

LIBERAL HAS BEEN ELECTED IN LISGAR

THE REPORT OF THE ORIENTAL COMMISSION

Secretary Leaves Toronto for Ottawa Royal Templars Protest Against the Referendum.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—The bye-election for the Lisgar vacancy in the Dominion House was held today, and resulted in the election of D. A. Stewart, Liberal, by about 950 majority over R. L. Richardson, Independent. Richardson leads Toombs, Conservative, by 624. Eight small polls to hear from will probably increase Stewart's majority. The totals are: Stewart, 3,068; Richardson, 2,117; Toombs, 1,483.

Tombs Lost Deposit.

Complete returns from Lisgar have been received. The totals are: Stewart, 3,395; Richardson, 2,332; Toombs, 1,643. Stewart's majority over Richardson is 1,662. Toombs, Conservative, lost his deposit.

Call Declined.

Rev. Hamilton Wigle, Zion church, Winnipeg, has declined a call to Dawson Methodist church.

Commissioner's Report.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—F. J. Deane secretary of the commission appointed to report on the Japanese and Chinese question in the West, left for Ottawa today with the report of the commission for presentation to the government. It is the largest report of its kind ever made, consisting of over 6,000 type-written pages, containing nearly 2,000,000 words. The commission has divided the report into two parts, one dealing with Japanese, and the other with Chinese.

Arsenic.

Toronto, Feb. 19.—Ontario is able, so far as raw material is concerned, to produce arsenic enough for all America, and this will be done if a bounty on production is granted, says Joseph James, of Hastings, who is acting in the interest of foreign capitalists. A bounty of \$12,000 is asked from the provincial treasury. \$24,000 from the Dominion governments. Should these be granted a plant capable of turning out 2,282,400 tons of arsenic annually will be put into operation immediately.

Ex-Alderman Dead.

Thomas Thompson, an alderman for years here, died yesterday, aged 77, from bronchitis.

To Lake Superior.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—C. W. Spencer

containing \$10,000 in jewelry, was arrested here this afternoon on an extradition warrant issued by the Pinkerton detective agency.

Templars Protest.

Guelph, Ont., Feb. 18.—The grand council, Royal Templars of Temperance, met here today and passed a resolution entering a protest against the retention of an evasive resolution, and calling upon the legislature to amend the bill by striking out all reference to a referendum.

Manufacture of Steel.

Sault Ste. Marie, Feb. 18.—The first stage in manufacture of steel rails was reached today at the Algoma Steel Company's works, when for the first time in Algoma, steel was manufactured by the Bessemer process. The conversion of pig-iron into steel was witnessed by about 500 people, most of whom carried home souvenirs of the event, in the form of pieces of newly manufactured steel. Just a year ago to-day work was begun on the immense building of the company.

Minister's Jubilee.

Paris, Ont., Feb. 8.—The jubilee banquet to Rev. Jno. Wakefield, D. D., in the Methodist church to-night, was a notable affair. The 50 invited delegates from different parts of the province, and the large audience, testified to the popularity and sterling qualities of the guest of the evening. About 400 took dinner in the basement of the church, and then adjourned to the auditorium, which was filled to overflowing. The chair was occupied by Rev. Dr. Griffin, Toronto, who entered the ministry with Dr. Wakefield half a century ago. An address was presented to Dr. Wakefield by members of the Paris congregation, of which he is pastor, and where he began in 1852.

Fire at Brandon.

Brandon, Man., Feb. 19.—The Kelly house on Sixth street was damaged by fire early this morning to the extent of \$500 or \$600. The loss is covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have originated in a burning chimney.

Sentenced to Death.

Charles Bullock was found guilty to-night of murdering Leone Sainatos on Battle river in April last, and was sentenced to be hanged at Fort Saskatchewan on March 20th.

Grecian Sold.

Halifax, Feb. 19.—The abandoned Alga liner Grecian was sold this morning for \$7,050 to a Halifax junk dealer.

Blacksmith's Shop Burned.

Frederickton, N. B., Feb. 19.—Emery Sewell's blacksmith shop at Upper Gasenville was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. The loss is \$5,000; no insurance.

Missing.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 19.—Miss Emma Sullivan, 35 years old, disappeared from home in a blinding snowstorm on Monday night, and has not been seen since.

J. J. Gibb dead. J. J. Gibb, president of the Ottawa River Navigation Co., died this morning.



HON. C. FITZPATRICK, K. C., Minister of Justice.

