

ONLY SIX HUNDRED YARDS SEPARATES THE TWO ARMIES

Jap and Russ Within Rifle Range of One Another at
the Yalu—Gen San Threatened.

VLADIVOSTOCK EXPECTS ATTACK FROM JAP FLEET

St. Petersburg, April 18.—An official telegram states that there is no change in the situation on the Yalu River. The Russian outposts are now on islands of the river 100 yards from the Japanese outposts, which are preparing to retire.

Major-General Plung, chief of the military staff at Port Arthur, telegraphs that all statements regarding a siege and fall of Port Arthur are unfounded.

Vice-Admiral Makarov's widow has been granted an annual pension of \$10,000.

MOVING SOUTH.

London, Tuesday, April 18.—A dispatch from Seoul says: "The commissioner of customs at Gen Sen reports that a strong Russian force, the number of which is not known, is advancing on the Great South Road, following the inland coast of the Yalu River. The Russian outposts are now on islands of the river 100 yards from the Japanese outposts, which are preparing to retire."

The main body occupied Peak Chyang, 80 miles north of Gen San, on the 17th inst. Flanks and rear were exposed with the evident intention of drawing a Japanese attack from the Yalu.

VLADIVOSTOCK THREATENED.

Rome, April 18.—A telegram from Padua says a squadron of Japanese warships has appeared off Vladivostock, and the commander is preparing to resist an attack.

THE JAP TROOPSHIPS.

Tien Tsin, April 18.—From several sources reports have been received here saying that a Japanese fleet of over seventy transports is heading for Kin Chou, north of Port Arthur.

Paris, April 18.—A dispatch to the Temps from St. Petersburg says the Japanese are preparing to cut the Russian line of communication along the peninsula of Liao Tung (on which Port Arthur is situated), at the same time that they cross the Yalu River.

THE BALTIC SQUADRON.

Paris, April 18.—The Emperor, in receiving a visit from High Admiral Grand Duke Alexei, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris, informed him that he desired the Baltic fleet to be ready to start July 15. Orders have accordingly been sent to Cronstadt to hasten the preparation for the fleet for its sailing on the date fixed under Rear-Admiral Rojestvenski, unless another admiral of whom there has been much talk, shall be selected.

The Daily Telegraph's Tien-Tsin correspondent, in reporting the alarming

REJECTED LOVER TOOK HIS LIFE

Rev. Colin Duguid Suicided Because His Suit Was Unsuccessful.

Montreal, April 18.—A coroner's investigation into the circumstances attending the death of Rev. Colin Duguid, pastor of Malvern Presbyterian Church, who shot himself last night, revealed a letter addressed to a young woman teacher in the Westmount Academy. The letter was opened in the presence of the coroner, and contained this sentence: "Since receiving your letter I have nothing more to live for." It is now known that the cause of the young minister's suicide was this girl's rejection of his offer of marriage.

MARCHAND GOES TO JAIL.

Fashoda Hero Gets Thirty Days For Talkativeness.

Paris, April 18.—Colonel Marchand, the hero of the Fashoda affair, who in an open letter concerning his tender resignation from the army declared that he had been slandered and was suffering from military ostracism, was placed under arrest tonight. He will be confined for thirty days. His letter of resignation will not be considered until his punishment has expired.

KING EDWARD IN PERIL

His Majesty's Special Train Derailed Near Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, April 18.—The Nyborg Fuenen train, conveying King Edward and Queen Alexandra from Copenhagen on their way to London, was derailed this afternoon when passing the island of Zealand to the island of Fuenen.

The last carriage but one left the rails.

Their majesties were in the first carriage and sustained no damage, the mishap only resulting in a slight delay.

GOT "DROP" ON POLICEMAN.

Twin Brooks, S. D., April 18.—R. C. Fuller, armed with a revolver, went home and declared he was going to kill himself.

A policeman was called, but Fuller got the "drop" on him, and then commanded his daughter Ethel to play "Nearer My God to Thee" while he fired.

The bullet was flattened against his skull, with only a thin membrane between the brain and the bullet, and he died.

HAD LEATHER CANNONS

Tibetans' Fire Did No Harm to the British Troops.

London, April 18.—Further reports of the fighting between the British expedition and the Tibetans on April 10 speak of leather cannons that were used by the Tibetans. A continuous fire from these antiquated weapons was absolutely harmless.

A snow cloud interrupted the fighting. The Gurkhas attached to the expedition ceased firing and lighted fires. The Tibetans continued firing, but did no harm.

