

Tried to Kill Czar

Dispatch From Vienna Tells of an Attempt to Murder Emperor Nicholas.

Office of Guards Entered His Majesty's Study and Shot at Him.

London, April 4.—A special dispatch from Vienna says a report is published there that an officer of the guards entered the Czar's study yesterday and fired at him with a revolver.

His Majesty was not hit, the dispatch adds, and the officer committed suicide.

The story is doubted.

LARGEST VESSEL A LOAT.

White Star Liner Celtic Launched Today—Steamer With Nine Decks.

(Associated Press.)

Belfast, April 4.—The new White Star liner Celtic, the largest vessel ever built, was successfully launched this morning in the presence of a large and representative gathering.

The arrangements for the launching were similar to those of the Oceanic, and the new vessel meted from the ways and was pulled up with her own length by dropping three pairs of anchors.

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NEW CIVIL LIST.

Recommendation By the Committee Which Has Been Considering the Changes.

London, April 4.—The report of the committee appointed to consider changes in the civil list recommended that the new civil list be fixed at £470,000, as follows: Privy purse, £110,000; salaries of household and retired allowances, £125,000; expenses of household £193,000; works, £10,000; royal bounty, alms and special services, £13,000, and sundries, £8,000.

The report recommends an annuity of £20,000 to the Duke of Cornwall and York, £10,000 to the Duchess of Cornwall and York, and £200,000 to each of the King's daughters.

Mr. Henry Labouchere (advanced Liberal), the sole signatory of the minority report, thinks that no increase is needed.

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Botha and Kitchener

Letter to British Commander Written Before the Recent Peace Meeting.

Boer Leader Wrote That He Was Anxious to Discuss Terms.

London, April 4.—The letter of Gen. Botha to Lord Kitchener, commanding the British forces in Africa, preliminary to the recent peace meeting, casually referred to in Lieut-General Kitchener's report of the negotiations, and from which the opponents of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain hope to obtain some clue of the reasons of the failure of the conference, was published as a parliamentary paper this morning.

The letter is dated at the commandant-general's camp, February 13th, and commences with a reference to a message from your excellency.

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MURDER OF MILLIONAIRE.

Jones Placed Napkin Satirized With Chloroform Ever His Master's Face.

New York, April 2.—At today's session, Jones, the valet and secretary of millionaire Rice, who was murdered some time ago, testified that Patrick had asked him whether he did not think that Rice was living a little too long for his purpose.

"I said I thought so," said Jones, "and Patrick suggested that we put him out of the way. I suggested Dr. Curry, but Patrick said Dr. Curry would not do anything of the kind."

Jones said that then, at Patrick's suggestion, he procured chloroform and laudanum from his brother in Texas, and delivered the poison to Patrick.

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Declined To Sign

Chinese Government's Formal Notification to Russia Regarding Manchurian Convention

Indemnity Claims Are Not Yet Ready—The Punishment of Officials.

Pekin, April 3.—The Chinese government has formally notified Russia that China, owing to the attitude of the powers, is not able to sign the Manchurian convention.

It is China's desire, says the formal notification, to accept on friendly terms with all nations.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS. Victoria Meteorological Office, March 27th to April 2nd, 1901.

The week opened with a rising barometer over the British Columbia, and unsettled and showery mild weather generally over the North Pacific slope.

Robbers Defeated. Berlin, April 3.—The war office has received a dispatch from Count von Waldeseer, formerly reporting the defeat on March 31st of a thousand Chinese robbers by a company of Germans, seven miles north of Yen Chai.

St. Petersburg, April 3.—The correspondent of the Associated Press is informed by a trustworthy authority that the Manchurian convention has not yet been signed.

Washington, April 3.—Although no official notice has reached here of the reported departure of Prince Li Hung Chang from Peking for Shanghai, the officials are inclined to believe it is true.

SEALERS REACH ST. JOHN. St. Johns, Nfld., April 2.—The steamer Ranger, with 30,000 seals, and the steamer Labrador, with 20,000 seals, arrived here this morning.

THE PLAGUE IN FRISCO. Washington, April 2.—The plague situation at San Francisco is summarized in the following report of the marine board of the public health reports of the marine hospital service, which is just out.

CALLED TO THE BONE? A teaspoonful of this medicine will do you more good than rum or whiskey.

