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## Faithless Russians

### Return to the Disputed Territory and Plant Their Flags Upon It.

### Their Action Has Made Another Unfortunate Hitch in the Proceedings.

### Count Waldere's Intervention at Special Request of Emperor William.

London, March 24.—The Sunday Special's Tien Tsin correspondent says: "A new and unfortunate hitch has occurred in the Anglo-Russian dispute. After both parties had withdrawn, according to agreement, the Russians suddenly returned to the disputed spot and planted flags over all the territory. They afterwards again retired, leaving the flags flying."

The Berlin correspondent of the Sunday Special says: "The settlement of the siding dispute was the work of Count von Waldere, who interfered with all the members of the international forces was clearly within the scope of Von Waldere's duties as commander-in-chief."

### LIBEL OF PREMIER.

Winnipeg, March 23.—(Special)—The grand jury today returned a true bill against the Free Press Company for defamatory libel of Premier Roblin.

### CANADIAN MARKSMEN.

A Team Will Attend Rifle Meet in the United States.

Montreal, March 23.—(Special)—Some time ago the United States National Rifle Association of America sent an invitation to a team of Canadian rifle experts to take part in an international rifle meet at Seagrigh, N. J. It is announced that the invitation has been accepted, and a team of the best Canadian rifle men will be sent. The team will be commanded by Lieut.-Col. Abbottson, of the Royal Scots, of Montreal.

### INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

British and United States Meet to Be Played at Montreal.

New York, March 23.—Junius L. Cooper, secretary of the British Chess Club, London, has informed Secretary Chudler of the Brooklyn Club, that the international chess match will be played on April 19 and 20, and that the champions have asked Prof. Rice of this city to act as their representative during the contest at Brooklyn. L. Hof, who has been requested by the United States management to act in a similar capacity at London. Baron Albert de Rothschild of Vienna will again be referee.

### RETURNED SOLDIERS.

Western Members of Strathcona's Are Coming West.

Winnipeg, March 23.—(Special)—The following members of Strathcona's Horse arrived in the city today: Troopers Shaw, W. Edwards and G. Peterson, of Cranbrook; M. Fernie, of Vancouver; J. C. Fisher, of Kamloops; Private Smith, Vancouver.

### HAIRY MARCH 23.—(Special)—The steamer Lake Megantic, which arrived here last night, brought a number of Strathcona's Horse who had been in England on furlough, among them being Trooper Bennett, of Cranbrook, B. C.

### AGREE TO ARBITRATION

### Marseilles Strikers and Masters Have Agreed to Settle Troubles Peacefully

Marseilles, March 23.—The strike situation here took a more favorable turn this afternoon. At a meeting in the town hall, convoked by the mayor of Marseilles and held last night to consider the situation, a despatch was received from M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the French premier, announcing that the masters had agreed to arbitration respecting what points of the dispute were open to negotiation. The representatives of the strikers were present at the meeting and accepted the proposed arbitration, provided it was approved by the general assembly of the strikers. The conciliators then called on the strikers and begged him to withdraw or conceal the troops in the city. In view of the negotiations, the prefect consented to conceal the troops, the conciliators promising to influence the strikers to cease further disorders.

At a fire this morning eleven persons were seriously injured, and one fireman is missing.

The striking dock laborers have informed the mayor that the arbitration proposals have been accepted, and the assembly of engineers has authorized Mayor Fieissler to act as intermediary between them and their employers.

Detachment of the liver, with contamination, induces the complexion, induce a case. Carter's Little Pills. One a Day. Try them.

### CITY IS WILLING.

### Vancouver Accepts Carnegie's Offer of Library.

Vancouver, March 23.—(Special)—A new counterpane \$2 note is in circulation. It is a bungling forgery. Carnegie's offer to build a \$50,000 library here has been accepted by the finance committee of the city council.

### FOOLISH MISTAKE.

### United States Scenery Placed on New Canadian Notes.

Ottawa, March 23.—(Special)—At the finance department it is admitted a mistake was made in giving a vignette of the United States \$500 note instead of the Canadian \$500 on the new \$4 bills. Much ridicule is being poured on the government for the blunder. Lady Smith has been made a customs port.

### NO ONE ACCEPTS.

### Winnipeg's Mayor Not Likely to Lose His Seat.

Winnipeg, March 23.—(Special)—So far no one has accepted Mayor Arbutnot's challenge to test the public feeling on the Railway Act by contesting the Winnipeg mayoralty. Premier Roblin says he has no time to run.

