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...nbers of the Street Committee Look at the Outer Wharf Route.

...erintendent Wilson's Opinion on the Matter of Street Repairs in General.

...e aldermen of the streets committee ...ed the main streets leading to the ...er wharf this morning in company ...Street Inspector Wilson. Ald. ...wart on his return said that they ...d the main road over which all the ...y traffic passed, with the exception ...Belleville street, which was recently ...aired, to be in a very bad condi... People were kicking about the ...dition of the streets, he said, in all ...s of the town, but unless a loan ... obtained the committee could not ...t them all repaired. There were ...e streets, of course, where repairs ...t be made, and this was one of ...n. He advocated the raising of a ... of $100,000, but he did not think ...work of repairs should be rushed ... that amount expended all in one ... Ald. Kinsman and Harrison ... also of the opinion that repairs ... urgently needed for these streets. ... Harrison thought the work should ...egun at once.

...reet Superintendent Wilson said the ...wing streets, St. John, Kingston, ...bec, Montreal, St. Lawrence and ... streets, which he considered was ...main thoroughfare to the outer ...rf, should be repaired as soon as ... weather would permit. Nothing, ...ever, can be done until we have ... weather. It would be throwing ...y money to do the work now. Belle... street was in good condition as ...as St. John street. To make a ...er street they should all be taken ...and graded down 18 inches or two ... To fix these streets he would ...l to turn the traffic on to the other ...eets, which would render them a ... impassable in a short time. His ...mate of the cost of repairs to these ...eets was between $4000 and $5000 ...ile. He would make them 25 feet ...e, which would allow three teams to ...s. The repairs to the remainder of ... city streets would cost about $300 ... mile on an average. There are 9 ...es of streets in town, and nearly a ...d repairs.

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LIBERAL VICTORIES

Big Demonstration by the Liberals in Brantford Last Evening.

Heyd, the Successful Candidate and Hon. Mr. Paterson Serenaded.

East Simcoe Goes Conservative but North Ontario is in the Right Line.

Brantford, Feb. 5.—Charles Heyd, Liberal, was elected yesterday for South Brant by a majority of 381, the vote being Heyd, 2,655; Henry, 2,274. During the time the returns were coming in the city was aglow with excitement. Thousands thronged the Liberal rooms for hours after the result was known, and thousands of men and boys paraded the streets, shouting, cheering, blowing horns and otherwise manifesting popular joy at the victory. Between 8 and 9 o'clock a procession was formed at the Liberal club and with flags flying, torches blazing and bands playing, it serenaded the new M.P. and Hon. Mr. Paterson, and paraded the principal streets until a very late hour. Telegrams of congratulation were received from Hon. Mr. Laurier, Hon. Mr. Hardy and from well known Liberals all over Canada.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Tarte has bought La Patrie, of Montreal for $20,000.

Beaverton, Feb. 5.—Duncan Graham, the Patron-Liberal candidate, was elected in North Ontario by a vote of 2,... to 2,052. The result is looked upon as a great Liberal victory. Beaverton citizens are jubilant and celebrated with the usual processions and serenades.

Orillia, Feb. 5.—East Simcoe returned Bennett, Conservative, by a vote of 2,... to 2,312. The Conservatives of Orillia feel very much elated over the victory. Mr. Bennett's supporters came from all points of the constituency to celebrate his election. His personal popularity and the general dislike of the Liberal candidate, Cook, undoubtedly scored for the former his seat.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The result of yesterday's voting in the Western Ontario elections caused no surprise here, expecting the large majority in South Brant. It is evident that the manufacturers of Brantford are willing to turn and give the government a chance. In East Simcoe, Bennett, Conservative, who voted against the remedial legislation, is a strong candidate, and one of the best speakers in the Conservative ranks. Cook, on the other hand, is getting old in harness and his being killed for the senate in the Canadian press since the change in the government made his chances all the worse and his defeat was looked for.

Some time ago it was announced that W. F. Wood, Indian agent at Kamloops, B. C., was dismissed. The order-in-council, however, was not passed, and in the meantime it has been discovered that the report against Wood cannot be made out and therefore he is to be reinstated in the service.

The Bisley meet commences on July 12.

CHARGES OF BRIBERY.

Investigation Into the Charges of Bribery at Olympia.

