PAPER COMBINE INQUIRY.

Press Counsel Holds His Lordship to be Sitting Not as Judge but as Investigator.

Toronto, June 4.—The inquiry ins[illegible]ted by the government at the instan[illegible] of the Canadian Press Association, [illegible] ascertain whether a combine exists [illegible]ween the paper makers of Canada, [illegible]der an agreement forming a paper ma[illegible]rs' association, was resumed befo[illegible] Justice Taschereau in the Superior co[illegible]oom at the municipal buildings th[illegible] morning. The Canadian Press Assoc[illegible]ion was represented by Walter Barwi[illegible] K.C., John A. Cooper, the secretar[illegible] treasurer; and D. McGillicuddy. T[illegible] Paper Makers' Association was rep[illegible]ented by W. J. White, K.C.; Jam[illegible] Hardy, secretary-treasurer of the ass[illegible]ciation, and A. F. Campbell, of the Ca[illegible]dian Paper Company, and Alex. Bu[illegible]in, of Alex. Buntin & Sons.

Opening the proceedings, Mr. Ba[illegible]wick, on behalf of the Press Associ[illegible]ion, submitted that his clients shou[illegible] not be regarded in the light of prosec[illegible]tors, and in support of the contentio[illegible] quoted the order in council forming t[illegible] commission, which set forth that t[illegible] Governor-General had reasons to belie[illegible] that a combine existed. Therefore, [illegible]argued, His Lordship should be regar[illegible]ed as the investigator rather than [illegible] judge. Mr. Barwick pointed out that t[illegible] reason why he took this objection w[illegible] that he desired to have freedom in e[illegible]amining any witness who enters the b[illegible]

Several newspaper publishers ga[illegible] evidence showing the effect of the for[illegible]ation of the association had been a se[illegible]ous increase in prices in paper. T[illegible] members of the Paper Makers' Associ[illegible]tion urged one object of the combin[illegible]tion was to avoid losses incurred pr[illegible]viously by rate cutting. Lower pric[illegible] quoted from the United States had on[illegible]come down lately.

Toronto, June 5.—At the paper co[illegible]bine investigation to-day, Secretar[illegible] Treasurer James Hardy said with refe[illegible]ence to the penalty for the infraction [illegible] the agreement that it had not been [illegible]cessary to exact any penalty, there ha[illegible]ing been no infringement. He al[illegible] stated that the association had agre[illegible] to pay a bonus of $4 per ton on e[illegible]ported paper, but this part of the agre[illegible]ment had not been acted up to. The i[illegible]vestigation was then adjourned un[illegible] July 3rd in Montreal.

WILL TIE UP NEWSPAPERS.

Head of Federated Union Makes Threat on Behalf of Machinists.

New York, June 5.—The Herald th[illegible]morning says: "At a meeting of de[illegible]gates from the Central Federated Uni[illegible] to be held to-morrow, official cognizan[illegible] will be taken of the strike of membe[illegible] of the International Association of M[illegible]chinists.

It was said to-day that t[illegible] Central Federated Union would endo[illegible] the strike, and urge its members to [illegible]sist the machinists with contributions [illegible]money.

At the headquarters of the Intern[illegible]tional Association of Machinists, C[illegible]stant Booth, business head of the as[illegible]ciation, said that the strike now rea[illegible] centred about the factory of a w[illegible]known firm which manufactured pri[illegible]ing presses.

"If they undertake to start up w[illegible] non-union men," said Mr. Booth, "[illegible] will tie up every newspaper and print[illegible] office in the United States using th[illegible] presses. We have won this strike [illegible]cept for the shops of his firm and a f[illegible] others in this neighborhood, and we p[illegible]pose to force the acceptance of [illegible] terms by these people by invoking t[illegible] aid of organized labor everywhere."

SPANISH SITUATION CRITICAL

Government Must Act With Gre[illegible] Energy—An Exceedingly Grave Outlook.

Madrid, June 5.—The situati[illegible] throughout Spain remains critical. No[illegible]inal tranquility has been restored [illegible] Corunna, but the Octroi offices are s[illegible] occupied by gendarmes. Arrests c[illegible]tinue to be made. A general strike [illegible] threatened owing to the refusal of [illegible] factory to employ 300 workmen. T[illegible] railway men have struck at Vigo, a[illegible] anarchist excitement is rife in Barcelo[illegible] where the "reds" met in defiance of [illegible] civil government prohibition and pass[illegible] secret resolutions.

Senor Gamazo, leader of the Dissid[illegible] Liberals, in an interview, characteri[illegible] the crisis as "an exceedingly grave m[illegible]ment for Spain, adding, "the gove[illegible]ment must act with great energy w[illegible] regard to the Catalan and Separat[illegible] movement to prevent the evil from [illegible]coming irremediable."

NO COMBINE.