Most of the Donkeybros who were induced to go to California and take no land have now returned to Manitoba. This afternoon's N. P. R. train brought in about 25.

### Criticises The Emperor

### German Press Resents His Remarks in Reply to Congratulations.

### Unusual Precautions Are Taken to Protect the Kaiser and Empress.

Berlin, March 23.—The reply of Emperor William to the Prussian diet's Majesty (ignoring the official established facts that Weiland, the man who threw a piece of iron at the Emperor at Bremen, striking him on the cheek, is a life-long epileptic, and for years was an inmate of an asylum, and on the day the attempt was made under medical treatment for fits) threw harsh blame upon the nation for conditions breeding such attempts, is the sensation of the day. Every body is discussing the matter. The Vossische Zeitung sharply criticises President von Kroschker of the lower house of diet for drawing a parallel between addressing the Emperor, between Noblin's and Hoedler's addresses at the court's residence.

The Lok's Anzeiger points out that the character which every political difference and criticism assumes in Germany is to be a personal attack upon the Emperor's Majesty, and that the Emperor's Majesty is systematically and wrongly informed by those surrounding him, and advise "As Herr Richter said this proved the truth of his contentions."

To-night's papers are full of references to Emperor William's remarks. The correspondent of the Associated Press is reliably informed that yesterday's unusual precautions, when the Emperor visited the Financiers' Club, were taken because of the presence of a responsible minister, were unconstitutional and had never happened during the past thirty years. When Herr Richter began sharply criticising the Emperor's words, President von Kroschker called him to order. Herr Richter said this proved the truth of his contentions.

### UNCLE SAMUEL'S CLOTHES.

### Isaac and Louis Goldstein Make Money Out of Contracts.

Philadelphia, March 23.—Isaac and Louis Goldstein were arrested this evening, charged with stealing goods from the United States government valued at nearly \$60,000. They have been engaged in contracting for government work at the Schuylkill arsenal here for over three years, during which time they are charged with having appropriated material for uniforms, and selling the same.

### SERIOUS BLOW

### Does Great Damage in Pensacola Harbor.

Pensacola, Fla., March 23.—A severe blow from the southeast to-day did considerable damage to shipping in this harbor. One schooner is thought to have been drowned. The Russian bark Lito and the Russian ship Roche collided and were damaged. The schooner Irene was beached. The Italian bark Adele was damaged by the parting of her anchor chains. Lloyd Ward, a sailor, disappeared during the storm and is thought to have been blown overboard. Near St. Andrew's the fishing smack Monte Meles was wrecked. It is not known if the crew was rescued.

## Attacks By Boers

### Supply Train Wrecked North of Vlaklaagte by Commandant Buys.

### Overpower Escort and Carry Away Several Wagon Loads of Provisions.

### German Papers Say Offers to Botha Were Not Liberal Enough.

Standeron, Transvaal, March 23.—Four hundred Boers, under the Boer commandant, Buys, have wrecked a supply train north of Vlaklaagte. They overpowered the escort and carried off several wagon loads in a progress. A convoy destined to join Gen. French's column was attacked between Blood river and Scherers Nek, Transvaal Colony. The British had one man killed and three wounded. A Berlin, March 23.—Several press comments continue on the subject of the Kitchener-Botha negotiations as revealed by the London official reports to the British parliament. The opinion is unanimously expressed that Mr. Chamberlain missed a good opportunity for restoring peace, his terms rendering it improbable for the Boers to accept them. The Tagblatt says Great Britain is still insufficiently prepared for the difficulty of the South African situation, otherwise she would make propositions acceptable to the Boers. "But," the paper adds, "that will come later."

### CROW'S NEST STOCKHOLDERS.

### C. P. R. President Says Objections Not Yet Withdrawn.

Montreal, March 23.—(Special)—President Shaugnessy of the C. P. R., in a letter this morning said that the various statements made in regard to the terms of the agreement by which the C. P. R. consents to withdraw its opposition to the application for a Great Northern railway for a charter for a line to tap the Crow's Nest coal fields by the Crow's Nest Coal Co., have not been completely met up to the present time.

### HYDRAULIC MACHINERY.

### Canadian Firms Are Getting Their Share of the Business.

Vancouver, March 23.—(Special)—A Seattle company has been notified by the west of hydraulic machinery from the west of New Jersey. They say that the difference in duty enables the British Columbia firm to offer better prices for the same work than American firms. The Theob. Davies Co. report numerous large orders for hydraulic machinery throughout the province, indicating a great activity in mining during the winter.

