

# GERMANY AND CANADA DISCUSSED IN COMMONS.

## Kruger Makes a Speech to Admirers at a Paris Station.

London, May 25.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, the Under Foreign Secretary, Lord Cranborne, admitted that communications were passing between the Foreign Office and Germany regarding the latter's imposition of differential duties against Canada. The under secretary declined to furnish information as to whether the Foreign Office had indicated the possibility of Great Britain retaliating by imposing special duties on German imports into the United Kingdom, saying "he could not make any further statement at present."

Paris, May 25.—Former President Kruger arrived here to-day from Mentone, on his way to Holland, and received a sympathetic welcome from a small crowd of intimate friends, who boarded his train at the railroad station. The women of the party presented the Boer statesman with many bouquets, and Mr. Kruger made a brief speech of thanks. He said he expected to return to France next year. Mr. Kruger spoke in a strong voice and seemed to be in fairly good health.

A Big Loan.  
London, May 25.—The prospectus of the new Brazilian five per cent. loan of \$25,000,000 for the improvement of the harbor at Rio Janeiro, will be issued by the Rothschilds tomorrow. The price will be 92.

Bulgarians Get Worst of It.  
Salonica, May 25.—The long list of recent deliberate murders in the vilayet of Monastir, with a preponderance of Bulgarian victims, indicates, it is asserted, that the Turks are getting beyond control. Out of twenty-one officially admitted murders fifteen Bulgarians were among the victims. In some cases the bodies were mutilated. One man murdered by Turks had his eyes torn out, his face burned and his tongue cut out.

## U. S. EX-MINISTER TO RUSSIA. Talks About the Shocking Outrages on Jews at Kishineff.

New York, May 25.—Oscar Strauss, who was twice U. S. Minister to Turkey, gives the following views regarding the relations between the U. S. and Russia: "No one can read without a shudder of horror the reports of the fiendish outrages at Kishineff on April 19, 20 and 21, upon the unoffending Jewish population of that city, by a mob which was officially incited and officially protected."

The religion of the slaughterers. It is a crime against civilization and Christianity as well. "Whenever Russian horrors reach American ears we constantly hear about the long standing friendship between Russia and the United States. If we look beneath the surface, which is not necessary when Russia is concerned, we will find that underlying courtesies to our naval officers and profuse diplomatic professions of friendship will be found a purpose to accentuate hostility toward England."

"The London Times states that the number of Jews killed, men, women and children, was between 60 and 70, and the number of those seriously injured, men, women and children, is estimated at about 500. Most of the Jewish workshops, stores and houses were ransacked and pillaged, and the greater part of a community of thirty thousand has been rendered homeless and penniless. These crimes have been committed in Christian Russia, by a Christian rabble, supported and participated in by Russian officials."

"The Russia of to-day has nothing in common with the United States, and she would, if she could, eviscerate our declaration of independence out of existence and wipe liberty from the face of the globe. The graphic forecast of her policy by Britain's greatest diplomat, Stratford Canning, is verified in our day: 'Some of old extended its sway by conquest, but wherever its eagles flew the arts of civilization followed. The Russian bird of prey has no such qualms. It turns indeed toward the sun, but the shadow of its wings is blighting and moral desolation closes upon its flight.'"

## MAN FIGHTS WITH LION. Chew's Its Throat Till the Beast Dies.

Animal was eight feet long.

Lander (Wyo.) corr. Chicago Tribune. All records of hand-to-hand encounters with wild beasts have been smashed by Anson Serooff, of Terry Creek canyon, who killed a mountain lion a few days ago. Serooff was prospecting when he ran across a lion's den. Determining to secure the feline he dug his way into the den. At that instant the mother lion sprang upon him from the rear, and a struggle ensued.

## THOUSAND-MEN MUTINY. Berber Tribesmen Leave the Sultan of Morocco in the Lurch.

Tangier, May 25.—Tuan is still threatened by hostile tribes. A thousand men belonging to the powerful Berber tribes of the Zimmur, who were summoned to Fez to join the expedition against the Sultan, have mutinied.

## GREAT METEOR SEEN. Aerolite as Big as Oil Barrel Cuts Down Trees in West Virginia.

Parkersburg, W. Va., May 25.—The largest meteor ever seen in West Virginia is reported to have been seen by employees of the Felton Lumber Company near Grafton. While in their timber camp last night they heard a peculiar whizzing noise, followed by an intensely bright light. They rushed out and saw a meteor, which they described as a ball of fire as big as an oil barrel, whizzing in a southeasterly direction.

## BLANKETS BREED FEVER. Came From Hospital Camps in South Africa.

London, May 25.—A sudden outbreak of enteric fever on board the reformitory ship Cornwall, lying off Falmouth, has been traced to infected blankets from the hospital camps in South Africa. Further investigation, says the Daily Mail, revealed that many thousands of those blankets had been sold broadcast in the United Kingdom. How they got on the market has not yet been discovered.

