

Dodging A Scandal

Mr. Sifton Avoids Investigation of a Queer Transaction in Manitoba.

No Insolvency Bill if Provinces Look After Bankrupts' Estates.

Out of Date Colonels Redded at a Sweep-Office for Ex-M. P.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 16.—The whole of the day's sitting of the Commons was consumed in the discussion of the Manitoba decision cases. Sir Herbert Tupper...

No Insolvency Bill. The Premier announced that there would be no insolvency bill this session...

Place for Ex-Member. Warden Metcalfe has been retired from the charge of Kingston penitentiary...

Colonels Mustered Out. The important announcement is made from the militia department...

Minor Notes. Entrance examinations for admission to the Royal Military College will be held at the headquarters of the several military districts commencing Tuesday...

A WOMAN'S MANY CRIMES. Murder, Kidnapping and Forgery Proved and Fifteen Years in Siberia Her Punishment.

St. Petersburg, May 16.—A trial which has caused a great sensation here, owing to the high station of the prisoner, has just been concluded. The evidence disclosed that the accused, Maria Merschizka, a woman of noble birth, had led an extraordinary career of intrigue and crime...

A DEWEY BLOWOUT. New York Aldermen Borrowing a Large Amount for the Ocession.

New York, May 16.—The council this afternoon adopted the resolution passed previously by the board of aldermen, providing for the lease of bonds to the amount of \$100,000. Mr. Day the expenses in connection with the proposed celebration of the arrival of Admiral Dewey...

STREET RAILWAY FARES. Four-cent Ordinance of Cleveland Council Held to Have Been Illegal.

Cleveland, O., May 16.—Judge Rocks of the United States circuit court to-day decided in favor of the street railways in the legal battle over the low fare ordinance passed by the city council several months ago. The court sustained the ordinance in their claim that the ordinance was in contravention of the constitution. The ordinance required the street car companies to carry passengers for 4 cents, with universal transfers.

NANAIMO NOTES. Nanaimo, May 16.—Walter M. Buss and Miss Florence McDonald, of this city, were married last evening.

The steamship Titania arrived this evening from San Francisco for coal.

The steamship Wellington arrived at Departure Bay last night for coal.

The steamship Wilmette sailed to-night for San Francisco.

THE GRAIN BLOCKADE. Chicago, May 16.—Shippers were begging for boats to take grain to Buffalo today, but vessel men will not hear of sending any ships to that point until the strike is in better shape.

COMMERCIAL CONGRESS. Philadelphia, May 16.—Great Britain will be officially represented at the international commercial congress to be held here in connection with next fall's national exposition. Invitations were sent to every British colony.

ADVANCING ARBITRATION. British and American Delegates Would Give It First Place—A Professor's Forebodings.

Much attention has been attracted by the publication of a long letter addressed to Baroness Suiser by Professor Bloch, to whose well-known "War of the Future" the inception of the Czar's peace project is believed to have been due.

The letter is made public on the eve of the meeting of the conference at The Hague, with the purpose, Professor Bloch contends, of affecting the deliberations of the conference. Government and military classes, he says, are making every effort to retard the peace movement. While political economists, savants and the masses generally approve the conference, diplomats and military leaders oppose it. He apprehends that the Czar's idea will not be represented at the conference. In these circumstances and as a means of counteracting any attempt to paralyze the action of the conference, Professor Bloch suggests consideration of the two following questions: First, whether the time has not actually arrived when war would result in the mutual destruction of the combatants. And second, whether the existing balance of power would not remain the same after war, with the difference that it would be no longer possible to prevent a socialistic element from leading to a catastrophe.

The Hague, March 16.—It is understood that the American and British representatives are meeting with some success in their efforts to get the question of international arbitration which is now the eighth article of the programme, advanced to first place.

Treason in The Transvaal

Cecil Rhodes' South African League Accused of a Huge Plot.

The important announcement is made from the militia department that commanding officers whose tenure of office is up or who have reached the age limit are to consider themselves on leave of absence, pending official action as announced in the Canada Gazette.

Arrest of Seven Men Said to Have Been Formerly British Officers.

Johannesburg, May 16.—A number of men have been arrested on a charge of high treason.

Pretoria, Transvaal, May 16.—The arrest at Johannesburg of seven alleged former British officers on a charge of high treason has caused intense excitement here. The prisoners were brought to Pretoria by a special train. After they had been lodged in goal they were visited by the British diplomatic agent here.

The arrests were effected by a detective who joined the movement, which it is asserted was for the purpose of enrolling men in order to cause an outbreak. Incriminating documents were found upon the prisoners, and it is expected that further arrests will be made.

London, May 16.—The advices from Johannesburg of arrests for high treason are probably connected with a mysterious dispatch received at Johannesburg from Pretoria on May 12, saying that a special train fully equipped with Boer artillerymen, guns and searchlight apparatus, was being held in readiness at the capital of the Transvaal. The statement was then declared to be without substance, but to-day's news throws a more serious light on the movement, and it is certain there will be a great sensation in London when the news of the arrests becomes generally known.

The Standard and Digges' News, the Boer organ in London, has a despatch which says that the warrants were issued yesterday evening by the state attorney and executed at midnight. The despatch adds that a plot or scheme to "have been maturing for four months, and that the accused, who are said to have been engaged in the South African League, have already enlisted 2,000 men.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the former premier of Cape Colony and resident director in South Africa of the British Chartered South African Co., who was recently elected president of the South African League, informs the Associated Press that he has had nothing regarding the arrests at Johannesburg, and that he knows nothing about the reason for which they were made.

