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Baseless Report of the Queen's Death Circulated.

The Odorous Russell Case Again Raked Up at London.

Serious Loss of Life in the Chitral Expedition.

Chinese Fleeing From South Formosa to the Mainland.

Difficulties Attendant on Suppressing the Revolting Cubans.

LONDON'S SCANDAL CASE. LONDON, April 4.—In the Wilde-Queensbury suit the prosecution closed its case today, and the defense began.

SHIP ABANDONED AT SEA. LONDON, April 4.—The Normandie, from New York to Hamburg, passed the Scilly Islands today. She reported that the ship Arno, Captain Newham, from New York March 21, for Liverpool, had been abandoned at sea. All hands on board were saved.

M. P. S. INDICTED. LONDON, April 4.—Messrs. Brock, Dibley, Wright and Theobald and Mr. F. M. Coldwell M.P.s, who were the directors in the Liberator and other companies prosecuted by Jabez Spencer Balfour, have been committed for trial on charges of fraud.

SOUTHAMPTON'S IMPROVEMENTS. SOUTHAMPTON, April 4.—The steamer Lahn, which arrived here at 1 o'clock this morning, proceeded directly to the Empress dock. The Lahn is the first steamer of her line to enter the docks without a tender. She immediately transferred her mails and passengers, which left by train at 3 o'clock this morning, thus expediting their arrival in London.

LEFT TO THE DOGS. LONDON, April 4.—A Central News dispatch from Shanghai says the correspondent of the Shanghai Mercury writes under the date of March 28 that he had visited the battlefield at Tien-Chwang-Tai, and found that the bodies of the Chinese dead had not been buried but had been left as they fell, and many of them had been gnawed by dogs. The place was wholly deserted.

THE LIBEL SUIT. LONDON, April 4.—The cross-examination of Oscar Wilde was concluded today. Wilde's solicitor, Sir Edward Clarke, read a letter written by the Marquis of Queensberry reviling Lord Rosebery, Mr. Gladstone and the Queen because of the appointment of his son to the peerage of Drumlanrig. In one of the letters the marquis declared that Lord Alfred Douglas was not his son.

CONTRADICTORY ACCOUNTS. CALCUTTA, April 4.—In the fight at Melandi Pass on March 30 the loss to the British Chitral expedition was three killed and two wounded. The enemy lost 500 killed.

It is reported from Simla that the Chitral expedition sustained losses more severe than was at first reported. Umra Khan is reported to have captured two British officers. Hundreds of natives are flocking to his standard. All of the reported casualties to British forces refer to the Second Brigade. The other brigade has not been heard from.

C. P. R. SHARES GO UP. LONDON, April 4.—There was a sharp recovery of Canadian Pacific shares on the Stock Exchange this morning.

LONDON, April 4.—Commenting on the Canadian Pacific situation, the Westminster Gazette says the management of that road is on a par with that of most American roads. The Gazette advises the shareholders to take matters into their own hands by arranging that the meetings shall be held in London instead of Montreal.

A LOSING SPECULATION. LONDON, April 4.—Arnold Morley, Postmaster-General, spoke in the House of Commons this evening concerning the business relations of the government telegraph lines and the newspapers. He reiterated the statement made by him last month before the Congress of the Chambers of Commerce that the Government's annual loss on press telegrams was \$1,500,000. He was willing to institute an imperial inquiry, he said, if he could get the assurance that the press would abide by the result and assent to a relative revision of the tariff.

HARD TO FIND. MADRID, April 4.—The number of Spanish troops in Cuba will within 30 days aggregate 40,000. Upwards of 18,000 are now in Havana and in the different Provinces, and at least 20,000 more will leave Cadiz this month. The insurgents are carrying on a guerrilla warfare, and are said not to exceed 3,000 at the utmost. Their operations are confined wholly to Santiago de Cuba, which is filled with great mountain ranges, in which the insurgents find refuge whenever pursued by the Spanish troops, and from which it is difficult to dislodge them.

JAPS IN POSSESSION. LONDON, April 4.—A Central News dispatch from Tokyo says information has been received from Lie Pescadores that on March 29 the Japanese warship Matsuda sounded the mouth of Makong Bay. No torpedoes were found, and the transports landed their troops and stores in Makong Harbor. The Chinese soldiers imprisoned there were sent to the mainland in junks. The captured officers were retained. The guns in the forts were slightly damaged and are being repaired. The inhabitants are resuming business, and appear to be easy to govern.

FLEEING FROM FORMOSA. LONDON, April 4.—From Hong Kong the Times has this dispatch under today's date: The Chinese are fleeing from South Formosa to the mainland and Hong Kong. The Chinese army in North Formosa is 80,000 strong. Of this force 50,000 are splendid troops well armed. The remainder are raw recruits, including even many beggars. Fighting is imminent. The foreigners

are believed to be safe. Vigorous measures have been taken in Swatow and Canton to resist the invaders. Boats have been placed in Canton River and torpedoes have been placed in Swatow harbor.