MUTINY OF SOLDIERS. London, April 3.—In the House of Commons today the colonial secretary, Mr. Chamberlain, confirming the dispatch from Accra, Gold Coast Colony, announcing that a number of men belonging to the British West African regiment, who deserting from Kamassie, had marched, armed, to Cape Coast, where it was feared they would loot the town.

LETTERS TO THE WOMEN. Think the wife to have the wedding ring slip from the finger. "Something is going to happen."

NEW LAWYERS. W. H. P. Clement Will Practice in Grand Forks.

At a meeting of the B. C. Law Association held yesterday, W. H. P. Clement and Cecil Kilham passed their final examination, and were called to the bar and admitted as solicitors.

Those who passed the second intermediate examination were C. N. Hasey, of Vancouver, and A. McLean, of Victoria.

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Business Men

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Want Block Paved and Walk Widened

A large deputation of street property owners went to the council, present deliberations of the aid last night. They had asked to make known their views on paving Government street.

Ex-Mayor Redfern, in a speech, said that he believed that the city engineers' plan for paving Government street was a good one.

Notice to Contractors. IRONWORK, TULAMEN RIVER BRIDGE.

Sealed tenders, subscribed "Tender for Ironwork of Tulamen Bridge," will be received by the undersigned up to and including Monday, the 6th day of April.

W. H. Langley inquires property company, under which could be obtained to the removal of the sidewalk.

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Tenders must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit made payable to the undersigned for a sum equal to ten per cent. of the amount of the contract, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied and signed with the actual signature of the tenderer.

W. S. GORE, Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 25th March, 1901.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE. CASBIAR DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the reservation placed on Crown lands situated on Bennett Lake and Athol Lake Mining Divisions of Cassiar District, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 12th December, 1898, is hereby cancelled.

W. C. WELLS, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 30th January, 1901.

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STARTED FOR WEST. Missions to Be Established in the Mining Districts of British Columbia.

Quebec, April 1.—Parties of ladies and gentlemen from Belfast and Ballymena, Ireland, and Aberdeen, Scotland, reached the city yesterday and left to-day for western Canada.

Messrs. S. Logan and Alex. McPherson, who came out under auspices of the Presbyterian Church to establish the Presbyterian Church in the mining districts of British Columbia.

Messrs. R. B. Brown and Robt. McCurdy, representing the Vulcanite Hoisting Company, and Cory's Mineral Water Company, Belfast, are also among them.

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Business Men Object

Property Owners Express Their Views Regarding Paving of Government Street.

Want Block Pavement, But Sidewalk Poles Altered.

A large deputation of Government street property owners were, by invitation of the council, present at the special deliberations of the aldermanic board last night.

In opening, the mayor said that he had before him three plans suggested by the city engineer for the improvement of the street. These plans have already been published in the Times.

By way of explanation Mr. Topp said the present curb on Government is by a means of a straight line, and he suggested that the sidewalk be extended.

Ex-Mayor Ryan, in addressing the council, said that he thought that all were in favor of having the street paved, providing such work is done on equal and economical terms.

He believed that it would be well worth the extra cost, as on would be placed within the curb, as on Board and Broad streets.

He thought if the council amended their scheme so as to meet these objections they would have the support of the property owners in carrying out the work of paving.

In reference to the laying of the sidewalks on Government street, the city engineer explained the lines of the curbs were put in before he took charge of his office.

In reply to the mayor, Mr. Reidford said he did not think the advantage to be gained in moving the sidewalks was worth the extra cost which would be required to compensate for the additional cost necessary for the work.

C. A. Holland, however, was of opinion that if the curbs were moved, he would like to see the poles removed, but he did not think that the property owners on the street should stand the extra expense.

David Spencer thought it would be a decided disadvantage to have the poles moved back to the sidewalk.

A letter from Mr. Crahan was then read which also took strong objection to the removal of the poles to the widening of the sidewalks, and also to the widening of the whole cost of the work on Government street property holders.

W. H. Langley inquired if the telephone company, under its present charter, would be compelled to place their wires under ground.

The mayor said he could not speak definitely on this matter, but in a recent conversation which he had with the city engineer, he had suggested the council lay down the necessary pipe for the underground wires.

Ald. Brydon, speaking from the council, said that the laying of the pipes for the intersections of the street and one-fourth of the cost of the work of the street, instead of one-third, as at present.

Ald. Kinsman stated that the poles were not going to last for ever, and he thought that they should be replaced by other poles, and he suggested that the poles should be replaced by other poles, and he suggested that the poles should be replaced by other poles.

