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The Iniquities of the Yukon.

Sir C. H. Tupper Lays Before Commons Many Instances of Official Rascality.

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And the Whiskey Held at Boundary That Friends' Stocks Might Go First.

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Staff on Starvation Pay and Thus Tempted to Prey Upon the Public.

Mr. Mulock Makes Astounding Assertion That Mail Service Has Been Regular.

Grave Charge of Personal Misconduct Against Ex-Commissioner Walsh.

Mr. Sifton Attempts No Immediate Answer But Denies Personal Complicity.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 30.—Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper to-day delivered a telling indictment of the government administration methods in Yukon. The first portion of his speech dealt with the general policy of the administration. Then he proceeded to say that there was a chapter in the history of Canada relating to Yukon which the Premier would have been glad to have unwritten. He was surprised in view of known facts that the government had not done something to remove the question from the arena of debate for this session at any rate.

Mr. Sifton's deputy had sent a communication to members of parliament asking them to furnish information relating to misconduct of Yukon officials. That was the most singular course he had ever known to be followed by a public department. No sooner were any charges made than the men affected ran away and no steps had been taken to track these officials who had brought infamy and disgrace upon Canada. (Opposition cheers.)

Favoritism had been shown in granting liquor licenses, so much so that men of liberal proclivities had received fees as high as $500 for merely obtaining permits to sell liquor. Then there had been favoritism in the location of mining claims and in regard to the transportation of supplies.

Referring to Crown Attorney Wade, he said that the gentleman had called upon him and asked whether charges would be made against him this season. He had replied that there would be whereupon Wade had started for Dawson. (Laughter and Applause.)

Mr. Sifton—"Perhaps Wade will be here before the end of the session."

Sir C. H. Tupper—"I hope he will be." Continuing, he said the postal service to Yukon had been scandalous.

Mr. Mulock, rising, denied this statement, and said the mails had gone with great regularity.

Sir Hibbert said he knew better. Continuing he referred to the fact brought out last session in the public accounts committee that a Pinkerton detective had been employed by Mr. Sifton in Manitoba to find out election frauds without a single definite charge having been made, but in the case of Wade and others the government declared that it must have specific charges before it would proceed. (Opposition cheers.)

He charged the government with placing their first Yukon officials in a position of great temptation by giving them miserable salaries in a country where the cost of living was higher than in any other place on the globe. No wonder officials fell before the temptation to which they were exposed. It was because they had starvation salaries that they were allowed to become interested in mineral lands.

He had been told on most reliable evidence that Wade had blackmailed saloon keepers of Dawson on pretence of taking up subscriptions for a hospital. He would go into a saloon and tell the keeper that he had been assessed so much for the hospital, and that if he did not pay it his license would be cancelled and his place closed. He hoped Wade would come to Ottawa, so that he might refute this and other charges.

As for Fawcett he thought he had been more sinned against than sinning. He challenged the government to appoint a royal commission before which he would produce all evidence.

He read a letter sent to the Toronto Globe, but which had been refused insertion, in which specific charges of favoritism and crookedness by officials were made. He proceeded to give instances of difficulties which miners had in ascertaining whether claims had been registered or not, and he said the only way information could be ascertained was by applying after four o'clock and paying a fee of from $10 to $100.

The best of the evidence of the truth of the charges against the first lot of officials was, not only that they had been removed, but that the regulations had been changed and new instructions issued recently that information about claims should be furnished.

Sir Hibbert then further charged that Major Walsh, while commissioner of the Yukon, had been living on intimate terms and in open immorality with a notorious woman named Lucille Elliott, degrading the Queen's name and authority and disgracing Canada. This woman Elliott was one of those who had secured claims on Dominion creek. The men who had made charges against officials, he said, were unwilling to give their names because they were afraid they would strike so near some of the ministers that they would lose their property in the Yukon. He read letters speaking in high terms of Mr. Ogilvie, but said there were many corrupt and incompetent officials still surrounding him. He charged that liquor belonging to persons who were not friends of the government had been delayed at the boundary until liquor belonging to friends of the minister got to Dawson first. If the government would issue a fiat these parties would make a formal claim against the government. In conclusion he urged the government to appoint an impartial commission, and he promised to render them all the assistance in his power.