London, May 16.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Capetown says the negotiations in a meeting between President Kruger and Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, and the British high commissioner for South Africa, regarding the grievances of Uitlanders in the Transvaal, have culminated finally in an arrangement for a conference which will probably be held in Capetown.

CUBAN LABORERS RIOT. They Demand Back Pay and Imitate the Customs of Their New Masters.

Cienfuegos, Province of Santa Clara, Cuba, May 16.—About 5 o'clock last evening a gang of Cuban dock laborers cented upon Capt. Barker, Capt. of the port, and demanded their back pay. As they were violent, Capt. Barker drew his revolver. The laborers returned, but returned soon after with 20 others with a similar demand, using obscene and profane language, insulting Capt. Barker, and offering threats. Cuban police were ordered to arrest the malcontents, and a general street fight followed, in which one laborer was killed and seven persons injured, including three police. As the Cuban populace became very insulting and threatened revenge, an outbreak is expected, and the Second United States Infantry, regulars, is ordered into the city. Troops are now patrolling the town.

British Officers In a Tight Place.

Transvaal Detectives Claims to Have Evidence That Suspects' Business in The Rand Was to Perfect Plans for Rebellion

Ranks From Colonel Down to Sergeant Represented in The Eight Arrests—British Agent Expresses Regret to President Kruger.

Mr. Chamberlain Says He Is Taken by Surprise—The London Press Dwells on The Great Provocation To Armed Resistance.

By Associated Press.

Pretoria, May 16.—The British agent and charge d'affaires, Mr. Conyngham Green, had an interview with President Kruger this afternoon, and expressed regret that men who had worn the Queen's uniform should be concerned in such a movement as that for which the arrests of British officers have been made. President Kruger replied that he would not believe that the prisoners were Britishers until it had been proved. He added that he hoped the affair would not interfere with the proposed meeting between himself and Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony and British high commissioner for South Africa.

The officers arrested are eight in number, instead of seven, as previously claimed. They are: Captain Patterson, formerly of the Lancers; Col. R. P. Nichols, Lieut. B. J. Tremlett, C. A. Ellis, lately a private detective at Johannesburg, Lieut. John Allen, formerly of the Horse Artillery, Quartermaster Mitchell, former Sergeant Fries and former Sergeant P. R. Hooper. None of them have been in the employ of the British South Africa Chartered Company. It is said that the commissioners of police who had the affair in hand have been working on the case for months. Mr. Beatty, the detective who effected the arrests received his instructions last week and secured the necessary warrants yesterday. The executive of the Transvaal is sitting in secret session this evening, considering the arrests.

Capetown, May 16.—According to the press from Pretoria, the charge against the prisoners is that while staying in the Rand privately they were really engaged in enlisting men for the purpose of rebellion when they were ready to give the signal. It is said that the enlistment roster included 2,000 men, and that a number of incriminating documents were found at the time the arrests were made.

London, May 16.—Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, who was interviewed in the lobby of the House of Commons this evening, said he had heard nothing officially regarding the arrests in the Transvaal, and did not think that too serious significance ought to be attached to them. No information was reached him from South Africa, he asserted, that could lead him in any way to anticipate or explain the arrests.

The news caused considerable excitement among members of the House of Commons, but little disposition was manifested to credit the rumors of a rebellious conspiracy.

All the morning papers devote their principal editorials to the arrests in the Transvaal, counselling a postponement of any conclusion until the facts of the case are ascertained, and declining to believe that English officers or subjects have been guilty of what the Standard terms "such treacherous acts."

The Daily Mail says: "The conditions are that of a boiler with furnaces at full blast and safety valves screwed down. No conspiracy can flourish while freedom exists and the Kruger policy will inevitably produce resistance."

At the meeting of the city council last night, a motion to rescind a former resolution empowering the mayor to do as he thought best to protect the interests of the city in Deadman's island, was defeated by the mayor's casting vote, so that a city policeman will still be kept on the island.

RELIGION IN POLITICS. Eastern Ontario Catholic Liberals Revert to the Movement to Crowd Out Their Cabinet Representative.

Toronto, May 16.—(Special)—Catholic Liberals throughout the province have been somewhat disturbed at the action of the local executive of the approaching convention in calling on Minister Hart and asking his intentions in the matter of settlement. At Gananoque, Morrisburg, Brockville and other places particularly in Eastern Ontario, their action has been commented on, and resolutions have been passed condemning the proposal to call a convention and the steps taken in connection with it. Other ridings have elected delegates to the convention, which takes place May 23 at Toronto.

In the meantime the local executive have held called upon to issue an official statement, in which they repudiate the idea that the convention is being promoted in the interest of certain Ontario gentlemen, and expressing the opinion that no one should be named by the convention for any position whatever, but that a resolution should be passed endorsing the opinion of the convention, and a strong committee representing the different parts of the province be appointed to carry these views into effect.

TO MAKE FOLK YOUNGER. Chicago Professors Say Extract of Young Goat Will Work Wonders.

