

Peace in Prospect.

Rapid Progress of the Japan-China Negotiations.

The Victors Likely to Get All They Ask For.

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Tuscany and Central Italy Visited by Earthquakes—Export Trade of France Sinking Under a "Protective" Policy.

IN RE CODFISH.

LONDON, April 3.—The Foreign Office announces that the recent order withdrawing codfish and other similar products from the privilege of free duty applies to all countries, including Cuba and Costa Rica.

GIVEN UP AS LOST.

MADRID, April 3.—Admiral Beranger, Minister of Marine, told Congress today that the Government had abandoned hope of the missing cruiser Reina Regente, and had ordered an inquiry to ascertain the causes of the disaster.

DEATH OF MRS. L. W. JEROME.

LONDON, April 3.—The funeral of Mrs. Leonard W. Jerome, who died at Tunbridge Wells of influenza, will be held on Friday. Mrs. Jerome's three daughters—Lady Randolph Churchill, Mrs. Frowen, and Mrs. John Leslie—were at her bedside when she died.

WON'T LET THEM RESIGN.

CHRISTIANIA, April 3.—King Oscar has sent a message to Premier Emil Stang refusing to allow the Norwegian Ministers to resign, as he does not see any possibility of maintaining a Cabinet otherwise. He expressed regrets that his efforts to settle the question of the union have not been attended with success.

THE LAHN DISABLED.

SOUTHAMPTON, April 3.—The American liner Paris, from New York, March 27, which arrived here tonight, reports that on March 30 she passed the North German Lloyd steamer Lahn with her engine disabled. The Lahn reported all well on board. She sailed from New York on March 26 for Bremen.

BALFOUR ON BI-METALLISM.

LONDON, April 3.—Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., in an address before the Bi-Metallic League in the Mansion House today, said that the time was not far distant when men of all parties would agree to introduce into international transactions some medium of exchange less hurtful to industry than the present absurd system.

THE CHITRAL CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, April 3.—The Times correspondent in Calcutta says: The Chitral expedition started March 25. The British force, of five hundred men, was met by a strong, but heavily, and ever since have been in full retreat. The British loss was slight. The first brigade has crossed over into Swat.

HOVAS DEFEATED BY THE FRENCH.

PARIS, April 3.—The French merchants of Morondava, Madagascar, have been expelled by the Hovas. The French squadron, co-operating with the land forces, has captured Morondava, Lisipica, Mahambo and Belsiboka. The Hovas' commander-in-chief was killed. There were no casualties among the French forces.

NO NEED OF MILITIA.

LONDON, April 3.—The Times' correspondent in Melbourne says: South Australia has decided to abolish her militia, thus saving \$50,000 annually. The colony will rely in the future for defense on the gunboat Protector, the forts, and the artillery and naval brigades. This course is justified while England commands the sea. The only danger is from foreign cruisers.

SPEAKER PEELE'S SUCCESSOR.

LONDON, April 3.—The Morning Post is informed from an authoritative source that William Gully, Liberal M.P. for Carlisle, will be nominated for the Speakership of the House of Commons on April 10, with the approval of the Government. If he should not get a majority the Unionists will propose the name of the Conservative, Sir Matthew Ridley, Lord Tweedmouth's brother-in-law. The Daily News learns that the Ministers decided at today's meeting to support Gully.

A CLOSE CALL.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 3.—The United States Minister to Turkey, Mr. Alexander W. Terrell, narrowly escaped being shot today. A man who was being pursued by the police threw a revolver on the Place Traxim and fired shots at his pursuers. Mr. Terrell happened to be passing across the square in his carriage as the man fired, and was in great danger of being hit. This caused the Minister's cavass to jump from the carriage and seize the man who was firing. The latter tried to stab the cavass, but was overpowered and arrested.

TUSCANY TREMBLED.

ROME, April 3.—Tuscany has been shaken by earthquakes several times this week. At Tredizio a dozen houses collapsed. Seven dead bodies have been removed from the ruins and eight persons are missing. At Montepulciano, in Central Italy, roofs were shaken down, and three buildings were wrecked. Two persons were killed and ten or twelve were injured. The earthquakes have been accompanied by heavy rains. The Government has sent a geologist to visit the places where the shocks were most violent.

THE FRENCH NAVY.