Transfer of Ownership Leads to [illegible]roneous Statements That a Salt Trust Had Been Formed.

Montreal, June 5.—The stateme[illegible] made in a dispatch which has recen[illegible] appeared in the newspapers throughe[illegible] Canada about the Canadian Salt C[illegible] were, as learned on the most reliable [illegible]thority, exaggerated and untrue. [illegible] Canadian Salt Company is a joint st[illegible] company with limited liabilities, wit[illegible] capital of $800,000, instead of $8,0[illegible]000, as stated. It has been organized [illegible] the purpose of taking over the p[illegible] and business of the well known W[illegible]sor Salt manufactory, whose works [illegible] at Windsor, Ont. The statements m[illegible] that prices will be advanced, and th[illegible] combine or trust will be formed [illegible] without foundation. The business of [illegible] Windsor Salt Company will be car[illegible] on by the new company in the s[illegible] manner as heretofore, the only differe[illegible] being the change in name.

FELONOUS KILLING.

Denver, Col., June 5.—The coron[illegible] jury in the case of J. C. Ayers, a f[illegible] laborer killed yesterday by Sergt. Ma[illegible] B. Wright of the 30th Infantry by [illegible] take for an escaped prisoner, to[illegible] held that the killing was felon[illegible] Wright is in jail.

DISCOURAGED STOMACHS.—Could [illegible] wonder at the delicate organs of diges[illegible] refusing to be helped and comforted w[illegible] day after day they are literally "drow[illegible] out" by strong tonics, bitters and hur[illegible] nostrums. Common sense came into M[illegible]cal Science when it evolved the tasty ta[illegible] dose and discovered a God-send to hum[illegible]ity in Dr. Von Stan's pineapple tab[illegible] formula. 35 cents. Sold by Dean & [illegible]cocks and Hall & Co.—144.

Wilson Routs The Boers

Small Body of Kitchener's Scouts Surprise and Utterly Defeat Beyer's Command.

Thousands of Cattle Captured and a Hundred Prisoners Taken by the Victors.

Pretoria, June 5.—Col. Wilson with [illegible] of Kitchener's Scouts has surprised [illegible] routed 400 Boers belonging to Bey[illegible]'s command, 34 miles west of Warm[illegible]laths.

The Boers resisted stubbornly, but [illegible]nally broke and fled, leaving 37 dead, a[illegible] [illegible]ndred prisoners and all their wagons [illegible] supplies, including 8,000 cattle, in the hands of the British.

The loss of the latter was three men [illegible]lled and 15 wounded.

Beyer's main command arrived on the scene soon after the engagement but failed in an attempt to recapture the supplies.

Beyer was left practically without any transport or supplies.

LABOR TROUBLES.

Dismissed Employees Will Insist on Arbitration.

New York, June 6.—According to a special to the World from Albany, N. Y., five men employed by the United Traction Company, and who took a leading part in the late tie-up, have been discharged and all declare they were discharged because of their connection with the Amalgamated Association of Street Car Employees. They complained to their local branches of the Amalgamated Association and the dismissals were discussed for two hours behind closed doors. At the close of the meeting President Shechan said: "We shall make a formal protest against the discharge of these five men to the board of directors of the United Traction Company on Saturday morning. Our late agreement with the company was that such cases should be arbitrated. We intend they shall be."

Chicago, June 6.—Three thousand iron moulders, nearly all of whom are employed by the members of the Chicago Association of Machinists, have decided to quit work unless the manufacturers shall agree to increase their wages. The union demands a minimum wage of $3 a day.

AN UNFRIENDLY ACT.

U. S. Consul's Report on Japan's Finances Was Unfounded.

Correspondence of A. P., Yokohama, May 18th, via San Francisco, Cal., June 6.—There is much feeling in official and political circles occasioned by the publication of Consular Bellow's communications to the American government concerning the state of Japan's finances. However true the facts therein, the conclusions sure to be drawn from them by foreign governments and the commercial world are wholly unfounded, as the government's finances are really in the soundest possible condition. It is felt that just at this juncture, when so much depends upon keeping Russia in check, it becomes an act on the part of the American government wholly lacking in tact, if not directly unfriendly, to make public such a communication, for which there was no necessity and practically no occasion.

GERMAN METHODS IMPUGNED.

Ministers Hold That China Should Have Been Informed of Agreement of Powers.

Pekin, June 6.—The ministers have ceased to hold meetings while making enquiries as to the desires of their respective governments. The ministers hold that Germany should have told the Chinese that all the powers would agree to an indemnity of 450,000,000 taels at four per cent. interest. They also think that the withdrawal of Count von Waldersee and the German troops shows a desire to force the powers to acquiesce to Germany's demands, which they are not inclined to do.

Trouble between British and French soldiers at Tien Tsin continues. Brigadier General Lorne Campbell, in command of the British troops, and the French commander, will use their utmost endeavors to prevent further friction.

