

JOHNSTONE NOT LIKELY TO GET POST Reported Now That Cape Breton M. P. Has Failed To Land Job As Deputy Minister Of Marine.

ANOTHER BRITISH OFFICER BORROWED Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., May 16.—Commander C. D. Roper, of the Pacific, has arrived in Ottawa to assist in the organization of the Canadian navy and assume the duties of Commander.

It is by no means certain that Alexander Johnstone, ex-M. P., will be the new deputy minister of marine and fisheries in succession to Mr. Desbarats when he goes to the naval service department. It is more probable that Mr. Cameron Staunton, the present assistant deputy minister, will get the appointment.

An Election Retic. In the supreme court the case was argued of the Sydney Post Publishing Co. vs. Kendall. The Sydney Post published a letter from a correspondent signed "Elector" in which the writer accused Dr. Kendall of having for a consideration, withdrawn his name as a candidate for election to Parliament in 1904 and allowing Mr. Johnston to be nominated.

Failed to Re-Engage Committee Investigating Looting of Massachusetts Bank—Lays Blame on Three Different Bodies.

Boston, Mass., May 16.—Asserting that the state bank department's examinations of the bank under its care are so inadequate as to be almost negligible, the joint special legislative committee appointed to investigate the reported theft of \$425,000 from the South Bridge Savings Bank, in its report filed today with the clerk of the house of representatives, divides the responsibility for the bank's alleged looting between the bank department of the commonwealth, the auditing committee and the trustees of the institution.

PEACE RESTORED. Chang Sha, May 16.—The situation here is assuming a more hopeful aspect. But even yet foreigners do not sleep in the city, although many of them engage in business during the day. The authorities are actively pursuing the agitators, many of whom have been arrested, but notwithstanding this, threatening placards and circulars continue to appear.

RICKARD CHOICE FOR REFEREE Promoter Himself Chosen After Failure of Big Fighters to Reach Agreement--Berger and Johnson Nearly Came to Blows During the Discussion--Rickard is Willing to Give Way.

San Francisco, May 16.—Tex Rickard, associated with Jack Gleason in the promotion of the Jeffries and Johnson contest, and who came into prominence four years ago, when he engineered the Gans-Nelson fight at Goldfield, Nevada, was selected today to referee the fight between the two heavyweights on July 4 at Emeryville. In accepting the place, however, the Nevada promoter, made it clear that he would step aside, if Jeffries and Johnson agreed on another man.

TWO DROWNED THIRTY BURNED FROM DORY IN PRISON FIRE Salem Men Lose Their Lives Through Careless Casting Of Anchor—Three Others Have Narrow Escape.

Salem, Mass., May 16.—Two men were drowned and the lives of three others imperiled when their dory was overturned off Winter Island in the deepest part of Salem Harbor, late today.

ENGLAND'S NEW CRUISER Keel Just Laid of the Princess Royal, One of the Largest Dreadnought Ever Built Displaces 26,350 Tons.

London, May 16.—Great Britain has just made a start on what will be one of the very largest warships of the world. She has laid the keel of the new Dreadnought cruiser Princess Royal, one of the four "conditional" Dreadnoughts voted last year. Her displacement will be about 26,350 tons, or 1,000 tons less than that of the largest warships yet begun.

BALLOONISTS RETURN. Centre, Ky., May 16.—A. Holland Forbes, and J. C. Yates, the eastern aeronauts, who were injured here last Tuesday in the fall of their balloon, left for the north today.

ROOSEVELT GREETED BY KING GEORGE Ex-President Acting As Special Ambassador For The United States Visited Buckingham Palace Yesterday

ANOTHER SERVICE HELD IN THRONE ROOM London, May 16.—The feature of the day in London was the arrival of Theodore Roosevelt, who came in from Berlin and will act as special ambassador to represent the United States at the funeral of King Edward VII, which will take place next Friday.

Call in Mornings. London, May 16.—Mr. Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt concluded the morning hours with a round of formal calls. They called upon Crown Prince and Crown Princess Christian of Denmark, the Duke and Duchess of Argyll, the Princess Henry of Battenberg and the Duchess of Fife and at Buckingham Palace inscribed their names in the visiting books of Dowager Empress Marie of Russia, Russian Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich, King Haakon and Queen Maud of Norway.