W. H. Langley, while heartily in accord with Mr. Reidford's views, would like to see the poles removed, but he did not think that the property owners on the street should stand the extra expense.

Ald. Brydon remarked if this was done, what about the other streets.

On request of Ald. Beckwith, the city engineer stated that he had interviewed the superintendent of the telephone company, and had learned from him that the company was prepared to stand the cost of laying the wires underground providing the city stood the cost of the conduits and manholes.

After some further discussion on the matter, Mr. Reidford moved, on suggestion of the mayor, that the sidewalk should be widened by contracting the roadway. This motion was put to the property owners present, and was carried unanimously.

The deputation was also informed that the council would have the support of the property owners in carrying out the work of paving.

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The business of the council was then proceeded with, Ald. Stewart moving for the reconsideration of the motion regarding the paving of Government street.

Ald. Beckwith thought that all the gentlemen present had not fully considered the matter as to how the street would look when completed according to their views.

The mayor believed that if the poles were removed four or five inches the work could be done at a very small cost, and the improvement would be considerable. He did not think this would involve the changing of the wires overhead.

The Frauds By Japanese

Government Submits the Papers in Connection With Improper Naturalization.

A Wholesale Attempt to Evade and Violate the Provincial Statutes.

The correspondence relating to the fraudulent naturalization of Japs, has been laid before the legislature by the Attorney-General.

It opens with a letter from Mr. Tadow to the Attorney-General, drawing his attention to the evasion of the naturalization laws by Japanese desirous of obtaining a license to fish, and asking the department to look into the matter.

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Prayers were read by Rev. Baugh... Cannermen's Memorial.

Mr. Helmecken moved: "Be it resolved... His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor... asking him to cause to be laid before this House a copy of the memorial presented by the committee of the salmon canning industry of British Columbia to the government."

He said that as this memorial related to a very important industry, it should be submitted to the House.

First Readings. Hon. Mr. Eberts introduced an act to amend the Companies Act, 1897. It received its first reading. The same course was taken with his bill amending the "Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act," and the "Poison Act."

Motion Withdrawn. Mr. Fulton withdrew his resolution regarding irrigation in the dry belt on the request of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, who wished to consider the matter.

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Half Yearly Return. Mr. Curtis moved: "That an order of the House be granted for a return giving an abstract of the receipts and expenditures of the province for the half year ending 31st December, 1900." He said that this information would be very useful when the debate on the budget took place.

Hon. Mr. Turner said such a return would show the principal part of the year's expenditure, whereas it would show little revenue. This would give the half yearly report a bad appearance to the world, and very little argument could be founded on it or the budget speech. He had no objection to furnishing a few copies of the report, but he did not want it to go out to the world.

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The Royal Commission

Lady School Principal Was on the Witness Stand Yesterday Afternoon.

Interesting Documentary Evidence Submitted by Immigration Officer W. H. Ellis.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The first witness at the sitting of the royal commission yesterday afternoon was W. H. Ellis, immigration agent, who submitted the following statement:

"I have been in Victoria since June, 1883. At that time, especially in the winter season, there was a greater Chinese population here than at present. Their employment on C. P. R. construction in British Columbia was the cause of their coming here. They were in the process of their completion they dispersed to every portion of the province. There being no further railway work, they went to the front, and while admitting that they were dirty, expressed the opinion that the Chinese he had seen during the time referred to. He understood that there was a diminution in the number of Chinese immigrating to this country, but as to its extent he could not speak authoritatively.

There were no female Chinese attending school here. If there were enough Chinese attending the city schools he would have seen them. He had seen a building and made their attendance compulsory.

In different grades the Chinese were as moral as white people. The majority of business men in the city will admit that in their dealings with Chinese merchants they found the standard of morality high. As to their civilization, it was as old as antiquity. He believed it existed before our race. The Chinaman lived within his means, and the more he earned the more he saved.

In reply to Mr. Bradburn he said he believed the Chinese as a class, and in their own way, were deeply religious. He did not think anyone had a right to object to their religion in this country. When he was police magistrate the Chinese averaged favorably with the other races. He had seen many serious crimes, but not often. The Chinaman's great fault was his

Non-Assimilation of the Customs of this country. If they were excluded from the province they would be a detriment. Inasmuch as they were keener competitors. In the winter months they would work at anything for any price. The canneries made more money before the Japanese fishermen were employed than they do now. It is possible to replace the Japanese with white men, because he knew of white fishermen who could not find employment, and witness said he could produce these men to substitute for the Japanese.