Mr. Sifton said at that late hour (12:15) he could not well reply to Sir Hibbert. He denied, however, that he was personally connected with any improper transactions. He moved the adjournment of the debate, and the house adjourned.

CRANBROOK MURDER.

Italian and Companion Arrested for Crime While Fleeing the Country.

Winnipeg, March 30.—(Special)— An Elkhorn, B. C., despatach says that the Italian and companion who murdered J. Ryan at Cranbrook three days ago were captured to-day while attempting to cross the boundary line into the United States.

GREAT BRITAIN'S CASH

Unexpected Increase in Revenue Relieves the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Tobacco and Beer Can Provide for Small Shortage—The Steamship Subsidies.

By Associated Press.

London, March 30.—A return issued to-night shows that the total year's revenue for the United Kingdom was £117,857,353, a net increase of £1,841,039. The last quarter's revenue was £39,516,885. The returns, showing an unexpectedly large increase, practically remove the anticipated difficulties in balancing the budget.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, has estimated that the increase of revenue would be only £500,000. The actual increase, however, exceeds his estimate by more than £1,000,000, and it is now expected that the budget deficit will only amount to £1,500,000 instead of £3,000,000. This amount can be provided for without serious increase in taxation. The augmented revenues are mainly derived from the income tax and the death duties.

It is generally expected that the chancellor of the exchequer will propose a reimposition of the tobacco duties or increase in the duties on beer.

It is rumored that the withdrawal of the subventions to the White Star and Cunard steamers for armed cruisers is connected with the government's financial difficulties. The admiralty officials decline to give out any information on the subject but it is understood that the negotiations regarding the matter are unfinished and it is probable that the subsidies will finally be reduced instead of altogether withdrawn.

PRESCOTT IS SAFE.

Will Be Vice-President of C. W. A. by Very Large Majority.

Montreal, March 30.—(Special) — The Star canvass in the C. W. A. election for vice-president has thus far shown the following result: Out of 200 clubs 78 have been heard from thus far. These clubs represent a total of 4,420 out of a vote of the entire association of 7,543, of which 400 are unattached votes and cannot be reached. The districts represented and the way in which they are represented, are as follows: Huron, 10; Niagara, 11; Toronto, 3; Quinte, 6; Ottawa, 5; Montreal, 15; Sherbrooke, 3; New Brunswick, 1; British Columbia, 8; Manitoba, 8; Central, 2; Nova Scotia, 1; Quebec, 1; Northwest Territories, 4.

The vote stands as follows: Prescott, Vancouver, 2,672; Rattray, 983; undecided, 413; will not vote, 41; disbanded, 28; total, 4,139.

The annual meeting of the C. W. A. takes place at Toronto to-morrow. A private despatch says Mr. Prescott's election as vice-president is assured.

ONTARIO'S HOT POLITICS.

Liberals Contest Monteith's Election on Ground That They Illegally Issued the Writ.

Toronto, March 31.—(Special)—A petition was filed to-day against the return of Monteith, Conservative, recently returned for South Perth by a majority of seven. Disqualification is asked, and it is also urged that the election is void on the ground that the writ was issued while the legislature was in session.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Minister of Militia Hastens to Repudiate the Suggestions by General Hutton.

Fisheries Yield Last Year Best on Record—British Columbia the Second Province.

Minto and Aberdeen Become Honorary Colonels—Member of Parliament Marries.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 30.—Lord Minto becomes honorary colonel of the Governor-General's Foot Guards; and Lord Aberdeen honorary colonel of the Royal Grenadiers, Toronto. In the Second battalion, Fifth regiment, second lieutenant W. A. Jackson is promoted to be lieutenant.

