Canadians

In a Fight With the Retreating Burghers at Zand River.

Capetown Dispatch Says the Orange Free State Has Been Annexed.

London, May 10 .- A correspondent says Lord Roberts left Smaldeel Tuesday to consult Gen. Hamilton, 15 miles distant. The Boer attack on Huttton does not indicate any such panicky condition as has been alleged to exist among them. Nevertheless the British advance rolls on steadily.

Gen. Broadwood and Gen. Bruce Hamilton have penetrated 15 miles beyond Winburg, according to Boer advices. Sharp skirmishes are of daily occurrence and there was a brisk rifle engagement outside Winburg on Saturday.

From Boer sources comes also a report that in a skirmish outside Mafeking on May 5th, Col. Baden-Powell was slightly wounded.

President Kruger, after his formal speech on Monday, said the British were prepared for war in 1896, as documents which the burghers had captured showed, but that the Transvaal, to avoid "Great Britain still demanded length accepted the challenge. Even and take Pretoria, the Boers will still remain a free people. Our trust is in God, and we may be confident that He will defeat the most powerful generals."

United States Consul Hay at Pretoria was present when this speech was de-A dispatch credited to a semi-official

source in Pretoria says: "The Republi-

BOER CONVOY ATTACKED.

Opened Fire on the British.

adians. A long line of wagons was 1,500 prisoners to that island.

On becoming aware of Gen. Hutton's object the Boers stopped their retreat

Boer shells. The position became serious. Thereupon Gen. Hutton ordered a retirement to Welgelgen, where he had left

A portion of the forces advanced and engaged the Boers, to cover their retirement, which was successfully accomplished.

The Boers continued to shell the retir ing troops, but showed no desire to press the attack further. Meanwhile the Boer trains steamed away northward, blowing up the culverts

London, May 10 .- A Daily Telegraph dispatch from Smaldeel, dated Tuesday, May 8th, says: Stores are being accumulated here. Convoys are proceeding regularly to the north and also to Win-Gen. Hutton's brigade while skirmishing yesterday took sixty prison-

HAMILTON'S ADVANCE. How Winburg Was Captured-Botha

Threatened to Shoot a British Officer. London, May 10.-A Times dispatch

from Smaldeel, dated Tuesday, May "Lord Roberts has halted here to com-

the cavalry now retiring from 'Thaba Nchu to take the place designed for them in the original scheme of advance. "Gen. Hamilton last week was continually in touch with Gen. Botha's rear guns skilfully to check Gen. Hamilton's advance. On one occasion they marked Ricardo, and the New Zealanders under their position so well as to jeopardize Major A. W. Robins. The fourth corps the British convoy, which was saved by the timely arrival of the Highland Brigade with naval guns. The advance on Winburg was so rapid that Hamilton's lans under Captain C. Cameron. advance scouts were overlapping the town before Botha's transport was clear, guns arrived too late to effect the convoy's capture

While the British Captain Balfour was negotiating with the Landdrost for the surrender of Winburg, Gen. Botha himself misunderstanding the envoy's language, threatened to shoot him, but the Landdrost, rightly interpreting the words, and perceiving that the British were in a position to bombard the town, decided to surrender. Gen. Botha then

"The town contains a large stock of ammunition and grain. "It is impossible to say whether the Boers will dispute the passage of the landers. He is a great authority on Zand river seriously, but it is known that Botha has ten guns in front of musketry, Bengal, and commandant, Hamilton, and that Gen. Delarey has six in front of the main advance.'

BOERS WITHDRAWING As General Buller Advances on Biggarsberg-A Proclamation.

Capetown, May 9.-It is reported that Gen. Buller is advancing on Biggars- the north bank of the river. berg, and that the Boers are withdraw-London, May 10 .- A Morning Post

dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Wed-

nesday, says: "Gen, Buller has issued a proclamation to both Dutch rebels and burghers who are willing to surrender, notifying them that he will recommend all who now surrender voluntarily for greater leniency than those who continue fighting after this warning."

ANNEXED.

Message From Capetown Says It Is Believed Proclamation Has Been Issued.

Capetown, May 9.-It is believed here that on the arrival of the British at the Vaal river a proclamation was issued annexing the Orange Free State to the dominion of the Queen, and demonstrating the determination of Her Majesty's forces to enforce supremacy over the territory

The British losses at Brandfort are now reported to have been much heavier than was at first understood After the battle British patrols visit ed the farm houses in the surrounding districts and all the men were taken prisoners, while the horses and guns

were moved.