Chicago, May 16.—The Tribune says: "A discovery which, it is claimed, solves the problem of rejuvenating old age, has just been made public by Professors Joseph R. Hawley and Alexander C. Wiener, of the Chicago Clinical School. The return to youth, it is asserted, is produced by hypodermic injections of the lymphatic fluid of animals, particularly young goats. The discovery was made a year ago and subsequent secret demonstrations of its efficiency are asserted. At one time, experiments at the school Dr. Hawley administered hypodermic injections of the fluid from the lymphatic glands of a goat to a dog known to be 14 years old. The dog was watched carefully for two months, and at the end of that time the animal was as lively as a puppy. A number of human beings, it is said, have been experimented on in Chicago in the same way with the same results."

MINTO TO VISIT CHICAGO. Accepts Invitation to Himself and Captain to Attend at Autumnal Festival.

Chicago, May 16.—The formal invitations to President Diaz of Mexico and Lord Minto, Governor General of Canada, and their cabinets, to meet President McKinley and his cabinet in this city on October 9, at the Federal building corner-stone ceremony, and to be the guests of the Federal committee at the Chicago Autumnal festival, have been prepared in illuminated form and signed by 50 members of Chicago. A special envoy to Ottawa and the City of Mexico has received an assurance from both Lord Minto and President Diaz that they will accept the invitation.

THE FLAG OVER KOWLOON. Chinese Garrison Quietly Give Up Their Arms and Fifty Soldiers Keep the Peace.

Hongkong, May 16.—Part of the British troops sent into the disturbed territory near here returned, after taking possession of Kowloon city. The Chinese garrison was disarmed. The British flag was hoisted without disturbance, and 50 men of the Welsh regiment were left to garrison the place. No news has been received from the hinterland expedition.

AMERICA'S DEBUT. Participation in Peace Conference May Lead to Intervention in All European Questions.

London, May 16.—The Rome correspondent of the Times says: "Signor Crispi writes to the Nueveci Antolgi that the arguments of the Vatican in favor of representation at The Hague are untenable, as the Pope has neither army nor fleet. The invitation to the United States he considers important, as the South American governments have not been invited. He believes that the appearance of the United States in the European council will be followed by their intervention in all European questions. The conference, he declares, will avoid but will not cause for quarrel. It will regulate but not destroy the germs of wars."

PROFITS IN RUBBER. Two and a Half Millions of Undivided Earnings in One Company's Treasury.

New York, May 16.—The seventh annual meeting of the United States Rubber Co. was held at New Brunswick, N. J., to-day. The report of Charles R. Flint, treasurer, showed that the undivided earnings in the treasury of the manufacturing company composing the concern now amounted to \$2,488,364. The surplus for the year was \$823,022, as compared with \$108,915 on March 31, 1898. The manufacturing company earned during the year \$438,871 in excess of dividends paid.

Ludgate Is Now Enjoined. Supreme Court Puts Check Upon Further Disregard of Property Rights.

Vancouver, May 16.—Theodore Ludgate was about to start work on Deadman's island again to-day when served with an injunction obtained by Attorney-General MacInnes from Chief Justice McCall, restraining him from cutting timber on the island until Wednesday afternoon next. A continuation of the injunction will be moved for to-morrow afternoon, when new developments are expected.

Half the Council With the Mayor A Mill Hand Drowned.

Vancouver, May 16.—The council has decided to submit a by-law to the people for the purchase for \$15,000 of 17 lots on the water front at English Bay, the property of C. G. Major. The city would convert the lots into a summer bathing resort.

ROCKEFELLER'S STRIKE IN OIL. One Man Controls Price and Can Make New Millions at Will.

Washington, May 16.—Attorney-General Frank Monett, of Ohio, was before the industrial commission to-day as a witness in the trust investigation. His testimony related almost exclusively to the Standard Oil trust, against which he has been proceeding in his official capacity in Ohio. Mr. Monett gave figures showing the capital stock of the twenty companies comprising the trust, as well as their valuation, showing the total amount to be \$120,000,000 and a valuation of \$121,631,000. He said the trust could make its dividends whatever it desired them to be, as it controlled completely the retail price of oil. Mr. Monett told of the distribution of the stock of the trust, saying that the trustees held 469,280 of the 700,000 shares, and that Mr. John D. Rockefeller, chairman of the trust, held the majority of the stock, to which Mr. Monett replied: "Yes, it is practically a one-man power."

YOUNG MAN DROWNED. Charles A. May, 18 years old, son of Chief Engineer May of Tait's shipping company, was drowned to-day, slipping from a boom of logs into shallow water. He was rendered unconscious owing to his head striking a log in falling.

CONDUCTOR'S SUIT. The Fall court is in session to-day, hearing the appeal in the case of Conductor Woods, injured on the C. P. R. by his falling in long grass between the rails while coupling cars.

VAN WYCK'S POOL ROOMS. Mayor of New York Very Angry Because Questioned Regarding Them.

New York, May 16.—Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck was on the witness stand to-day before the Mazet investigating committee, and at the close of the morning session was excused for one week. At the afternoon session of the committee the principal witnesses were Police Commissioner Seaton and President York of the police board.

CHINA'S AMBITION. St. Petersburg, May 16.—The Svet states that China is negotiating with Russia for a loan to increase and reorganize her navy.

DOMINION NEWS NOTES. Special to the Colonist.

