has been chosen to contest St. Mary's division against Mr. Tarte.

Kingston, Oct. 18.—At the meeting of the Liberal executive on Saturday, Dr. Sands will retire from the field, leaving the contest to be fought between Rogers, Liberal Patron, and Calvin, Conservative.

Smart Weed and Belladonna, combined with the other ingredients used in the best porous plasters, make Carter's B. W. & B. Backache Plasters the best in the market. Price, 25 cents.

Pictou's Welcome

Sir Hibbert Tupper Receives Finest Political Welcome Ever Seen There.

MacClain Is Likely to Run Against Ralph Smith In Nanaimo.

Mr. Sloan Presents a Picture With Each Copy of His Address.

Pictou, N.S., Oct. 19.—There was no uncertain sound in Pictou last night. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper arrived in the evening and was met at the station by an immense throng. The Conservative Workingmen's Club had prepared a reception, turning out with torches and transparencies. It led a monster procession of citizens, numbering 3,000, while the streets were lined with cheering people. It was the grandest political reception in the history of the country.

In Market Square Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper spoke briefly, thanking the people for the magnificent ovation, and especially the workingmen, who had organized the affair, carrying it to such a success. He spoke on the prospects of the party in the West as pointing to the triumph of the Conservatives. He referred to the debate with Mr. Sifton in Brandon, and said that whatever the Grit press might say, it was a grand success for the Conservatives. He left the party in Brandon perfectly satisfied with the results. Conservatives here are jubilant.

Nanaimo, Oct. 19.—Messrs. Sloan and Ralph Smith spoke at Parksville tonight. Thence they tour the northern sections. Sloan is issuing 5,000 copies of his address with a portrait of himself. Every elector gets one.

Vancouver, Oct. 19.—MacClain's socialist supporters have asked him to oppose Ralph Smith in Nanaimo. It is likely he will consent.

Winnipeg, Oct. 19.—The Centre Winnipeg Liberals to-night nominated Robert Muir, president of the Winnipeg Liberal Club, as candidate for the legislature, against Thomas W. Taylor, Conservative.

Toronto, Oct. 19.—Major Henry M. Pellatt was interviewed to-day on his return from British Columbia, and stated that he had refused the nomination for Centre Toronto tendered him by the Conservative party. He said his business interests engrossed him completely at the present time. W. R. Brock may run.

ANDREW HASLAM SAFE.

Waiting at Lasqueti For Good Weather—Proposed Tramway to Extension.

Nanaimo, Oct. 19.—Anxiety respecting Andrew Haslam, the prominent lumberman, who went up the coast on the tug Alert ten days ago and had not returned, was relieved this evening by the report that he is at Lasqueti Island with a large boom, waiting for smooth water to cross.

A deputation from the board of trade consisting of Messrs. Stevenson and Flumerfelt, waited on the city council to-day regarding the proposed electric the railway line further north to our journey. For nine days we at Roodival, during which time all kinds for the army at the cumulated at the little station place looked like a considera depot rather than a small wa Being the senior officer, in co with Captain Grant I took co the small garrison which cons few details of various regim had only been at the place a when reports came in that t several large bodies of the en and that we were liable to be at any time. It was on the 4 that a farmer living near t who was in sympathy with and informed us that a large Boers belonging to Dewet's visited his farm the day before them he had learned that it tention of the Free State Ge tack us in a few days. Previ time we had repeatedly repr the authorities at Kronstad t of our position and asked for Repeated appeals resulted in shire Militia regiment being Kroonstad. One company reinforce our little garrison station, while the rest of th consisting of seven compani a few miles further north the banks of the Rhenos protect the new bridge which construction. When we rec ing that we were to be attack rison consisted of about one fifty men made up of on the Derbyshires, a company pioneers and a few odd det whom were not even arme course, there was the Dert ment four miles further n north bank of the river. quests for reinforcements re being informed by the mili ties at Kroonstad that we best we could, as no further be spared at the time. Eve that the station was to be a large body of the enemy days failed to bring us an but to entrench and strengt tion. With loaded railwa made an oblong enclosure tion which we made secure boxes of stores and bags of and clothing.

"Our reconnoitering patr on by a single horseman ab on the morning of June 7, the station. The alarm given and the little garriso positions previously assigne side our barricade. It wa past five o'clock on the mor patrol had been fired on wh single horseman carrying approaching the station. and myself went out abou the station and met the m ed to be a Boer messenger a written summons from tian Dewet, which read am around you with about men and four guns and de mediate unconditional surr to avoid bloodshed.' Afte peremptory demand we an hour's time for conside we might establish commu the Derbyshires, whom already engaged with th the reports which came banks further north. We

TO KILL THE CZAR.

A Plot to Wreck Imperial Train in a Tunnel.

London, Oct. 19.—The Sebastopol correspondent of the Daily Telegraph sends details of an alleged plot about a month ago against the life of the Emperor Nicholas. It appears that about a fortnight before the Czar and Czarina began their journey to the Crimea, a student at Moscow university, son of a post captain of the Black sea fleet, was arrested for digging in a suspicious manner in the vicinity of a railway tunnel near Sabastopol. The police, after the arrest, found a large quantity of explosives deposited where they would have inevitably wrecked the tunnel when the imperial train was passing. The correspondent says there are certain indications that the plot was one of those concerted by the Brescl group of anarchists.

SAILED FOR HOME.

Invalided Canadians Start From Liverpool For Quebec.

Ottawa, Oct. 19.—A cablegram received from the high commissioner's office in London states that 50 invalided Canadians sailed yesterday for Quebec from Liverpool.

The militia department has been advised that Private E. Merchant, 1st Batt. C. M. R., died of enteric fever at Johannesburg. Private Merchant belonged to Kent, Eng.

HITCH IN SETTLEMENT.

Strikers Insist on All Demands Being Granted and Situation Is Less Favorable.

Hazelton, Oct. 19.—As far as the United Mine Workers officials are concerned, matters are at a standstill in the anthracite miners' contest with the operators. There was nothing new in the situation to-day and President Mitchell still refuses to talk. A prominent official of the United Mine Workers said tonight that the men throughout the anthracite coal fields are insisting on a flat 10 per cent. increase without the powder reduction being considered in figuring out the percentage of advance. Notwithstanding the confidence of the labor leader in their ability to hold the men together there, a belief is prevalent that a break will come sooner or later. The strikers seeking relief from the United Mine Workers are becoming more restless with each succeeding day.