PARIS, April 3.—Admiral Bernard, Minister of Marine, spoke at some length today during the debate on the naval estimates in the Chamber of

Deputies. He said that two ironclads would be launched this year and six in 1896, including three of more than 10,000 tons. The number of first-class cruisers would be increased soon. The Government did not think of reducing armaments in any way. The people must be prepared for fresh sacrifices, inasmuch as soon the North Sea and Baltic Canal would be opened, and France would be compelled to maintain a fleet on the northern coasts as fleet equal to the one in the Mediterranean.

THE "AEGIR." KIEL, April 3.—The new German ironclad, which until today was designated simply by the letter "T," was this morning christened by name, "Aegir," with great pomp and ceremony by Emperor William. The ship, anchored in the harbor, was surrounded by four training ships and two cruisers, all dressed with flags and bunting, and the town was profusely decorated. In christening the new ship the Emperor said: "This ship shall remind us always of the dark prehistoric times when the powerful god Aegir was feared and worshipped by our Germanic, seafaring ancestors, and of their might upon the sea."

BANEFUL "PROTECTION."

LONDON, April 3.—Commenting on Sir Joseph Crowe's report on French trade, the Times in its financial article today says: "The report shows that the export trade is steadily shrinking owing to France's protection policy. Altogether, according to Sir Joseph Crowe, France has spent about 5,000,000 francs in the last decade in protecting her sugar trade, yet her sugar growers are unhappy, and demand further taxes on foreign and colonial sugars. Protection in France, as in the United States and Canada and elsewhere, by withdrawing the trades protected from the full influence of competition, secures a constant over-supply of their products."

NEWFOUNDLAND AFFAIRS.

LONDON, April 3.—A Parliamentary blue book just issued contains further communications with Newfoundland in regard to the financial conditions in that colony. The correspondence includes the request of the Government to assist banks which are still solvent, and authorizes the Colonial Government to draw from the Imperial Government \$25,000 for the purpose of relieving urgent cases. The communications also announce that the sum of \$75,000 has been placed to the credit of Mr. Herbert Murray in the Bank of Montreal, Nfld. John A. A. fir has gone to Newfoundland for the purpose of distributing relief, is to be final in regard to the disposition of this fund.

THE PEACE PROGRAMME.

LONDON, April 3.—A Central News dispatch from Shimomoseki says Li Hung Chang is steadily improving, and that the peace negotiations are again in progress. A Central News dispatch from Shanghai says that no fighting in Formosa has been reported. It is believed it is the intention of China to surrender the island as part of the peace programme, and the prospects for peace are regarded as promising. According to a Washington dispatch, the close of the peace negotiations between China and Japan is near at hand. So rapidly are the negotiations proceeding that it is believed that they will be terminated by Saturday or Sunday next. While no details have reached Washington, it is understood that Japan will secure practically everything she has asked for—the possession of Formosa, a war indemnity of 400,000,000 yen, the independence of Corea and the possession of the part of the Province of Shan Tun which includes Port Arthur and a sufficient amount of territory surrounding that place for military and strategic purposes—at least, until the indemnity shall have been paid. It is again asserted that Russia will make no interference with these conditions of peace.

BURNED OUT.

Destruction of the Sterling "Home" at Hillford Farm, N. S.

An Oakville Family Narrowly Escape—Fires Elsewhere.

BERWICK, N. S., April 3.—Miss Sterling's home at Hillford Farm, Aylsford, was burned at an early hour this morning. The main building was totally destroyed, with all its contents, furniture and stores, including 30 barrels of flour and other supplies. The children and other inmates were fortunately all saved. The building was insured. At KILLBUCK, Ont., April 3.—A fire broke out early this morning in the premises owned by C. W. Anderson and occupied by D. Raynor and J. M. Perkins as a dwelling house. The tenants narrowly escaped with a few things they managed to carry out. A large stock of rustic work, upon which Mr. Perkins had been working all winter, was destroyed. Insurance, \$2,300.

Live News in a Line.

Navigation is open on the Hudson from Troy to New York.

The State elections continue to show pronounced victories for the Republicans.

At Tampa, Fla., a wind storm on Tuesday wrecked a large cigar factory. Loss, \$30,000.

The Japanese have discovered a rich gold mine near Taiten Wan, China, which priests have been working.

A St. Paul, Minn., dispatch says the most noticeable feature of the municipal elections yesterday was the success of the license ticket.