The total number of superannuations of public officials last year was 57, involving an annual charge to the country of $19,852.

The following important official communication has been handed to the Liberal press: "In respect to the recommendations by Major General Hutton in his annual report it is understood that they are entirely the views of the General himself and they have not as yet been adopted by the minister of the department. There is nothing settled regarding them. Some of the suggestions made will no doubt be carried out, while others are not likely to materialize."

Mr. Cochrane, M. P., to-day married Miss Lillie Odell of this city. The Conservative members presented Mr. Cochrane with a beautiful silver tea service.

The fisheries report shows that the total value of the yield last year was $22,783,546, an increase of $2,376,122, and the best in the history of the country. Nova Scotia ranks first of the provinces with $8,090,346, and British Columbia second with $6,138,865 each, showing an increase of about $2,000,000. Other provinces show a decrease.

On the sealing question the report says: "No revision of the Paris regulations having been possible, the present restrictions will apply to the season of 1899."

DRAW FULL INDEMNITY.

Ontario Members Not Docked the Money Received for Summer Session.

Toronto, March 30.— (Special)—The legislature will probably be in session all to-night in order to prorogue to-morrow or Saturday. The legislators have been put in a very cheerful mood by an understanding arrived at between the leaders on both sides that the full sessional indemnity of $600 will be paid for this session instead of dividing it as ta first proposed between the special summer session of last August and the present session.

NEW LAWS GALORE.

Halifax, March 30.—The Nova Scotia legislature prorogued this afternoon. Three hundred bills were introduced in the session of eight weeks.

MANITOBA'S BIG CLAIM.

Dominion Parliament to Be Petitioned for the Money in the School Lands Fund.

Winnipeg, March 31.—(Special)—In the legislature yesterday Hon. Mr. Cameron gave notice of a memorial to be presented to the Commons and Senate by the legislature in regard to the claim of the province for the payment of moneys that have accrued from the sale of school lands.

SPANIARDS FLEEING CUBA

To Escape Murder by Their Cuban Enemies Now Under No Control.

Havana, March 31.—The steamer Montserrat sailed this morning for Spain, having on board 280 Spanish passengers, formerly residents of Cuba and mostly small merchants. This exodus is noticeable because of the number.

There have recently been at least three authentic murders of Spaniards in the country, and in some cases men of property have been killed. If it is known who the murderers are the fact has not developed, though there are men in Havana who say there is evidence pointing to Cuban soldiers being the guilty parties.

In the past Gen. Gomez punished murderers of this kind with death, but since his removal the Cubans have been taking advantage of the lack of discipline to retaliate upon their war enemies who are still on the island.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

Montreal, March 31.—The trial of Francis McColl, charged with the murder of his father at St. Brigide, Quebec, which has been in progress before Judge Charland at St. John's for some days, has been concluded, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty.

FAITH IN REPUBLIC.

Toronto, March 31.—Senator George A. Cox is said to have purchased 10,000 shares of Republic mine stocks at $3.50 per share.

CAUGHT ON THE RAILS.

Chatham, March 31.—While attempting to cross the tracks on George street, little Grace Stover, the 5-year-old daughter of John Stover, was struck by the noon express and hurled 50 feet, being fatally injured.

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VANCOUVER AND VICINITY.

Mr. Prescott's Wheeling Honor—Potatoes From Ontario Do Not Lower the High Prices.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, March 31.—J. W. Prescott has received a wire from the East that he has been elected to the vice-presidency of the C. W. A. by an overwhelming majority.

The road race around the park to-day resulted in a fizzle, Lawson and Russell being the only contestants. The former won.

Yesterday a 25-foot lot opposite the Province building sold at $300 per foot, the highest price yet paid for Hastings street property, except at Cambie street.

Seventy men are engaged in the erection of the smelter at Van Anda. It will have a capacity of 50 tons per day, and will be in operation in about 60 days.

Thomas Earle, M. P., left for Ottawa on yesterday's train.