SOUTH SEA MASSACRE.

French-German Expedition Meets Terrible Fate in New Guinea.

Berlin, June 6.—Tageblatt prints special correspondence from New Guinea containing a full account of the massacre by mobs of the French-German South Sea expedition on the Cannibal Island of St. Mathies. They were all killed and eaten, save Dr. Heinroth.

LUMBER YARD FIRE.

Expensive Blaze in a Parry Sound Establishment.

Parry Sound, Ont., June 6.—The Conger lumber yards containing lumber, the property of Messrs. Skillings, Whitney & Barnes, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., was destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The loss is estimated at $90,000.

BIG FIRE AT PEKIN.

A Great Conflagration Took Place Yesterday in the Chinese Capital.

Berlin, June 5.—A special dispatch from Pekin, dated June 4th, says a great conflagration has occurred in the Forbidden City. The Americans and Japanese are barring all access to the quarter involved, and details are not obtainable.

BIG FIRE AT WESTMINSTER.

North Pacific Lumber Company's Mill Destroyed This Morning.

Vancouver, June 6.—The big lumber and shingle mill of the North Pacific Lumber Company, opposite Westminster on the upper end of Lulu island, was almost destroyed by fire this morning. The blaze caught from a dry kiln, and before the fire department could reach the place the entire buildings were in flames. The buildings were still burning at noon, the box factory being the only department saved. The loss is estimated from sixty to seventy thousand, covered by insurance to the amount of thirty thousand. The mill had not been in operation for some time until very recently. Mayor J. G. Scott was the manager and principal owner of the property.

Sir Charles Tupper arrived this afternoon from the East to take up his residence in the new house on Robson street which he recently built.

A mass meeting of fishermen to-night will decide whether to accept the canners' offer of twelve cents for the month of July for fish or not.

THE GOLF TOURNEY.

Great Championship Contest Opened Today—Harry Vardon Drove Off.

Gullame, Scotland, June 5.—Play in the open golf championship contests commenced this morning at Muirfield. The weather was bright and cool. There were 101 entries, the largest list on record, including all known professionals, and among the amateurs Hilton, Laidlaw and Murefergusson.

Harry Vardon drove off. He is a big favorite for first honors. There was a large gallery of spectators.

With the conclusion of half of the first round in the golf contests, Harry Vardon was leading with a score of 77. Willie Park, jr., had a score of 78, and J. H. Taylor, the champion, had scored 79.

APPREHENSION FELT.

United States Perplexed Over New Colonial Problems.

Manila, June 6.—The fragmentary news received here of the Porto Rican decisions, has caused apprehension that there will be such a deficit in the Philippine revenues that congress will next make an appropriation to meet it. Fears are also expressed as to the result of the application of jury trials and other features of the constitution not suited to the conditions of the Philippines. Importers are preparing claims for a refund of duties paid. Reilly's battery has sailed for the United States on the transport Packling.

THE EPSOM RACES.

Sister Lucy Wins the Riddlesdown Plate.

London, June 6.—The Sister Lucy (filly) won the Riddlesdown plate of 200 sovereigns at the Epsom summer meeting to-day. Isle of Man was second and Yoy of Egremond third.

Master Willie won the Royal stakes handicap of 1,000 sovereigns. The Sierra colt came in second; Dieu Bonne third.

Merry Gal, L. Reiff, won the Epsom cup of 500 sovereigns. David Garrick was second, and King's Courser third.

THE TORONTO DESPERADOES

Plead Guilty to Charge of Robbery—Arraigned for Shooting Constable Boyd.

Toronto, June 6.—The three bank burglars, Rice, Rutledge and Jones, were found guilty to-day of robbing the Aurora post office. They afterwards pleaded guilty to breaking into the Ross Bank, Aurora, on the same date, and stealing $581. Sentence was deferred until the end of the Sessions. Meanwhile the trio are arraigned charged with shooting Constable Boyd. Jones had his arm amputated to-day.

NOTED SURGEON DEAD.

Mr. Gladstone's Old Physician Commits Suicide.

London, June 6.—Dr. Thomas Bond, a well known surgeon and analyst, committed suicide this morning by throwing himself from a three-story window of his residence. He had been suffering from melancholia for some time. Dr. Bond besides being the late Mr. Gladstone's surgeon, was noted in connection with investigations and discoveries in the cases of several sensational crimes.

WILL MISS THE FEAST.

John W. McKay, on Belated Boat, Prevented From Attending Banquet.

London, June 5.—The White Star line steamer Teutonic was sighted off Browhead at 9 o'clock this morning. Therefore it will not be possible for her passengers to reach London before 6 o'clock Thursday morning, and Mr. John W. McKay, who is on board, will not be able to attend the banquet of the chamber of commerce this evening, as he had hoped to do.

LUNCHEON TO NEW YORKERS.