Olympia, Feb. 4.—Before the house investigating committee, evidence of the most sensational nature was given by Representative A. D. Warner, who has been charged by Senator Squire and Mr. Calhoun with trying to sell his vote. Warner swore positively that money had been made to him by the latter, and that he had rejected it. Warner swore that Squire offered $1000 to start in with the organization of a combination of twenty votes, and agreed to pay him $5000 contingent upon the delivery of the votes. Warner testified further that Squire had told him that he could raise $13,000 if the prospects of his election were good. Warner had said:

"Warner, I have got to make the last desperate effort. This campaign has cost me a whole lot of money, and since the Ellensburg convention I have spent $15,000, and I don't know what has become of it. I have no money at all, but I can get $13,000 confident on election. If you can get me elected I will give you $1000 in cash like to the boys down to Doane's and buy them oysters and fill them up, and I will give you $5000 when I am elected."

"I will have to take care of the Populist organization with that," Squire replied.

"Well," Warner said in return, "there are many men in this organization that I can buy or that you dare propose to."

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SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Mrs. Carew Will Spend the Rest of Her Life in Prison.

London, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to the Times from Yokohama announces that the British minister to Japan, Sir E. M. Satow, has commuted the death sentence of Mrs. Carew, charged with causing the death of her husband, Mr. Walter Raymond Hallowell Carew, secretary of the Yokohama United Club, to a sentence of imprisonment for life.

CHESS EXPERTS.

Dates for the Match Between Britain and America.

New York, Feb. 5.—The second match between chess experts of the United States and Great Britain to decide the supremacy of each country in the royal game, and for Sir George Newness' Anglo-American trophy, is to be played on February 12 and 13. The American team will be at Brooklyn, and the British team in London, and the moves in the game will be transmitted by cable.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA.

Powers Conferred on the Members of the Booth Movement.

New York, Feb. 5.—The World to-day says: "Henceforth commissioned officers of the Volunteers of America movement, organized by Commander and Mrs. Ballington Booth will be vested with powers conferred upon ministers of the Gospel. They have full authority, legally and morally, to perform all rites and ceremonies in common usage, including the solemnization of matrimony and baptism and the administration of the holy sacrament.

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TRAIN WRECK IN CUBA.

Crew of the Train Killed and Many Passengers Wounded.

Havana, Feb. 5.—The passenger train on the Matanzas was accidentally derailed at two o'clock yesterday afternoon between Colon and Carrecias. An ironclad guard car, baggage car and a third class passenger car were capsized. The commander, escort and four soldiers were wounded, one soldier mutilated, and the engineer, fireman and all the crew of the train were killed. Many passengers were wounded and a number of others more or less severely bruised.

AUTONOMY OF CUBA.

General Gomez Expected to Accept the Spanish Terms.

New York, Feb. 5.—The World this morning prints the following special from its correspondent at Batavano, Cuba, dated January 21st: "All the Cuban property holders will be glad if the insurgents can accept the autonomy Spain is about to offer, but it must be guaranteed by the United States. If Spain can be induced to grant real, not sham, rule, Cuban then depends upon the acceptance of the proffered terms by General Gomez. If he refuses, the overtures of Spain and the diplomacy of Secretary Olney will have been all in vain. It is believed the insurgents can hold out almost indefinitely on the present line.

BAYARD'S BANQUET.

Distinguished Assemblage at the Ambassador's Dinner Last Night.

London, Feb. 4.—The guests of the United States ambassador, Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, at the dinner which he gave last night in honor of the Prince of Wales, were: Cardinal Vaughan, Lord Halsbury, the high chancellor; the Marquis of Salisbury, the Marquis of Lansdowne, the secretary of state for war, the Earl of Leven and Melville, the Earl of Stanhope, the Earl of Camperdown, the Earl of Northbrook, Earl Carrington, Baron Balfour, Baron Esher, the master of the rolls; Baron Playfair, Baron Russell, the Lord Chief Justice of England, Hon. Sir William Colville, master of ceremonies to the Queen; General Sir Henry E. Wood, quartermaster-general of the forces; Sir William H. Russell, the well known newspaper correspondent; Sir Charles Hall, late attorney-general to the Prince of Wales; Sir Clement Robert Markham, president of the Royal Geographical Society; General Sir Andrew Clark, inspector of fortifications; Thomas R. Ferguson, the United States minister to Norway and Sweden; Lieut.-Commander W. S. Cowles, the United States naval attache, and Secretary Carter.