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He had lived here thirteen years, and believed the Chinese were a non-assimilating race. He had no objection to Chinese otherwise, as they were sober, industrious and honest. He did not think anything short of a revolution in China would change a Chinaman. He was the product of a revolution in China, and he was a Chinaman. He was certain they would not adopt Western civilization, and

Cared Little for its Religion. They attended missions principally to acquire a familiarity with the language. As to the Japanese, he did not believe they were more desirable than the Chinese. He had seen many Japanese, however, Japan had made remarkable progress.

Commissioner Munn he said that it was certainly desirable from the Japanese standpoint to make strides toward Western civilization. There was an objection to the Chinese doing likewise, but he did not think they ever would. He did not think the Chinese had been advantageous in clearing land. He considered more land would have been cleared by white people. He did not think it desirable to encourage immigration which only remained here temporarily.

As to the Japanese, he regarded them as detrimental. Inasmuch as they were keener competitors. In the winter months they would work at anything for any price. The canneries made more money before the Japanese fishermen were employed than they do now. It is possible to replace the Japanese with white men, because he knew of white fishermen who could not find employment, and witness said he could produce these men to substitute for the Japanese.

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Barristers' License

Legislative Committee of the City Council Will Take the Matter Up.

Protest From Bar Association—Other Business at Regular Session

The meeting of the city council last evening was comparatively quiet, the principal subject being street paving.

The first communication was from H. D. Helmeck, K. C., M. P., P., president of the board of directors of the Royal Jubilee hospital, and was as follows:

His Worship the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Victoria, Sir: Gentlemen—I understand that it is the feeling of the corporation that the appropriation by the corporation this year for the hospital should be not so much as it has been for the past year.

I also understand that it is alleged that the hospital has refused poor patients who have been sent by the city and the city has had to accommodate in St. Joseph's.

I have made inquiries into the matter and have ascertained that such a representation is wholly unwarranted, that application was made to the hospital for accommodation, but the hospital was full and could not accommodate any more patients; and I feel certain that such an explanation as that will be accepted, and I venture to submit with all respect it should not be permitted for one moment to influence your honorable body in coming to a conclusion in the matter.

The sum of \$5,000 is little enough for the corporation to contribute to the maintenance of the Jubilee hospital, and, with all due deference, if there is any reduction in contemplation, I must respectfully enter a protest against any such treatment being meted out to this institution.

I shall be pleased to confer with your honorable body at any time with regard to this matter, and bring before you figures which will convince you that the position taken by the institution is not unreasonable.

The institution is very grateful, indeed, to the corporation for the assistance it has rendered, but I feel sure that the corporation does not intend to hamper the food work which the hospital has carried on, and is carrying on, and I wish to say that any reduction in the annual appropriation will place the hospital at a disadvantage.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, Your obedient servant, H. DALLAS HELMECK, President.

Received and laid on the table, pending the consideration of the petition of J. H. Lawson, secretary of the Victoria Bar Association, who said as follows: To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Victoria, B. C.:

Sir—I am requested on behalf of the Bar Association to call the attention of your board to the discrimination shown by the present tax of \$25 per annum levied upon each practicing member of the legal profession in this city.

The number of members engaged in the business of the firm so taxed. I might also call your attention to the fact that no other professions are taxed by the municipality, and that each practitioner is now compelled to pay an annual fee of \$30 to the Law Society in order to be entitled to practice. It would appear just that the tax levied by the municipality should not exceed that collected from retail traders, namely, \$10 from each firm of barristers or solicitors, and we would further respectfully suggest that your legislative committee be instructed to urge the amendment of sub-section 21 of section 171 of the act in the direction of the following:

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Mrs. S. E. Onions asked for water connection with her property on Ida street. Referred to the water commissioner for report. The secretary of the V. B. lodge reminded the council that the subscription of the city library to their magazine expired, and asked it be renewed. Received and will be renewed. The city clerk reported a resolution of matters which had been referred to the city engineer during the week. Received and filed.

The tender of J. Ball for cordwood was accepted. E. B. C. Bagshaw, of the Ottawa Fire Insurance Association, submitted rates for insurance, and asked for a six months' rebate of taxes for his company. Referred to city solicitor for report. The city engineer informed the council that the sidewalk in the disputed Craigflower road territory was in bad condition and required repairs. He recommended that it either be repaired or taken up.