Secretary of the U. S. Embassy Dines Notable Company.

London, June 6.—Mr. Henry White, secretary of the U. S. embassy, gave a luncheon to-day in honor of Morris K. Jessup, Cornelius N. Bliss, and some other delegates of the New York Chamber of Commerce. The guests included Maitre Labori, the French lawyer; A. J. Balfour, Mr. Broderick, the war secretary, and Ambassador Choate.

YUKON COMMISSIONER.

Capt. Woodside Appointed to Take the Population of Yukon.

Ottawa, June 6.—Henry J. Woodside, of Dawson city, has been appointed census commissioner for taking the census in the Yukon. Capt. Woodside will make all necessary arrangements.

THE OPHIR.

She Sails for Auckland With Their Royal Highnesses.

Sydney, N. S. W., June 6.—The British steamer Ophir, having on board the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, sailed for Auckland, New Zealand, at noon to-day.

KHAKI MEN IN DEMAND.

Pan-American Managers Anxious to Secure Presence of a Troop of Strathconas.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 4.—The famous 13th Regiment band of Hamilton, Ont., gave its first concert at the Pan-American exposition yesterday, and was received heartily by the crowd. It will play throughout the week.

They are the fore-runners of Canadian troops that will come later. Major Wolfe, director of military, is arranging for detachments of crack Canadian soldiers that were in the Boer war. Above all he is endeavoring to obtain a troop of the famous Strathcona Horse.

The 15th Light Argyle Infantry of Belleville, Ontario, Col. Wm. Honten commanding, will be here from June 29th to July 1st. They will bring two bands. It was practically assured yesterday that the 48th Highlanders, of Toronto, with their band, are to come some time in August.

SANK IN SIX FATHOMS.

British Ship Ranald Goes Down Off Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 4.—The British steamship Ranald, from Trinidad for New York, whose cargo of asphaltum melted and shifted and caused the ship to list so badly that she anchored off here yesterday, sank early this morning off shore about a mile from Young's pier. The ship lies easy in six fathoms of water. The crew came ashore in row boats. An immense crowd of summer visitors gathered along the board walk and viewed the unusual spectacle.

The steamship was valued at $100,000, and her cargo of cocoa, asphalt and sugar was valued at $200,000.

CAR ACCIDENT.

Jumps the Track and Falls Down Incline, Injuring Twenty People.

Syracuse, N. Y., June 5.—Another car on the Syracuse, Lake Shore & Baldwinsville road, with 48 passengers, jumped the track while rounding the sharp curve at 215th street this afternoon, plunged across the south bound track, and toppled over, injuring more than 20 quite seriously. Failure of the hand and electric brakes to check the speed of the car as it shot down an incline was responsible for the accident. No one was killed, and while none were fatally hurt, scarcely a person aboard escaped without some evidence of injury.

MINE EXPLOSION.

Eight Miners Lose Their Lives in Michigan Shaft.

Iron Mountain, Mich., June 4.—Eight miners were killed to-day in the seventy-foot level of the Lexington shaft, Chapin mine, by the deadly fumes following an explosion of dynamite.

Nearly thirty children were rendered fatherless by the explosion. The men entered the level early this morning and it is supposed they forgot to keep the powder thawing machine supplied with powder. The reason for the explosion probably lies in the fact that the machine soon became red hot and set off a quantity of dynamite stored near by.

CLERICAL TRANSFERS.

Methodist Ministers Appointed From Toronto to Other Conferences.

Toronto, June 5.—In the first draft of the stationing committee of the Toronto Methodist conference, the following transfers out of the Toronto conference were made: W. J. Smith, to Hamilton conference; G. Bishop, London conference; V. H. Emory and Jos. Ward, Bay of Quinte conference; A. B. Johnston, C. E. Manning, B. J. W. Groham, Montreal conference; R. P. Bowelles, Manitoba conference; H. C. Wriach, to British Columbia conference.

GERMAN TARIFF.

Form the Subject of a Secret Conference at Berlin.

Berlin, June 4.—Count von Buelow presided to-day at the conference between the representatives of the Imperial government and those of the Federal states to discuss the customs tariff. In a brief speech the chancellor expressed his conviction that a complete agreement would be reached on the most important points of the new tariff bill. The proceedings of the conference were secret.

A LONG JOURNEY.

Chicago Steamer Reaches Hamburg, Thirty-five Days Out.

New York, June 4.—In the cable news to-day it is announced that the American steamer Northman arrived at Hamburg to-day from Chicago, after a passage of 35 days, 19 days of which had been occupied traversing inland waters before leaving Quebec to cross the ocean. The Northman is the first steamer in the new Chicago-Hamburg service to cross the ocean.

BOILERMAKERS' STRIKE.

Two Hundred of Them Go Out at Springfield.