The table was decorated with red, white and blue. The menu was elaborate, including several American dishes. Among the eight kinds of wine furnished was some old Madeira, originally belonging to Ambassador Bayard's father.

The Prince of Wales was exceedingly affable throughout the dinner, and at the conclusion arose and said: "I drink to the health of the President of the United States." Mr. Bayard in return immediately proposed the toast "To the health of the Queen." No other toasts were proposed. No other speeches were made. The Prince of Wales left a few minutes before midnight and the other guests soon followed.

CUSTOMS OFFICERS

Appointments to Positions in the Customs Service Gazetted This Afternoon.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the Past Seven Months.

Another Railway Company Seeking an Outlet on the Coast.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—(Special)—The following appointments were gazetted to-day: Jean Baptiste Richard, of Wotton, Quebec, to be collector of customs; Frederick Colquhoun, Waterloo, collector of customs in place of Robert Fisher; Peter Grant, New Westminster, collector of customs in place of J. S. Clute, who will hereafter devote his entire time to the inspectorship; Leander Parker Shaffner, Middleton, N.S., collector of customs; Frank Alfred Osborne, Edmonton, North West Territories, sub-collector; Charles Aucoin, Inverness, preventive officer.

The statement of revenue and expenditure for the month of January appears in to-day's Gazette. The total revenue for seven months ending the 31st of January last was $20,499,210, compared with $21,020,209 for the seven months in the previous year, or a decrease of over half a million dollars. The expenditure was $20,504,226 for the seven months ending January, 1897, compared with $19,499,716 for 1896, or an increase of about one million dollars. The expenditure on capital account was $2,372,221, about $30,000 less than the year previous. There has been an increase in the public debt of $3,252,478, caused principally by the temporary loan of $4,866,666 in England.

At the next session of the Dominion parliament application will be made for the renewal of the charter of the Saskatchewan Railway and Mining Company, for the revision of its board of provisional directors, and also for an amendment thereto, giving the right to construct a branch line from or near Saskatoon easterly via Humboldt, Quill Lakes, to Shelmouth, thence to Brandon, also westerly from the same point via Battleford, Fort Saskatchewan and, through Yellow Head Pass, thence to Burrard or Bute Inlet, and also northerly from the same point, crossing the north Saskatchewan river to Green Lake, thence via Beaver river valley to the oil fields of Athabaska.

Application will be made at the next session for a company to construct a narrow gauge railway from the head of Galena or Thumm bay, on Upper Arrow Lake, West Kootenay, to near the forks of Lardeau Creek, with power to build a branch line from the main line of the railway about thirteen miles from Galena bay to Trout Lake, to extend the said railway or build a branch line up either or both the north and south branches of Lardeau Creek for a distance of ten miles on either branch, and also to build a branch from a point on the main line of railway about three miles from Galena Bay, a distance of twenty miles up Fish river.

A proclamation appears in the Official Gazette summoning parliament for the dispatch of business on March 11th.

Although public announcements are scarce of late, ministers are kept busy in their departments. The Premier has adopted the plan of remaining at home to attend to correspondence till noon. The secretary of state works from 10 a.m. through till 6 p.m. without any mid-day meal, it having been Mr. Scott's life custom to trust on two meals a day. The ministers also work every night till late in preparation for the session. The council is in session this afternoon to deal with some pressing business from the interior department.

A statement of the amount of the Indian relief fund, of which Mr. Courtney, deputy minister of finance, is the treasurer, has been issued. The total amount of subscriptions is $25,000, without including several local funds.

The Ottawa retail merchants will ask the government to amend the law to permit garnisheeing of the salaries of civil servants.

A public meeting of citizens has been called for Tuesday to devise means for celebrating the Queen's diamond jubilee.

Archbishop Langevin is in town and is stopping at the Ottawa University.

Hon. Mr. Mulock is still cancelling postal contracts.

The proposal to send a big flag staff from British Columbia to Bisley, is commended here, but no time should be lost in despatching it, as the Bisley meet commences July 12.

EVIDENCE AGAINST BUTLER.

He Clumsily Changed the Wording of a Letter from Capt. Weller.