FIRE ON A WHITE FLAG. LONDON, April 4.—A dispatch from Tokyo says Gen. Nodzu reports from Hai Cheng that on April 1 he sent a Chinese messenger to the Chinese military front notifying the commander of the armistice, and requesting a meeting to arrange details. On April 2 he sent a Japanese messenger and a trumpeter, requesting an answer within 24 hours. On April 3 the messenger and the trumpeter not having returned, Col. Aoki, fearing foul play, started himself with a white flag and a trumpeter toward the outposts. The Chinese outposts began firing when Col. Aoki halted and signaled with his flag of truce. When he attempted to advance the Chinese renewed their firing, wounding the Japanese flag bearer, and Col. Aoki was obliged to return. Gen. Nodzu asked whether the Chinese envoy has informed the Government at Peking of the armistice.

MORE ARISTOCRATS IN COURT. LONDON, April 4.—The petition of Countess Russell against her husband, Earl Russell, for a restitution of her conjugal rights, was opened in the divorce division of the High Court of Justice this morning. The Countess's ground upon which the restitution she seeks is opposed is cruelty on her part in having accused him of certain disgusting offenses during the progress of her unsuccessful action for divorce in 1893. Sir Henry James, Q.C., on behalf of Earl Russell, denounced the countess's charge as entirely false, and said that she should be successful in obtaining the restoration of her conjugal rights, she would doubtless demand that her husband maintain her. This he was not bound to do after the charges she had made against him.

Sir Henry James said that after trial for divorce the countess had proceeded to return to her husband, but he had refused unless she retracted the statements made against him. The countess threatened to go on the stage in order to obtain a livelihood, whereupon her husband reminded her of the fact that she had an income of £600 per annum.

FALSE REPORT OF THE QUEEN'S DEATH. LONDON, April 4.—There is no truth in the report cabled here from New York of the death of Queen Victoria.

The latest official report in regard to the Queen, received from Nice last evening, says: "The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, drove to Beaulieu along the mountain road leading to La Bastide. She paid a visit to Lord and Lady Salisbury and returned to Cannes by way of Villefranche. In the evening her Majesty entertained Sir Edward Malet and others at dinner. Her Majesty was in good health and spirits."

Another dispatch from Nice this afternoon says that at 3 p.m. the Prince of Wales attended the christening of a son of his groom-in-waiting, Sir Francis Knollys.

Earl Spencer, who has been serving as minister in attendance upon the Queen, returned from Nice at 6:30 o'clock in the evening. Lord Elton will leave here for Nice on Saturday to fulfill a similar function.

No official references are made to the state of the Queen's health. Last evening a dispatch reported her to be in excellent health.

A dispatch sent from Nice at 8:20 o'clock this evening says the Queen this morning visited the Zoological gardens, and upon her return gave an audience to the Comtesse Trani. Later in the day she drove to Sabron and paid a visit to the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg, and the evening gave a small dinner party at the Clémex Hotel.

Mr. Frank Sexsmith, of Huron township, died from self-inflicted cuts in his throat.

Working hours in the Grand Trunk locomotive shops at Stratford have been increased to 50 per week.

Hon. J. F. Turner, Premier of British Columbia, is on his way to London to float a loan of \$2,000,000 for Provincial purposes.

A Quebec dispatch says it is rumored that a defalcation to the amount of \$10,000 has been discovered in the Crown Land Department.

Several small craft arrived at Montreal on Wednesday from the Lower St. Lawrence. Navigation is considered open for coasters.

The fire at Miss Sterling's Children's Home at Aylesford, N. S., on Wednesday morning, is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The Queen's Own Rifles have decided to go to Hamilton for the Queen's Birthday. Thence they will go to Niagara and spend two days in camp.

Messrs. W. C. Whittaker, of North Williamsburg, and T. H. Farrell, of Kingston, are the medalists in the graduating class of Queen's University medical department.

Wm. J. Farr, of the township of Thorold, has been arrested charged with stealing a letter containing a post-office order for \$13.50 out of the Niagara Falls postoffice.

At Montreal a Grand Trunk Railway employe named Joseph Bouchard committed suicide on Wednesday by taking poison. He leaves a wife and five children. Despondency is the reason assigned.

The Essex Grape Growers' Association have decided to organize a fruit exchange, for the purpose of procuring better prices, by regulating the supply and opening up new markets.

A woman named Mary Sutherland was found dead on Thursday morning at 928 Dorchester street, Montreal. A little bag in her room \$325 was found and in a little hand satchel \$25. She was 70 years of age.

