

MANY PERSONS WERE DROWNED

During a Celebration at Ronciglione, in Italy.

International Trade Permitted With Points in South Africa Now Occupied by the British-Portuguese Consul Ordered to Leave the Transvaal.

Rome, May 15.—A terrible accident, resulting in the death of from 30 to 40 persons, took place today at Ronciglione, on the Lake of Vico Railway, during a celebration of the fête of St. Lucie, whose chapel is on the shore of the lake. Two boats, filled with young people, capsized while returning from the chapel within 700 yards of the landing stage. Only thirteen persons were saved.

Rome, May 16.—The disturbances in the Chamber of Deputies have resulted in a royal decree proroguing parliament.

CHRISTIANS MASSACRED. Tien Tsin, May 16.—More "Boxer" outrages are reported 60 miles north of Tien Tsin, where a number of native Christians have been massacred. The British admiral has arrived here and proceeded to Peking.

STEAMER LINE SOLD OUT. London, May 16.—The Leyland Steamship Company has announced that the purchase price was £292,000.

INTERCOLONIAL TRADE. London, May 16.—The Queen today issued a proclamation permitting trading between the South African colonies and the portions of the Orange Free State now occupied by the British.

THE ASHANTI TROUBLE. Accra, May 16.—The situation is unchanged. It is said in official circles that the governor and commander-in-chief of the Gold Coast Colony, Sir Francis Hastings, has announced his intention, unless immediately relieved, to make an attempt to rush the cordon. There are now 450 troops at Kumassie, 450 between Cape Coast and Prashu, and 500 on their way from Jebba. The dissatisfaction is spreading among the northern tribes. Kings Takie and Cudgwe, of Accra, have been appointed by the Ashantis.

A NICE BERTH. London, May 16.—Hon. Mr. Chamberlain's proposal for a new imperial court of appeal in place of the judicial committee is well received. Colonial lawyers will doubtless be especially pleased at the prospect of \$30,000 a year for seven years from the imperial treasury, and a life pension to the representative from each colony. Speculation is rife as to the probable Canadian member of the new court of appeal.

PLAYING SOLDIER. Berlin, May 16.—Emperor William arranged a picturesque attack upon the two new forts at Metz, leading himself, and leaving the defense to the Bavarian general, Stichtenberg. Count von Haeseler was deputed to criticize the whole engagement. All the artillery and cavalry, with two battalions of each infantry regiment composing the garrison, were under the Kaiser. During the fight two battalions of engineers threw a bridge across the Moselle. His majesty has baptized one of the new forts, that at Gorgimont, after Crown Prince Frederick William.

VESEVUS ERUPTIVE. Rome, May 16.—Mount Vesuvius is again in a state of eruption, and spectators are forbidden to approach within a certain distance. Signor Matteucci, professor of geology in the University of Naples, who is devoting himself to a study of volcanic action, had a narrow escape. He had received a special permit to approach the crater and was bruised and burned by a shower of incandescent stones.

CABLE NOTES. Germans in Brazil and other South and Central American republics are to be looked up and reported on by United States. A dispatch from Hong Kong says: The Filipino junta has been receiving large amounts of money at Manila. Within the past three months three ship loads of arms have arrived from Germany for the insurgent cause. A Bombay dispatch says: While the police were searching at Vizagapatnam,

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Mrs. E. McLaughlin, 35 Parliament street, Toronto, states: "My daughter was pale, weak, languid and very nervous, her appetite was poor and changeable, she could scarcely drag herself about the house, and her nerves were completely unstrung; she could not sleep for more than half an hour at a time without starting up and crying out in excitement."

"As she was growing weaker and weaker I became alarmed, and got a box of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. She used this treatment for some weeks, and from the first we noticed a decided improvement. Her appetite became better, she gained in weight, the color returned to her face, and she gradually became strong and well. I cannot say too much in favor of this wonderful treatment since it has proven such a blessing to my daughter."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is a blood builder and nerve vitalizer of most unusual merit, which overcomes disease by strengthening and invigorating the whole system. As a spring restorative it is unsurpassed by any remedy known to man. 50 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

The West Huron and Brockville Election Cases Discussed—Lengthy Debate.