Deserters at Halifax. Halifax, May 16.—Desertions are occurring almost daily from the First Leicestershire regiment, stationed here. Five privates have departed within the past week, four of the number on Friday. Men of nearly every corps in the garrison and several sailors from H. M. S. Comus, Alert and Banzard have deserted within the past few months.

Bad for Cattle Shippers. Montreal, May 16.—The anticipated increase in prices on the Liverpool and London markets for Canadian cattle has not materialized at present, and the tone of cable advices is anything but encouraging.

Andree's Cousin. Montreal, May 16.—Andree's cousin, who left for British Columbia last evening, questioned with regard to the probability of the explorer being found alive, said the family had about given up hope of ever seeing him again. It is Andree's opinion that his cousin has been lost in the fogs of the Arctic ocean.

Bridging Niagara. Montreal, May 16.—The Grand Trunk company has decided to build another mammoth railway bridge over the Niagara river at Buffalo. It is expected work will begin next year.

Quite a Catch. Montreal, May 16.—Narciso Picotte, reported to be one of the wealthiest French-Canadians in Dawson City, where he has been settled for some time, was married yesterday at the Bishop's Palace to Miss Etta Van Hatton. Picotte is said to be worth \$500,000.

Two Drowned. Trenton, May 16.—Four men, Elias Weeks, Edward Chase, John Fiberg and Gilbert Bonter, were crossing in a sailboat from Weller's Bay, Brighton when the boat capsized and filled. Two of them were drowned. The others were found last evening, but both may die.

Debt Worried Him. Guelph, May 16.—Alexander White, aged 19, of Pilkington, dependent through debt, put two bullets into his head. He is still alive, the weapon used being small calibre.

The Bank Robbers. Toronto, May 16.—Several men have been arrested at Tweed on suspicion of being implicated in the Howmanyville bank robbery, and two other men at Peterboro as suspicious characters. Some standard bank bills were found on the Peterboro suspects.

No Criminals Bagged. Toronto, May 16.—For the first time in 30 years there were no criminal cases at the assizes opened here yesterday. The Poston case has been postponed till fall.

Valuable Water Power. Toronto, May 16.—Negotiations for the surrender of the monopoly held by the Ontario government. The company agree to abandon the monopoly at an annual rental of \$25,000 in return for concessions which will enable them to use a portion of the power at a good rental.

Flour Mill Burned. Brantford, May 16.—The White mill, one of the oldest and largest flour mills in the county of Brant, was burned this afternoon. Loss, \$25,000.

Ontario Legislature. Berlin, May 16.—Brethel, Liberal, and Dr. Lachner, Conservative, were nominated to-day for the North Waterloo vacancy in the legislature.

Peg Leg's Last Day. London, May 16.—Peg-Leg Brown, the murderer of Constable Twoly, will be executed here to-morrow. Radcliff, the hangman, will officiate. Brown says he is ready to die, and it is understood he will confess everything. He was greatly overcome when told that there would be no commutation of his sentence.

Loosely Kept Gail. Winnipeg, May 16.—Guzak, the Galician murderer, made an attempt to escape from Winnipeg jail yesterday morning. He had managed to get hold of the towels in his cell and was preparing to drop from a hole made through the bricks in the wall. He is under sentence of death.

One Wife Too Many. Winnipeg, May 16.—A. H. Delaney, of Crystal City, is under arrest here charged with bigamy, having wedded No. 2 in this province while No. 1 was still alive in Ontario.

Eaton Moving Westward. Winnipeg, May 16.—It is reported that Eaton & Co., of Toronto, will erect a mammoth department store here.

Twelve Thousand Voters. Winnipeg, May 16.—The time limit for registration of voters of the province expired to-day. There will be nearly 12,000 names on the Winnipeg lists.

Obituary. Winnipeg, May 16.—R. R. Brough, assistant postmaster of Winnipeg since 1882, died this evening, after a lengthy illness, aged 64. The deceased was a son of the late Archdeacon Brough, of London, Ont.

Stratford, May 16.—Joseph Carlin, a teacher, suicided to-day.

Toronto, May 16.—Andrew Slater, aged 84, and James C. Campbell, aged 83, are dead. Both have resided here about 70 years.

Personal. Winnipeg, May 16.—Ex-Lieutenant Governor Dewdney of British Columbia arrived in the city to-day, en route to Montreal.

John Dick, of this city, left to-day for Vancouver, where he will join a party bound for Dawson City. T. D. McFarlane, of Brandon, H. E. Boyer, of St. Louis, T. Muir, of Douglas, and a number of Eastern gentlemen will be included in the party, which leaves on the 20th.

Rev. C. C. Owen, assistant rector of Holy Trinity church, left to-day for London, Ont., to take up his residence.

THE CUP DEFENDER. New York, May 16.—Oliver Iven said to-day that it had been decided to launch Columbia, the new America's cup defender, on June 8.

Hicks-Beach Blamed

Chancellor of Exchequer's Proposal to Starve the Cable Project.

But Agents General Have Found a Friend in the Colonial Secretary.

Who Will Prevail on Home Government to Take Proper Share.

By Associated Press.

London, May 16.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press learns on undoubted authority that the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, is responsible for the somewhat niggardly financial support offered by the Imperial government to the Pacific cable project, but that the high commissioner for Canada, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, and the other interested agents general were apparently satisfied from the developments of the last few days that the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, who is prepared to do far more towards fostering the scheme than some of his colleagues, will ultimately prevail on the home government to contribute a considerable portion of the capital required for the projected cable.