Under the international sealing agreement, sealing on the coast will cease on April 30, and present prospects, says a Vancouver dispatch, indicate that the catch for the first half of the season will be very light.

The action of the private bills committee of the Provincial Legislature in throwing out the city of Hamilton's bill to amend the charter of the Hamilton Gas Company, creates considerable dissatisfaction in Hamilton.

Rev. Dr. Wm. Gregg, professor of church history in Knox College, is likely to resign soon. He is getting up in years, and feels the work a little too heavy. He has been connected with the

college for twenty years, and was formerly pastor of Cooke's Church, Toronto.

Mr. East, of Toronto, has written a letter to a Montreal newspaper contending that Chateaufort, the Listowel murderer, is insane. The jail physician at Stratford, who sees the prisoner every day, is positive that he is not insane.

The death occurred at Halifax, N. S., on Thursday night of John F. Muncey, aged 95. Half a century ago he was a drygoods merchant. He was the first customs appraiser appointed at Halifax, and was superannuated twelve years ago.

DULL BUT USEFUL

Describes Thursday's Session of the Legislature.

Premier Mowat's Law Reform Bill Passed and Other Measures Enacted—The Session Drawing to a Close.

(Special to the "Advertiser.") PARLIAMENT HOUSE, TORONTO, April 4.—Today's session has been a useful session, but it has also been a dull one, for Government business has been all day long uneventfully and unostentatiously passed through the House.

A legal bill of the Premier's became law, and then a batch of Government motions passed. The first was the ratification of the rules made by the Department of Crown Lands for the use of the diamond drill, and it passed after a suggestion by Col. Matheson that the rules be made more liberal. This was met by Mr. Hardy by a proof that the Ontario regulations were much more liberal than those of a number of the states of the union which were cited by Col. Matheson.

The motion to indorse the contract by which cheaper school books will be secured was passed after Dr. Ryerson had suggested that they should be made cheaper still, and Mr. Ross had explained that they were as cheap as could be consistently with allowing the publishers to recoup themselves for their risk and outlay.

One motion was carried which is significant. It was that after tomorrow Government business shall have precedence on all days over everything but private bills; also that there be a sitting on Saturday. That means the beginning of the first session of the eighth Parliament will be a thing of the past.

Hon. Mr. Hardy's bill to amend the election law went through without incident. It is a very important amendment, which provides for a change of a charge of treating being made it shall be a sufficient answer to say that the candidate has been accustomed to treat.

Hon. Mr. Dryden's bill to amend the Agriculture and Arts Association went through quietly, the only interesting thing in it being a discussion of horse racing, the bill is a discussion of making it illegal to hold racing other than trials of speed under direction and control of the officers of the association.

A large number of those interested in the Ontario and Quebec Railway this afternoon asked the Government to bonus 140 miles of that road by either giving \$5 a mile or guaranteeing the company's bonds on plain terms. The Government promised the usual consideration.

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In Political Circles

A Gerrymander in the Northwest Anticipated.

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Progress of the Campaign in Antigonish—Notes by the Way.

GERRYMANDERING EXPECTED. WINNIPEG, April 4.—A Mooseman dispatch says that it is expected that East and West Assiniboia constituencies for the Dominion House will be gerrymandered at the approaching session of the Commons, and three constituencies, East, West and Center, created. East Assiniboia will extend westward to Indian Head, Central will extend to Moosejaw, and West Assiniboia further west.

A STORY ABOUT SIR C. H. TUPPER. HALIFAX, N. S., April 4.—An interesting story has leaked out from Conservative sources in connection with Sir Herbert Tupper's resignation fiasco, which indicates the true position of the man who has been so long in the political limbo. When the appointments in connection with the Bering Sea arbitration were being considered, the conclusion was reached that Sir John Thompson should be appointed Canada's representative on the tribunal, the intention being that Sir John Thompson should act as agent for Canada in connection with the arbitration. The High Commissioner, however, had an eye to promoting the interests of his hopeful son, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and getting the ear of the British Government, succeeded in having Sir John appointed arbitrator, which permitted the Minister of Marine to secure the position of agent, edging Chapeau altogether out of the arbitration. Young Tupper got the title which might otherwise have gone to Chapeau.

THE ANTIGONISH CAMPAIGN. HALIFAX, N. S., April 4.—In Antigonish Mr. McIsaac is carrying on a vigorous campaign, and writes that the outlook is excellent. Mr. Chisholm and his agents are carrying on a sort of still hunt. Unless the Manitoba school question creates unexpected complications, and his clergy to give active support to the Tory candidate, which is very probable, Mr. McIsaac will be elected by a large majority. So far the clergy have maintained a manly neutrality in the contest, and as Bishop Cameron starts on a trip to Europe on the 13th, active interference from that quarter is improbable. Sir C. H. Tupper, it is reported, is going to Antigonish to take a hand in the campaign. He will get a warm reception in a way that he won't relish, and the probabilities are that he will win Chisholm more harm than good. McIsaac's friends say they would like no better fun than to have Tupper go down there.