Potatoes are $30 a ton in Vancouver. Two carloads arrived from Ontario yesterday, but did not change the market price. Several carloads of apples and oranges have also been received, but have not affected prices.

This has been a record Lent for fish, the demand having been enormous.

There are now two bicycle clubs in Vancouver—the Vancouver and Terminal City. Mr. G. L. Wilson has been elected president of the latter. The second club sprang into existence owing to the secession of several prominent members from the original organization. There are hundreds of unattached riders and the two clubs will rival one another in securing members.

MOTHER AND SON KILLED.

Toronto, March 30.—Mrs. Malone and her 13-year-old son were killed while returning from service at St. Helen's Roman Catholic church this evening, being struck by a train while crossing the track.

MALOLOS IS CAPTURED

Filipinos Resist Macarthur for Only Few Hours and Then Fire the City.

American Troops Again Lose Heavily in Pursuit of the Hidden Enemy.

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 30.—The following despatch from Gen. Otis was received at the war department to-night:

"Manila, March 31.—MacArthur made dispositions yesterday for attack on Malolos to-day. Engagement opened at 7 o'clock this morning and is now progressing. Casualties yesterday, 4 killed and 23 wounded; all brought to Manila last night. Hall moved out from camping station at daylight this morning with three battalions northeast, attacked and has taken Marquina and is pursuing enemy, ordered to return this afternoon. (Sd.) Otis."

Manila, March 31.—7:35 a. m.—The United States troops rested last night in the jungle, about a mile and a quarter from Malolos. The day's advance began at 2 o'clock and covered a distance of about two and a half miles beyond the Guiguinto river along the railroad. The brunt of the battle was on the right of the track, where the enemy apparently concentrated.

The First Nebraska, First South Dakota and Tenth Pennsylvania regiments encountered them entrenched on the border of the woods, and the Americans advancing across the open, suffered a terrible fire for half an hour. Four of the men of the Nebraska regiment were killed and 30 wounded. Ten men of the Dakota regiment were wounded and one of the Pennsylvanians was killed. The Americans fully drove the Filipinos back. Although there were three lines of strong entrenchments along the track, the enemy made scarcely any defence there.

General Macarthur and his staff were walking on the track abreast of the line, with everything quiet, when suddenly they received a shower of bullets from sharpshooters in trees and on house-tops, but these were dislodged.

The enemy's loss was apparently small, the jungle affording them such protection that the Americans could not see them, and in firing were guided only by the sound of the Filipino guns. The American artillery were handicapped for the same reason. Last night's long line of camp fires made a beautiful sight, with the Twentieth Kansas regiment on the left of Guiguinto station, and the Pennsylvania regiment on the right beyond the river. The provision train was delayed by broken bridges, but the stores of grain and flocks of ducks in the locality furnished ample forage. The hospital work is amply efficient, as it has been throughout the whole campaign. The telegraphers keep abreast of the line, and maintain a constant connection with the city.

Washington, March 30.—The following was received at the war department from Manila to-day. Subsistence supplies are excellent and abundant; meats are deteriorating in this hot climate, and have been sold at public auction at a high figure. Considerable hard bread which was spoiled will have to be sold at a loss. The supplies in all other departments are good; medical supplies abundant. (Sd.) Otis."

Among the foreign attaches stationed at Washington, the fighting above Manila is being watched with critical interest. They speak of it in rather serious terms, the prevailing view being that the insurgents can keep up a long and harassing running fight. One foreign representative, who has seen long service in the Far East, said that "casualties of 21 a day may seem small, but when long continued they reach discouraging proportions." Since the fighting with the insurgents began, some of the foreign governments have arranged to send their military attaches to Manila to observe developments. An Italian military expert has already left on that mission.

MR. SIFTON HARD HIT

Wished to Offset Sir Hibbert's Arraignment But the Holiday Prevented Him.

Military Force in Yukon to Be Reduced to One Small Company.