TELEGRAPH TO DAWSON. Ottawa, May 16.—In the house, in answer to Colonel Prior, Sir Louis Davies said that the Department of Public Works had received communication from the Commercial Telegraph Co., stating their readiness to go ahead with the work of constructing a telegraph line from Skagway to Dawson. The Government, however, had commenced construction of the line over the same route. Lord Strathcona telegraphed that the Commercial Company's means were ample.

QUEER FOLK BY SHIPLOAD. Fresh Apprehension That the Galician and Danubian Business is Being Overdone.

Toronto, May 16.—A special cable to the Globe says 1,000 Galicians are on their way to Canada on the steamer Phoenicia, and another 1,000 are on the point of sailing. The tide of European immigration seems turned very strongly towards the Dominion; in fact some authorities profess to think it may prove embarrassing by being too large.

Montreal, May 16.—A special cable says: On May 12, 2,078 Doukhobors left Stettin on the steamer Lake Huron for Quebec, under arrangements made by the Canadian Pacific railway. This makes 7,000 of these people who have left for the Canadian Northwest during the past few months.

SMUGGLERS OF DRUGS. New York Customs Officers Arrest Four Men Who Are Held on Heavy Bail.

New York, May 16.—A number of special custom house agents to-day arrested four men on a charge of smuggling and confiscating a large quantity of phenacetine, salifolium, opium, ammonia and other valuable drugs. The names of the men arrested are given as Edward E. Woodson, A. Commins, Francis F. Plasse and Paul Simpson.

The four prisoners were arraigned before Police Commissioner Shields, who held them for examination. Woodson is \$5,000 each, Commins and Plasse in \$2,500 each, and Simpson in \$1,000.

Woodson is charged with Kennedy, saying his name was Williams. In dress suit case in his possession officers discovered a number of 1-lb. cans of phenacetine and opium. The names of this case was a tag of the Richardson store, Toronto. Among his other effects were found considerable correspondence with Canadian druggists and merchants.

IN THE PHILIPPINES. Rebels Give Up Canadian and American Captives—Rain Impedes Military Movements.

Manila, May 16.—Messrs. Carriek and Holmes, the American and Canadian civilians captured at Calumpit rice mill, have been released by the rebel general, Luna, who saw them through his lines with several Englishmen who received forty-eight hours notice to leave rebel territory.

Gen. Lawton's advanced force has left San Miguel and is moving in the direction of San Isidro. A rain storm impeded the progress of the troops and several of the force was within seven miles of its destination.

Madrid, May 16.—General Miles, commander of the Spanish troops remaining in the Philippines, has called to the War Office here announcing that he has entered into an immediate agreement with Maj.-Gen. Otis, the United States commander for an immediate Spanish evacuation of Zamboanga and Jolo. Consequently the Steamer Leon XIII. will occupy Jolo and render honors to the Spanish flag on the departure of the Spanish troops.

New York, May 16.—A Berlin despatch to the Staats Zeitung says word has been received from Hong Kong that members of the Chinese firm of Smith & Company, Hong Kong, suddenly left the city, upon it being ascertained that they were supplying Aguinaldo with arms and ammunition.

Seattle, May 16.—Major Welsenberger, commanding volunteers in the Philippines, writes that the Filipinos offered a special reward for those who succeeded in killing either an officer or private in the First Washington.

# Speeding The Liquor

### Victorians Who Called on Mr. Sifton to Lift the Blockade.

### Finance Minister Fielding Declares Against Mint for This Province.

### British Columbia Not in Redistribution—The Dawson Ferry.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 15.—A return brought down today about liquor permits for the Yukon shows that on August 1st Mr. F. Peters, of Victoria, telegraphed to Mr. Sifton that the Bennett Lake & Klondike Navigation Co. had received a permit dated May 29 from the government of the Northwest to take 1,000 gallons of whiskey into the Yukon, but the consignment had been stopped by the mounted police. By order of the department, at Mr. Peters' request, the liquor was allowed to pass, the government to challenge by Kid McCoy to aspirants for the middleweight championship, Wm. E. Pierce, manager of George Byers, today deposited \$500 as a guarantee to match Byers against McCoy at middleweight. Pierce will be satisfied to have the affair decided at Denver.

# Snubbed by Washington.

### Canadian Ministers Told That Their Presence Is But a Hindrance.

### And Treaty Could Quickly Be Arranged With London Direct.

By Associated Press.

London, May 12.—With reference to the progress of negotiations by the joint commission a correspondent here of the Associated Press obtained from the highest quarter the following statement: "The negotiations have not been broken off nor endangered in any way since the adjournment of the commission. If matters proceed as smoothly as they are at present, Sir Julian Pauncefote's return to Washington will be signalled by a treaty which will settle all questions at issue in a manner honorable and pleasing to the countries concerned."

Washington, May 12.—Due notice has been taken by the officials here of the semi-official declaration from London respecting the chances for the conclusion of a treaty between the United States and Canada. All that is said is that the administration will be extremely gratified if Sir Julian Pauncefote returns to the United States with new instructions that will meet the difficulties which barred the first commission, for as matters stand it is believed that nothing can be expected to result from a further meeting of the commission.

