

NEWS FROM LONDON.

Doubts as to Britain's Acquisition of Delagoa Bay—Russo-Chinese Arrangements.

No Hope for New Zealand Miners—Duke of Cambridge Declines a Pension.

LONDON, March 27.—It is reported from Berlin that China has ceded Port Arthur to Russia, but nothing is known on the subject here.

Mr. George N. Curzon asked in the House of Commons to-day if there was any truth in the report that Great Britain had purchased Delagoa Bay with the whole strip of territory from Amantonga on the south to the Chartered Company's territory on the north, at Limpopo river, constituting the eastern boundary, for the sum of £5,000,000, declined to reply, saying the government must insist upon a proper notification being given of such a question.

All hope of saving the sixty miners entombed in the mine at Brunerton, New Zealand, by an explosion of fire damp, which killed five men outright, has been abandoned.

First lord of the treasury, Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, answering a question in the House of Commons to-day, said the government did not think it was necessary to consult parliament before concluding an international agreement to open the Indian mints.

LA GRIPPE'S VICTIMS.

A SCOURGE MORE TO BE DREADED THAN PESTILENCE.

The Story of a Nova Scotian Lady Who Almost Lost Her Life Through the Ravages of This Trouble—Unable to Feed Herself and Had to be Carried and Fed from Bed.

[From the Canadian, Wolfville, N. S.] In the spring of 1894 the many friends of Mrs. Mary Freeman, in Wolfville, N. S., very gladly welcomed her return home after a long absence from her native town, but it was with the deepest grief that they beheld in her the prey of a disease of almost incredible severity.

It appeared to all that the brightest future in store for her was but a few months of suffering existence. Not long after her return, however, the people of Wolfville were surprised to hear that after using a few boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills she had become entirely and completely well.

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OXFORD THE WINNER.

For the Seventh Year in Succession the Dark Blues Beat their Opponents.

A Grand Race—Cambridge the Favorites at the Start—Great Rowing.

PUTNEY, March 28.—The 53rd boat race between Oxford and Cambridge was won by the former to-day by about a third of a length, after a most exciting finish. Oxford has thus won thirty races of the series to twenty-two won by Cambridge, the dead-heat in 1887 making up the total number pulled.

Cambridge was a hot favorite at 6 to 4, with few takers. Previous to the start the light blues were regarded as almost certain winners. Cambridge embarked first, won the toss, and chose the Surrey side of the river—a decided advantage as half a gale blowing from that shore, or about southwest, raised lumpy water everywhere, and quite a little sea at the bad places.

There was little to choose between them until Clasper's boat house was reached, approaching the first half mile, when the Cambridge boat's nose shoved itself slightly in from the two crews pulling with great determination and splashing somewhat on account of the rough water. At the half mile Oxford settled down to its shape, drew up, and showed ahead at Weldon's, amid grand cheering. It was apparent that a splendid race was to be rowed. The strength of the Oxford men seemed to increase instead of diminish as the struggle wore on, and there was as much dash in their stroke at two miles as at the start.

Cambridge at Thornycroft's had a lead of three-quarters of a length, and both crews were bending down to their work in a grand manner. From there on the three mile post, about half way between Cheswick church and Barnes-bridge, the race was most punishing, both from the pace set and the lumpy water. Cambridge shot under the bridge ahead of Oxford, whereupon there was another storm of applause. The sight-seers thought the race was over and that the light blues had won beyond doubt.

The cheering only served them to still another beautiful effort, and down they went to it as if their lives depended upon the result. They almost lifted their craft and drove her along in a manner which will long be remembered. The long, slender racing boat fairly tore through the water, and there was a mighty shout when, with the increased power put into the Oxford stroke, she was seen steadily shooting up to her rivals.

The event was announced to be the best ever seen on the Thames course. Oxford won simply because her representatives refused to be beaten. Cambridge seemed to have the race well in hand, but did not prove equal to Oxford's final spurt. The weather conditions were terrible. Almost immediately after the boats started a cold, blinding rain was driven against them. After the first mile had been rounded under these conditions the wind increased in strength and the rain changed into a blinding hailstorm, which obscured the rival crews from the view of the spectators, and against which they were miserably stand. The hailstorm lasted only a few minutes.

In the final stretch beyond Barnes Bridge, the wind swept over the course with redoubled force and fury. Owing to the bend in the stream the Oxford boat at that stage of the race was on its best station; but it seemed a matter of sheer impossibility for the dark blues to overcome Cambridge's lead. Nothing, however, could withstand the terrific spurt made by Oxford when Gold called for the final effort, it proved too much for Cambridge, and in the last seventy-five yards Oxford shot ahead.

Trade in Ontario Adversely Affected. To men pressed by their wants all change is ever welcome.—Jonson. As a foe, don't be unmerciful.