London, Feb. 4.—Mr. Donaldson, late partner of the law firm whose name was on a valise of Frank Butler, the Australian murderer, arrested Tuesday morning on board the British ship Swanhilda, at San Francisco, has received a letter from Lee Weller, one of the men Butler is charged with killing, dated November 26th, 1896, saying he was going prospecting to ——. Here is written "Glenbrook," then "Lithgow" in a different handwriting. Donaldson says he has no doubt the letter was changed by Butler.

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CANADIANS FROM BRAZIL.

Reach New York To-Day on Their Way Home.

New York, Feb. 5.—Twenty destitute French-Canadians arrived here to-day from Brazil. They were induced to go to South America by agents in Montreal who represented that they would better their conditions. The British consul-general will return them to their homes.

ARMY INCREASES.

Important Announcements in the Lords And Commons.

London, Feb. 4.—The Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of war, replying in the house of lords to-day to Viscount De Vesci, announced that the government proposed to increase the army by 7,385 men, to be composed of an additional battalion each for the Scots Guards, Coldstream Guards, Cameron Highlanders, Malta militia and West Indian troops, and 3,600 men for the Garrison artillery. Another field battery, making the full complement of 45 batteries for three army corps, will also be raised. Three battalions of the guards, he added, will henceforth be stationed abroad.

The parliamentary secretary for the war offices, Mr. W. St. S. Broderick, made a statement in the house of commons to-day on the proposed increase in the strength of the British navy, similar to the one made in the house of lords by the secretary of state for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne. Mr. Anthony Dunelen, anti-Parnellite member for the east division of Cork, asked if it was intended to establish a battalion of Irish guards. Mr. Broderick replied in the negative, whereupon Dr. Charles K. D. Tanner, anti-Parnellite member for the middle division of Cork, cried amid laughter, "No Irish need apply."

FOREIGN SILVER.

Government May Restrict its Circulation in Canada.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The circulation in Canada of foreign silver is again attracting the attention of the finance department, and it may well do so, if the calculation that the quantity of United States, Newfoundland and Straits Settlements silver now passing current in Canada aggregates between $6,000,000 and $7,000,000 is at all correct; for, not only is that amount of Canadian silver, which is interchangeable for gold, displaced by silver which is not legally worth anything at all in Canada beyond its weight as old metal, but a very considerable seignorage, which would be made on the issue of Canadian silver, is lost to the Dominion. Last year the profit on Canadian silver issued by the finance department was $69,484 and in copper coinage $7,123, and this would have been very materially augmented if the whole of the currency used was Canadian. Recently the American silver nuisance has been greatly aggravated by the great influx of Newfoundland 50-cent pieces, and 20-cent pieces from the Strait Settlements. Your correspondent was informed to-day by a very competent authority is that one of every five 50-cent pieces in circulation is a Newfoundland coin, and that any one having large amounts of silver pass through his hands can easily tell this for himself by noticing the coins he receives. Last year Newfoundland made over $50,000 on its coinage, and a large part of this profit arose from the fact that Canada was supplied with a great part of Newfoundland's coinage to the displacement of our own silver. About a year ago a deputation from Montreal banks waited on Mr. Foster, and asked that the government take some steps to abate the silver nuisance. It is most probable that the government will shortly invite the banks to co-operate with it in a determined effort to remedy the present state of affairs. If the banks throughout the Dominion would unite and refuse to accept any silver at par except Canadian and English silver, the value of which is fixed at 24 cents for the shilling, the nuisance would soon be abated. There is a duty of twenty per cent on foreign coins, and if the government could devise some means of collecting this duty on all the foreign silver in circulation, it would pretty soon put a stop to its passing at face value.

A Cure for Lame Back.

"My daughter, when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes Louden Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold by all druggists. Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents Victoria and Vancouver. *

RESULT OF MASSACRES.

Forty Thousand Armenian Orphans to be Cared For.

New York, Feb. 5.—Announcements are made by Spencer Trask, chairman, and Frederick G. Green, secretary of the National Armenian relief committee, that the committee recently forwarded to Turkey $36,000. The committee has received a cable message from the international committee at Constantinople of which the British ambassador is chairman, acknowledging the remittance, stating that the funds on hand are entirely inadequate to meet the awful suffering, and the investigation has shown that not less than 40,000 children have been made orphans by the late massacres. These wards of Christendom, it is stated, can be easily saved from starvation or debasing slavedom in Moslem homes, but will perish before spring unless generous gifts are sent at once to Brown Bros. & Co., 59 Wall street, New York, who are the authorized treasurers of the committee.