The dispatch also seems to convey an intimation that the British government have only reached a conclusion that only one method by which these vexatious issues are to be settled is by direct negotiation between the representatives of the government of Great Britain and the United States. The parties to the negotiations up to this point have expressed perfect confidence in their ability to reach a satisfactory agreement between themselves in a short period of time if allowed to do as they believed right so they would be relieved of the intervening forces.

A MEMBER'S IMMUNITY.

Col. Prior Denies Right of Suitor to Call Him From Parliamentary Duties.

Toronto, May 12.—(Special)—A motion was made before Judge Street this morning to compel Col. Prior, M.P. for Victoria, for contempt of court in not attending for examination in connection with the case of the late Mrs. Wood, to be delivered of shares in the Crown's Nest Bank company, claimed to have been bought by him, as the defence is that he was not called upon to leave his parliamentary duties. Judgment was reserved.

French Steamer Taken as Blockade Runner Without Evidence of Unlawful Intent.

Washington, May 15.—The United States supreme court today decided the prize-money case against the French steamer Olynde Rodriguez, the first of the naval prize-money cases growing out of the Spanish war to reach court. The decision was announced by Chief Justice Fuller, and directed that the vessel, which was captured off San Juan, Porto Rico on the 17th of July, last, and has been held by this government since that time, be returned to its owners, on the ground that it was not proven that the steamer's cargo intended to enter the blockade zone.

DELEGATES AT THE HAGUE.

Netherlands Thanked by the Czar for Friendship to His Scheme.

The Hague, May 15.—The Russian ambassador to the Court of St. James, representative of Russia at the peace conference and president of that body, conferred with the foreign minister of the Netherlands, W. H. Debaufort, and handed him the decoration of the Order of St. Stanislaw, which he had received from the Russian representative, Mr. Bowers, who arrived shortly, and unless advised to submit to arrest by him he would have remained in the city.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Eloquent Address on Sunday—Subjects of Yesterday's Discussion.

Nanaimo, May 15.—(Special)—The delegates to the B. C. Methodist conference assembled on local platforms on Sunday. Rev. J. C. Speer delivered an eloquent lecture on Christian Science and kindred things before Theological Union.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland preached to a large congregation in the morning, taking for his text I Tim., 4-16, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." Following the sermon, which was a masterly effort, the solemn rite of ordination to the Christian ministry was administered to Dr. E. Large, medical missionary to Bella Bella.

In the evening Rev. Mr. Speer spoke to an audience which filled the building and spilled itself out into the leaguer room adjoining.

When the conference re-assembled this morning a resolution appreciative of the assistance given by Dr. Sutherland in the work of the conference, as well as his lecture on Friday evening on the subject of Christian Science, was carried unanimously.

Rev. J. Hall and R. W. Harris were appointed a committee to look into the titles of church property and see that all lands made in conformity to the model deed.

The report of Conqualets Indian Institute, showing the school to be in a prosperous condition, was presented by the principal and received by the conference.

The Court General Kitchener A. O. F. has been organized here, with a charter membership of over fifty.

John Mahler, a prominent merchant of this city, returned from Atlin on the steamer Danube this afternoon, and Maher on the latest arrival from Atlin and reports everything quiet there.

The San Mateo arrived yesterday and sailed this afternoon for San Francisco, with 4200 tons of coal.

# CARPETS, RUGS, ART SQUARES

### Who Arrest and Handcuff Him for Taking Provincial Timber.

### Riot Act Read and Attorney-General Martin Talks of Shooting.

From Our Own Correspondent.

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### Preparations to Effectively Deal With Rebels Menacing Europeans in Kowloon.

By Associated Press.

Hongkong, May 15.—About 1,350 infantry soldiers, 100 artillerymen, 50 engineers and 500 marines have gone to the Kowloon hinterland. The greatest secrecy is observed as to the plans of the British authorities, and nothing is known regarding the actual destination of the troops, but it seems evident that two detachments of troops will advance on Tai-Po-Fu and Deep Bay, cut off the rebels and drive them from the ceded territory. The gun vessels engaged in the operations have been provisioned for eight days.

Troops are patrolling the European quarter of Kowloon.

It is reported that Chinese rebels from Tung King invaded British territory yesterday evening, and that two armed gangs robbed the city of Kowloon, Hongkong itself is quiet.

ANOTHER SENATOR DEAD.

Major Boulton of Manitoba Quickly Succumbs to Congestion of the Lungs.

Winnipeg, May 15.—(Special)—Senator Boulton died unexpectedly at his residence at Russell this morning.

The Senator's demise was due to congestion of the lungs, contracted while driving from Elkhorn to his home at Russell, as he was unable to make direct train connections upon returning from Ottawa two weeks ago. His death will be deeply deplored in the North-western portion of Manitoba, where he was best known.

EXASPERATING TO THE CANNERS.

Meddlesome Restrictions by Government Likely to Cause Serious Loss.

Vancouver, May 13.—The salmon canning industry is in a demoralized condition, owing to the short-sightedness of the federal government in passing regulations in the first place that so discouraged canners that pending the changes demanded and only recently made, they could make no preparations for the season's run. While the regulations have been somewhat modified, they are still unworkable, and dire results are prophesied by some of the canners here.

