

one of the most public-spirited acts has been our pleasure to note in connection with the Queen's jubilee...

Woman who is weak, nervous and who has cold feet, and who does not feel and act like a well person...

Monthly Competition for B.C. for the Year 1897

1,500 Bicycles AND 1,500 Watches GIVEN FREE FOR

Sunlight Soap Wrappers

Stearns Bicycle each month. Gold Watch each month.

Gold value of \$1,500 GIVEN FREE during 1897.

TO OBTAIN THEM. For rules and full particulars see Saturday issue of this paper, or apply by post to...

KING, Victoria, Agent for Sunlight Soap

SALE—A portion of the N. & S. Steam-Engine Co. of Canada...

WED—Men and women who can work at taking and writing...

WED—Industrial persons of either sex with good character and common school education...

FARM FOR SALE. 100 acres on Vancouver Island...

Farmers, Market Gardeners, etc.

THE VICTORIA CHEMICAL CO., LTD. Wharf, Victoria, offer fertilizers at following prices...

LAND REGISTRY ACT. The Matter of an Application for a duplicate of Certificate of Title...

THE VICTORIA CHEMICAL CO., LTD. Wharf, Victoria, offer fertilizers at following prices...

LAND REGISTRY ACT. The Matter of an Application for a duplicate of Certificate of Title...

THE VICTORIA CHEMICAL CO., LTD. Wharf, Victoria, offer fertilizers at following prices...

Stage Travel. For the undermentioned points Ashcroft as follows...

WISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS CO., LTD. HEAD OFFICE—ASHCROFT, B. C.

PIERCY & CO. WHOLESALE DRY GOODS, and CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS

MINERS' OUTFITS A SPECIALTY.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

Victoria, B. C.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. Celebrated for its great leavening strength and healthfulness...

FROM THE CAPITAL British-Yukon Chartered Company's Bill Passed Committee With Some Modifications.

Minister's Arranging Terms Upon Which C. P. R. Shall Construct Crow's Nest E. R.

Ottawa, May 21.—Lord Aberdeen announced to-day a bill for the construction of a railway from Crow's Nest to the Yukon...

Mr. Richard Cartwright is leading in the house to-day in the absence of Hon. Mr. Laurier, who is in Montreal.

An announcement regarding the future of the Crow's Nest railway was expected very soon.

Hon. Mr. Blair today, in answer to questions by Sir Charles Tupper, that he would give a general outline of the arrangements...

It is understood that Sir William Van Helle and Mr. Shogren are here to-day to discuss the terms upon which the C. P. R. shall construct the Crow's Nest extension through Crow's Nest...

The vote of \$5,000,000 for deepening the St. Lawrence canal will pass almost as a matter of course.

These four things, the fast line, the international extension, the canal deepening and the Crow's Nest railway, will probably be the sum of the session's business.

It is a very good fulfillment of the programme contained in the Queen's speech and the franchise bill is not, in all of its details, of immediate importance.

It comes up again next session and it is to-day. Perhaps it is rather early to look forward to next session, but certainly two great questions are at stake upon the order paper for it, the proposed railway commission and the franchise bill.

The British-Yukon Chartered Company bill has passed the railway committee with considerable modifications. This is the Duke of Teck's scheme.

Mr. Mulock informed the house that the postage stamps of all dominions will be issued about June 23rd. The postage will last about three months, and the Duke of York.

Montreal, May 21.—The recent in St. Lawrence division of Montreal gives by the Liberal, a majority of 17 over Hon. J. S. Hall.

PASSED THE SENATE. Mexico's Resolution Recognizing the War in Cuba.

Washington, D.C., May 20.—At 3:35 p.m. today a vote was taken on the Mexican resolution recognizing the belligerency of Cuba. The resolution passed by a vote of 14, whereupon the galleries broke into great applause.

Senator Hale, before the vote was taken, expressed the opinion that the adoption of the resolution would invade the United States in war.

CONTRACT NOT SIGNED. Laurier Denies a Rumor of the Peterson Fast Line Contract.

Montreal, May 21.—The Hon. Mr. Laurier arrived here to-day at noon. At 10 o'clock he will receive a deputation at the Windsor Hotel, and be presented with a life-sized portrait of himself. He is expected to be in the knowledge of the Canadian Government that the Imperial authorities have signed the Peterson fast line contract, as reported.