Lord Roberts is thus adopting a sterner policy, with a view of preventing guerilla fighting in the rear of the Brit-Horses are now commandeered and farm houses where guns are found are destroyed, while the men are arrested.

BOER PRISONER.

Cronje was Satisfied With His Quarters and Treatment.

Washington, May 9.-The department of state is in receipt of a dispatch from bloodshed, offered a seven years' fran- the consul-general of the United States at Capetown, dated April 7th, wherein war," he declared, "and the Republic at he states that he had visited the Boer prisoners in camp and on board the should the British enter the Transvaal transports at Simons Bay, at the military prison at Capetown, and in camp at Green Point. Mr. Stowe visited Gen. Cronje, who at

the time was on board the flagship at Simons Bay, occupying the admiral's quarters. Gen. Cronje expressed a wish to see Mr. Stowe, and declared himself well satisfied with his quarters can powers have delivered a collective and treatment. Mr. Stowe remarks that note to President Kruger, informing him he talked freely with the other prisonthat they will hold him personally re- ers, and the universal statement was sponsible for the safety of the mines, that they were well treated. They and they will support England in enforc- were furnished by the British authoriing compensation in the event of their ties with clothes, hats and boots, and good sea bathing, and the rations of a British soldier: but as they have so many friends and relations in the colony, which the British prisoners at Pre-Burghers Stopped Their Retreat and toria lack, they became recipients of many presents of what may be called

luxuries in a prisoner's life. Smaldeel, Tuesday, May 9.—Yesterday | Owing to the conditions existing and Gen. Hutton attempted to seize a Boer | the fact that St. Helena furnishes cliconvoy that was leaving the Zand river. mate conducive of health and more suit-He advanced towards the river with able quarters, the military authorities mounted infantry, including the Can- had deemed it best to forward about

In Favor of Peace.

London, May 10.-The Times corresand opened fire with ten guns. They pondent at Lorenzo Marquez telegraphseemed in great force and threatened ing on Wednesday, says: "I learned Hutton's flank. Presently mounted that a strong party in the volksraad is Boers were seen crossing the dry bed of determined to secure the reopening of the viver. They circled to the right and peace negotiations on a basis which they began to enfilade the West Australians, are sanguine will get the support of a while many of the British were hit by majority of the raad, although the proposal invokes strong indignation from gain by peace, everything by fighting. prominent Toronto barrister, is dead. The President Kruger and State Secretary Boers sent up reinforcement, placing the Reitz. It is reported that President Australians in danger of being cut off. Kruger made an impassioned appeal to the Pretoria burghers at a religious gathering on Sunday."

MOUNTED INFANTRY DIVISION. A mounted infantry division has been

Hamilton, C. B., D. S. O.

by Brigadier-General C. P. Ridley. south of the Staff of Major-General Hutton's Ladybrand. origade is as follows:

Chief staff officer, Lieut-Colonel C. G. Martyn, D. S. O., Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry; aide-de-camp, Major Lord Rosmead, 6th (militia) Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers: assistant adjutant-general, Colonel J. C. Hoad (Victoria); D. A. A. G's., Major W. T. Bridges (New South Wales), and Major R. R. Cartwright (Canada); officer on line of communication, Colonel J. M. Gordon (South Australia); staff officer, Major C. W. D. Rankin (Queensland), and transport officer advanced base, Major S. F. S. Vandeleur. D. S. O. (Scots Guards).

The brigade consists of four corps of Henry. L. Herchmer, and Strathcona's Horse The manoeuvre was successful." under Colonel S. B. Steele. The second corps consists of the New South Wales Mounted Infantry under Colonel Knight, and the West Australians under Captain The enemy, manoeuvred field H. G. Moor. The third corps is formed of the Queenslands under Colonel P. R. consists of the Victorians under Colonel T. Price, the South Australians under Captain C. J. Reade, and the Tasman-

Each corps has a battalion of Imperial Mounted Infantry attached to it, except the reports sent by special correspondbut owing to difficulties at the drifts the the New South Wales corps. A battery will join the division, as well as the E. B. Allan, Windsor, Ont.; O. Delisle, Canadian battery and a number of 48th Batt., Toronto; A. H. Morehouse Vickers-Maxims.

> The New South Wales Army Medical Corps under Colonel Williams are the medical troops for the division. Brigadier-General C. P. Ridley's brigade consists entirely of South African troops. The staff appointments have not yet been published.