A Washington, D. C., telegram says: Conrady's bay gelding broke his left hind leg in the last race at St. Asaph today, and had to be shot.

Major A. G. Hamilton, organizer and executor of the famous escape from Libby Prison, Richmond, Va., in 1864, was foully murdered on Wednesday at Morgantown, Ky.

George Whitcomb, the veteran commander of the Buffalo City Directory, dropped dead in his office in the Courier building on Wednesday morning. He was subject to heart disease.

Joseph Schmuda, who blew up himself and a police officer with dynamite at Dunkirk, N. Y., on Tuesday, is still alive, but his condition is dangerous. Schmuda acknowledges being a bigamist, having besides the wife there whom he attempted to kill other women claiming him as husband in his native country and Rochester, N. Y.

Tonka—An East India smoking mixture high grade tobacco; very cool. 10c. package.

Women Win.

The Legislature Says They May Practice at the Bar.

Mr. Wood's Bill Carried by a Vote of 61 to 27.

The Parties Divided on the Measure—Ontario's G. O. M. Favors the Ladies—Mr. Haycock's Bill in re Railway Passes Killed.

(Special to the "Advertiser.")

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, TORONTO, April 3.—In the House today the most interesting occurrence was the bill which Mr. Wood introduced to allow women to practice at the bar. It was debated with great spirit, and finally carried by a vote of 61 to 27.

Mr. Wood opened the ball with a spirited speech, the first words of which were drowned in the mingled cries of "Carried!" and "Lost!" from the supporters and opponents of the measure. His argument was that it was the logical outcome of the act allowing women to practice as solicitors, and he made a sharp attack on the argument that such permission would injure the home life of women.

When he had concluded his argument there was a pause, and then, on Mr. Whitney asking if he were not going to speak, Sir Oliver Mowat rose and gave his adherence to the bill. If women were to be allowed to act as solicitors, he said, there was no reason why they should not practice as barristers, and he devoted a moment to maintaining that there was nothing wrong in women appearing in the courts. There would be no harm done by the passage of the bill, and he thought they had no right to refuse to pass it, the Premier concluded.

Mr. Avey vigorously opposed the bill, and rallied Sir Oliver Mowat, who had in his heart for women; arguing against admitting them to the sterner walks of life, and pointing out that the logical outcome of this would be that women should be allowed to be judges and legislators.

The discussion lasted for some time. Messrs. Richardson, Stratton, Haycock, Messrs. and Howland supporting the bill, and Messrs. Biggar, Chapple, Whitney and German opposing it. Hon. Mr. Ross closed the debate in a brilliant speech, in which he made an effective onslaught upon the arguments of the more conservative members.

All the parties were divided in the vote except the P. P. A., both of whom voted against the bill. The Government was divided. Mr. Dryden and Mr. Brown voting against it, and Mr. Hardy abstaining from voting at all, while the rest of the Cabinet sided with the ladies. Mr. Marter voted with the majority, and Mr. Whitney with the minority. The balance, however, was heavily with the friends of the women. Immediately after the carrying of this, Mr. Howland moved the second reading of his bill to prevent the desecrating, remarking that it was a propitious moment for the introduction of such a measure. It did not meet with equal good fortune, for it was withdrawn after Mr. Dryden's speech, and was against it, on the ground that there was no need for such interference.

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Mr. Wood opposed the bill, claiming that the independence of the House was not in the slightest degree affected by the acceptance of the passes, which were sent to them out of courtesy, and not with any ulterior motive.

Dr. Villoughby followed, saying that the railways received scant justice from the House, instead of influencing the members by their passes.

Sir Oliver Mowat made a very fair statement of members who accept passes, arguing that no special favors are gained by the railways in return for the passes.

Mr. Baxter also opposed the bill, and Mr. Caven briefly defended the Patrons' position.

Mr. Barr spoke briefly against the bill, and then Mr. Whitney made a vigorous statement of the Patrons and the false pretenses on which he said they had been elected.

Mr. Haycock made a sharp retort, and after some further discussion the bill was carried by a vote of 74 to 13. Mr. M. Y. McLean voted with the Patrons and Mr. Pardo against them.

In the afternoon Mr. Howland moved his resolution to appoint a select committee to consider the question of the old Upper Canada College square in Toronto, which he claimed should belong to the city.