A SET OF PROQUES.

BY FRANK BARRETT.

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CHAPTER XIX.

The young man had risen and was standing by the table when he turned from the window. He seemed greatly refreshed, his face had lost its livid hue of passion and death and looked the better for a tinge of color. He met our reborn boldy, yet with no brag, bulging air, but the composure of a brave man facing his trial with a consciousness of right upon his side.

"I would ask you," says the don, seating himself on 't'other side the table, "why you refused to do that before?" "Sir," answers he, "I have lost everything in the world save some small modicum of pride, which, being all I have, I do cherish, maybe unduly. And so, when these unmanly hands took me by the throat calling on me to tell my name and business, this spirit within me flaring up, I could not answer with the humility of a villain seeking to sneak out of danger by submissive excuses."

"Be seated," says the don, accepting this explanation with a bow. "How may we be of service to you?" "Venice," replies the other, with some hesitation, "I was called Dario—a name given me by my fellow school-boys because my English name was not to their taste."

"Enough," says the don. "I can understand a man of better fortune, as I perceive you have been, wishing in such a position as this to retain his incognito. There are no parks in Venice, no my knowledge, but surely, sir, you would not enter a palazzo there uninvited without some reasonable pretext?" "It would be sufficient that in such a house as this I thought I might find some employment for a painter."

"You are a painter?" says I. "A poor one, as you see," replies Dario with a significant glance at his clothes. Don Sanchez turned to me, hunching his shoulders. "This clear," says he, "that Signor Dario has been grossly abused by our lady's overzealous steward. You have but to tell us, sir, what reparation we can make you."

"You will need materials," says the don, laying his purse upon the table. "When you return with them, you may rely upon having our lady's consent to your wishes."

The painter took the purse with a bow of acknowledgment, with no more than a nod to the don, and presently left us. "Shall we see him again, think you, senator?" I asked when we were left to ourselves. He nodded, but with such a reflective, somber air that I was impelled to ask him if he looked forever gloomy in the story of Mortlake church. Cambridge seemed likely to hold her lead across the finish line, but this was not to be the case.

As the church was passed, Oxford put out a final effort, there was a spurt from the Dark Blues which will be recorded in the history of rowing as simply magnificent. The men pulled as if they had just started; there was no relaxing it. The Dark Blues overtook the Cantabes, and for a moment or so it was "nose and nose," with the winning point in sight; then, putting still more steam into their stroke, the Dark Blues passed the Cambridge boat and finished winners by a short three-quarters of a length, in 20.04, splendid time when the weather and rough water are taken into consideration. This time has only been beaten over the course upon three previous occasions. Cambridge in 1873 did it in 19.35; Oxford in 1892 did it in 19.21, and Oxford in 1893 won in 18.47. Last year Oxford won in 20.50.

OUR OTTAWA SPECIAL.

Confidence Increasing in a Satisfactory Outcome of the School Question Negotiations.

Opposition Will Not Obstruct Remedial Bill—Canadian Fishing Specimens.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, March 28.—The cabinet was in session to-day, when further advice from Winnipeg regarding the school negotiations were considered. The feeling appears to be growing stronger that a settlement will be reached.

A prominent member of the opposition said to-day that his party will not obstruct the bill in committee. If opposition to it came, it would be from the ultra-Protestant wing.

The fisheries department is sending twenty cases of beautiful specimens of Canadian fish to the Imperial institute this week.

The Supreme court to-day allowed the appeal of Charlebois v. Delap—a complicated suit arising out of the Great North-Western Central railway construction. Mr. Charlebois was awarded \$492,000, but no costs.

Ottawa will have fifteen miles of electric railway to suburban resorts this summer.

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When I saw her thus disfiguring her pretty face, as I considered it then though I came to admire this embellishment later on, to please Signor Dario, I began to ask myself how this business was likely to end.

Capt. Sears of the ill-fated steamer St. Pierre which left Halifax on February 13 for Victoria and was abandoned at sea nine days later, arrived home last night on the Charmer. It will be remembered that the St. Pierre on Feb. 15, met with a frightful storm, causing her to roll heavily and ship considerable water. The boiler shifted, the vessel began to take water and after doing their best to save her the crew found that the attempt was fruitless, as the boiler could not again be mended, the captain placed against his wish Captain Sears had finally to abandon all hope of being able to get the helpless vessel to port, and accordingly signals of distress were hoisted and the steamship Normania took the captain and crew aboard and carried them to Gibraltar, whither she was bound. No further news of the mishap was learned last night, Capt. Sears having received orders not to give any information upon the subject until he had reported at headquarters. Capt. Irving was out of town last night, and until his return further particulars of the eventful voyage of the St. Pierre will not be made public.

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