Ottawa, May 15.—The entire time of the house today was taken up with the debate on the West Huron and Brockville election cases. Sir Louis Davies, Mr. H. A. Powell, Mr. B. M. Britton, and Mr. Wm. H. Bennett, were the speakers. At 11:30 Mr. Russell, Halifax, moved the adjournment of the debate, which will likely continue for a couple of days more.

Mr. Fielding presented supplementary estimates to cover the cost of legislation, as the appropriation for that purpose had been exhausted. In answer to Sir Charles Tupper, Mr. Fielding said that the supplementary estimates for this year will be down in a day or two and those for next year very shortly after that.

In reply to Mr. Foster Mr. Fisher said that the Canadian exhibit at Paris is, with the exception of the German, the most advanced towards completion. With respect to the cold storage exhibit, Professor Robertson had succeeded in having the desired changes made at small cost, and the exhibit will be nearly, if not quite, concluded in ten days.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in replying to Mr. Foster, said he had no information as to when Mr. Tarte or Mr. Sifton would return.

The house adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

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Mrs. A. E. Bowen, of Bernard, Vt., writes: "I think Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are the best thing for dyspepsia I ever took. I will recommend them to anyone troubled as bad as I was."

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will not disappoint, because they cure dyspepsia surely and lastingly by causing the food to be properly assimilated, and cure constipation by producing the proper quantity of bile, and sold by all druggists at 50 cents per package.

FIREMEN AS POLITICIANS. Toronto, May 16.—The judgment of Judge McDougall in the inquiry he has been conducting for some time as to the relation between the members of the fire brigade and aldermen and candidates for civic office, is that for years past prior to the election of 1899, a majority of the firemen from the highest to the lowest took part in election work, contrary to the provision of the bylaw. The judge held that only by taking the control of the brigade out of the hands of the council and placing it under a commission can the practice be remedied, and so reports.

FELL 175 FEET. Lowell, Mass., May 16.—While St. Patrick's Church organ was pealing forth a requiem and several hundred worshippers were in the church at 6 o'clock mass, Thomas McDermott, a painter, fell from the steeple of the church, a distance of 175 feet, and was killed. In his descent he struck a ledge of the steeple and bounded over, lighting upon a picket fence. Matches in his pocket set fire to his clothing after he struck the fence. As the people rushed from the church, frightened by the noise of the body striking the roof, they found a tangled mass of pickets and clothing hiding the body, and flames breaking out of the pile.

TO REDUCE FARES. Montreal, May 16.—W. R. Baker, manager of the Montreal and North western Railway, announces that the road has been leased by the C. P. R. and will be taken over and operated by that company at once.

The Canadian Pacific has decided to reduce the passenger fare to 3 cents a mile in Manitoba. A daily passenger train service will be established as far as Minnedosa, and considerable additions and improvements in the train service west of Minnedosa are contemplated.

A New Whatcom dispatch says: The attempt of the Northern Pacific to shut the Canadian Pacific out of an American terminal has failed. At the close of a conference between Northern Pacific officials of the Bellingham Bay and British Columbia Railway, President Cornwall announced that his company had refused to sell to the Northern Pacific; that closer traffic arrangements had been concluded with the Canadian Pacific, and that soon Canadian Pacific trains would be running into Whatcom.

Steamship Arrivals. May 15. At. From. Canadian. Father Point. London. Cambrian. Montreal. Liverpool. Brazilian. Glasgow. Montreal. Australian. Glasgow. New York. Masalam. New York. Rotterdam. Grosser Kurfurst. New York. Bremen. Victoria. New York. Genoa. H. H. Meyer. Bremen. Baltimore. May 16. At. From. Westernland. New York. Antwerp. Teutonic. New York. Liverpool.

Mr. Tarte is, his friends will be glad to hear, greatly benefited in health by the change and comparative rest, and is looking forward to the resumption of his Canadian political activities in the near future.



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Disastrous Conflagration at St. Catharines.

The Wellandvale and Canada Cycle Motor Companies' Works Burned—500 Men Thrown Out of Work.