Lumber vessels are reported offering more freely, with slightly reduced rates. It is reported here that the provincial government has agreed to a tonnage bonus will be given to shipbuilding in the province.

The ship Admiral Treghoff has 725,000 feet of lumber at the Moodyville mills, and will sail on Monday.

The ship Passatout arrived this morning and will load lumber at the Barnett mills.

The ship Largo Law has been chartered by the Seattle Lumber Co. to the State Lake Lumber Company and the City Council are gradually arriving at an agreement by which this company will be allowed to generate power at the city and the company is an evidence of bona fides; that the franchise for inelephant and other lighting expire in February and that the company agree to supply power for public lighting at any time at a maximum rate to be agreed upon. The company agreed to these alterations in the original proposition made by them, and it is likely the entire agreement will be finally passed upon, clause by clause, on Monday night.

### MRS HOGGAN DEAD.

### She Was One of the Pioneer Settlers on Gabriola.

Nanaimo, March 23.—Mrs. Alexander Hoggan, of Gabriola Island, who was seized with paralysis in Commercial street on Thursday afternoon, died this afternoon at the city hospital, without having regained consciousness. She was widely known for her part in the island, having lived on Gabriola twenty-six years. She was a native of Sydney, Cape Breton, and is survived by a husband and five daughters. Mrs. John Holmes, Mrs. John Cox, Douglas Island; Mrs. Robert Leitchman, Victoria; Mrs. James Deeming and Miss Christine Hoggan; and three sons, William, Robert and David.

Tenders for the purchase of the Windward road are called for by E. M. Yarwood until six o'clock on Monday night, under power of sale in chattel mortgage. Lady Smith is to have an iron foundry, operated by a Victoria firm. Work begins at once.

Robert Jeffrey, of the Crow's Nest Pass Company, accompanied by G. G. T. Lindsay, of the same corporation, are guests of the New Vancouver Coal Company. They were shown over the mines and shops to-day.

The fishing steamer New England cleared to-day for Queen Charlotte Sound, after filling her bunkers here. She is after halibut.

### MINERS' MEETING.

### Ten Per Cent Demand Is Laid Over for a Time.

Nanaimo, March 23.—(Special)—The miners' meeting to-night laid over for two weeks the consideration of the report on the refusal of 10 per cent advance by the New Vancouver Coal Co. It was resolved to donate \$500 to the Alexander miners' fund. It is not the intention to be collected monthly for their further support.

### STEEL COMBINE.

### It Will Commence Business on First of April.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 23.—The United States Steel Corporation, the result of combination of interests in the world, will, from present indications, be going into business on April 1st. The Pittsburgh district and the leading iron and steel centres of the country, over 5,000 employees in the mill and blast furnaces will have new employers. It is not the intention of the new corporation at present to make any changes in the management of the constituent companies, but it is likely that new systems of operation will be introduced.

### ASHCROFT MURDER.

### Investigating the Reported Killing of a Chinaman.

Ashcroft, March 23.—A rumor has been in circulation for some days of the murder of a Chinaman in Ashcroft. This morning Mr. E. A. Jennis, barrister, of New Westminster, arrived in town as counsel for two Chinese, who proceeded to look up the reported murder. It is now stated that about four weeks ago the Chinaman was shot in the street, and while unconscious was robbed, his throat cut, and thrown into the Thompson river. The body has not been recovered. Constantly are arrested five Chinamen to-day, and the police of Vancouver are searching for the murderer. The case will be tried in jail will have an examination on Monday.

### Negotiations Are Pending

### Representatives of C. P. R. and Crow's Nest Co. Confirm Despatches.

The statements received in despatches from the East respecting the negotiations to be in course between the C. P. R. Co. and the Crow's Nest Coal Co., looking to an amicable settlement of the matter in dispute between the two corporations over the application for a charter for the Crow's Nest Southern railway, has caused a good deal of speculation and discussion among various sections of the public, since the publication of the despatches. The representatives of the Crow's Nest Coal Co. in company with Mr. G. G. S. Lindsay.

### Mr. Robert Jeffrey Has Similar Advice—Mr. Brown's Statement.

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Mr. Robert Jeffrey was approached by a representative of the Colonist last evening, and asked if he had any news or could say anything to what the public already knew. Mr. Jeffrey said: "You may say that you called on me and that I gave you the statement that our advice from the East are of similar tenor to the press despatches already published. We have not as yet received any material details of the negotiations now practically concluded."