Springfield, Ills., June 5.—About 200 boilermakers employed at the Springfield Boiler Works, representing virtually the entire force, struck yesterday for ten hours' pay for a nine-hour day. The proprietors offered then a holiday Saturday afternoons with full pay, but the men declined the offer.

THE CONSTITUTION ACCIDENT.

British Public Draws a Moral From the Defender's Misfortune.

London, June 5.—Regret not unmixed with satisfaction is expressed at the accident which has befallen the Constitution. Her misfortune is held to prove that yacht designers on both sides of the Atlantic show a tendency to cut matters too fine.

DROWNING AT BELLE ISLE.

Four Men Said to Have Been Lost Off Newfoundland.

Halifax, June 5.—John and Stanley Bartlett, William and Edward English have been drowned near Belle Isle, Newfoundland.

FATALLY INJURED.

Little River, Que., June 5.—A farmer named Lamontagne was kicked by his horse yesterday and was fatally injured.

Methods of War Office

Committee Recommends Abolition of the Present System of Ruling the Army.

Simplification and Decentralization Urged as the Basis For Reform.

London, June 6.—Simplification and decentralization are the key notes of the report issued this morning by the committee under the chairmanship of Clinto E. Dawkins (partner in J. S. Morgan & Co.), appointed to inquire into the war office organization.

The abolition is recommended of the present system of ruling the army by minute regulations, both military and financial. The committee considers the war office ought to be ruled by the decentralization of a mass of routine work now consuming the energies of the high officials, and preventing proper attention to important military questions.

Further efficiency should be secured by an enlargement of the powers and responsibility of the officers commanding districts, and finally, a permanent war office board should be established which, under the authority of the secretary of state, should control the business of the war office as a whole, without detracting from the individual responsibilities of the Commander-in-Chief and heads of the departments.

A GAIN FOR CANADA.

The Mount Baker Boundary Line Found to Be Three-Fifths of a Mile Farther South Than at Present.

Whatcom, Wa., June 6.—The boundary commissioners of the American and Canadian governments now engaged in relocating the international line on the western slope of the Cascade mountains have completed their work through the Mount Baker district. They find that it turns three-fifths of a mile further south than has been heretofore supposed.

THE GOLF TOURNEY.

Battle for First Place Between Vardon and Braid.

Gullane, Scotland, June 6.—The concluding round in the open championship golf tournament started with ideal weather. Yesterday's weeding out process practically left Vardon and James Braid to fight for first place, as they were seven strokes ahead of the next players, Taylor and Laige. The spectators, who included some well known members of parliament and a few Americans, almost neglected the other matches to watch the two favorites. The bad putting noticeable was attributed to the spongy greens. Vardon drew with J. H. Taylor, so he had every incentive to play his best.

Braid Wins.

Braid was the winner with a total of 309.

Scotland's prospects of winning the championship had not been so bright in many years as when James Braid accomplished the remarkable feat of going round Muirfield links in 74 and completed the third round five strokes ahead of Harry Vardon. The latter got bunkered several times, and his play was generally weak. Taylor equalled Braid's capital work of 74. The features of Braid's play were perfect driving and steady puting. Nearly 1,000 spectator followed him, and their enthusiasm was great. The amateur, Hilton, played a fine round for 75, and took the amateurs.

In the third round Braid scored 74, making a total of 229. Vardon scored 79, making a total of 234, and Taylor 74, making a total of 276.

THE ASSYRIAN ASHORE.

Big Liner Founders Off Cape Race—The Crew Escape.

St. Johns, Nfld., June 6.—The Leyland Line steamer Assyrian, 1,841 tons, from Antwerp for Montreal, with 2,000 tons cargo, went ashore off Cape Race at midnight. She has eleven feet of water in her fore hold, and is likely to prove a total wreck. Her crew had great difficulty in escaping and reaching shore. No further details are obtainable at present. The steamer Algerine is being despatched to the scene of the wreck by Leyland's agents.

KILLED ON THE TRACK.

New York Boy Falls From Baggage Car While Stealing a Ride.

Clyde, N. Y., June 6.—Chas. Fiela, aged 18 years, of New York, was killed by falling from the platform of a baggage car in a New York Central Westbound, one mile east of Clyde, early this morning. In company with a companion named Fred. Bloge, the victim was stealing a ride to Buffalo. Bolge thinks Fiela fell from the train while asleep. He says Fiela was the son of wealthy parents living on 182nd street, New York City.

THE PORTE PAYS.

French Ambassador Ranks as a Modern Miracle Worker.

Constantinople, June 5.—The French embassy is being felicitated by the officials of the other embassies for securing the settlement of its Armenian massacre claims. The Porte on June 4th paid over £20,000, the balance of the compensation demanded for French losses.

ACTOR ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

New York, June 5.—Chas. Carnie, known on the stage as Cranley Douglas, a member of William Collier's "On the Quiet" Company, now playing at the Madison Square theatre, attempted to commit suicide early to-day by taking morphine. Carnie is now a prisoner in the New York hospital. It is thought he will recover.