Command and Adjutancy of Bisley Team—Mr. Devlin Tired of Ireland.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 31.—Mr. Sifton's squeal just before the house adjourned this morning has made him the laughing stock of parliament as the possibility of a reply to Sir Hibbert Tupper was prevented by his leader's attempt at sharp practice.

It appears that an agreement had been reached between the two leaders that the house should adjourn at six, and as Sir Hibbert at that hour was just commencing to formulate his charge of maladministration in Yukon, he was prepared to move the adjournment of the debate, which would have thrown the discussion over until Tuesday, when Mr. Sifton could have made his reply the same day.

But Premier Laurier thought fit to repudiate the agreement which he had made with the leader of the opposition, and of course as Sir Hibbert Tupper was under no obligation to curtail his remarks for the convenience of the government, Sir Wilfrid, by ordering the continuance of the debate, merely defeated the object which he seems to have had in view, that the charges and the government's reply should go to the country simultaneously.

Sir Hibbert leaves for British Columbia to-morrow.

The writ for Brockville was issued to-day. Nomination takes place on the 13th April, polling on the 20th.

Despite the entreaties of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Devlin, ex-M.P., Canadian emigration agent in Ireland, has determined to throw up his job. He is greatly disappointed at his lack of success and does not find Ireland a promising field of work. He is anxious to get back into politics.

Lt.-Col. McLean, of the 62nd battalion, St. John, has been chosen as commandant of this year's Bisley team, and Capt. Helmer, of the 43rd battalion, Ottawa, has been selected as second in command. One hundred and fifty men of the Yukon military force are to be withdrawn. The maintenance of law and order will be left to forty men and the Mounted Police.

LOST IN NORTHERN WOODS.

First of the Halibut Schooners Returns Without One Member of the Crew.

Seattle, April 1.—The first of the halibut fleet to get back from the North this season is the little schooner Caroline, which dropped into port so quietly last Monday that her coming was almost unnoticed. In common with the rest of the fleet, she had a fairly good catch, bringing back between 12,000 and 15,000 pounds of halibut. The Caroline's winter in the North was rendered most memorable from the fact that she lost one of her men, Barney by name, who started out hunting one morning on the coast at Wrangel narrows and disappeared as completely as if the earth had swallowed him up.

About all that is known of him is that he was a German by birth, his family still living in that country. He had made his home in Seattle and Port Townsend for the last 10 or 12 years, and was well known and liked among sea-going men. They knew him simply as Barney, and one of his mates on the Caroline who told the story yesterday did not know whether "Barney" was the man's first or last name.

It was about New Year's day when Barney left the boat and entered the wilderness, from which he was never to emerge. He took a gun and started out alone in quest of game. It was early in the morning. The day went by and when night came some slight anxiety was felt aboard the schooner at Barney's absence. Still the men reasoned that he might have wandered further than he intended, and as he was robust and self-reliant, little fear was felt that he would be able to take care of himself during the night, especially as the weather was moderate for that season of the year. When the next day came and went, however, and Barney did not appear, the men began to realize that some disaster must have overtaken him.

They set out to search for him, but the search was fruitless from first to last. For 10 days 12 or 14 men scoured the country in all directions. They soon came upon the place where he had pitched his camp, but here the very number of the searchers hindered the search. By the time the place had been identified, there were so many footprints around it in all directions that it was impossible to distinguish Barney's tracks from any other. Still the searchers persevered. On the following day heavy snow fell, completely obliterating all tracks. After that the search was a mere groping in the dark, but for more than a week longer the men kept on, day by day. By that time they became convinced that he must either have starved to death or been devoured by wild beasts. Reluctantly they turned their faces toward the schooner and sailed southward, leaving behind them the mystery of death.

The skipper of the Caroline reports that all the vessels of the halibut fleet made fairly good catches and are now sailing southward, and should be dropping into Seattle very soon.

THE PLEBISCITE HUMBUG.

Toronto, March 31.—The Methodist prohibition committee has passed a resolution endorsing the alliance's stand on prohibition, demanding action by the government on the plebiscite.