The tin plate is very scarce, and many of the canners were so discouraged with the outlook that when the better treated makers of Foreign Sound came into the market to buy cans, they let go more than they could safely spare. Now it is so that further tin cannot be secured in time for the season's run, so that no matter how big the run is, the pack must be small.

There is also a certainty of trouble in securing labor for the fishery on account of the registration requirements. The industry is being paralyzed, owing to the meddlesome and ignorant actions of the men misrepresenting Vancouver and Westminister, who are inspiring the Ottawa authorities not to what they should or should not do.

TWO YEARS FOR SMUGGLING.

Hamilton Man Who Took Tobacco Over Suspension Bridge—Two Female Accomplices.

Rochester, N. Y., May 13.—The federal grand jury has been in session here during the past week before Judge Cox. Amongst the most important cases was the hearing of the case against one Johnson, Mrs. Mary Oliver and the latter's daughter, Queenie, charged with smuggling leaf tobacco over Suspension Bridge from Canada. Mrs. Oliver pleaded guilty, and escaped with a fine of \$50. Johnson stood trial.

On being brought up for sentence after the jury returned a verdict of guilty as charged, Johnson made a statement admitting that it was the second time that he had been convicted of smuggling, and endeavored to exculpate his partner, saying it was too late, for she had already pleaded guilty and had been sentenced. He was sentenced to two years in Auburn prison, and fined \$50.

The court dealt leniently with Queenie Oliver, on account of her youth, and dismissed the indictment against her. All the parties are residents of Hamilton, Ont.

ACCIDENT AT ROSSLAND.

Columbia-Kootenay Miner Overcome by Gas—Drowned at Ymir—Found Dead.

Rossland, May 15.—Alexander McGregor, employed at the Columbia-Kootenay mine, lost his life to-day from asphyxiation in No. 5 tunnel. McGregor came here from California.

John Greenall, until recently residing here, was drowned in the Salmon river at Ymir on Sunday.

Emile B. Langier, a Frenchman who has lived in Rossland two years, was found dead in an outhouse this morning. Death was the result of natural causes.

ESTERHAZY CHARGES MURDER.

Says an Inconvenient Witness was Put Away and Credited With Suicide.

Paris, May 15.—Ex-Major Esterhazy's latest contribution to the Dreyfus case appears today. It purports to be a letter to Capt. Le Mercier, in which the name of his real name was Lehman, did not commit suicide, but was unquestionably murdered in the place where he was shot on Sunday morning in the Wallace street church.

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# A Lift for The Cable

### Mr. Chamberlain Makes Fresh Promise to the Colonial Agents General.

### The Lords Informed That Desires to Be in Line in Operation

By Associated Press.

London, May 15.—The secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, had a conference today on the subject of the proposed Pacific cable with Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the high commissioner for Canada, and other colonial agents-general, who presented certain modifications of the original proposals. Mr. Chamberlain promised that they should receive the best consideration.

Replying in the House of Lords to the Earl of Aberdeen, former governor-general of Canada, who urged the importance of the imperial and colonial governments reaching an understanding with reference to the Pacific cable, the Earl of Selborne, under secretary of state for the colonies, said Her Majesty's government were perfectly prepared to review the whole matter in the light of any new representations the colonies might make, with a sincere desire to arrive at a decision satisfactory to all the governments concerned.

Continuing the course of his remarks, the Earl of Selborne assured the house that there was no intention upon the part of the government to throw cold water upon a matter of such great public interest, nor was there any idea of being ungracious. He expressed surprise at the statement which had been taken to the government's assertion that the cable was more important to Canada and Australasia than to the United Kingdom, explaining that this was not incompatible with the view that it was of great importance to the Empire, as it might be perfectly true that such a project might be of great imperial interest, and importance to specific portions of the Empire.

Continuing the under secretary said he did not think anyone conversant with the financial position of the matter would regard the government's offer as being ungenerous. He offered to share the burden without demanding a share of the profits. The sum of \$100,000 was named because it seemed to be the outside limit on the proposition of the five-eighths which Great Britain could be called upon to pay.

Mr. Chamberlain, explaining that the offer was merely such as the experience of the post office and treasury suggested as being the most likely to secure success. If the colonies had any objections against the form of the British proposal, the government were perfectly prepared to take any such objections into consideration, with a sincere desire to arrive at a decision which would be satisfactory to all concerned.

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METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Appeal on Behalf of College Meets Generous Response—Ordaining Dr. Large.

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Permission was granted to employ R. H. Pearson with a view to his entering the ministry.

Information was given to the conference that certain brothers resigned from the ministry had been discharging the duties of a minister, but was ordered that the secretary of the conference advise the complainants and inform them, that if a minister resigned from the ministry, he can no longer lawfully perform the functions of a minister.

Rev. Jos. Hall presented the financial statement of the conference, which showed the faithful results of a year of hard work on the part of the staff. The number of students had more than doubled, and the prospects for the future were bright and reassuring. On motion of Mr. Simpson, the conference resolved to pay \$4,000 to meet all expenses and pay off floating liabilities, \$3,025 was subscribed in half an hour. The principal is authorized to follow up the appeal throughout the province during the year.

A communication from the quarterly official board of New Westminster Central church extended an invitation to meet at New Westminster another year.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland was interviewed regarding the question referred to the conference by the Indian conference at Victoria. Request was made that the stationing committee confer in the change of Hartley Bay mission from Bella Bella to Simpson district, and the Chilliwack Indian mission from New Westminster to Bella Bella. The conference agreed.