ON EACH OTHER'S NECKS.

British and United States Tradesmen Grow Sentimental in Relations.

London, June 6.—The cordiality of the sentiments Americans and British are now frequently exchanging is the burden of the comments of the afternoon newspapers on yesterday evening's chamber of commerce banquet. The St. James's Gazette is so friendly that it advocates a display of Stars and Stripes besides the Union Jack on all public buildings throughout the Empire on July 4th, on the same principle that English university men group the light and dark blues, colors of Cambridge and Oxford respectively, when they meet. The Globe alone takes exception to the dictum that "commerce is the great peace maker of the world," and thinks trade rivalry and the desire to secure new markets are liable to prove sources of trouble.

THE CHINA SITUATION.

It Forms the Subject of a Question in the Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, June 3.—In the chamber of deputies to-day, M. Des Tournelles de Constant asked the foreign minister, M. Del Case, for a statement on the Chinese situation. The deputy alluded to American business competition, and said the "American port" was advancing towards them with methodical rapidity. The Napoleons of American industry declared openly that their enterprise meant the conquest of Europe, and the latter's economic ruin. The "Yellow peril" was more distant than the American peril, but the Chinese had given a warning which ought not to be neglected. M. Del Case replied in a reassuring manner regarding China. He said the French troops would leave at the earliest possible moment.

REPAIRING THE YACHTS.

Challenger and Defender Docked for Requisite Overhauling.

Southampton, June 4.—The Shamrock II. went into dry dock to-day for an examination of her hull.

Bristol, June 4.—It is thought that the accident to the Constitution will not cause any severe delay. Unless her hull is damaged it is thought it will be comparatively easy work to make repairs. Following their policy of duplicating parts, the Herreshoffs have nearly everything that is necessary to replace the mast and rigging of the yacht. There is a spare mast all ready for just such an emergency as this, and it is believed to-day's mishap can be remedied within two weeks.

INDIANS ARMING.

They Defy the Agent and Shoot a Sheep Herder.

Cheyenne, Wis., June 4.—A telegram from Fort Washakie says the Arapahoes Indians who recently defied the Indian agent are arming. An unknown sheep herder was shot down by Indians yesterday forty miles north of Fort Washakie. No details of the killing have been learned. It is feared the trouble can only be settled by government troops. Settlers in the Lando valley are arming and many families are moving to the towns.

NOT POISONED.

Analytical Chemist Finds Rumors of Priest Being Poisoned Unfounded.

New York, June 5.—The report of Geo. A. Ferguson, an analytical chemist, who made an examination of the stomach of Father Phillips, the Hazelton, Pennsylvania, priest, found dead in the apartments of "Dr." Kirke Stanley three weeks ago, shows that Father Phillips was not poisoned. The report was submitted to Assistant District Attorney Garvan to-day. Stanley will be arraigned before the coroner to-day.

C. H. GIBBONS AT BUFFALO.

B. C. Commissioner Commences Work for the Province at the Pan-American.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 4.—C. H. Gibbons, commissioner for British Columbia at the Pan-American exposition, has arrived in this city and set up his headquarters in the Canadian Pavilion, where he will remain during the season. British Columbia has no individual exhibits in the exposition, but shares in the interest of the Canadian provinces generally.

MRS. M'KINLEY.

Her Conditions Shows Signs of Slight Improvement.

Washington, D. C., June 6.—Drs. Rixey, Stonbergen and Johnson were in consultation at the White House about half an hour this morning. After their departure Secretary Cortelyou gave out the following statement: "Mrs. McKinley's physicians report that she passed a comfortable night, and continues to show slight improvement."

DISCOUNT REDUCED.

Bank of England and Bank of Bengal Lower Interest.

London, June 6.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was reduced from 4 to 3½ per cent. to-day.

Calcutta, June 6.—The Bank of Bengal's rate of discount was reduced from 7 to 6 per cent. to-day.

ARMY OFFICER'S DEATH.

Assistant Paymaster of U. S. Troops Dies at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 6.—Major Geo. Arthur, assistant paymaster of the U. S. army, died suddenly this morning while sitting in a chair at the Weddell house. Major Arthur was the son of P. M. Arthur, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

THE COUNT INVESTIGATING.

Count von Waldersee is Inquiring Into the Affray Between Soldiers of the Allies.

Berlin, June 4.—Count von Waldersee has postponed his departure from Tien Tsin, pending an investigation of the military affray on the Taku road.

CROWN LAND SALE.

Province of Quebec Reaps Half a Million From Her Timber Limits.

Quebec, June 5.—About half a million dollars was realized by the Quebec government by the sale of the crown timber limits yesterday.

MINISTERS SAIL.

