

RETRENCH, IS TAFT'S ORDER

NAVY SECRETARY WILL CURTAIL EXPENSES

He Proposes to Retain Only 16 Battleships on Active List.

Washington, D. C. June 9.—Leaving but sixteen battleships of the Atlantic fleet in active service, Secretary Meyer will recommend that all other fighting machines of that class be held in reserve, when he revises the expenses of his department for the fiscal year of 1910-11, according to a statement made on good authority to-day.

The secretary believes a large saving can be effected by placing all battleships outside the Atlantic fleet in reserve with a small complement of officers and men, a mere skeleton of the regular force.

ACCUSES JUDGE OF PARTIALITY Charge by One of Calhoun's Attorneys Precipitates Wordy Conflict.

San Francisco, Cal., June 9.—The bitter personal feeling between the attorneys for the prosecution and the defence in the Calhoun trial, after smouldering for more than a week, broke out afresh yesterday and engendered a wordy conflict that was halted only upon the repeated threat of Judge Lawlor that he would mete out summary punishment to the contending lawyers if the disgraceful scene was not ended.

CHILD SENT FROM HUNGARY BY MAIL Eight-year-old Girl Reaches Her Parents Who Reside in Illinois Town.

Granite City, Ill., June 9.—The ill-fated "postage prepaid" package that the local post office has had to handle in all its career, was delivered yesterday, when Lizzie Kika, and eight-year-old Hungarian tot, was delivered to her parents. The girl bore a card tied to her waist on which were post marks of Wroswacelan, Hungary, and other important stations en route.

INDIAN ACQUITTED. Suspect in Kamloops Murder Case Given His Liberty.

Kamloops, June 8.—The preliminary hearing of the information laid against Stanislaus Chualna, charged with the murder of the Indian Michelle Lecamp, whose body was recently found in Kamloops lake, took place before Justice of the Peace J. D. Lauder. At the conclusion of the hearing the prisoner was released.

MAY PROHIBIT FIGHTS. GALVESTON TEX. June 8.—As a result of the prize fight in Austin in which Victor Lyons was so badly beaten by George Kepp that he died from his injuries, pugilism seems to be doomed in Texas. Governor Campbell announced to-day that he will call a special session of the legislature to pass laws to prevent further boxing in Texas.

BUILDING VESSELS. Philadelphia, June 9.—Three new vessels for the American-Hawaiian company to ply between American Pacific coast ports and Honolulu, are to be built at Sparrows Point, Md., by the Pennsylvania Steel company. Each vessel will be of 9,000 tons burden. They will cost \$1,750,000.

BUILDING PERMITS. Winnipeg, June 9.—The number of building permits issued in Winnipeg for this year reached the one thousand mark yesterday.

WELSH MINERS MAY STRIKE TROUBLE REGARDING WORKING AGREEMENT

Present Compact Will Expire at the Close of This Month.

Cardiff, Wales, June 9.—Coal mining in South Wales will be completely tied up for some time should the employment throughout Glamorgan, Monmouthshire and Carmarthenshire union an agreement, which to-day seems impossible, be reached between employers and employees by July 1st.

The trouble is the outcome of the enactment of the miners' eight-hour law recently. The men were working at the time under an agreement which, under ordinary circumstances, would not have expired until March, 1910. By forcing alterations in working conditions, the operators contend that the new law nullifies this agreement, and on June 1st formally notified the miners' union that they would terminate it at the end of the month.

ALBERTA METHODISTS MEET AT STRATHCONA Successful Year of the Provincial College is Reported.

Strathcona, Alb., June 9.—That Alberta made the provincial university possible was one of the statements made yesterday by Dr. Riddell in his report to the Methodist conference. He showed that the college had awakened an interest in and created a demand for higher education, that the government had to either give university powers to Alberta college or found a university at Strathcona.

SHOW AT NANAIMO. Nanaimo, June 8.—The agricultural society, recently reorganized here, met last night to make arrangements for the show which will be held under the auspices of the society this fall.