WORLD ADMIT ALIEN LABOR EX-MAYOR OF MILLTOWN DEAD John T. Ray Passed Away Yesterday At Calais After a Few Hours' Illness—Telephone Trouble Settled.

New York, May 16.—An important change in the immigration laws which if adopted would have a direct bearing on the efforts of Union Labor to prevent the importation of contract labor, was recommended to the National Association of Manufacturers, which opened its annual convention here today.

PULPWOOD STEAMER MAKES FIRST TRIP Steamer Fram Arrives At Portland, Me., With 1,300 Cords Of Wood Cut On The Miramichi.

Portland, Me., May 16.—The steamer Fram arrived here today from Chatham, N. B., bringing the first cargo of 1,300 cords of pulpwood contracted for by the International Paper Company in New Brunswick. The Fram brought 1,300 cords.

Shareholders in St. Stephen Bank Criticize Meagre Reports of Directors and Curator Kessen

GENERAL WOOD ARRIVES AT BUENOS AYRES Chief Of Staff Of The United States Army Given Great Reception In The Argentine Republic.

Buenos Ayres, May 16.—Major Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the United States army, who has been sent by his government as its representative at the centennial celebration of Argentine, arrived here today on the armored cruiser Montana, flagship of Rear Admiral Staunton, who is in command of the special service squadron. The other American war-



GEN. WOOD.

ships commissioned for the celebration are the armored cruisers Tennessee, the South Dakota, North Carolina and the cruiser Chester. Gen. Wood was met by Charles H. Sherrill, American minister, and a staff of the legation and was formally welcomed to Argentina, by a number of high dignitaries of the government. The American vessels will remain at the military port of Bahia Blanca.

St. Stephen, May 16.—John L. Ray, a former mayor of Milltown and recently the superintendent of the Maine Water Company plan in Calais and Milltown and one of our best known and most highly esteemed residents, was stricken with sudden illness in his office in Calais this morning. He was removed to his home in Milltown, N. B., where he passed away late this afternoon. He was sixty six years of age and is survived by a widow and one brother in the west.

SAYS SOCIALISTS SHOULD ABSTAIN Chicago, May 16.—The temperance issue came up to the front in today's session of the National Socialist Congress, J. W. Work, of Iowa, chairman of the committee on organization, precipitated the discussion by submitting a report that liquor and tobacco should be taboo amongst social democrats.

Annual Meeting of Defunct Bank Stockholders Proved as Lively as Was Expected--Vice-President and Cashier are Requested to Follow Lead of President Todd--Financial Statement.

Curator is Reported as Saying That Large Amount of So-called Assets of Defunct Bank Were Worthless--Committee of Shareholders Appointed to Act With Mr. Kessen.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, N. B., May 16.—The long anticipated annual meeting of the shareholders of the St. Stephen Bank was held in the bank premises this afternoon and there were more shareholders present than have attended a similar meeting for many years.

When the matter of the check for \$100,000 received from President F. Todd, not W. F. Todd, M.P., as has been represented in Toronto publication, and so scattered over the Dominion, was under consideration, one of the shareholders, G. W. Ganong, stated that he was not satisfied with the reading of the law which authorized it. The curator was very reticent with the newspaper men after the meeting and informed them that all that was necessary would be furnished the St. John papers through the Bankers' Association's legal representative.

LIABILITIES. Notes in circulation ... \$29,900.00 Due to other banks ... 786.89 Deposits ... 326,857.60 Drafts outstanding ... 13,563.71 Dividends unpaid ... 12.90 Capital paid up ... 200,000.00 Reserve ... 55,000.00 Profit and loss balance ... 108,610.00 Total ... \$744,820.21

DAVID WHEATON EST. PROBATED AT \$29,000 Once The Owner Of Large Marsh Tracts, His Real Estate Amounted To Only \$1,000.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, May 16.—The estate of the late David Wheaton of Sackville, is probated at \$29,000 of which only \$1,000 is real. As Mr. Wheaton was reported one of the largest marsh owners in the province, it is evident that he made some disposition of his principal real property during his lifetime.