Ald. Brydon characterized this sidewalk as a man trap, and both he and Ald. Beckwith advised that it be repaired. Ald. Kinsman issued his ultimatum. He intended voting against it. He could not see what right the city had in repairing that walk until the verdict of the judgment of the court. The road should be opened on the local improvement plan. If the council had taken his advice they would have been \$250 to the good. He moved that the sidewalk be removed. Finally it was decided to refer the matter to the city solicitor to advise the city engineer if he had power to make the necessary repairs. The market superintendent reported the collections for March to have been \$138.15. Received and adopted. The finance committee recommended

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The standing committee on finance recommended the appropriation of \$2,691.65 for the payment of current accounts. Adopted. The resolution recommended by the mayor, that the report of the city assessor and city engineer regarding the paving of Government street, which was reported at last Monday's meeting, be referred back to those officials, was next taken up. The resolution appeared in these columns last Saturday evening, and stood in the name of Ald. Stewart and Yates.

The mayor explained that under the plan adopted by the council, the by-law would be defeated, as some of the property owners objected to bearing part of the cost of putting in stone curbing, the crossings at the street intersection, as well as that of removing the telephone and electric light poles.

The mayor then read the following schedules that had been prepared by the city engineer: According to schedule 1901, the city paying one-third of cost of work. Total cost, \$27,168.00; property share, \$9,056.00.

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This caused considerable discussion, some of the aldermen advising that the mayor be referred to the committee on roads and sewers committee, and others that a conference be held with the dissenting property owners, and the question be fully discussed. Finally it was decided to refer the matter to the city engineer on Wednesday evening.

Ald. Beckwith inquired if any reply had been forwarded to the school board that they were requiring the city to provide for the erection of a new high school. He understood from the city solicitor that a petition was necessary, and moved that the school board be advised before the council meets on Wednesday. The Boots and Shoes Early Closing By-law was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed.

Tenders for lead were read from R. P. Rither & Co. and Evans, Goings & Evans, Vancouver, and for electrical supplies were received from Hinton & Co. and Canadian General Electrical Co. The last tender to be received was from J. H. Lawson, secretary of the Victoria Bar Association, who said as follows: To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Victoria, B. C.:

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The standing committee on finance recommended the appropriation of \$2,691.65 for the payment of current accounts. Adopted. The resolution recommended by the mayor, that the report of the city assessor and city engineer regarding the paving of Government street, which was reported at last Monday's meeting, be referred back to those officials, was next taken up. The resolution appeared in these columns last Saturday evening, and stood in the name of Ald. Stewart and Yates.

The mayor explained that under the plan adopted by the council, the by-law would be defeated, as some of the property owners objected to bearing part of the cost of putting in stone curbing, the crossings at the street intersection, as well as that of removing the telephone and electric light poles.

The mayor then read the following schedules that had been prepared by the city engineer: According to schedule 1901, the city paying one-third of cost of work. Total cost, \$27,168.00; property share, \$9,056.00.

They Chased Gen. Dewet

Trooper Fraser Tells of the Duties Which Devolved Upon the Strathconas.

Pursuing Close Upon the Wily Boer Leader They Almost Captured Him.

W. D. Fraser, a member of Strathcona's Horse, who has just returned to Victoria, has some very interesting stories of the South African war. Together with all the men of Strathcona's, he has the greatest admiration for Col. Steele. For a time they were attached to the Boer army, and were captured by Gen. Buller's column.

In the march upon Lydenburg Strathcona's were constantly kept upon the scouting line, although there were two other columns in the brigade, the Light Horse and the Mounted Infantry. Gen. Buller told Col. Steele that he could cover six miles of the Boer line, and that he was leading that column.

Entering the Crocodile valley in the advance upon Lydenburg the Boers fired upon them from the surrounding mountains at a range of six miles. The Boer army was practically bottled in a donga, where they lay all day, and then fell back to their former camp near the Crocodile river.

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Castro the Dictator

How the President of Venezuela Raises Money For the Government.

Merchants, Barefooted and Shackles, Marched Through Streets by Soldiers.

Cincinnati, O., April 6.—A dispatch from the Enquirer from San Juan de los Rios says: "Minister Loomis has been arrested, though dispatches state that he is in Caracas. San Juan on the auxiliary cruiser Scorpion, due yesterday. It is suspected that the Scorpion will join the squadron at Caracas, whence daily dispatch boats are sent to San Juan. There evidently has been some delay in the departure from Caracas of Minister Loomis. Naval circles here profess ignorance of whereabouts of Loomis.

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