Mr. Jeffrey was of the opinion that the matter was practically concluded, and that an amicable agreement would be carried out. The gentleman had just returned from a trip over the line of the C. P. R. railway to Nanaimo, in company with Mr. G. G. S. Lindsay.

"I am not a practical man," said Mr. Jeffrey, in answer to a question as to what he thought of the mines as compared with those of his own company at Fernie. "I went simply as a sight-seer, and we were well pleased with our views. We were handsomely treated by the officials of the mines."

"We only saw Lady Smith as we passed," continued the gentleman, "but we thought the development of the place was most remarkable for such a brief period as that which has elapsed since it started."

### MR. BROWN ALSO CONFIRMS.

Mr. George McL. Brown, executive agent of the C. P. R. Co., was also approached for a confirmation or otherwise of the statements made in the despatches respecting the negotiations.

"I am able to tell you," said Mr. Brown, "that advice I have received state that negotiations respecting the matter under way in the East. It is altogether premature, however, to say that the agreement is concluded. I wish you would say that as soon as the future of the smelting industry of British Columbia is properly safeguarded, all our opposition ceases at once."

### THE QUEEN.

### She Reached Copenhagen Accompanied by Her Father.

Copenhagen, March 23.—Queen Alexandra arrived here accompanied by her father, King Christian, and her sister, the Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna of Russia.

### STEEL MAKERS.

### Taking Steps to Meet Competition of United States Steel.

Edinburgh, March 23.—The Scottish and North of England steel makers are negotiating with the object of sustaining the present price with a view of meeting the competition of the United States steel. The Scottish steel makers claim to have full orders.

## Dark in The East

### War Clouds Seem to be Gathering Over Japan and Russia.

### Mikado's Government Will Oppose the Secret Treaty at all Costs.

### In the Meantime All Seems Quiet Again at Tien Tsin.

London, March 23.—The foreign office takes a pessimistic view of the immediate future in the Far East, in spite of the settlement of the Tien Tsin incident, and entertains grave fears that the relations between Japan and Russia may shortly reach the point of a general war. While the settlement of the Tien Tsin incident has been a relief, it is not the intention of the Japanese government to do at least some of the powers heretofore determined to oppose at all costs any secret agreement made between Russia and China, by which the former could secure territorial or other advantages contiguous to Korea. The British government has received no official confirmation that the Japanese fleet is mobilizing, but it would not be surprising to learn that such were the facts. A highly placed British official said to a representative of the Associated Press to-day: "All Japan wants is a free hand against Russia. This she has got, so far as Britain and Germany are concerned, and I presume so far as the United States government is concerned, although the latter has not yet made any announcement of the powers mentioned. Japan seems to consider it sufficient to provide against interference."

Confirmation of the foregoing definition of the situation is given by the secretary of the Japanese legation, who said in the course of an interview: "While it is true that the fact that Britain and Russia have reached a pacific settlement over the minor issue, the main question of the integrity of the Chinese empire—remains unsettled. In response to pressure brought by Japan upon Russia, it was announced that Russia's settlement with China had been modified, but the terms have been withheld. Until we see the treaties, we will not be able to say anything definite. The settlement of the minor issue does not mean that the application for a charter for the Crow's Nest Southern railway, has caused a good deal of speculation and discussion among various sections of the public, since the publication of the despatches. The representatives of the Crow's Nest Coal Co. in company with Mr. G. G. S. Lindsay.

Pekin, March 23.—The British legation here has received word that the withdrawal of the Russian troops from the Tien Tsin district, and doubts the possibility of further trouble in the matter.

Gen. Yvon, commander of the French troops, ordered a new regiment of Tien Tsin to replace the one now there. At the meeting of the foreign ministers this morning, the only question considered was that of the withdrawal of the Russian troops from the Tien Tsin district. A committee of ministers has been appointed to discover China's resources and report on her ability to pay the indemnity to be demanded by the powers. Many ministers are strongly opposed to China's having to keep an army of twelve thousand men here for the next two years, thinking this is entirely unnecessary. Even those ministers who were here during the late war, are seeing Peking a military camp. They see China will be put upon her feet as soon as possible.