[Special to Advertiser per G. N. W.] St. Catharines, Ont., May 16.—The entire plants of the Wellandvale Company's works and the Canada Cycle and Motor Company's works were destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning.

The fire started in the hardening department of the cycle works. The fire throws 500 men out of employment, and means a loss of half a million dollars.

FATEFUL FLAMES!

Destroy the Hotel Helene in Chicago.

Two Persons Burned to Death, One Missing and Fifteen Injured—Five of the Latter Will Die.

Chicago, May 16.—Two persons were killed, one was counted missing, and fifteen were injured in a fire which early today destroyed the Hotel Helene, at 110 to 114 Fifty-third street. Five of the injured will probably die.

THE DEAD. Charlotte Peterson, dining-room girl, found in her room, burned to a crisp. Lena, surname unknown to police, found burned almost beyond recognition in room with Miss Peterson.

MISSING. — Patterson (man), last seen in hotel office at 11 o'clock last night.

THE SERIOUSLY INJURED. W. E. Horn, will die. S. C. McHedden, will die. E. E. Tarbox, recovery doubtful. Elizabeth Florence, recovery doubtful.

Mrs. T. D. Allen, back broken, and internally injured, jumped from third story window, will die.

MANY NARROW ESCAPES. There were many narrow escapes and exhibitions of courage during the burning of the structure. There was only one entrance to the building, which compelled the greater number of the guests to make their exits as best they could through the windows.

The rescues were nearly all accomplished before the firemen arrived. The blaze spread so rapidly that had the people in the hotel been compelled to await the arrival of the hook and ladder company more lives would have been lost.

The fire started in the basement, and spread with the greatest rapidity. But for the heroic action of Jas. McNeil, a porter in the hotel, who was the first to warn the sleeping occupants of their danger, every person in the building would undoubtedly have perished.

Fire that started on Monday in a lumber yard in the little town of Fisher, Mich., did over \$300,000 damage.

The will of the late Geo. H. Gillespie, of Hamilton, disposes of an estate valued at \$80,768.

A. J. King, produce merchant, Toronto, has been ordered by Mr. Justice Meredith to pay \$1,500 and costs to an Englishman named Bailey for the alienation of his wife's affections. King was in the employ of Bailey in the north of England, and persuaded Bailey's wife to run away with him to Canada.

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ADVICE OF THE BOER ENVOYS

That the Transvaalers Should Surrender

If They Are Defeated at the Vaal—More British Troops Reach Beira.

London, May 16.—The most important development in today's war news is the statement, cabled from Cape Town, announcing that the Boer delegates advised the Transvaalers to surrender if defeated at the Vaal. This remarkable announcement is vouched for on good authority, and evidently obtains more credence in Cape Town than would a mere rumor.

ROBERTS WILL BE THERE IN GOOD TIME. Apparently Lord Roberts is still waiting at Kroonstad preparatory to making a swift movement on the Vaal River.

GLENCOE. The occupation of Glencoe was merely a logical sequel of Gen. Buller's advance and the Boers' retreating movement. As usual, the Boers are reported to be flying precipitately; but, also, as usual, the accounts add that their transport and guns were removed in safety.

MAFEKING. Nothing further has been heard from Mafeking, and it is reasonable to suppose that the conditions there are unchanged. The promptness of the siege only intensifies Great Britain's anxiety to hear of its relief.

MORE TROOPS AT BEIRA. About 1,100 more troops have arrived at Beira, Portuguese East Africa. Among them is Lord Dunraven, who accompanied the Duraven sharpshooters as a supernumerary captain on the battalion staff. The governor of Beira, Senhor Noyelles, during a speech at a dinner of the yeomanry, said: "Friends as we have always been of England, we never could have realized the magnificent unity of the Anglo-Saxon race without such an object lesson. Realizing this, Portugal not only congratulates her ancient ally but rejoices with it, as the strengthening of a friend is the strengthening of ourselves."

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS. List of Graduates and Prize-Winners at Easter Examinations of the Ontario Agricultural College.