They finally fled in terror. Many of them were found hiding in caves. They were called out and reassured. They were then told to break their swords and matchlocks, which they did with delight, dancing and jumping on them with pleasure. They explained that they had been forced unwillingly to fight by the lamas, who threatened that if they did not fight their villages would be burned.

ONE CHAMBER FOR THE EMPIRE

A Novel Legislative Idea by Premier Seddon.

RICHNESS OF MANITOBA'S SOIL

Churchill to Contest a Manchester Division Under Auspices of the Liberals.

London, April 18.—Premier Seddon, of New Zealand, in favor of a single legislative chamber, with a revision committee consisting of retired judges of the supreme court and the ablest lawyers of the colony, has been quoted as saying that the British Empire should be governed by a single chamber.

Mr. Brant Sero, of Hamilton, Ont., at the close of Dr. Westmacott's lecture at the Sociological Society on "Woman in Early Civilization," protested against Europeans criticising the customs of uncivilized peoples, and suggested that such men as himself (Mr. Sero is an Englishman) should be sent to obtain further information.

The Standard's parliamentary lobbyist says the standard of the new licensing bill will be raised by an extra duty on licenses.

Eleven bishops have written to the Church of England Temperance Society protesting against the fettering of the discretion of magistrates regarding licenses.

Colonial Secretary Lyttelton, replying to Sir Gilbert Parker, said he was not aware that any colonial Legislature had passed resolutions against a preference.

Influential support has been secured to repeat on a large scale the Colonial and Indian Exhibition of 1884 at the Crystal Palace, in view of the rapid strides of imperialistic sentiment.

Mr. Charles Devlin, M. P., replying to the quarterly meeting of the executive committee of the Irish League, said that he had been minister of any other country but England he would have sent in his resignation. Ireland had no right to be a part of the world, except England, and would have none of her own affairs.

The Washington correspondent of the Financial Times says much interest is being aroused in the United States by the wheat-growing of Manitoba, which is estimated to produce 50 per cent more wheat to the acre than Dakota and Minnesota. One Indian of this last of the Northwest is sufficient to supply three times the entire wheat needs of Britain.

Mr. Winston Churchill, M. P., has decided to stand at the general elections for the northwest division of Manchester, under the auspices of the Liberal Association.

FEARS A REVOLUTION

Gompers Says It Will Come If Law Is Continually Ignored.

Denver, Colo., April 18.—Consideration of the eight-hour and anti-injunction measures pending before congress is perhaps the most important business of the quarterly meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor which began in this city yesterday. The Colorado labor troubles will also be thoroughly discussed.

Referring to the course of Gov. Jas. H. Peabody in dealing with strikers of metaliferous and coal miners in this state, President Gompers, who is here, said: "The violation of the fundamental principles of our country has made Colorado the laughing stock of the country, as well as the rest of the civilized world. Besides, it robs men of the actual rights and protection guaranteed them by the constitution."

"It appears to me that if law continues to be overruled, as it has been in the past, the fight will soon develop from a technical legal conflict to a physical one. That would be the most deplorable thing we could have in a country or state having a republican form of government."

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AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.
British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

THE WAR NEWS.

St. Petersburg believes that the Japs are about to land men north of Port Arthur in an attempt to cut off the fortress from the Russian base.

The Mikado's transports have been sighted along the coast of the Liao Tung Peninsula.

It is also expected that simultaneously with this movement the Japs will commence the advance into Manchuria by way of the Yalu. An army of 45,000 is reported headed for the river, where the Russians have massed an army.

The Russians who have entered Northeastern Korea are supposed to be moving on Gensan, which would cause the detachment of a large number of troops from the Jap main advance.

Vladivostok is again said to be threatened by a Japanese fleet.

A BALKAN BATTLE

Turks and Bulgars Clash Near Salonica—Many Killed.

Salonica, April 19.—Serious fighting has begun between Turks and Bulgarians at Lapa, near Demir Kapu (a valley of the Vardar, 62 miles from Salonica). Many were killed on both sides.

JIM HILL WINS

Defeats Harriman in Big Fight Over Northern Securities.

St. Paul, Minn., April 19.—In the United States circuit court today Judge Sanborn Thayer Vandewater and Howie unanimously denied the application of E. H. Harriman and W. S. Pierce and the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company for leave to intervene in the case of the United States against the Northern Securities Company on the following grounds:

First.—The plan of the directors of the Northern Securities Company for the distribution of the stock of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railways is not in violation of the decree in the Northern Securities Company's case.