Berlin, March 23.—The war office has received the following from Count von Waldere: "The Anglo-Russian dispute at Tien Tsin has been settled from a military standpoint in a manner satisfactory to both parties at a conference between Gen. Wogack and Gen. Barrow. Both guards and posts have been exchanged. The British declare that no offence to the Russian flag was intended and that the alleged removal of the Russian boundary marks was neither by the military authorities. The work on the disputed land will not be continued until the governments have reached an agreement to its possessions, or until a special understanding has been attained."

St. Petersburg, March 23.—A despatch from Peking, giving the Russian account of the settlement, says: "The British military authorities acknowledged that the land was at the time under the protection of the Russians, and that three Russian soldiers had been killed. The difference will now be peacefully settled by judicial investigation."

### LONDON LIBEL ACTIONS.

### Mr. Chamberlain's Case Is In—No Witnesses for Defense.

London, March 23.—In the trial of the Star and Morning Leader by Mr. Arthur Chamberlain, brother of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the plaintiff's case was closed this afternoon. Further cross-examination and re-examination of Mr. Arthur Chamberlain elicited nothing of importance. The defence will not call any witnesses. The case was adjourned till Monday.

### EMPEROR WILLIAM.

### Drove Out Yesterday for the First Time Since His Injury.

Berlin, March 23.—Emperor William to-day drove out for the first time since the attack on him. He and the Empress were everywhere warmly welcomed.

### STAVE LAKE POWER.

### Vancouver City Council Accept Proposal of the Company.

Vancouver, March 23.—(Special)—The city council to-night accepted the proposal of the Stave Lake Power Company, to construct large electrical power works, on a basis of 18 years' franchise, the city to have the power of purchase after four years.

### NO LOW RATES.

### Railway Passenger Agents Will Not Make Excursion Cuts.

Toronto, March 23.—The lake and railway passenger agents here have decided not to make any reductions in existing passenger rates this summer. Concerning Pan-American rates, it was decided to cut off all excursion rates to societies and private parties this summer.

### CANADIAN PRESS.

### Association Endorses the Nationalization of Telegraphs.

Toronto, March 23.—The Canadian Press Association today published resolutions strongly endorsing the nationalization of telegraphs and advocating a change of the present zone system of postage rates on newspapers to a flat rate on all publications; the reduction or abolition of paper-duties and an extension of inter-Imperial postage to newspapers, books, etc.

### The Strikes At Marseilles

### Eighteen Thousand Men Stop Work and Things Look Very Serious.

### Trouble Spreads to Unions in Many Trades—Collisions With Military.

Marseilles, March 23.—The city is quiet. The leading thoroughfares are patrolled by cavalry, the storekeepers are anxious and a majority of the streets are closed. The street cars have ceased running. Reinforcements of dragoons and infantry arrived here this morning from neighboring towns and the prefect has conferred with the military commander regarding the measures to adopt in view of the serious outlook. It is estimated that there are now 18,000 men on strike. The strikers have stopped the street cars in the outlying quarters and have smashed the essential parts of the mechanism. About 1,200 free laborers are working on the docks protected by troops.

Yesterday afternoon the strikers attacked and wrecked two street cars, the canniebiers. The engineer and conductor were roughly handled. A detachment of military troops, which succeeded in rescuing the engineer and conductor, amid the hooting and stone-throwing of the crowd.

Yesterday the council of the labor union and labor exchange in favor of a general strike, and their issuance of an invitation to strikers to cease work has increased the gravity of the situation.

The cabinet workers, the locksmiths, the engineers, the caulkers, the millers, the millers and the bakers' unions have either struck already or will do so shortly.

A corps of military bakers from the neighborhood is being organized to replace the strikers. The mayor of Marseilles has convoked a meeting of deputies, general councillors and municipal councillors in the Marseilles town hall.

Bodies of turners proceeded to a number of engineering works and persuaded the employees to abandon their duties. Three establishments were forced to close.

The secretary for the defence of commercial interests has appealed to the premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, and the minister of commerce, M. Millerand, to use their personal and official influence to bring an end to "the present reign of terror."

It appears that during the afternoon rioting the gendarmes fired not only in the air, but into the crowd. A child was wounded in the shoulder, and a number of people were also wounded. The encounters were due principally to the hands of roughs, having nothing in common with the strikers, and these were responsible for the stoning and pillaging of shops.

London, March 23.—The special despatches from Marseilles represent the situation there as very serious. The Daily Mail's correspondent says: "The inhabitants are alarmed by the talk of revolution. Ten thousand troops will be here to-day (Saturday), and a state of siege will probably be proclaimed."