Scurfy Head. If a child's head is scurfy, do not scrub the hair, which is apt to scratch and irritate the scalp, but brush gently. After washing the head thoroughly, dry it, and apply Dr. Chase's Ointment.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. That is what Eberhard & Parker, merchants of Platts, Ga., say of Chamberlain's Pain Balm...

NEW ZEALAND'S PREMIER. His Visit to Ottawa and Views on Public Affairs.

Ottawa, May 16.—There arrived here to-day a distinguished colonial visitor in the person of Hon. Robert J. Seddon, premier of New Zealand, who is on his way to England to take part in the Jubilee festivities.

Mr. Seddon is accompanied by his wife, two daughters and his private secretary, Mr. Crowe. He came to Ottawa via San Francisco, as the Hindustan steamer has not yet commenced their regular calls at a New Zealand port.

Mr. Seddon's agents had mapped out his route from San Francisco to New York and Washington via Chicago and the Falls, but he told your correspondent that he is too much of a Britisher to miss the opportunity of visiting Canada.

The New Zealand premier is a tall, well built Englishman of about 48 years of age, a Lancashire man by birth, who is returning home after a lengthy absence of 34 years.

New Zealand is to be represented at the Jubilee festivities by a contingent of fifty mounted infantry, a volunteer force and twenty Maori native soldiers.

The regulars of the colony are artillery, but none of these are included in the force. Mr. Seddon speaks in high terms of the Maories. He says they have repeatedly demonstrated their courage and make splendid soldiers.

There are about forty thousand of these aborigines still in the colony. Your correspondent asked the premier what his views were on woman suffrage, which is now the law of New Zealand.

Every adult person, male or female of 21 years of age, has a right to vote. Mr. Seddon said that at first he was opposed to female suffrage, but now, having seen the practical workings of the law, he was a firm believer in it.

At this point the thought flashed into the mind of the interviewer as to whether the result of the general elections in New Zealand last year, when Mr. Seddon secured a new lease of power, had aided in converting the premier to the belief that it was proper for women to vote.

Tariff matters were then touched upon, and your correspondent asked what had become of the draft convention arranged between Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Colonial Secretary Ward a couple of years ago for an interchange of products between Canada and New Zealand on a reciprocal basis.

Mr. Seddon replied that the colonial legislature had declined to ratify the convention; hence the matter had been hung up for the present. During his present visit to Ottawa he will discuss with the government the possibility of closer trade relations, improvement of mail service between the two countries, and so forth.

As to the tariff, the New Zealand premier declined to commit himself. From a remark which he let drop it is evident he is a strong advocate of closer relations on a preferential basis between Great Britain and her colonies.

He is strongly opposed to the colonies being hampered by the favored nation clauses in the German and Belgian treaties, but felt that it would hardly be proper for him to argue the matter at present, as it would be a subject of conference between Mr. Chamberlain and the colonial premiers in London next month.

Mr. Seddon and his party leave for the city in company with Mr. Sandford Fleming, and to-night they dined at the Government House. During the course of the day nearly all the ministers called on the New Zealand premier and to-morrow they will meet him at a luncheon to be given in his honor by Mr. Laurier.

Mr. Seddon will leave for Washington to-morrow afternoon, sailing for New York by the Campania from New York next Saturday.

DISASTROUS CLOUD-BURST. The Little Valley of Asotin, Wash., Devastated by a Flood.

Asotin, Wash., May 21.—A cloud-burst at some points as yet unknown up the little valley of Asotin Creek sent a wall of water down the valley last evening that carried devastation in its train. Stock was drowned, houses wrecked, bridges washed away and orchards ruined. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

The valley was a continuous orchard and garden for fifteen miles above the town, and the crops were all above water. So far as reported no lives were lost. Nothing to equal the flood has ever been experienced since the valley was settled.

THE EASTERN SITUATION. Belated Volunteers From America Arrive at Athens.

Athens, May 22.—The arrival of the volunteers from America yesterday excited enthusiasm, but no enthusiasm. They will join the army of Crown Prince Constantine. The losses of the Greeks in Phourka Pass were 800 killed and wounded. All the irregulars have been disbanded.