Mr. Ross opposed the resolution, which was beaten by a vote of 57 to 31, after a legal argument. One Conservative, Mr. Beattie, of Parry Sound, bolted and voted with the Reformers, while the Patrons divided.

The bill to permit of local option in the use of the single tax was introduced by Dr. McKay, and withdrawn by him after opposition to it had been manifested by Hon. Mr. Hardy, Mr. Whitney and Mr. St. John.

NOTES.

Mr. A. O. Jeffrey was in the city today interviewing the Government with reference to fraternal insurance, concerning which legislation is proposed.

The end of the session is prepared in the following notice of motion, handed in at the close of tonight's session: That Government business shall have precedence over all other business, except private bills, on each day of the session on and after Friday next, and that there shall be a meeting of the House at 11 of the clock on Saturday next for Government business only.

Mr. Speaker to leave the chair at 1 p.m. of the clock without the question being put.

Turn Over the Page

—FOR—

Amusements, Meetings, Situations Vacant

To Let, For Sale, Lost, Found, Etc.

THE OLD LIST

Will Have to be Used in the Quebec Bye-Election.

Vercheres Liberals Unanimously Nominated Mr. C. A. Geoffrion—Selkirk Conservatives Divided.

TO OPPOSE MONTAGUE.

CAYUGA, April 2.—A mass meeting of electors of Haldimand opposed to the acts and policy of the Dominion Government, regarding the Manitoba school question will be held in the court house here on Friday, the 5th inst., at 2 p.m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent their views in the pending bye-election. D'Alton McCarthy, Q. C., and E. D. Armour, Q. C., will address the meeting. Excitement is becoming intense. A great many had doubted the report that a McCarthyite was entering the field.

HARD WORK IN HALDIMAND.

CAYUGA, April 3.—The feeling in Haldimand is quite intense over the report that a McCarthyite is to oppose Hon. Dr. Montague. All parties are working like beavers, and the excitement is growing daily.

QUEBEC WEST.

QUEBEC, April 3.—It is understood that Mr. R. R. Dobell, who is now in England, has been called for in view of the bye-election in this division, and will return by the next steamer to New York. It is also stated that the election will have to take place on the old voters' lists, the new lists being not yet ready.

VERCHERES.

VERCHERES, Que., April 3.—At the Liberal meeting held at St. Theodore today Mr. C. A. Geoffrion was selected as the Liberal candidate for the constituency of Vercheres. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Victor Geoffrion, Choquette and Marol.

CONSERVATIVE SPLIT.

WINNIPEG, April 3.—A convention of Conservatives will be held in this city on April 9 for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the constituency of Selkirk. It is said that Mr. Hugh Armstrong, M.P.P., will be the choice of the convention. There is dissatisfaction in the ranks of the conservatives in the riding. The split occurs over Mr. G. H. Bradbury, of Selkirk, who is already in the field.

NOTES.

Mr. Stewart Mulvey's name is mentioned as a McCarthyite candidate in Brandon.

Late Canadian News.

The Newfoundland delegates have arrived at Ottawa.

Premier Greenway is still very weak from a recent illness, and will go to his country home for a rest.

W. T. Willis, grocer, Brantford; Thompson Bros., general store, Orangeville, and Pryor & Son, boots and shoes, Petrolia, have failed.

Change needed as from the Hamilton charity concert, amounting to over \$400, were divided amongst the various benevolent societies interested.

Mrs. Ann Marshall, mother of Reeve Marshall, of Barton, died at her home in Sunday. She had lived in Barton township for nearly half a century.

Rev. James Henderson, of Sherbourne Street Methodist Church, Toronto, has returned from Clifton Springs much improved in health, and expects soon to be able to resume his duties.

Adam Falk, general storekeeper, of Shakespeare, who assigned a few days ago, has compromised at 55 cents on the dollar. W. T. Willis, grocer, Brantford, has assigned, also James McMurray, Essex.

Warm weather prevails at Winnipeg. Reports indicate that seeding operations have commenced in all parts of the province. The indications are that quite as large an acreage as that of last year will be sown.

Operations have commenced for the drilling of another mineral well at Preston. The place is already popularly known as a health resort, and with the addition of the new \$10,000 bath-house it will be the Saratoga of Canada.

Street Commissioner Jones, of Toronto, has inaugurated the potato patch scheme. He has handed over to a poor man for cultivation a lot on Badger avenue, 150 by 100 feet, and will assist him to procure seed if he is unable to get it for himself.