### A DIVISION.

### Attacks Government For Not Furnishing Information Promptly.

London, March 23.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman moved the adjournment of the house to-day in order to call attention to the failure of the government to give the house information yesterday of the settlement of the Tien Tsin dispute. The whole opposition seconded the motion. The government leader, Mr. Balfour, declared he had never heard an adjournment suggested, and such a frivolous pretext. Perhaps it was desirable that Lord Lansdowne should have sent the information to the house, but it was absurd to attack him (Mr. Balfour) for not doing so. The house divided on the question of the adjournment, which was defeated by a vote of 250 to 168.

## Capturing Supplies

### Enormous Quantities of Horses and Cattle Taken from Boers Recently.

### Commandoes Are Doing Their Best to Evade the British Troops.

### Dewet's Force Broken Up for the Present, Probably to Rest Men.

London, March 23.—The latest despatches from Bloemfontein show that the 200 Boers who were reported captured near Thaba N'chu were refugees, who surrendered voluntarily. They were in a bad plight and had recently been fighting under Gen. Dewet and Gen. Fourie. Bloemfontein, March 23.—The result of the combined movements against Gen. Fourie near Thaba N'chu, was the capture of 200 Boers, 14,000 sheep, 5,000 horses and a host of cattle. The Boers broke southward to the right and left.

Capetown, March 23.—The Boer raiders in the eastern part of Cape Colony area with the exception of almost daily skirmishes, are keeping out of the reach of the British. Col. Scoville engaged Commandant Ponce and Commandant Malan near Blawkrantz, on March 20. Three British were killed and four wounded, and four Boers were killed. The number of Boer wounded has not been ascertained. Commandant Kritzinger is marching steadily northward.

It is officially reported that Gen. Dewet's commandoes have been broken up for the present. This is probably to give the men a rest.

### CHINESE PIRATES.

### They Have Increased in Numbers in West River.

Pekin, March 23.—Robert MacWade, the United States consul at Canton, reports a great increase in piracy on the coast of China. Ships are attacked by the pirates even in sight of Canton, and their cargoes stolen. Three pirates have been captured and beheaded in the presence of the foreign consuls.

### MAYOR AND PREMIER.

### Winnipeg's Chief Magistrate and Mr. Roblin Differ.

Winnipeg, March 23.—(Special)—Friends of the Roblin government have circulated a petition calling upon Mayor Roblin, who is a Conservative, to resign, because the Mayor had taken the stand taken by him on the railway question. His Worship, interviewed regarding the matter, said: "I am perfectly willing to resign the mayoralty any minute and contest it against any of my best men—even Mr. Roblin, if he will run. I looked up the law on the point this morning, and find there is nothing to prevent him from holding the two positions. In that way we will be able to get down to facts and ascertain the feeling of the city on the matter."

Premier Roblin and Isaac Campbell have been invited to address meetings at Morton and Brandon next week.

Members of the Manitoba Free Press staff were served with writs for criminal libel to-day, at the instance of Premier Roblin. The alleged libel, it is supposed, was in the heading over a facsimile of a St. Paul restaurant register, showing the Premier's signature as "P. F. Roblin," in which the word "forgery" was used.

### CONGRATULATIONS.

### Emperor William Receives Officers of Reichstag and Diet.

Berlin, March 23.—Emperor William to-day received in audience the officers of the Reichstag and Diet. The indignation experienced by the members of their respective houses at the holding of the two positions, in that way, Majesty at Bremen, and conveyed the congratulations of the members at His Majesty's escape.

### WILL CLOSE ON TUESDAY

### Debate on the Address at Ottawa Drawing to a Close.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 23.—The debate on the Ottawa, March 23.—The debate on the address was continued by Mr. Oliver, who advocated expenditure of public money to transfer settlers from the older provinces to the West. Messrs. Haggart, Wade and Lennox also spoke. The division on the address will take place on Tuesday.

S. H. Blake is appointed counsel for the government on the Cook inquiry before the Senate.

F. A. Clergue, of the Soo, has given \$1,000 to the Tuberculosis Association. Petitions are pouring in from all parts of Canada against the Bell Telephone Company increasing its rates.

The Dawson Electric Company petition for a renewal of charter was disallowed by the standing orders committee this morning on account of the requisite notice not being given. Unless the house makes a special order the bill cannot pass this session.

F. C. Douglas, of Howard's Point, formerly of Strathcona's, has died from wounds received in action on February 14.