The divisional commander, Major-General Ian Hamilton, served with dis- eress asking if the time has not arrived tinction under Sir George. White at for the formation of a corps of women, Ladysmith, as chief of the staff, and adding that she is prepared, with a body formerly served in the Gordon High- of women volunteers, to take up arms in musketry, having been A. A. G. for Transvaal. school of musketry, Hythe.

London, May 10.-The crossing of the Zand River by the British appears to have been effected sooner than even the Africa, cabled his father yesterday that most sanguine expected, and this morn- he had arrived safely at Winburg, ing Lord Roberts's temporary head-quarters are established in a cable cart on the recruits are at that point.

The opposition the Federals are offering shows that yesterday's reports of Anda mines on Texada Island, and wife, the abandonment of their positions were are guests at the Driard.

consisting of frim 10,000 to 12,000 mounted men, besides infantry, artillery and the naval contingent approximately approximat the naval contingent, appears to be powerful enough to

Overwhelm the Opposition the burghers can offer. Even though, as reported yesterday, they have been reinforced by 3,000 men from other commands and possess a score of heavy guns, the experts believe the opposition will not be prolonged more than shall be necessary to remove the guns and other impediments in the direction of Kroonstad.

Further reports from Lorenzo Marquez show that the customs authorities, in addition to clothing and shoes, refuse to clear corned beef for the Transvaal, holding it as contraband.

The war office has received from Lord Roberts a dispatch, dated Zand River Camp, May 9th, saying: "I have received a most cheery telegram from Baden-Powell, dated April 27th."

---NORTH OF THE ZAND.

London, May 10.-It is officially announced that the British have crossed the Zand River and that the Boers are being pushed back from their strong positions.

London, May 10.-Lord Roberts graphs to the war office from Welgelegen, under the date of May 9th, as fol-

"Pole-Carew's and Tucker's divisions, brigades of cavalry, marched here to- noon, and remanded for trial. day. The enemy hold the opposite bank of the Zand River. Their strength will Hall, describing himself as a "Vitalist"

Lord Roberts also reports to the war office as follows: "Cable Cart, Headquarters at the Front, May 10.-We are now across the Zand River. The enemy are still hold-

ing a strong position, but we are grad-

-0-RETREATING.

ually pushing them back."

London, May 10, 4:55 p.m.-The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts: "Cable Cart, Zand River, May 10, 12:30 p.m.—The enemy are in full re-

treat. "They occupied a position, 20 miles in length. Ours was necessarily longer. "With the widely scattered force it will take some time to learn the casualties, but I am hopeful we have not suf-

fered much. "The cavalry and horse artillery are pursuing the Boers by three different

STEYN EXPECTS BIG BATTLE.

New York, May 10 .- According to a dispatch to the Herald from Zand River, police constable who brutally murdered via Lorenzo Marquez, President Steyn, his wife, Bridget Congdon, on February in an interview with Richard H. Davis 24th, was brought up for trial at the last Monday, said:

Transvaal. We will fight at the Vaal Mich., yesterday. River, at Pretoria and afterwards in The British are now at Winburg and Virginia; we expect a big battle shortly."

RETREAT FROM LADYBRAND.

Thaba Nchu, May 9.-The Boers have moved their headquarters in this district formed under Major-General Ian S. M. from Ladybrand to Glocolan. Iney occupy strong positions at Negathling's favor of a union with the Free church. The 1st Brigade is commanded by Nek. The British, including Gen. Bra- The latter will pass a similar resolution Major-General E. T. H. Hutton, C. B., bant, are scattered among a number of during the present month, and the incor-D. S. O., A. D. C., and the 2nd Brigade strategical points, securing the country poration assembly will meet at Edinburgh south of the line from Winburg to in October.

Maseru, May 8.—The Free Staters are moving in small parties, with their herds, from Ficksburg to Bethlehem on their way to Harrismith or the Vaal. ---

CANADIANS TO THE RESCUE.

Toronto, May 10.-The Evening Telefollows:

"A Zand River dispatch says that when the Australians with General Hutton's brigade were in danger of being cut off, the mounted Canadians and New mounted infantry, under Colonels E. A. Zealanders, who stood a withering shell Alderson, De Leslie, T. D. Pilcher and fire, were ordered to make a demonstra-The first corps consists of a tions and threatened the Boer flank in plete the railway and to allow time for 1st Batt. of Canadians under Colonel F. order to allow the Australians to retire.