The owners have been protesting to the Government for some time past against the space for cattle on board ship being increased from two feet six inches to two feet eight inches. The change was made to meet the wishes of the cattle shippers, after they made several trips to Ottawa about the matter. Now the Government has decided to change back to two feet six inches, and a resolution has been passed to that effect. The order applies to animals carried on the spar deck of steamers in the transatlantic cattle trade.

STOLE \$50,000.

CHICAGO, April 3.—Frederick W. Griffin, assistant cashier of the Northwestern National Bank, has been taken into custody. A shortage of \$50,000 was discovered in his accounts. Griffin confessed.

TERRIBLE MURDER IN KANSAS.

GALENA, Kan., April 3.—Newton Walters yesterday decedged George and James Cox, aged 19 and 12 years respectively, from home, and shot them and then went to the Cox homestead and attempted to assault Dolly Cox, aged 17. The girl escaped to a neighbor's house. Walters is still at large. Both of the Cox boys are dead.

PUEBLO'S CAPTURE.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 3.—The anniversary of the capture of Pueblo from the French has been celebrated on an unusually magnificent scale in the last two days. A grand sham battle was fought today by 6,000 troops, and was watched by 30,000 spectators. All who participated in the battle of Pueblo, or in the taking of Queretaro, received medals or decorations. President Diaz received his decoration yesterday.

Steamship Arrivals.

April 3. At New York From Montreal.....Ethiopia.....New York Western.....London.....New York Teutonic.....New York.....Liverpool Odessa.....New York.....Rotterdam

Easter Flowers.

We will have a very choice collection of plants and flowers that will be nice for Easter, namely, Roses, Carnations, Lily of the Valley, Violets, Easter Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinths, Spirea, everything in the way of plants suitable for this festive occasion. We make a specialty of church decoration. GREENWAY, florist, 215 Dundas street. Greenhouse, London West.

KINGSMILL'S

Drygoods Carpets.

Dundas St.

Carling St.

Grand Spring Display

Will continue all this week. We have prepared seventeen additional cases of late novelties, and extend a cordial invitation to all who take an interest in the most elaborate display of style and fashion ever made in London to come and see us. What our former efforts have been in this direction our patrons know, and when we say that this season our preparations have been to excel anything previously attempted by any establishment in Western Ontario, you know what to expect. We have spared no labor in search of the newest, noblest and most exquisite goods to be found in the British and Foreign capitals. Everything that experience, capital and skill could do has been done, and in asking your attention, do so with the confidence that the time spent in inspecting here, will result in mutual profit.

The Practical Question of the Day.

And one that should be considered by all persons is economy—where to get the best for your money. While we do not propose to sell goods at a loss, we think that on account of our superior facilities we can save you something. Being the largest importers in this district, and buying direct from the makers, thereby saving all middlemen's profits, we are able to sell goods often at a lower price than other houses have to pay the wholesale for them.

Novelties in Laces.

There is no department which offers greater variety than laces, which are to take a most important part as dress trimmings this season. We have every new make, and all the old ones, in every color to match our dress fabrics at prices that will surely please.

Novelties in Dress Fabrics.

Look to your hearts content, shop where you please, inquire where you may, you'll find us always in the lead. It would be a pleasure to us, and repay you, to show you our novelties in this department. In plain colors we show 32 different lines, ranging in price from 12c to \$3.50 a yard. Lack of space prevents us from enumerating the different lines, all we can say is come and see for yourself.

Novelties in Millinery.

The success of the millinery opening encourages us to continue the display of patterns, hats and bonnets all this week. Last week we wrote strong things and true concerning our headwear and millinery finery.

The opening was a success, both in point of enthusiasm and sales. But we never know what it is to rest on our oars. We have the facilities to make and trim, the capital, command and skill to collect smart hats and bonnets, and each day will see some new oddities added to our imported collection of French patterns. The present collection is unequalled by any store in this neighborhood, so we're told and believe.

Carpets.

Busy months are ahead of us in this department, but we have the facilities to supply your wants. Intending purchasers who are dissatisfied with the small and imperfect stocks of carpets and house furnishings kept elsewhere, should visit our carpet warehouse, Nos. 130 and 132 Carling street. From a York shilling hemp carpet to the most costly coverings will be seen there. Carpets of the most elaborate design, of the most modest colorings. 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.

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