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BULGARIA ARRIVES HOME.

Enthusiastic Reception Marking Her Escape from Fury of Atlantic.

Hamburg, April 1.—The Hamburg-American liner, Bulgaria, Captain Schmidt, which put in at St. Michael's, Azores, on February 24, in distress, having been disabled while on her voyage from New York on January 28, for this port, and which left the Azores on March 23, after making temporary repairs at St. Michael's, docked here this morning after touching at Plymouth on March 28, and was received with intense enthusiasm by the inhabitants and representatives of Emperor William and the naval and military authorities. Admiral Koster, inspector-general of the German navy, made a speech to the crew and distributed decorations, among these being the cross of the commander of the Hohenzollern family order bestowed upon Capt. Schmidt by Emperor William on February 25 last. The city was decorated with flags in honor of the Bulgaria and the members of her crew were escorted to the town hall where laudatory speches were delivered. They were afterwards entertained at a banquet.

ARMOUR FIRE VICTIMS.

Two More Bodies Recovered and Probably Nine Lives Lost.

Chicago, April 1.—Two more bodies were found to-day in the ruins of the Armour felt and curled hair works, which were destroyed by fire last Monday. They have been identified as John White and William Gillen, who were employed in the works. This swells the number of victims to seven, and there are still two more employees missing.

SIR HIBBERT'S SPEECH

A Formal Exposure of Natural Result of Sifton Policy of Exploitation.

The Minister and His Colleagues Rather Than Officials Should Be Investigated.

Special To The Colonist.

Toronto, April 1.—The Globe criticizes Sir Hibbert Tupper's speech, saying that if he makes definite charges the matter will be thoroughly investigated, but adding that there is nothing in his speech to connect Mr. Sifton with the charges.

The World says: "Sir Hibbert Tupper is perfectly right in insisting that the investigation he calls for shall have a much wider scope than the one already had by the government. It is not the conduct of Yukon officials that needs investigation, but the conduct of the minister of the interior and the government itself."

The Mail says: "What is to happen next we shall soon see. Sir Hibbert Tupper certainly makes a moderate suggestion when he speaks of a commission of judges to ferret out wrong. Whatever may be determined upon, we have in this affair rounded off, as it were, Mr. Sifton's policy of exploitation."

WILLIAM FORD RESURRECTED.

Captain of Supposed Foundered Sloop Turns Up at Port Simpson—Nanaimo Notes.

Nanaimo, April 1—(Special)—Coal exports for March were: From Nanaimo, 43,557 tons; Wellington, 17,150; Union, 11,208.

The steamship Siam arrived this morning from Los Angeles for coal.

Arthur Ramsdale, convicted of assault with intent to steal, was to-day fined $50 or a month's imprisonment.

William Ford, said to have been in charge of the sloop Thistle, which was supposed to have foundered with the loss of all the party of ten on board, has turned up at Port Simpson. He says he left the sloop at Alert Bay to enable the balance of the party to return.

POLICEMEN HELD UP.

Forced to Contribute to Political Funds and Ready to Tell Their Grievance.

New York, April 1—The assembly committee to investigate departments of this city is expected to begin work next Wednesday. The police department will be taken first. Chairman Mazet is reported in an interview as saying:

"I have received a great many letters from policemen who tell of the enforced contributions which they have been compelled to make to secret funds. I have all these ready to be presented to the committee. In these letters the policemen tell of the sums of money they have been forced to give up and to whom they have been forced to give up and to whom they paid. Some of the policemen who give their names show a great reluctance to go to the witness stand, but others express a willingness to tell all they know."

THE POPE'S CONVALESCENCE.

Rome, April 2.—Doctors Mazzoni and Lapponi this evening removed a fragment of dead skin from the Pope's wound, which has almost completely healed. When the bandages were removed the Pope did not suffer the least pain, and he afterwards conversed with his entourage.

WITH TWO REVOLVERS

Jealous Husband Sets Out to Slay His Wife and Her Relations.