Second.—No one but the United States can appeal to the court to enjoin the execution of the plan on the ground that it is in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, and the United States expresses satisfaction with the present decree.

Third.—The stock of the two railway companies is not in the custody of the court.

Fourth.—An intervention is not necessary to enable the petitioners to protect any pecuniary interest or to equity have.

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TO MAKE PURE IRON

Two University of Wisconsin Men Discover a Valuable Process.

Madison, Wis., April 19.—Prof. C. F. Burgess and Carl Hambouchin of the University of Wisconsin have discovered a method of making pure iron at small cost. By the new discovery, which is the result of three years of research, the product can be made for 1 cent a pound. The process is similar to that used in refining copper, an electric current taking the impure iron from the plate and depositing it in a pure state on another plate.

The pure iron has properties not possessed by ordinary iron or steel. On account of its electrical properties it is a valuable material for the construction of electrical apparatus, and it furnishes the means for making special alloys of great strength and hardness.

ASSESSMENT BILL DISPOSED OF

Measure Given Its Final Reading by Legislature.

AMENDING THE STATUTE LAW

By-Elections to Work Automatically in Future—County Councils—Hospital Fees.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 18.—Today's sessions of the Legislature were devoted to clearing up the odds and ends on the order paper. Many routine and minor matters were disposed of. At the evening session the Government's bill to make automatic the issuing of election writs, was completed by stipulating the term of three months after the occurrence of a vacancy as the limit, after which the clerk of the crown should issue a writ. The major portion of the remainder of the evening session was devoted to the estimates.

THE FINAL TOUCHES.

The House began the week's work by putting a few more final touches to the assessment bill. On the suggestion of the Attorney-General, Mr. Whitney, concerning the assessment of telephone companies was placed at 50 per cent of gross receipts in each municipality and \$40 per mile, instead of 60 per cent, and \$60 per mile.

Mr. Gibson pointed out that the telephone companies deserved a lower assessment than the streetcar companies. The value of the plant and wiring being less in comparison with the amount of business.

Mr. St. John again brought up the case of the tax-burdened coal dealers. He moved that the business tax of 50 per cent on coal dealers be reduced to 30 per cent in cities over 100,000 population.

He noted that, on the 50 per cent basis, the assessment of coal dealers in Toronto would be increased from \$119,000 to \$238,000, or an increase in taxation of \$119,000. With a 30 per cent basis their assessment would be increased about \$22,000. He thought this increase in their taxes would be quite sufficient.

Mr. Crawford, Mr. Foy, and Dr. Nesbitt all favored the reduction.

Mr. Preston (Lambert) objected to making any exception to the general principle in the case of the coal dealers. If they were given special treatment, then the printers and publishers, the manufacturers, etc., in Toronto might also demand reconsideration of their cases.

The House accepted Mr. St. John's amendment by a vote of 21 to 15. The Attorney-General then promptly moved that the reading of the bill be passed without any further tinkerings, and amid applause from the members who heartily welcomed the final disposition of this legislative battle.

The Attorney-General introduced an amendment to the municipal amendment act, 1904, providing that a municipality may, if the ratepayers so desire, bonus a business factory operator a vote of an adjacent municipality.

The suggestion was adopted. A second amendment was also adopted permitting manufacturers to take stock in a railway company in exchange for any bonuses that may be given to the company.

900 PAINTERS OUT

Union at Montreal Has Clash With Employers and Strikes.

Montreal, Que., April 19.—Nine hundred painters went on strike today, the main point at issue with their employers being the recognition of their union. The men ask the masters to sign an agreement permitting the business agent of the union to visit the different shops. In other respects the agreement for the coming year is the same as heretofore, embodying a 54-hour week, and a minimum wage of 22½ cents per hour. It is also stipulated that none but union men be employed. Seventeen shops, employing 250 men have accepted the men's terms, but 70 shops, employing 300 men have declined, and that number of men are on strike today.

MAY LEAVE WINDSOR.

Windsor, Ont., April 19.—The Erie Tobacco Company, one of the largest manufacturing concerns in Windsor, may remove its plant to Leamington shortly. The company moved to Windsor a little over a year ago, coming from Leamington, where it had been burned out. The management claims it was promised exemption from taxes and water rates if it would locate in the city. It holds the promise has not been fulfilled and also that the company has been discriminated against in other matters.

SECOND READINGS.