Paris, May 22.—Advices received to-day from Athens say that the Greek minister of foreign affairs, M. Skoulozidis, in conversation with several foreign envoys declared that Greece will not pay any indemnity to Turkey nor agree to the ratification of the frontier.

London, May 22.—A dispatch from Vienna says that the Austrian cruiser Kron Prinzessin Stefanie has been ordered from Salonica to Phaleron, near the Piræus (Port of Athens), to remain at the disposal of the royal family of Greece if required to convey them from that country.

"It is the Best on Earth." That is what Eberhard & Parker, merchants of Platts, Ga., say of Chamberlain's Pain Balm...

TERROR IN ATHENS. The Stupor and Panic Caused by News of the Latest Defeat Is Intense.

Greek Insurgents Receive Instructions to Accept Autonomy from Government.

Paris, May 21.—The correspondent at Athens of the Journal of this city, referring to the recent defeat of the Greeks, telegraphs: "The stupor and panic caused by the latest defeat is intense. The people seem to expect the immediate arrival of the Turks at Athens. On all sides families are preparing to flee to the right and to the left, the streets and there is the wildest excitement everywhere. I learn that some shots were fired at the Crown Prince as he endeavored to stay the confusion. Two Greek battalions were seized with panic and the retreating soldiers, on entering Lamia, could not be restrained by the officers. They shouted, 'The Turks are coming.' The panic which resulted was increased by the jail birds, who had been released, and caused disorder throughout the town."

Clancis, Island of Euboea, May 21.—According to details received here regarding the retreat of the Greek troops from Danakos, 15,000 Turks on Tuesday attacked the positions of the Greeks, took up the Phourka Pass. The Greeks numbered about 10,000 men, the rest of the army having retreated to Lamia. Turks bombarded the defenders with heavy guns, but there was a cessation of fighting at 8 o'clock in the evening, when the Greeks still maintained all their positions. On Wednesday, however, the Greeks retired to Zaratas, closely pursued by the Turks. Thereafter an engagement was fought at 10 o'clock in the morning, whereby squadrons of Turkish cavalry, by a flanking movement, attempted to cut off the retreat of the Greeks. The firing was heavy, and many of the Turkish cavalrymen were killed. So soon as it became known that an armistice had been arranged the fighting ceased, and the Greeks retired to Lamia. The Turks on Thursday left Phourka Pass and retired beyond the old frontier line. Crow's Nest is mentioned as having established his headquarters at Thermopylae with Gen. Smolicki, Col. Vassos and Garibaldians, Candia, Crete, May 21.—The Cretan insurgents have received instructions from the Constantinian government to accept autonomy on condition that the Turkish troops are previously withdrawn from the island. The insurgents appear to approve of this plan for a settlement of the Cretan question. The Mussulmans of Crete, however, applied to the sultan protesting against being placed in the power of a majority which betrayed such hostility to the Mussulmans as carnage at Sitia and the destruction of all the Mahomedan villages, adding that "Autonomy under such circumstances cannot fail to perpetuate race wars, and will only briefly postpone a revival of the annexation question with all its disastrous consequences."

A BANKER IN TROUBLE. President of the State National Bank at Loganport Under Arrest.

Washington, D.C., May 22.—Mr. Coffin, acting comptroller of the currency, has received a telegram announcing the arrest of John F. Johnson, president of the State National Bank at Loganport, Ind., for criminal violation of the National Bank Act. Coffin said he had information that Johnson procured from the bank \$200,000 or forged notes, and \$100,000 additional by making false entries in the individual ledgers and by the certificates of deposit. Before his arrest the cashier of the bank, including the cash of \$24,831 in nine years, while the bank has ever been experienced since the valley was settled.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY. Financial Condition Shown by the Annual Reports.

Eagle Lake, Ind., May 22.—The annual report of the board of relief of the Presbyterian general assembly shows that the receipts last year were \$180,836 and expenditures \$182,264. While the permanent fund already amounts to \$1,551,783, it is the judgment of the board that it should be largely increased, as there is a steady increase in the number of applicants for aid, and amounts now granted should be larger. It was painful to notice that since the centennial fund was raised by collections from churches and Sabbath schools it has gradually fallen off, there being a decrease of \$24,831 in nine years, while the church is more than one-fourth larger than nine years ago. The collections are more than one-fourth less.