Montreal, June 4.—Hon. David Mills, minister of justice, and Hon. A. G. Blair, are in the city on their way to Boston, where they will sail to-morrow in company with Mr. Fielding and Sir Louis Davies for England. The minister of justice stated he had no cut and dried plan regarding the reform of the judicial committee of the Imperial Privy Council, on which business he goes. His course would probably be decided by what he learned of the opinions of the Imperial government and representatives of other colonies. He would, of course, consult his colleagues at Ottawa before he would sanction any radical changes, such as the admission of colonial representatives to the House of Lords. The colonies, he said, are not impressed with the power of the House of Lords as a rule, and their sympathies would probably not run in that direction.

TROUBLE WITH INDIANS.

Denver, Colo., June 4.—General Merriam, commander of the department of Colorado, to-day received the following telegram from Lieutenant-Colonel Lee, in command at Fort Washike, Wyoming: "It is reported that an Arapahoe sheep herder was killed last Friday on the reservation thirty miles north of the agency, by a white sheep herder. This, if true, has no connection with reported disturbances, though it might increase some of the Arapahoes. The agent of the reservation has heard nothing of the matter, and everything is apparently quiet. Troop "E," First Cavalry, is stationed at Fort Washike, and General Merriam believes it will be sufficient to meet any emergency. He added that the ill-feeling among the Indians was due to the presence of "Sooners."

A COLD SNAP.

Baker City, Oregon, June 6.—The coldest June weather for a period of twenty years has been recorded here. The mercury fell six degree below the freezing point. All fruit, such as cherries, apples, pears, prunes and plums, were killed and all vegetables were destroyed.

Boise, Idaho, June 6.—This vicinity was visited by a severe frost, the like of which has not been known in this season for 15 years. The government weather bureau at Boise reports a temperature of 30, while places throughout the valley report temperatures as low as 25 degrees. Fruit is damaged seriously. In the Grand Round valley in Oregon there was snow.

RIGHTS OF WORKMEN.

New York, June 4.—Police Magistrate Crane held John Stevenson, a striking refrigerating machine workman, for trial to-day for threatening Frederick King, a fellow employee, who refused to strike. In doing this the magistrate said: "The law will not permit you to interfere with other men or their employment. They have the same right as you have to sell their labor for what they see fit, and to work as many hours as they please."

COAL-COKE COMBINE.

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 4.—A special from Charleston, W. Va., states that a movement is on foot in the Kanawaha and New River districts to combine the coal and coke companies along the Kanawaha and Michigan railroad. Options have also been secured on the mines along the Ohio Central and Hocking Valley roads. It is said J. P. Morgan is behind the deal. Several companies said they will fight the combine.

DEATH OF REV. N. W. DOBBS.

Kingston, Ont., June 5.—Rev. N. W. Dobbs, aged 87, a Church of England clergyman for the last fifty years, died this morning. He was for seven years rector of St. John's church, Portsmouth. Deceased was an uncle of Sir Richard Cartwright.

FIRE AT PERTH.

Perth, Ont., June 5.—Fire last night did damage to the extent of $14,000 to the drygoods stock of J. H. Charles, and $1,200 to the grocery store of W. H. Churchill in Henderson block on Wilson street. The loss is covered by insurance.

HEAVY RAINS.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., June 4.—Rain has fallen in this locality for weeks and the ground is spongy to a considerable depth. Farmers are unable as yet to do anything to their sowing. Never were such conditions known here before.

QUARTERLY DIVIDEND.

New York, June 4.—Directors of the American Sugar Refining Company have declared a dividend of 1¾ per cent. on its common stock for the quarter. This is unchanged from the last dividend.

THE FRASER.

Yale, June 6.—The river at 6 o'clock last night, which was 35 feet above low water, fell 4 inches since the 4th. At 9:30 this morning the river had risen 4 inches since 6 p.m. yesterday.

TORONTO BROKER DEAD.

Toronto, June 5.—P. Browne, the oldest active stock broker in Toronto, is dead, aged 78 years. He was one of the originators of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

CONGRESSMAN'S DEATH.

Dallas, Texas, June 5.—Congressman R. E. Burke, who has been ill at his home in this city for the past three months, died early this morning.

STEAMER LINE SOLD.

Yarmouth, N. S., June 5.—The Yarmouth Steamship Co. was sold to-day to the Dominion Atlantic railway for $260,000.

FRICTION ALLAYED.

Constantinople, June 6.—The Turco-Italian friction over the Prevesa affair, caused by the ill-treatment of Italian subjects by the Turkish authorities, has been settled, the Porte promising to indemnify the victims, apologize to the Italian consul, and punish the commandant of the Turkish troops there.

BIRTHS.

PHILLIPS—At 181 Fernwood road, on June 4th, the wife of John Phillips, of a daughter.

DIED.

COX—At the residence, No. 109 Chatham street, on the 2nd inst., Clarence Nelson Cox, master mariner, aged 38 years, a native of Maitland, N. S.