## BANK VAULT CLOSED. Half a Million Dollars Locked Up Too Well.

Halifax, May 25.—For over thirty-six hours half a million dollars in gold and bills lay idle in the vault of the Royal Bank of Canada in this city beyond the reach of the officials of the institution. The combination of the vault door became deranged when the door was closed on Saturday night and it has baffled the most expert locksmiths in Halifax to adjust it.

## NEWS IN BRIEF. CANADIAN.

- Farmers report that rain would be too late to save the crop.
- The Toronto Railway Company has refused the demands of the men.
- Alex. Campbell, Chief of Police of Fort William, is dead.
- The C. P. R. crop report indicates a bountiful harvest in the west.
- An explosion of firecrackers in Graham's Fair at Galt caused a fire that did about \$500 damage.
- Rev. Dr. Sowerby, of London, has announced his acceptance of the call of the College Street Baptist Church, Toronto.
- A body found in the St. Clair River at Conneaut, has been identified as that of Hogs-Waterer of Sarnia, missing since last week Friday.
- A fierce snowstorm is raging in the west, from Red Deer, Alberta, to the

## BANK CHANGES HANDS. Yarmouth Bank Purchased by the Bank of Montreal.

Halifax, N. S., May 25.—The Bank of Montreal to-day purchased the Exchange Bank of Yarmouth. The shareholders of the latter will receive \$80 a share, and the value of which is \$70. The capital stock of the Exchange Bank is \$266,896 paid up. The reserve fund amounts to \$50,000. The assets are \$725,663, and the total liabilities are \$427,663. The sale is subject to the ratification of the shareholders.

## BIG FIRE AT ST. JOHN'S. Three Churches and Many Buildings Destroyed at Little Bay.

St. John's, Nfld., May 25.—Fire has devastated the town of Little Bay, where a large copper mine is being worked. Three churches, with the clergyman's residence, the mining companies' stores, the Government buildings, and forty dwellings were destroyed. The total loss is estimated at \$60,000. Two hundred and fifty persons are homeless, and all being forwarded by the authorities.

## GAS MEN STRIKE. And Chicago May Be Left Without Light Soon.

Chicago, May 25.—A general strike of all the members of the Gas Workers' Union against the People's Gas Light and Coke Company was ordered last night by the Central Council of the Union. Street men, drimpers, meter setters, and stationery men to the number of 1600 are affected by the order. Efforts will be made to draw the teamsters into the strike.

## PENNY BANKS ARE COMING. Finance Minister Gives Notice of a Bill in the Commons.

Ottawa, May 25.—The Finance Minister gives notice of a bill "respecting penny banks." It will provide for the establishment and inspection of such banks in Canada. A request was recently made by the Postmaster-General to establish Government penny savings banks in connection with the post-office on a similar plan to that in vogue in England. The plan suggests it to issue cards with twenty spaces on each. A five-cent stamp is to be affixed on each square, and when all are filled the card is to be taken as a deposit of \$1.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN. Independence Day was fittingly celebrated throughout Cuba.

A London despatch says Lord Strathcona intends to visit Montreal during July and August.

## HOPELESSLY RUINED. Painting of "The Last Supper" in the Monastery at Santa Maria.

Vienna, May 25.—The Milan correspondent of the Neues Wiener Tagblatt reports that Leonardo Da Vinci's famous mural painting of "The Last Supper" in the monastery of Santa Maria, is now hopelessly ruined. It has been in a deplorable condition for a long time, and the continued decay of the wall on which it is painted made all attempts at restoration futile.

## MORGAN IN LUCK. May Bring in Millions of Art Treasures Duty Free.

New York, May 25.—Under the designation "household effects," J. Pierpont Morgan will be able to bring into this country most of his art treasures, that are now scattered through the museums of Europe or else in his house in Park Lane, London. Mr. Morgan has ordered his agents to gather together all his paintings, bric-a-brac and antiques, and it is believed American will have the opportunity of seeing one of the largest private collections in the world. These objects of art are appraised at not less than \$2,000,000, and had Mr. Morgan imported them a year ago he would have been obliged to pay almost \$300,000 as duty.

## BOWEN SNUBBED. His Undiplomatic Conduct Gets Him Into Trouble.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—Criticisms of a complaint against his supposed part in the matter has caused the State Department to repudiate responsibility for publication at the Government printing office of the blue book, containing the correspondence in the Venezuela peace negotiations between Herbert W. Bowen, the special envoy of Venezuela, and Sir Michael Herbert, the British Ambassador, Signor Mayor de las Casas, the Mexican Ambassador, Baron von Stumberg, the German Minister, and Count Quadt, the German Charge d'Affaires.