LOCK THE DOOR. Before the horse is stolen. Purify, enrich and vitalize your blood and build up your physical system before disease attacks you and serious sickness comes. Hood's Sarsaparilla will make you strong and vigorous and will expel from your blood all impurities and germs of disease. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla now.

HOOD'S PILLS are the favorite family cathartic. Easy to take, gentle, mild, 25 cents.

WHEAT GOING ABROAD. The Rush of Grain to South Africa to be Resumed.

New York, May 21.—It has leaked out on the Brooklyn water front that the rush of grain to South Africa is to be resumed. The British steamship Kidnisten, which sailed from the North Central pier, took 50,000 bushels of wheat and the British steamer Mount Sephar has commenced to load 60,000 bushels of wheat at the river elevator. At the same time large quantities of mining and agricultural machinery and other American products will complete the cargoes.

ROSSLAND TRAGEDY. Calif Daniels Shoots Blanch Sutherland, a Sporting Woman, and Commits Suicide.

Daniels Leaves a Letter Telling Why He Did the Deed—Little Hope of Woman's Recovery.

Rosslund, May 22.—Shortly after nine o'clock last evening a double tragedy was enacted at the Clipper Shades, a sporting house, when Calif Daniels, the night attendant at the Sisters' Hospital in this city, shot Blanch Sutherland, an inmate of this resort, in the stomach, a little to the right and below the heart, also through the left shoulder and again through the neck, and then shot himself through the head, the ball entering a little above the left ear and lodging there, killing himself instantly. The woman is still alive.

On his person was found a letter addressed to the sisters requesting decent burial and telling why he did the deed, which showed he was deeply in love with the woman and could not live without her. The doctors have little hope for her recovery. An inquest is being held.

A DRAMATIC SCENE. Labouchere Censured by the Transvaal Enquiry Committee.

London, May 21.—There was a dramatic scene in a committee room of the Westminster Hall. The parliamentary committee, enquiring into the Transvaal and held another session, and during the examination of Mr. Huthoford Harris, the former secretary of the British South Africa Chartered Company, at Cape Town, by Mr. Labouchere, the witness was asked whether he had ever heard of a statement regarding the purpose of seeking in the securities of the Chartered Company. Mr. Harris replied by reading an extract from Mr. Labouchere's speech in the House of Commons on May 5, 1896, and also an extract from Truth of May 5, 1896. The article from Truth states that a conspiracy had been formed prior to the said for the purpose of making large bear sales, and points out that the conspirators would be of great profit to the conspirators. "It is clear," continued the article, "that the raid was planned by Cecil Rhodes, Alfred Beit and the secretary of the South Africa Chartered Company." After reading the extract, Mr. Harris turned to the chairman and begged him to call upon Mr. Labouchere to justify his statements, which Mr. Harris added, "are absolutely and maliciously false and untrue."

Mr. Labouchere replied: "In order to give proof, I shall have to call a number of stock brokers before the committee."

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, thereupon sharply remarked: "I think it important that you should do so."

Replying to Sir Richard Webster, the Attorney-General, Mr. Harris reiterated that Mr. Labouchere's statement was untrue, and begged the committee to drop the charges. The committee room was then cleared in order to allow the committee to discuss the matter. When the session was resumed the chairman announced that the committee summoned Mr. Labouchere for coming on the raid while the enquiry was proceeding, took notice of Mr. Harris' denial, and added that it rested with Mr. Labouchere to take steps which he thought fit to meet the denial.

Later Mr. Harris refused to be further examined by Mr. Labouchere unless the latter withdrew his charges. On motion of Sir William Vernon Harcourt the committee room was again cleared. On resuming business the chairman said he thought Mr. Harris' position in the dispute must be wholly satisfactory to him, and the matter was then dropped.

ON AMERICAN SOIL. British Residents of Buffalo, N. Y., to Celebrate on June 22nd.

Buffalo, N.Y., May 21.—A meeting of British residents of Buffalo and the subjects of Her Imperial Majesty Victoria was held at the Ellicott last night for the purpose of making formal arrangements for the celebration of the jubilee, which has already been announced. A general committee of arrangements was chosen and a number of special committees were also named for various purposes. Albert Jones was named as chairman of the general committee and Arnold D. Ralph secretary. At a subsequent meeting the general committee passed the following resolution:

"Whereas it is particularly requested that all citizens of British birth shall take a warm interest in the matter of the celebration of Her Majesty's diamond jubilee; it is the sense of the committee that no barrier of nationality shall be raised, and that all good American citizens, well-wishers of Her Majesty, are cordially invited to participate in the banquet and will be most welcome."