Mining Rights. Pretoria, May 9.—The request of the government for permission to sell mining rights for prices which should be proved by the government was rejected by the raad by a vote of 12 to 9. The session is closed.

The Missing Canadians. Ottawa, May 10.-Sir Alfred Milner. governor of Cape Colony, cabled the Governor-General this morning confirming ents to Canadian papers that Privates 74th Batt., New Brunswick; and J. P. Blant, regiment not given, are missing. Milner also confirms the report that Pte. McCullough was wounded at Brand-

Women Anxious to Fight. Pretoria, May 9.-President Kruger has received a telegram from a burgh-

defence of the independence of

Recruits at Winburg Hamilton, May 10 .- Capt. Carpenter. who left Halifax in charge of the recruits for the first contingent in South

H. W. Treat, manager of the Van The sluggish liver made active by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

His Father

Tragedy in Toronto-Thirteen-Year-Old Lad Remanded for Trial.

Trouble Brewing in Newfoundland--Warships for Georgia

Toronto, May 10.-Toronto and Kingston Presbyterian synod, before concluding its annual session last evening, passed a resolution deploring the growurging members of that church to maintain such a high tone of character as will raise them above all suspicion of politieal corruption.

stantly killed his father, Peter McIn- Filipinos for three hours. Then 20 tyre, a well-known steamship agent, in armed members of the local police force the latter's office on Yonge street this sallied out to help the Americans. The morning, because his request to be all latter, with the police, charged lowed to go to St. Catharines was re- enemy, and together they dispersed the to shoot his father, but only wanted to were no Americans hurt. frighten him. McIntyre leaves a widow Hamilton's column of heavy naval and and four children. Young McIntyre was here from Gen. Young report that Aguinroyal garrison artillery guns, and four brought before the police magistrate at aldo has reassembled a considerable Ailsa Craig, Ont., May 10.-Victor

be ascertained to-morrow, when I hope of Philadelphia, is confined in the county jail here on two charges of practicing medicine without a license, and manslaughter in causing the death of Mrs. Wm. Charlton, of East Williams, who was suffering from typhoid fever. Charlottetown, P.E.I., May 10.-Jos. Wise, Liberal M.P.P., whose resignation was the cause of a deadlock in the Legislature on Tuesday, was yesterday expelled from the House by the Speaker and Henry G. Pineau, who was elected as Conservative since the last meeting of the Legislature, was introduced by the government members and immediately voted with the government. His action caused much excitement and indignation amongst his Conservative friends. Pineau's support of the government gives them a majority of one vote.

Ottawa, May 10.-The Canadian patriotic fund to date amounts to \$271,-832.06 At a meeting of the railway commit-

tee of the House this morning the James Bay Railway Bill was reported. Halifax, May 10.-H. M. S. Buzzard which arrived here from Bermuda on Sunday, received orders this morning to proceed at once to join H. M. S. Alert at St. George's Bay, Newfoundland. It s believed in military circles that trouble is expected from French fishermen. Quebec, May 10.-Joseph Cazes, the ast Monday, said:

"We will fight to the end. Not one of Clinton, May 10.—Rev. A. D. Mac-Prior to leaving Paddington station, my burghers is unwilling to fight. We donald, D. D., a retired Presbyterian have never considered abandoning, the minister of this place, died in Detroit,

Lucan, May 10.-Charlotte Sceli, aged the mountains. We have nothing to 92 years, mother of Samuel E. Sceli, the contributed to the collection box. Brockville, May 10.-James P. Earl, ex-warden of Leeds and Granville, and for many years reeve of the township of South Crosby, is dead.

WILL JOIN FREE CHURCH.

Edinburgh, May 10.-After four years negotiations the United Presbyterian Church Union has unanimously resolved in

MURDERER EXECUTED.

Camden, N. J., May 10 .- Francisco Abbatto was hanged in the county jail here this morning for the murder of Generao Defoe. Abbatto became infatuated with Defoe's wife, and one day last summer he killed him. He secured Defoe's savings, about \$100, and got Mrs. Defoe to accompany him to New York. Abbatto was congram's London correspondent cables as victed on the testimony of Mrs. Defoe.

A vacant chair and a portrait on the wall—strange symbols of success! Yet, in many a home these are the symbols of the success of the man who did not find time to care for his health, or neg-lected the increasing warnings of disease which Nature gave



break-down comes. The stomach is the very center of vital power and must be kept in health if sickness is to be avoided. Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It increases the supply of pure, rich blood, and gives the body strength to with-stand the strain put upon it by the struggle for success.