ROUGH EXPERIENCES

Of the Crew of Gloucester Schooners Wrecked Off Nova Scotian Coast.

Three of Them Wrecked in the Gale Which Prevailed Last Week.

Heroic and Successful Attempt of a Mate to Save His Companions.

Boston, Feb. 5.—Thirty-three fishermen, the crews of Gloucester fishing schooners Nereid, Yosemite and Maggie and Mary, wrecked on the Nova Scotian coast in last week's gale, have been brought here by the steamer Boston from Yarmouth. They have terrible experiences to relate, but the four survivors of the Yosemite suffered far the worst and owe their lives to wonderful luck and the most fearless act of the mate. The Yosemite grounded close to Rain's Island rock, near Little Harbor, in Thursday's gale.

The foremast fell with a crash, resting on the rock, thus making a bridge for the men to climb on the rock before the vessel went to pieces. The mast in falling struck one of the crew, John Findlander, breaking both legs and causing internal injuries. Captain McKennon, the skipper, had one leg broken, and the crew were obliged to help him and Findlander over the mast. The gale was a furious one and the cold was intense, but the crew was obliged to remain exposed for twenty hours, when the mate, Patrick Ross, took a line in his hand and plunged into the sea. It was a daring act, but it was the only alternative. Findlander had died from exposure and the captain was likely to meet the same fate. Mate Ross, however, succeeded in swimming through the dangerous sea, and after much difficulty landed on Little Harbor Island, where he began hauling his shipmates to safety by means of the line. When the crew, including Captain McKennon, had reached the land they were soaking wet and suffering greatly from the cold. They secured shelter in a number of fishermen's huts and remained there until the next day, when the inhabitants of Shelburne went to their rescue.

THE PRINCE'S SUGGESTION.

Monster Subscription in Aid of the London Hospitals.

London, Feb. 6.—The Prince of Wales has instigated the publication of a long letter explaining the royal wishes regarding the Queen's jubilee. He says that having ascertained that the Queen has no desire to express any preference or make any suggestions regarding the national commemoration of the jubilee, he is disposed to appeal to the public for national subscriptions in behalf of hospitals. He learns that contributors to the hospital funds number less than one in one hundred of the population and he has therefore decided to ask for the co-operation of a representative committee. Among the names he suggests for members of this committee are the Earl of Stafford, the Duke of Norfolk, the Bishop of London, and the Chief Rabbi, Rothschild, of Londonderry. The subscribers to the proposed hospital fund, it is announced, will in include all classes of the population, and they will be invited to give from a shilling upwards annually to the Prince of Wales Hospital Fund for London, in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of Queen Victoria.

"PRINCE OF BEGGARS."

He Loses His Suit for Damages Against the St. James Gazette.

London, Feb. 5.—In the libel suit brought by the Rev. George Brooks, a former Methodist preacher, against the St. James Gazette, asking for $25,000 damages on grounds similar to the recent action which he brought against Henry Labouchere, editor of the Truth, a verdict was rendered to-day in favor of the St. James Gazette with costs.

The Rev. Mr. Brooks has been known for years as the king of the "begging letter writers." For years, week after week, he has been denounced as an impostor in Truth and he finally brought suit in December last against Henry Labouchere, resulting in the latter's acquittal. It was shown that Brooks, within five years, had secured about $40,000 by using begging letters and claiming to be a deserving man of letters in great distress. In reality, Brooks had a country house, with servants, horses and carriages. It is said Mr. Labouchere has spent $200,000 in recent years in exposing impostors of this description.

DECREASE IN SHIPPING.

Falling Off in the Number of Vessels Built in the States.

Washington, Feb. 4.—During the quarter ending December 31, 1896, the total number of vessels of all descriptions which were constructed in the United States was 168, of a total gross tonnage of 36,495.24. Of these 107 were steam and 61 sailing vessels. This is a poor showing as compared with the previous quarter, which ended on September 30, 1896, when 216 vessels, of a total gross tonnage of 77,077.17 were built.

J. Fred Hume, M.P.P., Nelson, is at the Driard.

IRISH PARTY.