THE POPE'S RULING. His Holiness Desires to Make English the Official Language in America.

Chicago, May 22.—Information was obtained to-day that Rome has just made a ruling that children born in America of foreign-born parents and foreign-born Catholics knowing the English language, can join a parish in which English is spoken. The evident purpose of the Pope is to make English the language of the church in America.

CZAR TO THE SULTAN. Text of the Message Asking for the Cessation of Hostilities.

London, May 20.—A dispatch from Constantinople gives the text of the Czar's message to the Sultan asking for the cessation of hostilities as follows: "Your Imperial Majesty will not feel astonished by the fact that, encouraged by the evidence of sincere friendship and neighborly feeling which exists between us, I take upon myself the task of addressing to Your August Majesty my earnest expression of the wish that you will crown the heroic successes of your soldiers by a suspension of hostilities. This is a course which will be in entire accord with the firmness and peaceful moderation you evinced at the commencement of the campaign. Your Imperial Majesty will thus accomplish an act which will be entirely in conformity with wisdom and moderation, and which will serve to still further augment the respect and admiration you personally inspire, and of which I will forever retain in memory. I pray your Imperial Majesty to be good enough to believe in my unalterable friendship."

The Sultan replied, expressing lively and sincere thanks, and informing the Czar that he had ordered the Turkish commanders to stop fighting. In conclusion the Sultan said: "I pray Your Imperial Majesty also to take into consideration of the powers to assure the re-establishment of peace, having for its result the safeguarding the rights and prestige of my government and the maintenance of general peace."

HE BOXED HIS EARS. The Duke of Tetuan and Senor Comas Have a Little Spat.

Madrid, May 22.—The Duke of Tetuan, minister of foreign affairs, resigned yesterday after boxing the ears of Senor Comas, the liberal senator who has withdrawn his resignation on the advice of the premier, the personal dispute having been closed by the seconds of the two parties, who decided that a duel was not necessary.

Law students made a demonstration in front of the house of Senor Comas, hooted the Duke of Tetuan. They were dispersed by the police.

CANADIAN NEWS. Winnipeg, May 21.—Crop reports from points on the Northern Pacific line in Manitoba to-day state that the weather has been very warm during the past week, and in consequence grain has come ahead, and the fields are looking green and the wheat strong.

Key-De Carman, president of the Methodist general conference, returned to-day from British Columbia. Sir William Van Horne is expected to make a trip over the C. P. R. early in June. Orders were granted by the Manitoba courts to-day winding up the Hemskirt Publishing Co. and the Lake of the Woods Fish Co., both being insolvent. Harry Phair, who was injured by the upsetting of a freight car at Portage La Prairie, died of his injuries this morning, making the second victim of the accident. The second daughter of Mrs. Hamilton Merritt, aged 7, was drowned yesterday at Fleming. Toronto, May 21.—The Toronto Street Railway Company advertise in the evening papers that they will run cars next Sunday, also that the proceeds of the first day will be devoted to the hospitals of the city. Orangeville, May 21.—The five men convicted of setting fire to barns and other buildings in Melancthon township, were sentenced this morning. Dave Ballard (colored), the leader of the gang, James Ballard, and Alfonso Smith were sentenced to twelve years each, and Jas. E. Corbett and Reid received eight years each. Buffalo, N.Y., May 21.—A meeting of British residents of Buffalo and the subjects of Her Imperial Majesty Victoria was held at the Ellicott last night for the purpose of making formal arrangements for the jubilee, which has already been announced. A general committee of arrangements was chosen and a number of special committees were also named for various purposes. Albert Jones was named as chairman of the general committee and Arnold D. Ralph secretary. At a subsequent meeting the general committee passed the following resolution:

A STEAMER ASHORE. A Large Ocean-Going Craft Ashore on the Cape Breton Coast.

Halifax, May 22.—News was brought to-day by incoming fishermen that the large ocean steamer is ashore of Flint's Point, on the Cape Breton coast. The steamer is supposed to be the Delta. She is apparently deeply laden.