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"I was a sufferer from what the doctors called indigestion, but after trying several eminent physicians failed to get a cure," writes Mr. Frank Mericle, of Independence, Jackson Co., Mo., Box 473. "Some of my symptoms were soreness in pit of stomach, fullness, tired feeling, constipation; sometimes soreness would extend to bowels. Some one recommended me to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which I did, and after taking only a few bottles of 'Discovery' and your 'Pleasant Pellets' can say I derived more benefit from them than any other medicine I ever tried. I began to gain flesh from the start. Have recommended it to others and will continue to do so."

The aluggish liver made active by De-

FIGHTING IN PHILIPPINES.

American Soldiers Kill Two Hundred and Eighty Natives in Two Fights. Manila, May 7 .- Two recent rebel at

tacks on the American garrisons in the Viscayan Islands resulted in the killing of 280 of the enemy, and the wounding of two Americans. At daybreak on May 1st 400 rebels, a hundred of them armed with rifles, at- of Japanese laborers during the

tacked the Catarman garrison, "F" Co. years, the modes taken to enforce th of the 43rd Regiment. The Americans excluding contract labor, and the punit charged the trenches the enemy had ment of those unlawfully making co built, scattered the Filipinos and buried for Japanese laborers, 155 of them. Two Americans were wounded. This attack was precipitated by the enemy's recent success ful fight at Catubig. The garrison of Catarman has been removed to the sea port of Laguan.

A force of 200 Filipinos armed with rifles, and six hundred armed with bolos, and operating four muzzle loading cannon, attacked Jaro, on Lyte Island, on April 15th, garrisoned by 25 men of "B" ing political corruption of the times, and Co. of the 43rd Regiment, Lieut. Estes commanding. Estes left 15 men to protect the town and with the remaining ten men he advanced on the enemy in two squads, sheltered by the ridges south Arthur McIntyre, aged 13, shot and in- of the town, when they stood off the The boy say he did not intend Filipinos and buried 125 of them. There

> Manila, May 7.—Telegrams received force in the mountains.

COMOX NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the 'Times) A meeting of the Farmers' Institute was held in the Agricultural Hall on Wednesday evening, when a lecture was delivered by Mr. Stevens, of Ellensburg, Wash

The marriage took place in Cumber land last Thursday of Miss Nellie Mc-Carthur and George Turnbull. Rev. Mr. Hicks officiated. The sidewalks of Cumberland are be

ng decidedly improved. Three of Her Majesty's ships are at Comox for target practice.

The Icarus's company gave a free concert and dance in K. of P. Hall, Comox n Thursday. A concert and social was given the Leander's company the previous week. The latter ship is very popular and much regret is felt at her departure.

THE QUEEN IN LONDON.

An Enthusiastic Reception-Will Attend To-Morrow's Drawing Room.

(Associated Press.) London, May 10.—The Queen arrived in London at noon to-day. She will spend three days here, and attend tonorrow's drawing room.

Her Majesty appeared to be in excellent health and evidenced keen pleasure visit to the Baleric Islands, and has reat the warmth of the popular greeting which she received along the whole route

by the Queen's request, the railroad dog, cts money in behalf of the widows and orphans, was brought to the ation schemes, which appears to be gener-Royal saloon carriage and Her Majesty

FELL DOWN MINE SHAFT. Miner Employed on Texada Island Falls Nearly Two Hundred Feet.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, May 10 .- H. Warmington, miner employed at Marble Bay. Texada Island, is lying between life and death as the result of an accident on Monday. He was going on shift before noon and stepped on the bucket without giving the warning signal to the engineer. The bucket instantly shot down the shaft, and the engineer, Frank Viles, hearing the rattle of the rope, ran to the rear of the engine room to put on the brake. By this time the unfortunate miner was near the bottom of the shaft and to stop the bucket at the rate it was of war and the other scientists whom they travelling was an utter impossibility. had pressed into the ranks to aid in solv-The bucket struck the bottom of the ing the terrible problem they had to face. shaft, which is 170 feet down, and threw the man out. Another miner said, "In Herr Krupp, and in the works at caught the man in his arms and saved Le Creusot and in the United States, but the possibility of further injury. The we may rely upon the inventive genius man was still unconscious when the and the pertinacy of English manufactursteamer left for Vancouver, and it was ers and scientists to secure results which mpossible to say how badly he was in-

jured. The new North Vancouver ferry steamer, whose design and construction, including machinery, were made in Vancouver, went on the route this morning. She is about 100 feet long and cost about \$10,000.