THE COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECREASE IN VALUE OF GOODS EXPORTED

Review of Last Year's Trade Has Just Been Issued by the

country ran during the last calendar year in the great race for supremacy in trade in the world's market, has been made public by Frederick Emery, chief of the bureau of foreign commerce of the state department. It is stated that the commercial reports of the United States diplomatic and consular offices record continued growth in the sales of many lines of manufactures from the United States in foreign markets and the increase of the general concern throughout Europe as to the possible results of American industrial competition. Although the figures of the exports compiled by the treasury department show a considerable falling off in the total value of manufactured goods sent abroad, it is stated that there seems to be a steady and uninterrupted spread in the popularity of what may be termed American "novelties" all over Europe. The word "novelties" are meant not only labor saving implements and machinery, which are strange to most Europeans, but a great variety of articles of merchandise, all of which possess distinct points of excellence and relative cheapness, new to Europe, which commend them to purchasers there in preference to similar articles of home manufacture. In other words, while the aggregate of United States exports of manufactured goods has shrunk, the variety of the sales in Europe is being extended and the territory upon which they are encroaching is being steadily enlarged.

A striking example of this is in Austria-Hungary, where imports from the United States are increasing rapidly. The United States again leads the list of countries selling to Germany, and is causing the economists of that country much concern. Indeed, it is pointed out that this same concern is felt in France, Great Britain, Belgium, Switzerland and other highly developed manufacturing countries of Europe. It is shown to be a fact that the United States is now supplying European nations with goods which have for years been distinctive of the countries themselves, and which the Americans used to import from them. American exports of silk to France, triplite to Wales, cottons to England, and California fruit is making such headway in Spain as to provoke the query in a Spanish newspaper: "Shall we live to see American oranges on the Valencia market?"

The falling off in American exports is attributed not to the goods being in less favor, but rather to business depression in Europe affecting the purchasing power. The elimination of Hawaii and Porto Rico from the list of countries to which the United States export also at a fall. The treasury figures show that during the last calendar year there was a falling off of \$12,565,194 compared with the previous year, manufactures falling off \$46,262,912, but being offset by a gain in agricultural exports of \$35,501,077.

Mr. Emery says it is evident that the "American invasion" of Europe has ceased for the time being to be of that sweeping character that distinguished it at first as an economic phenomenon.

BIG LEAGUE FIGHT.

United States Attorney-General is Preparing a Case Against Northern Securities Company.

New York, Feb. 20.—Bankers of this city identified with the formation of the Northern Securities Company were greatly surprised to learn, and at first refused to believe, that United States Attorney-General Knox is preparing a case against the company. They pointed out that a decision on a cognate case from the Supreme court of the United States is expected on Monday. They were unable to understand why notice of another action should be given pending a decision in the case to be decided by the Hill-Morgan and Oeb-Harriman syndicate to the case out to the end. All of the members of the Northern Securities Company were present at the legal battle is promised to be decided by the Supreme court. It is understood that no matter what the decision may be the dominating idea of the Northern Securities Company will be to place the company into life will be substantially maintained.

ITALIAN PARLIAMENT.

Speech From Throne Refers to Necessity For Social Legislation.

Rome, Feb. 20.—King Victor Emmanuel opened parliament to-day with considerable ceremony. The speech from the throne referred to the tranquilizing effects on the country of the government's liberal policy, and to the excellent relations existing between Italy and all the powers. "A policy," said His Majesty, "which bears in mind all our rights and all our duties, and has earned us a large share of goodwill and flattering testimonies of the esteem in which our country is held by foreign nations and the confidence which Great Britain and Brazil place in me by selecting me as arbitrator is very pleasing to me. Thus in the concert of the great nations, the defence of our interests and fidelity to our allies and ties of cordial friendship are fully reconcilable with Italy's supreme aim, namely, peace."

His Majesty dwelt at length on the necessity for social legislation, especially as regards the working people. Referring to the proposed divorce bill, His Majesty said: "In the relations of state and church my government intends to maintain strictly the separation of the civil from the spiritual authorities, to honor the clergy, but to confine them in their own domain to extend unrestricted respect to religious liberty of conscience, but to invincibly preserve intact the prerogative of civil power and the rights of national sovereignty."

THE POPE'S JUBILEE.

Is To-Day Receiving Congratulations From All Parts—Celebration Next Month.

Rome, Feb. 20.—The Pope entered on the twenty-fifth year of his Pontificate to-day. Although the main celebration of the jubilee is postponed until March 3rd, when the combined festival of the jubilee coronation will be observed, to-day was marked by the singing of a Te Deum in St. Peter's and other observances. The Pontiff who was the recipient of a one well-wisher that his jubilee was greatly brightened by the resignation yesterday of Count Eusebio, the minister of public works, "who left the government rather than approve of the divorce bill, which the church holds hurtful to family morality and concord."