B. C. WEATHER. Lillooet, May 21.—Weather cooler, river about stationary.

Yale, May 21.—Partly cloudy and warm about 75 in the shade. Water rose an inch last night.

Have no equal as a prompt and positive cure for a sick headache, biliousness, constipation, pain in the side and all these troubles. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Try them.

WEALTHY SMUGGLER. Millionaire Scruggs, of St. Louis, and His Private Secretary Arrested at New York.

New York, May 22.—Richard M. Scruggs, the St. Louis millionaire, and F. G. Langhorn, of the same city, were arrested by customs inspectors as they stepped off the steamer St. Paul from Southampton to-day. The warning had evidently been telegraphed when they left Southampton. The charge is smuggling. On Langhorn was found a belt containing diamonds, jewelry and watches. Similar articles were found in Scruggs' pockets. Valuable lace was also captured. The captured stuff is worth \$5,000. Scruggs declared for himself and Langhorn to the amount of \$50,000 dutiable property. "I guess it's all right," remarked Scruggs, smiling as he handed his declaration to the inspector. "No, it is not all right," said the officer. "We will have to search you and your companion."

THE TWO MEN WORE BELTS CONTAINING DIAMONDS, JEWELRY, LACE AND WATCHES.

New York, May 22.—Richard M. Scruggs, the St. Louis millionaire, and F. G. Langhorn, of the same city, were arrested by customs inspectors as they stepped off the steamer St. Paul from Southampton to-day. The warning had evidently been telegraphed when they left Southampton. The charge is smuggling. On Langhorn was found a belt containing diamonds, jewelry and watches. Similar articles were found in Scruggs' pockets. Valuable lace was also captured. The captured stuff is worth \$5,000. Scruggs declared for himself and Langhorn to the amount of \$50,000 dutiable property. "I guess it's all right," remarked Scruggs, smiling as he handed his declaration to the inspector. "No, it is not all right," said the officer. "We will have to search you and your companion."

"Search me!" exclaimed Scruggs. "What do you mean? You insult me at your peril. You are impertinent."

"I can't help that," replied the inspector. "It will have to search you and your companion."

"Search me!" exclaimed Scruggs. "What do you mean? You insult me at your peril. You are impertinent."

"I can't help that," replied the inspector. "It will have to search you and your companion."

"Search me!" exclaimed Scruggs. "What do you mean? You insult me at your peril. You are impertinent."

"I can't help that," replied the inspector. "It will have to search you and your companion."

"Search me!" exclaimed Scruggs. "What do you mean? You insult me at your peril. You are impertinent."

"I can't help that," replied the inspector. "It will have to search you and your companion."

COMMITTED SUICIDE. Strange Story About a Horse From Grand Forks.

Grand Forks, May 16.—A great deal has not said and written about animals practicing self-destruction, but one of the most remarkable cases ever coming under the notice of your correspondent occurred here last night. A prospectors' horse on Friday afternoon was "staked out" on one of the commons near the outskirts of the city, and the prospector started to fill up on various kinds of dry water the next morning, and in consequence grain has come ahead, and the fields are looking green and the wheat strong.

Key-De Carman, president of the Methodist general conference, returned to-day from British Columbia. Sir William Van Horne is expected to make a trip over the C. P. R. early in June. Orders were granted by the Manitoba courts to-day winding up the Hemskirt Publishing Co. and the Lake of the Woods Fish Co., both being insolvent. Harry Phair, who was injured by the upsetting of a freight car at Portage La Prairie, died of his injuries this morning, making the second victim of the accident. The second daughter of Mrs. Hamilton Merritt, aged 7, was drowned yesterday at Fleming. Toronto, May 21.—The Toronto Street Railway Company advertise in the evening papers that they will run cars next Sunday, also that the proceeds of the first day will be devoted to the hospitals of the city. Orangeville, May 21.—The five men convicted of setting fire to barns and other buildings in Melancthon township, were sentenced this morning. Dave Ballard (colored), the leader of the gang, James Ballard, and Alfonso Smith were sentenced to twelve years each, and Jas. E. Corbett and Reid received eight years each. Buffalo, N.Y., May 21.—A meeting of British residents of Buffalo and the subjects of Her Imperial Majesty Victoria was held at the Ellicott last night for the purpose of making formal arrangements for the jubilee, which has already been announced. A general committee of arrangements was chosen and a number of special committees were also named for various purposes. Albert Jones was named as chairman of the general committee and Arnold D. Ralph secretary. At a subsequent meeting the general committee passed the following resolution:

"Whereas it is particularly requested that all citizens of British birth shall take a warm interest in the matter of the celebration of Her Majesty's diamond jubilee; it is the sense of the committee that no barrier of nationality shall be raised, and that all good American citizens, well-wishers of Her Majesty, are cordially invited to participate in the banquet and will be most welcome."