Second readings were given to these bills: (Continued on page 5.)

THE BRITISH BUDGET DOWN; SHOWS DEFICIT OF \$27,075,000

Industrial Depression Responsible for Poor Showing—Expenditure Calls for \$714,400,000.

TAXES ON INCOME, TEA AND TOBACCO INCREASED

London, April 19.—The widespread interest in the presentation of the budget today was evidenced by the crowded state of the House of Commons long before the chancellor of the exchequer, Austen Chamberlain, rose to make his statement every part of the House was filled. Joseph Chamberlain was present to hear his son. The former colonial secretary, whose first public appearance it was since his return from abroad, met with a great reception from the occupants of the ministerial benches, while the Nationalists invited him to sing "Rule Britannia."

They also greeted him with shouts of "Fig tail."

A FESSIMISTIC CHANCELLOR.

Austen Chamberlain who rose shortly before 3 p.m., opened his speech by expatiating on the difficulties of his position, the great wave of prosperity which Great Britain had enjoyed so long, having apparently spent its force and given place to a less prosperous cycle. The industries of Great Britain, especially the cotton country, were depressed, and foreign competition was keener than ever.

The markets in which Great Britain heretofore had been supreme were increasingly threatened. The commercial depression in the United Kingdom was aggravated by the conditions in South Africa.

A DEFICIT OF \$27,075,000.

The revenue for 1903-04 was \$13,620,000 below the estimates, while the expenditure exceeded the estimate by \$15,035,000. The repeal of the duty on wheat had been more costly than anticipated, without af-

fecting the consumer the relief expected.

The net total deficit for the financial year was \$27,075,000.

Mr. Chamberlain estimated the expenditure for 1904-05 at \$714,400,000, and the revenue on the basis of existing taxation at \$685,300,000, a deficit of \$19,100,000 to be made up. He proposed, therefore, to increase the income tax two cents. The Chancellor of the Exchequer also proposed an additional tax of four cents per pound on tea.

The chancellor further proposed a readjustment of the tobacco duties, imposing a duty of 81 cents on tobacco stripped before imported, also an additional duty of 12 cents on cigars and an additional 25 cents on foreign cigarettes.

Mr. Chamberlain proposed also to raise the moisture limit to 32 per cent and introduce three or four different rates in the drawbacks, which he hoped would increase great Britain's tobacco trade, especially to the colonies. The net gain by these tobacco changes was estimated at \$2,750,000.

Mr. Chamberlain proposed to realize from unclaimed Government stock \$5,000,000 towards the deficiency. The chancellor refused to support the banking fund, considering it had policy.

The chancellor estimated that the increase in the income tax would give \$10,000,000 additional revenue.

The increase in the tea duty will amount of \$10,000,000, bringing the total estimated revenue up to \$715,050,000, or a surplus of \$3,650,000.

Mr. Chamberlain's announcement of the increase in the income tax and in the tea duty were both received with loud protests.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN QUEBEC WOODS

A Guardian Kills Log-Driver and Then Commits Suicide.

Quebec, April 19.—A terrible tragedy is reported from the parish of St. Alexandre, County of Saguenay. It appears that a gang of log drivers, who were going to Lake St. Elzabeth, stopped at a lumber hut occupied by a guardian named Lambert to get a rest. Lambert ordered them out, and when the men did not comply, seized an axe and struck a man named Kelly on the head. Kelly fell across the face, cutting his face open from the left eye to the chin. Kelly died on Saturday morning. Lambert committed suicide during the night after having set fire to the hut.

SAW DEATH APPROACHING

Physician Made Careful Study of Paresis in Himself.

New York, April 19.—Dr. Lorenzo J. Kohnstamm, traveler, philosopher and physician, of more than local reputation, is dead here in a hospital for the insane. Four years ago he visited Paris, Vienna, Brussels and Berlin, and his strange action attracted considerable attention.

Removal of his family to another part of the city, the doctor practically disappeared from the society of even his most intimate friends. Two years later he called at Bellevue Hospital, where he desired to become a patient. Then he explained his retirement in 1900, he said, he had noticed symptoms of paresis in himself. Without informing any one, he began a careful study of his own case, which, having confirmed his own suspicion, he tried to relinquish his practice with a hope that quiet living, exercise and freedom from all mental effort might at least retard the ailment. His struggle was in vain and he desired to prepare for death, having settled all his affairs with that idea in view. The physician was transferred to Manhattan Hospital, where he remained two years awaiting the end.</