UP LATE NIGHTS, ENDLESS ENGAGEMENTS, generally run down? Take "The D. & L." Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil. It will tone up your system and make you feel yourself again. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

CONVINCED BY PRINTED TESTIMONY the hundreds of the cured. Mrs. Bennett, of 418 B. 8th street, New York, who was for years a great sufferer from Catarrh, procured two bottles of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder and it effected an absolute cure. Through the blower will clear the head and stop headache, 70 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and He & Co.—115.

TO MAINTAIN THE CHINESE EMPIRE

SENSATION CAUSED BY UNITED STATES NOTE

Opposed to China Granting Exclusive Rights to Corporations or Companies in Manchuria.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—The Tribune to-day prints the following special cablegram from Peking, China, under the date of February 19th:

"A sensation was caused in diplomatic circles here to-day when it became known the United States, through Secretary of State Hay, had sent a note to the Russian and Chinese governments, following closely along the lines of the Anglo-Japanese treaty of January 30th. The note is interpreted as a distinct warning to both China and Russia that the United States will not permit the integrity of the Empire to be molested in favor of one nation to the detriment of another. The note, which practically endorses the English treaty with Japan, says:

"Washington, D. C., Feb. 1st, 1902. "An agreement whereby China gives any corporation or company the exclusive right or privilege of opening mines, establishing railroads, or in any other way industrially exploiting Manchuria, cannot be viewed with the gravest concern by the government of the United States. "It constitutes a monopoly which is a distinct breach of the stipulations of the treaties concluded between China and foreign powers, and thereby seriously affects the rights of American citizens. "It restricts their rightful trade, exposes them to being discriminated against, interfered with, or otherwise jeopardized, and strongly tends to permanently impair China's sovereign rights in this part of the Empire, while it seriously interferes with her ability to meet her international obligations. "Furthermore, such a concession on China's part would be undoubtedly followed by demands from other powers for similar equal extensive advantages elsewhere in the Chinese Empire, and the inevitable result must be the complete wreck of the policy of absolute equality of treatment of all nations respecting trade and commerce with the Empire's confines. "On the other hand the attainment by one power of such exclusive privileges for the commercial organizations of its nation conflicts with the assurances repeatedly conveyed to this government by the Imperial Russian ministry of foreign affairs of the Imperial government's intention to follow the policy of the open door, or otherwise jeopardized, and of the United States, and accepted commercial interests in the Empire. "It is for these reasons that the government of the United States, now so formerly animated by the sincerest desire of insuring to the whole world the benefit of full and fair intercourse between China and the nations on a footing of equal rights and advantages, and submits the above to the earnest consideration of the Imperial governments of China, and Russia, confident that they will give due weight to its importance, and that they will adopt such measures as will relieve the just and natural anxiety of the United States."

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Trans-Atlantic Tests Will Include Transmission of Words and Messages.

London, Feb. 20.—At a general meeting of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company Mr. Marconi, who was present, referring to the trans-Atlantic experiments announced that the next series of tests would include the transmission of words and messages. He added that there was nothing to prevent the company from undertaking commercial communication with ships at sea. The system at present was in permanent use on board of seventy ships, and there were twenty-five land stations. His transmission of twenty-two words in a minute did not compare unfavorably with the work of the cables. The defects with reference to secrecy had been removed. After perfecting arrangements in Canada he would change Sir William Preece and Professor Lodge to transmit messages. The monopoly claimed by British postal telegraph had hitherto impeded the establishment of a wireless service in England and Ireland. Marconi sails for Canada on February 22nd.

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VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE.

Already Eight Hundred Bodies Have Been Taken From Ruins of Town.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—The bodies of 800 victims of the earthquake at Shamaka, Trans-Caucasia, have thus far been recovered. The treasury has given 50,000 roubles for the relief of the destitute. In the villages surrounding Shamaka 27 persons were killed.

LACROIX WILL BE EXECUTED NEXT MONTH

Wife Murderer to Pay the Penalty—Large Timber Limits Sale at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Senator Wark is 98 years old to-day. Liberal senators sent him a telegram of hearty congratulations, and wishing him many returns of the day. The Senator's home is at Fredrickton.

Timber Limits Sold.

There was sold by auction to-day 124 miles of timber limits belonging to Wm. MacKey and J. R. Booth for \$655,000. This is the biggest sale on record.

On Census Business. Frank Burnett, Vancouver, is here on business with the census department. Will Be Executed. An order-in-council has been passed providing that the law take its course in the case of Stanislaus Lacroix, convicted of wife murder at Hull. He will be hanged on March 21st.

Delayed by Storm. Hon. C. Sifton arrived at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Winnipeg. He was here yesterday afternoon, but was detained between Montreal and here on account of the snow blockade.