THE POPE'S RULING. His Holiness Desires to Make English the Official Language in America.

Chicago, May 22.—Information was obtained to-day that Rome has just made a ruling that children born in America of foreign-born parents and foreign-born Catholics knowing the English language, can join a parish in which English is spoken. The evident purpose of the Pope is to make English the language of the church in America.

CZAR TO THE SULTAN. Text of the Message Asking for the Cessation of Hostilities.

London, May 20.—A dispatch from Constantinople gives the text of the Czar's message to the Sultan asking for the cessation of hostilities as follows: "Your Imperial Majesty will not feel astonished by the fact that, encouraged by the evidence of sincere friendship and neighborly feeling which exists between us, I take upon myself the task of addressing to Your August Majesty my earnest expression of the wish that you will crown the heroic successes of your soldiers by a suspension of hostilities. This is a course which will be in entire accord with the firmness and peaceful moderation you evinced at the commencement of the campaign. Your Imperial Majesty will thus accomplish an act which will be entirely in conformity with wisdom and moderation, and which will serve to still further augment the respect and admiration you personally inspire, and of which I will forever retain in memory. I pray your Imperial Majesty to be good enough to believe in my unalterable friendship."

HE BOXED HIS EARS. The Duke of Tetuan and Senor Comas Have a Little Spat.

Madrid, May 22.—The Duke of Tetuan, minister of foreign affairs, resigned yesterday after boxing the ears of Senor Comas, the liberal senator who has withdrawn his resignation on the advice of the premier, the personal dispute having been closed by the seconds of the two parties, who decided that a duel was not necessary.

Law students made a demonstration in front of the house of Senor Comas, hooted the Duke of Tetuan. They were dispersed by the police.

CANADIAN NEWS. Winnipeg, May 21.—Crop reports from points on the Northern Pacific line in Manitoba to-day state that the weather has been very warm during the past week, and in consequence grain has come ahead, and the fields are looking green and the wheat strong.

Key-De Carman, president of the Methodist general conference, returned to-day from British Columbia. Sir William Van Horne is expected to make a trip over the C. P. R. early in June. Orders were granted by the Manitoba courts to-day winding up the Hemskirt Publishing Co. and the Lake of the Woods Fish Co., both being insolvent. Harry Phair, who was injured by the upsetting of a freight car at Portage La Prairie, died of his injuries this morning, making the second victim of the accident. The second daughter of Mrs. Hamilton Merritt, aged 7, was drowned yesterday at Fleming. Toronto, May 21.—The Toronto Street Railway Company advertise in the evening papers that they will run cars next Sunday, also that the proceeds of the first day will be devoted to the hospitals of the city. Orangeville, May 21.—The five men convicted of setting fire to barns and other buildings in Melancthon township, were sentenced this morning. Dave Ballard (colored), the leader of the gang, James Ballard, and Alfonso Smith were sentenced to twelve years each, and Jas. E. Corbett and Reid received eight years each. Buffalo, N.Y., May 21.—A meeting of British residents of Buffalo and the subjects of Her Imperial Majesty Victoria was held at the Ellicott last night for the purpose of making formal arrangements for the jubilee, which has already been announced. A general committee of arrangements was chosen and a number of special committees were also named for various purposes. Albert Jones was named as chairman of the general committee and Arnold D. Ralph secretary. At a subsequent meeting the general committee passed the following resolution:

A STEAMER ASHORE. A Large Ocean-Going Craft Ashore on the Cape Breton Coast.

Halifax, May 22.—News was brought to-day by incoming fishermen that the large ocean steamer is ashore of Flint's Point, on the Cape Breton coast. The steamer is supposed to be the Delta. She is apparently deeply laden.