At the Easter examinations at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, the following residents of Western Ontario were successful in passing in all subjects:

First Year—H. M. Weekes, Glencoe; J. O. Laird, Ennismore; A. Atkinson, Egmondville; W. T. McDonald, Teeswater; B. C. Gilpin, Gortie; W. H. Gunn, Alisa, Craig; A. T. Sutherland, Stratford; H. G. Tew, Washington; C. H. Dixon, Dromore; C. Shun, Waterloo; J. McLean, Alisa, Craig; I. R. Sloan, Elgin; W. R. Carroll, Norwich; A. W. Fairweather, Alms.

Second Year—B. S. Pickett, Victoria; W. J. Black, Stanton; S. Hair, Watford; L. A. Moorhouse, Cairo; F. E. Gallman, Moonhouse; F. H. Siscox, Iona; B. Walters, Ivan; R. H. Williams, Corbetton; H. H. Erasmoss, S. M. Ling, Guelph; W. Harris, Rockwood.

The following students will take supplemental examinations: First Year—P. W. Fawcett, Horning's Mills, grammar and composition; A. W. Mason, Norwich, materia medica; G. Hensall, geology and English literature; R. A. Cranston, Galt, horticulture and euclid; T. D. Cowan, Galt, English literature and grammar and composition.

Second Year—L. A. La Pierre, Paris, agriculture; W. J. Know, Belgrave, practical poultry. The scholarships awarded in the first year classes were won as follows: English (English, mathematics, bookkeeping and drawing), H. M. Weekes, Glencoe; physical science (mechanics, chemistry and geology), J. F. Ferguson, Spring Hill; biological science (botany, zoology, horticulture and apiculture), D. H. Galbraith, Ellesmere; agriculture (agriculture, dairying, poultry and veterinary science), H. M. Weekes, Glencoe. As no student receives more than one scholarship, the scholarship in English has been awarded to Alfred Atkinson, Egmondville.

The medals and prizes for the second year were awarded as follows: Governor-general's silver medal, first in general proficiency, 1898-99, E. J. McMillan, New Haven; Governor-general's silver medal, first in general proficiency, 1899-1900, B. S. Pickett, Victoria.

Prizes—Essays: "Weeds: Precautions against their introduction and the best means of destroying them," W. J. Black, Stanton, Ont.; first in general proficiency, first and second year work, theory and practice, B. S. Pickett, Victoria.

Third Year—The examinations on the third year work, which are conducted by the University of Toronto, are now in progress, and the results will be reported in the annual class lists of the university. The highest in general proficiency, who obtains first-class honors in his special course, will receive a special prize from the college.

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STREET CAR COMPANY TO BLAME. Ottawa, May 16.—The jury empaneled to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Joseph Bolduc, the 5-year-old Hull, Que., lad, who was killed by an electric car on Laurier avenue, returned a verdict holding the Hull Electric Company responsible for the fatality, inasmuch as the car, No. 16, that struck the child, was not provided with a fender or similar brake.

LEGALLY DEAD. Toronto, May 16.—William Potts, a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters, left his home in Woodstock on Feb. 3, 1891, and has never been heard of by his wife since. She sued the order for \$1,000, the amount of his insurance, putting forward the legal presumption of death seven years after he was last heard of. The officers of the order expressed their belief that Potts was not dead, as before leaving home he had told his sister that he would not be heard from again. The lower courts awarded Mrs. Potts the \$1,000, and the order appealed. The appeal was yesterday dismissed by the court of appeals, and Mr. Potts is now legally dead.

A Storm Is Brewing. Your old rheumatism tells you so. Better get rid of it, and trust to the weather reports. Scott's Emulsion is the best remedy for chronic rheumatism. It often makes a complete cure.

LITTLE FOR THE STOCKHOLDERS. Toronto, May 16.—The master in ordinary heard evidence in connection with the winding up of the Merchants' Life Assurance Association. There are many preferred claims against the assets of the company. The inspector of insurance is watching the case in behalf of the government. The claim of the Imperial Bank for \$5,000, loaned at the request of the directors, was admitted. There will be very little for the stockholders.

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