UNFAIR GAMBLING.

Vincennes, Ind., Feb. 20.—W. Roberts, an electrician, created a sensation in a suit against Mathew Kelly and Dallas Taylor, charged with causing the downfall of Richard Davis, former bank cashier, by unfair gambling schemes. He testified that at the direction of Kelly he placed a new battery in the station and adjusted two sawyer magnets under the bar, where it is alleged that Davis lost \$50,000 through craps.

BURCHERS DID NOT KEEP PRISONERS

RELEASED SCOTS GREYS TAKEN AT KLIPDAM

Detachment of Cavalry Cut Off From Hamilton's Column Lost Two Killed and Eight Wounded.

London, Feb. 20.—A detachment of Scots Greys, one of Great Britain's crack dragon regiments, has been cut up by the Boers at Klipdam. Major C. W. M. Feilden and Capt. E. Usher were severely wounded, two men were killed, six wounded and forty-six captured. The news was received to-day from Lord Fitchener in a dispatch dated from Pretoria, February 19th.

The Scots Greys formed part of Gen. Gilbert Hamilton's column. The latter, while moving on Nigel on February 18th, engaged a force of Boers at Klipdam. The Scots Greys became detached, were surrounded and were cut off. Gen. Hamilton was unable to dislodge the Boers from their position, and he continued his march toward Nigel. The Boers released the Scots Greys who had been made prisoners.

THE BANK FRAUDS.

Kelly and Tyles Plead Guilty—Sentences Have Been Postponed.

London, Feb. 20.—At the resumption of the hearing of the charges growing out of the Bank of Liverpool frauds to-day, F. T. Kelly, a book-maker of Bradford, and S. Tyles, another book-maker, both charged with complicity in the robberies, pleaded guilty. Sentences in their cases were postponed until Saturday. Dick Burge was found guilty yesterday afternoon. Sentence in his case was also postponed.

In return for a mitigation of the prisoners' sentence counsel for Kelly promised the restitution of £20,000. Counsel for "Dick" Burge, the pugilist, who was found guilty yesterday, and Stiles also promised their clients would restore all the money they had, but the judge remarked that he would not take promises. The money must be handed over. Hence the postponement of the sentences until Saturday.

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

National Liberal Federation Adopt Resolution Containing That Policy.

London, Feb. 19.—At the annual meeting of the general committee of the National Liberal Federation, held at Leicester to-day, after considerable discussion and an animated debate, a resolution was passed containing the policy of insisting on the unconditional surrender of the Boers in South Africa, affirming that the future contentment and security of South Africa could only be secured by regular peace on broad, generous lines, welcoming the impetus Lord Rosebery has given to this policy, and calling on all Liberal members of the House of Commons to support the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in his advocacy of this policy.

Twenty farms on Lord DeFreese's estate, in Roscommon county, Ireland, will be sold by the sheriff to-day; the tenants have refused to pay rent. A large number of other "clearance sales" are pending as the result of the "no rent campaign," now being carried on by the United Irish league.

20 YEARS OF VILE CATARRH.

WONDERFUL TESTIMONY TO THE CURATIVE POWERS OF DR. AGNEW'S CATARRHAL POWDER. Chas. O. Brown, journalist, of Duluth, Minn., writes: "I have been a sufferer from Throat and Nasal Catarrh for over 20 years, during which time my head has been stopped up and my condition truly miserable. Within 15 minutes after using Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder I obtained relief. Three bottles have almost, if not entirely, cured me." 50 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—115.

REPORT ON THE CHINESE QUESTION

FINDINGS PROBABLY AGAINST IMMIGRATION

Commission Has Not Completed Work on Japanese Report—British Empire League Meeting.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—F. J. Deane, secretary of the Chinese and Japanese commission arrived here to-day. He brought the report on the Chinese with him. It covers over 800 pages of typewriting, and it is said that the findings of the commission will be against Chinese immigration, and that practically prohibition will be recommended. The report of the commission on Japanese is not yet ready. It will be ready in about two or three weeks. Ralph Smith will ask that the reports be printed so that they may be distributed.

Hon. C. Sifton Returns. When Hon. C. Sifton entered the House this afternoon after returning from Lisgar he got a big reception.

British Empire League. At the annual meeting of the British Empire League here to-day Hon. J. I. Turner presided over the following resolution: "Resolved, that the league views with profound satisfaction the proposal of the colonial secretary to hold a conference of colonial premiers in London on the occasion of the King's coronation, and deems it opportune at the present time to express its hope and confidence that the deliberations and resolves of the conference may tend to still further promote and safeguard those Imperial and Colonial interests which are of vital importance to every portion of the Empire." This carried.

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