Mother-in-Law Killed and Three Others Wounded—Bullet Misses Infant.

By Associated Press.

New York, April 1.—John J. Schmitt, a well-known Williamsburg tailor, 35 years old, living at 155 Ewen street, while in a fit of jealous rage to-night shot his mother-in-law, his wife, his sister-in-law and his brother-in-law, and ended by firing a bullet at his one-year-old infant.

Schmitt had been separated from his wife for some time, and to-night went to the home of her mother, Mrs. Anna Wild, at 160 Graham avenue, and tried to effect a reconciliation with his wife, who had gone back to live with her mother. Mrs. Schmitt refused to return to her husband, and Mrs. Wild championed her cause. Schmitt drew two revolvers and fired point blank at the two women. Mrs. Wild was instantly killed; Mrs. Schmitt was shot in the thigh. Nicholas Wild, a brother-in-law of Schmitt, attempted to interfere and received a bullet in the head. A sister-in-law, Pauline Wild, was shot in the arm, and Schmitt then fired a shot at his one-year-old infant.

All of the wounded people were rushed to the St. Catharine hospital. Nichols Wild is said to be in a precarious condition, and it is believed he will die. Mrs. Schmitt and Miss Pauline Wild will recover. Schmitt was arrested.

THE VIRGIN CREMATED.

Gorgeously Attired Image Becomes a Burnt Offering in a Good Friday Parade.

London, April 1.—Holy week in Spain was celebrated with more than usual religious splendor. At Toledo and Seville there were more visitors than usual. At Madrid the celebrations were numerously attended. The Queen Regent, who is ultra Catholic, and the cabinet giving fresh proof of their desire to conciliate the vatican and the prelates who successfully assisted the government in checking the Carlist intrigues. Consequently all the Madrid churches yesterday were filled by thousands, all traffic was suspended and all the women wore mantillas.

At Seville yesterday while a procession was carrying the famous image of the virgin dressed in the most expensive silks and velvet, wearing 150,000 pesetas' worth of jewels, the image caught fire and was completely destroyed. Most of the jewels were recovered.

PONTON'S DAMAGE SUIT

Dropped Because Judge Would Not Postpone It Until After the Robbery Trial.

Cobourg, March 31.—(Special)—W. H. Ponton's suit against the Dominion Bank for $50,000 damages on account of the charge of robbery preferred against him by the bank, came up yesterday before Judge Street. Ponton had tried to get the hearing of the suit postponed until his third trial on the charge of robbing the bank is over, but the court had refused to postpone the trial. Ponton's counsel appealed against this decision, and it was expected this would of itself have had the effect of postponing the civil suit. Judge Street decided, however, to go on. There was much excitement over the matter, but Ponton's counsel dropped the case, offering no evidence and no explanation.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Salmon Regulation Amendments Published—Scheme to Make Montreal a National Port.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 1.—A large and influential deputation representing the shipping interests of Montreal and Kingston, interviewed Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other ministers this morning, and urged that the government take control of Montreal harbor and make it a national port, building grain elevators and providing terminal facilities for railways and steamboats, thus placing the port in a position to compete with United States ports for export grain when the deepening of the St. Lawrence canals is completed. The Premier promised that the matter would receive consideration.

To-day's Canada Gazette contains the new salmon fisheries regulations, extending the time for registration for license to June 30, and exempting British Indians from registration.

Sir Hibbert Tupper left this afternoon for Victoria.

LABOR AND POLITICS.

Trades Council Troubled by Alleged Attempt to Mix the Two.

Vancouver, April 1.—(Special)—The officers of the trades and labor council, including the president, secretary, treasurer and president of the executive, have resigned owing to the allegation that members of the council have been using it for political purposes.

TO TALK SUGAR BOUNTIES.

Berlin, April 1—The correspondent here of the Associated Press hears that as a result of the pour parlers which have been going on between the powers, the sugar conference will re-convene in August next.