Mr. Knox's Name Has Been Stricken From the Roll.

London, Feb. 6.—Squabbles among the members of the Irish parliamentary party continue. The name of Mr. Vesey Knox, anti-Parnellite, member for Londonderry city, was removed from the list of the members of the party on motion of the Dillonites on Thursday, after the receipt of a letter from Mr. Knox refusing to join the party under the new constitution. Mr. John Dillon's funds amount to £2,830. As twenty-one members signed the cast iron declaration, they are to be allowed six monthly instalments of £20 each. Mr. Knox's name appeared in the issue of a prospectus of the Nation Newspaper Company, with a capital of £30,000 to start a daily paper to support Messrs. Healy, Knox and other Nationalists.

DR. SELWYN'S REMARKS.

Achievements in the Mining Districts Refute His Arguments.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—Dr. Selwyn's remarks on the subject of gold mining in Canada have aroused some feeling on the part of many men engaged in business connected with the industry. Practical men point to what has been actually achieved both in the Northwest, in Ontario, and in British Columbia as a sufficient refutation of Dr. Selwyn's claim that Canada has not a great mineral future. One gentleman, intimately acquainted with the Lake of the Woods district, says Dr. Selwyn's utterances regarding its gold-bearing capacity many years ago, retarded the development of that district for many years.

PORTUGUESE MINISTRY.

Send in Their Resignations—New Ministers' Names.

Lisbon, Feb. 5.—The Portuguese ministry has resigned and it is understood Senor Lucilno de Castro will be entrusted with the task of forming a new cabinet. Senor Barres Gomes, it is said, will be appointed minister of foreign affairs.

KRUGER INTERVIEWED.

He Has Something More to Say About Chamberlain's Speech.

London, Feb. 4.—President Kruger, being interviewed at Pretoria on the subject of the speech of Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, in the House of Commons on Friday, during which Mr. Chamberlain said among other things that there had been a revival of unrest in South Africa; that recent legislation of the Republic of Transvaal was partly contrary to the convention of London, and that President Kruger had not kept his promise to give full and favorable consideration to the grievances of the Uitlanders. President Kruger is reported as saying:

"I strongly disapprove of intermixing the so-called Uitlanders' grievances with the Chartered Company's freebooting invasion of the Transvaal. The latter admits of no whitewashing, and no local causes justified such a criminal raid. I have always used and am still using all my influence to diminish race hatred, but recent utterances on the other side are adding fuel to the fire."

SIAM IN TROUBLE.

Must Apologize for Her Treatment of Americans and Germans.

London, Feb. 4.—A special dispatch from Bangkok says that serious complications have arisen between the Siamese government and the United States and German ministers. The dispatches add that the United States cruiser Detroit is expected to join the U. S. gunboat Machias, which is now in those waters to support the United States resident minister and Consul General Mr. John Barrett, in protecting American interests in the dispute arising from the assault made upon Mr. Edward Barrett by soldiers, who fired upon him and wounded him. The German minister is said to regard as unsatisfactory the public apology for the unprovoked assault made upon him before he was rescued by an American, Mr. Mitchell. An Austrian cruiser has arrived at Bangkok unexpectedly in connection with the murder of an Austrian in the interior, and French, British and German gunboats are expected there immediately.

SEEKING SYMPATHY.

Butler Says He Can Prove He Did not Kill Lee Weller.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—Butler, the accused murderer, told a former associate to-day that as soon as he reached Australia he would secure his release by turning Queen's evidence and establishing an alibi for himself regarding Lee Weller's death. He says nothing as to the charges of murdering Preston, Lesah, Harwood and others. The police and the Australian detectives are not impressed by these declarations which they pronounce a scheme of Butler's to enlist public sympathy.

Butler's statement that five years ago he was fireman in a local laundry where he was known as Ashe, was confirmed to-day by an employe of the same laundry, who visited the city prison and at once identified Butler as Ashe. The recognition between the two was mutual.

So many important civil cases have precedence in the supreme court over the Durrant case, that a decision may not be handed down before the end of the year. In an interview to-day Durrant expressed his sympathy with murderer Butler, "because the newspapers are hounding him." Durrant expresses his belief in Butler's innocence.

—Choice Ontario Buckwheat at Hardress Clarke's *