While in St. John today en route for Antigonish Sir Tupper said the report of his resignation was the work of the newspaper correspondents, who had little or no regard for the truth. The report of some of the Tory newspapers will feel complimented.

WARM WORK IN HALDIMAND. CAYUGA, Ont., April 4.—The fight in Haldimand has barely commenced, but the interest shown on all hands is intense. The Conservative party are well out, and are putting forth every effort to return Dr. Montague, but the number of old-time Conservatives who express themselves as opposed to the doctor's policy make it somewhat doubtful as to the result. Mr. McCarthy's organizer has been well over the ground, and expects to complete the organization by tomorrow. Mr. McCarthy speaks here tomorrow.

NOTES. North York Conservatives met in convention on Thursday, but did not give on a candidate to oppose Hon. John Charlton. They may do so later.

Hugh John Macdonald, who moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Davin, M. P., for his address before the Young Men's Conservative Club of Winnipeg, said that to his mind there had been but four public men in Canada properly entitled to have the term orator applied to them. They were Howe, D'Arcy McGee, Laurier and Davin.

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Live News in a Line.

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CARPETS.

If our understanding is correct you want to buy from the biggest stocks and at the lowest prices. We began the carpet business by keeping out of the rut into which the trade had got, and maintaining the stock in a most wholesome condition. We mean to lift it higher yet; for there's a trade in carpets possible to the store that'll supply it well, immensely larger than any now existing. We think the way to do it lies in the very direction we have taken—

Exclusive Styles, Largest assortment, Finest qualities, Best values, Perfect service, Lowest prices.

Busy months are ahead of us in this department. As your mind rests on housecleaning and renovating think of the most likely place to supply your wants. Come and see us. Under one roof.

Carpets, Oilcloths, Linoleums, Mattings, Curtains, Curtain Materials, Rugs, Mats, Blinds, Blind Rollers, Blind Fringes, Curtain Poles, Etc., etc.

Everything for house furnishings is here. Our prices are convincing. For instance—

A yard wide Hemp Carpet at 9c.

A yard wide Extra Heavy Union Carpet at 25c.

A Good Tapestry Stair Carpet at 18c.

A Heavy China Matting, yard wide, at 12½c.

A Heavy English Linoleum, not oilcloth, at 45c.

A Blind complete, roller, pull and fasteners, for 40c.

We import for the trade of Western Ontario, and do not propose carrying a stock of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CARPETS ALONE to be approached in price by any petty dealers in this part of the Province. Our sales during last month are an evidence that our prices are unapproachable. All railroad charges prepaid on purchases out of town.

Agents for BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS

KINGSMILL'S

Dundas and Carling Sts.

Kingsmill's

123½ and 130 Dundas Street.

SILKS.

Elegance coupled with economy prevails this stock. Richness roams through all grades, from 25c to \$3 60. Name any four stores in this city whose combined stock of silks of all kinds equals what we have in our large department. Our Silk Department is both the center and circumference of that business in this section. A few of the specials are—

25c 67 shades in Bengaline, Pongors, Chinas, Taffetas and Surahs, all at the one price.

25c 20-Inch Pure Silk Black Surahs.

45c Wide-Width Colored Surahs, Wide-Width Colored Chinas, Fancy Colored French Checks.

69c All colors Pure Silk Surah Twills, extra heavy weight.

Black, Colored, Cotton Dress Goods.

All these departments are enlarged to meet the increased demand. If we are rightly informed no one attempts to give as much space nor to offer so large an assortment. Neither could we afford to do it but for the fact that our lower prices and direct importations of the newest novelties has given great impetus to our business.

Certainly every good thing that can be found anywhere else is on our counters and equally certain is it that a great many things that cannot be found anywhere else are here, because we made special orders limiting the sale of goods to our own house.

An idea of prices—

20c All-Wool French Serges, 42 inches wide.

35c Fancy Silk French Stripes, 44 inches wide.

38c All-Wool Plain Serges, all colors, 46 inches wide.

50c Fancy Check Suitings, 45 inches wide, every pattern a novelty.

50c Our 65c quality French Henriettas, every color, at this price.

Cotton Dress Goods.

People are astonished at the room we have given these goods, but their astonishment increases on viewing the assortment, everyone decidedly new.

Irish Dimities, Dotted Batiste, Printed Organdies, Japanese Crepe, French Gingham, Scotch Lawns, French Zephyrs, Printed Lawns, Silk Mixed Linens, Striped Coverts, Plain Drills, Fancy Pique, From 12½c to 57c a yard.