SUGAR SUIT SETTLED. Pennsylvania Company Will Receive Large Sum From The Trust.

New York, June 9.—The suit brought by the Pennsylvania Sugar Company against the American Sugar Refining Company, charging the maintenance of a monopoly, was dismissed to-day upon the consent of both parties.

GRAND JURY SCORES ST. LOUIS OFFICIALS Declares Murder is Becoming a Common Crime in That City.

St. Louis, Mo., June 9.—"Murder is getting to be a common crime in St. Louis and could be prevented by proper efforts by officials." This terse criticism appended by a corner's jury to its verdict to-day caused a conference of the police commission here and brought Governor Hadley to this city.

AVERTS TRAIN WRECK. Man Finds Logs on Track and Warns Engineer.

Oregon City, Ore., June 9.—Through the efforts of Benjamin Miller, a resident of Park Place, near Oregon City, an attempt to wreck the Overland on the Southern Pacific from San Francisco was frustrated last night. Miller was walking from Canby to Oregon City along the tracks when he came across a heavy timber laid across the track and weighted down with heavy rocks. The obstruction was too heavy for Miller to remove by himself, and he had no matches to signal the oncoming train.

LOS ANGELES, June 9.—Adelaido Aguirre, 34 years of age, is confined in the pest house in this city with a well developed case of leprosy. He has suffered from the disease for two years, and has been living in the crowded Mexican section of the city. Yesterday Dr. H. B. Tebbetts found that Aguirre, who thought he had a case of measles, was suffering from leprosy.

SHRINERS IN SESSION. Tacoma Man May Be Chosen as Imperial Outer Guard.

Louisville, Ky., June 9.—The honor of being chosen Imperial outer guard of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will fall to Ellis Lewis Garretson of Tacoma, Wash., if the custom in the election of officers is followed.

ASSEMBLY VOTES FOR CHURCH UNION Rev. Dr. Lyle Presents Report of Augmentation Committee of Western Section.

Hamilton, June 9.—The Presbyterian General Assembly concluded its deliberation on church union yesterday and adopted Principal Patrick's motion. The vote indicated a largely preponderating opinion in favor of the principle of union in the ranks of the clergy and elders in the church.

TOWN REPORTED DESTROYED BY 'QUAKE Tidal Wave Sweeps Island Off Sumatra—Over 200 Killed.

Singapore, June 9.—Meagre advices received here to-day say that the town of Korinchi, Sumatra, was destroyed a few days ago by an earthquake. The death list is supposed to number several hundred.

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Timber Loss in Central Portions of Province Will Be Heavy.

Fredrickton, N. B., June 9.—The forest fires of central New Brunswick, fanned by yesterday's heavy north-east winds, are gaining ground and last night this city was filled with clouds of heavy smoke and falling cinders. The wind dropped later, momentarily improving the situation.

WOMAN DROWNS HERSELF IN BARREL OF WATER. Winnipeg, June 9.—Mrs. Anderson, wife of a former living ten miles southeast of Winnipeg, committed suicide yesterday by jumping head first into a barrel of rain water. She had been in ill-health for some time past.

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London, June 9.—Predicting that Great Britain may be involved in war within 20 months, Lord Roberts to-day took issue with War Secretary Haldane, who told the Imperial press conference that the Empire would have its defence developed within 20 years.

Lord Roberts was upon his feet in an instant. "It is impossible for us to look forward to a period of twenty years' peace in which to prepare ourselves," he cried. "I am inclined to reduce the period to months. If you will pay attention to an old soldier, I counsel you that the present situation demands the closest attention. We cannot evade our responsibility nor defer action."

Lord Roberts' positive stand evoked the approval of the majority of the delegates in the conference. Sixty of the most important newspapers in the Empire are represented at the conference and the deepest thinking men in the Empire listened to the words of the old general. That he made a grave impression upon them could not be doubted by the manner in which they received his statement as compared to the evident disapproval of Mr. Haldane's policy of delay.

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