# YOUNG EDISON'S VITALIZER STIMULATES BRAIN ACTION.

### Remarkable Results Achieved With the Latest Electrical Invention.

New York, May 25.—One of the most interesting and important scientific experiments that have ever been performed has just been completed in the laboratory of Thomas A. Edison, Jun., at No. 14 Stone street, New York. The experiment had for its purpose the measurement of the exact extent to which young Mr. Edison's famous invention, the Magneto-Electric Vitalizer, was able to stimulate and assist the brain in its mental processes. The tests were made by applying the units of the Magneto-Electric Vitalizer to one of two students chosen from the third-year class of New York University. The second student did not wear the appliance.

To each student there was proposed a problem of moderate difficulty, steps having been taken to measure by suitable apparatus the exact period of time occupied by the mental response of the subject. Upon comparing the result of ten such trials it was found that the average improvement in the mental response of the student who wore the Magneto-Electric Vitalizer was 3 1/2 to 10 seconds quicker than that of the other student.

In other words, that young Mr. Edison's invention enabled the wearer to think more quickly than was possible without the aid of the appliance.

The same experiment was made with Public school pupils from the second grammar grade. These children yielded similar results.

Scientifically and practically, young Mr. Edison's experiment is expected to have great results, the more so as it has just been discovered that all the brain processes of thought and consciousness are of electrical character. It is consequently predicted that the Magneto-Electric Vitalizer will soon be in general use in the schools and colleges of the United States.

States as in the homes. The appliance has already demonstrated thoroughly its power to control such intractable diseases as, economic staxia, chronic rheumatism, consumption, nervous prostration, kidney trouble and similar complaints, and now that its new properties as a brain tonic have been tested there seems to be no limit to its sphere of action.

Perhaps the best evidence of the great value of young Mr. Edison's famous invention is afforded by the recent attempt of a coterie of Wall Street men to purchase the patent and manufacturing rights of the discovery for \$750,000. The inventor, it is said, absolutely declined the offer, because he knew the purchasers intended to exploit the Vitalizer at the expense of the public. For philanthropic reasons the younger Edison wishes to keep the price of the Vitalizer as low as possible, so that every sick person may be able to obtain its help.

The inventor's statement.

When young Mr. Edison was seen at his laboratory yesterday he said: "Months ago I demonstrated that perfect health was dependent upon the electrical condition of the spinal cord. The Vitalizer cures disease by supplying the natural electric force to the nerves. In addition to this I have now proved that the Vitalizer is a powerful brain tonic. It enables a man to think quicker. It greatly increases mental alertness and energy."

I am determined that this invention shall not fall into the hands of those who would regard it only as a money-making business. That is why I am myself attending to the letters of patients. You can tell your readers for me that the poorest man is as important in my eyes as the richest. Any man who has a two-cent stamp can write to me here at No. 14 Stone street, New York, and obtain my personal advice concerning the applicability of the Vitalizer to his case."

## BOYS MURDER A SMALLER LAD More Cars Running Unmolested To-day in Bridgeport, Conn.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 25.—The Connecticut Railway and Lighting Company to-day further increased the number of cars operated by positioning men in the city and suburbs, all the lines except one being open for business. There were no demonstrations and the guards of deputy sheriffs were withdrawn from many of the cars.

Elizaville, Ga., May 25.—Details have just been learned here of the killing of the five-year-old son of Albert Wall, a well-known citizen of Shelby County by two negro boys aged ten and twelve years. The negroes enticed the boy into a shack pen, where, with a heel pin, wrapped in duck they attacked him, breaking three ribs and inflicting other injuries. Spinal meningitis followed from which the boy died after ten days.

London Clubs Take Steps to Stop Gamb'ing.  
A WEEKLY LIMIT IS FIXED.  
London, May 25.—Several of the West End clubs have found it necessary to limit bridge gambling by restrictions similar to those adopted at the houses of society leaders. The newly formed Atlantic Club has decided that no more than £500 a week will be booked to a single member. Points will be limited to 2s. each, with a maximum of £10 on a team.

Who Wouldn't Serve Booker T. Washington in a Hotel?  
Indianapolis, Ind., May 25.—Mrs. Lulu Hadley, chambermaid, who was discharged from a hotel here because she refused to make up the bed in which Booker T. Washington had slept, received \$1,100 from people in the south to-day, making \$2,500 which she has received from similar sources since her discharge by the hotel management.

MAD MULLAH ROUTED.  
Three Hundred Killed After Desperate Encounter.  
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M'KINLEY'S NEPHEW,  
Midshipman Barber, Loses His Life While Bathing at Annapolis.  
Annapolis, Md., May 25.—Midshipman Arthur O. Barber, from Kent, Ohio, nephew of the late President McKinley, and a member of the fourth or beginning class at the NAVAL Academy, was drowned at about 6 o'clock this morning. Midshipman Barber had with him a companion midshipman, Ned L. Chapin. They went for a swim before breakfast. The place they chose was the north sea wall of the academy grounds.

They swam around for some time and became separated by thirty or forty yards. Suddenly Chapin noticed that young Barber seemed distressed and at once tried to go to his assistance. Soon after young Barber called out for help. A boat got out from the gunboat Alvarado,