Yukon Boats Launched

Mechanics Employed on Them Arrive on Cottage City This Morning.

Navigation Expected to Open This Week—Pelican Reported by the Queen City.

Passengers from White Horse and a mail from Dawson—the first received in several weeks—arrived on the Pacific Coast Steamship company's steamer Cottage City this morning. The steamer reached port at 4.30 o'clock, and proceeded to the Sound an hour later. Those landed here included Alex. Begg, T. E. Ward, D. A. McKinnon, J. Park, T. E. Thomas, James Perdy, J. Russell and Thomas Roscoe. Ten carpenters, who had been employed at White Horse reconstructing the steamers Dawson, Ogilvie and McConnell for the White Pass & Yukon Railway company, debarked here. They report that the work on these vessels has been completed, and that the steamers were launched on the 30th of last month. The vessels are all pronounced to be a success in point of construction, the draught of the one built specially for passenger business being 19 inches, while that of the two freighters is only 16 inches. The boats had not started to run when the men left White Horse, as navigation was then still closed, although it was expected to be open this week. The congested state of traffic at White Horse was, therefore, unrelieved up to the men's departure. Mr. Begg, one of the passengers mentioned, had been up to Kechikan to visit the Indian village at New Metlakatla, of which Rev. William Duncan is the missionary in charge. Mr. Begg says the improvements made by Mr. Duncan are wonderful. When he reached there from Old Metlakatla he found the island entirely vacant. Now, however, it is occupied by a large and prosperous community with a church, a cannery, saw mills and well built dwellings, where the Indians now reside. The church and buildings have all been constructed by the Indians under instructions of Mr. Duncan, who has them trained in different branches of handicraft. The water supply of the village is brought from a lake situated near the top of a neighboring mountain, and supplies power for the sawmill, cannery, etc. An excellent public school has been provided, together with a splendid Sunday school. The older pupils are taught by Dr. Pike in English. The younger children are taught by Mr. Duncan, and his class last Sunday numbered between seventy and eighty children. The younger pupils receive their instruction in the Indian language. The teachers are, Mr. Begg states, all paid by Mr. Duncan, whose philanthropic work is deserving of the highest commendation.

Dawson advices received by the Cottage City state that the so-called bedrock on Eldorado has been penetrated, and pay of an excellent quality has been found lying underneath. A stampede has taken place to Hunker, and every stream of that river is said to have been staked off. Another discovery of quartz on Indian river has also been reported. About one thousand feet from where Quartz flows into the Indian river the water has washed against the right bank and exposed a large gold-bearing ledge reputed to be 75 feet wide. Seven feet of the center of this ledge is richer than the other portions of it, and contains free gold. On each side of this a thin border appears. The ledge points for the head of Calder and Quartz, and apparently dips in the mountain at that place. Assays $8 per ton for the general ledge, and $12 for the center or richer streak have, it is stated, been obtained.

PELICAN REPORTED.

Steamer Queen City arrived from Ahousett and way ports yesterday afternoon. She reports that the little yacht Pelican, which started out from here on a cruise around the world a few weeks ago, only started out from San Juan in continuation of her voyage yesterday. The steamer brought among her passengers: Col. Hayes, R. B. Mohler, A. McQueen, R. McLay, W. Price, H. E. Newton, E. H. Hobson, R. Riley, W. T. Riley, Dr. Marshall, Sidney H. Toy, E. A. Maltby, J. W. Ladd, George Logan, E. A. Le Wald, A. E. Waterhouse, J. J. Baird, T. J. Peak, traveller for A. B. Fraser. There arrived from Clayoquot on the steamer a shipment of 38 seal skins, which were sold to a Chinese storekeeper by the Indians and sent on to this city by Sing Lee.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Princess Louise sails for Northern British Columbia ports to-night, carrying a lighter freight than she has taken on the voyage for several trips. The Northern canneries have now most of their supplies, and the volume of traffic henceforth will be on the down rather than on the up voyage. Among the passengers booked for the Louise are Mrs. A. J. Hall, Mrs. Johnston, M. G. Curtis, J. S. Hall and J. W. McKay.

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Steamer Ramona, the little sternwheeler whose boilers exploded a month or so ago, causing the loss of several persons, arrived from the Fraser in tow of the tug Flyer this morning. She is to be fitted with new boilers by the Victoria Machinery Depot, prepatory to re-entering service on the river under new management.

A dispatch from Dawson, under date of May 18th, says: "The Klondike river and Bonanza creek are on a wild rampage. They are so high that great damage will result if they do not subside shortly. Already many dumps on the river are endangered, and some have been partially washed away by the torrent."

Steamer Queen City leaves on her regular West Coast trip to-morrow night. She will have as a passenger Bishop Orth, who is going down the coast on a visit to some of the Indian missions.