A large wharf is being built by the Britannia mine people in Howe Sound. John Sanderson, market gardener of isting guns, adding: "And the government the North Arm road, died suddenly yes- are not going to be strangled in the threes terday afternoon. He obtained medicine for indigestion and died half an hour after taking the dose. An inquest is being held.

TAKING PRECAUTIONS

Ontario Government Buildings Are Be ing Guarded Against Dynamite Outrages.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, May 10.-The Ontario government has placed two additional night watchmen at the parliament buildings, owing to a number of anonymous letters which have been received since the dynamite outrage on the Welland canal, intimating a possible Fenian invasion and a possible attempt to damage govern- THOUSANDS WRITING FOR ment property here.

UNDER POLICE PROTECTION.

(Associated Press.) St. Louis, Mo., May 10.—Considerably Diamond Dye Rug Book ess than the usual number of cars are running under police protection this morning by the Suburban System. Policemen are stations on each car, as well as at points where trouble is feared, but the number of passengers patronizing the lines of that system is comparatively small. Unless protection is afforded the transit company on all its lines, no at information as to how the patterns can be empt will be made to run cars to-day President Whitaker says.

Vancouver, is in the city.

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION

Secretary of the United States Tre Asked to Furnish Informat

(Associated Press.) Washington, May 10.-The House adopted the report of the foreign committee requesting the Secretary Treasury to furnish the House formation in relation to the imp

DAMAGED BY FROST

(Associated Press.) Nyack, N. Y., May 10.-The mercury down to freezing point in Rockland con last night, and made quite thick ice some parts of the county. Grave fears ap felt for the fruit crop, if the present shall continue.

Hillsdale, N. J., May 10.-A heavy frost prevailed all over northern New Jersey last night, and did great damage. The fruit crops suffered heavily, apple, cherry strawberry and other fruit blossoms being A thin layer of ice formed o the ponds

POSTAL FRAUDS

(Associated Press.) Havana, May 10.—The postal frauds have now reached a point where within the next few hours other arrests will probably occur, and it is believed that a consider able sum will be recovered at the same time arrests are made. One of the culprits has made a complete confession, con ditional upon his testimony being accepted as state's evidence. What he says proves conclusively, what was known before, that several others besides Charles F. Neely, late financial agent of posts Havana, are more or less implicated. The authorities refuse to give the name of the man' who has confessed, but though shock. ed at the nature of the confession and cold-blooded swindle and conspiracy, they are still glad that they have evidence to completely justify their action in regard o Neely.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Rev. Prof. Whittington Has Been Re-Elected as President.

(Special to the Times.) New Westminster, May 10.-Rev. Prof. Whittington was re-elected president of the Methodist conference here this morning, and Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B. A., was elected secretary.

THE CRISIS IN SPAIN.

Renewed Demonstrations Against the Government's Taxation Schemes.

(Associated Press.) Madrid, May 10.-The newspapers here to-day are discussing the existence of a ministerial erfsis.

In view of the situation the Minister of the Interior has abandoned the remainder of his tour of Catalonia and his proposed turned here. He attended a cabinet council to-day, at which the Queen Regent presided. The cabinet deliberated on the policy to be

adopted in consideration of to-day's onstration against the government's taxal throughout the country. The Madrid theatres announce that they will participate in the protest and will close their loors to-night

The meeting of the council is expected to bring out dissension among the ministers, possibly leading to another reconstruction of the cabinet.

BRITISH AND FRENCH GUNS.

London, May 9 .- George J. Goschen, first ord of the admiralty, responding to the toast, "Army and Navy," at the banquet of the Iron and Steel Institute, said the government fully recognized that the finer the troops sent out to battle for the country, the greater was the obligation to provide for them the best means of success. Therefore, he continued, they had not forgotten, and must not forget, the manufacturers of armor plate and of implements "We have admirable competitors," he

are so valuable to the British Empire." Mr. Goschen emphatically denied the statements made in the French chamber of deputies regarding the quality and propelling power of British guns, deciaring that these would hit harder and had greater bursting power than the French. He announced that the government had decided to appoint a scientific committee of inquiry to examine all smokeless propellants and all desirable modifications of the ex-

of red tape in this undertaking." The Manitoba & Northwestern railway will be taken over by the C. P. R. as a leased line on May 15th. The C. P. R. will reduce fares on that line to three cents per mile, and a daily passenger train service from Winnipeg to Minnedosa will

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