It was recommended that special ordination be given to these native workers in Indian districts: Patrick Russ, George Edgar, David McKay and Louis Grey.

It was decided to ordain Dr. R. W. Large, of Bella Bella, for special purposes, and to suspend the suspension of Sunday morning in the Wallace street church.

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### Washington, May 15.—The United States supreme court today decided the prize-money case against the French steamer Olynde Rodriguez, the first of the naval prize-money cases growing out of the Spanish war to reach court. The decision was announced by Chief Justice Fuller, and directed that the vessel, which was captured off San Juan, Porto Rico on the 17th of July, last, and has been held by this government since that time, be returned to its owners, on the ground that it was not proven that the steamer's cargo intended to enter the blockade zone.

### DELEGATES AT THE HAGUE.

### Netherlands Thanked by the Czar for Friendship to His Scheme.

### The Hague, May 15.—The Russian ambassador to the Court of St. James, representative of Russia at the peace conference and president of that body, conferred with the foreign minister of the Netherlands, W. H. Debaufort, and handed him the decoration of the Order of St. Stanislaw, which he had received from the Russian representative, Mr. Bowers, who arrived shortly, and unless advised to submit to arrest by him he would have remained in the city.

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### A COMMUNICATION FROM THE QUARTERLY OFFICIAL BOARD OF NEW WESTMINSTER CENTRAL CHURCH EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO MEET AT NEW WESTMINSTER ANOTHER YEAR.

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A PROTEST.

We do not know who was responsible for the statement made on Deadman's Island that if the men did not cease cutting timber in 30 minutes the officers would shoot them down, but we wish to enter an emphatic protest against this being regarded as a lawful threat.

A question was raised in the Maritime provinces some years ago as to the right of penitentiary guards to shoot an escaping prisoner, who ran away one day when at work with some others outside of the penitentiary grounds.

We are far from saying that cases do not arise where an officer is justified in using force, even to the extent of causing the death of a person under arrest or seeking to avoid arrest; but we do say that every other expedient ought first to be exhausted.

MR. MARTIN'S POSITION.

Iven Attorney-General Martin himself must feel that he has made a very serious blunder in the Deadman's Island affair, and it is said that in politics a blunder is worse than a crime.

It was clearly Mr. Martin's duty as attorney-general, when he heard that the Dominion government had granted Mr. Ludgate a lease, to inquire as to the rights of the province to the premises.

We ask the people of British Columbia if their interests can be regarded as safe in the hands of such a man. We say without fear of successful contradiction that this Deadman's Island affair shows Mr. Martin to be unfit to be entrusted with the responsible position of attorney-general.

cal conduct toward members of the legislature, and his utter disregard of public opinion stamp him as a dangerous man, whose presence in a government is a source of peril to the best interests of the province.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Scarcely a letter appears in the Colonist in regard to either of the proposed improvements now attracting public attention but some one asks why the writer did not sign his name.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The situation in the Philippines leads the Revelstoke Herald to remark that Spain did a pretty good stroke of business when she sold that "bunch of belligerency" for \$20,000,000.

The Columbian recommends Deadman's Island as a health resort to Mr. Tarte. We doubt its advantages in this line.

The Kootenai Mail thinks the first step towards securing better treatment for British Columbia is to get a representative for Kootenay in parliament.

The Spokesman-Review thinks that Spokane is to be the metropolis of the Northwest, and gives as the chief factor in bringing about such a result the immense mining area tributary to it.

The Kootenai says that June 12th will see many of the mines of that district closed down because of the operation of the eight-hour law, which it says is "an infringement of private rights and liberties, and a treacherous attack upon those who have in good faith invested money in mines."

The Nelson Miner thinks the conduct of Mr. Martin in the Deadman's Island matter "if not scandalous is too pernici-ously close to it to be satisfactory to the people whom Mr. Martin as minister is supposed to serve."

The withdrawal of Thomas B. Reed from politics will have an important influence upon the United States House of Representatives. Mr. Reed was Speaker of that body for three terms, re-elected in 1897.

Referring to the concession for the erection of a grand stand in Beacon Hill park for the benefit of those desiring to sit down during the fireworks display on the Twenty-Fourth, it may be well to mention that grave doubt exists as to the right of the City Council to give any such permission or the right of the holder of the privilege to collect any charge from persons occupying the stand.

THE HARBOR SCHEME.

We are not much impressed with the prospect of determining much of value regarding the bottom of Victoria harbor by an expenditure of \$250. We make no objection to the outlay, but scarcely suppose any one would expect any investigation, costing so small an amount, to establish anything.

It is not the first thing to be ascertained the relation in which the Dominion government will stand towards the harbor for the purpose of deciding upon the feasibility of the scheme and its probable cost.

DEFENCE OF THE EMPIRE.

Occasionally we find the defence of the Empire discussed in British and Colonial newspapers, and there is considerable divergence of opinion as to the part the Colonies ought to take in bearing the burden.

THE TIDE OF IMMIGRATION.

A very strong tide of immigration is now setting towards Canada. We could wish that a greater proportion of the new-comers were from the Mother Country, but people are not emigrating from the United Kingdom in the same numbers formerly.

So far as the land forces are concerned, if Canada places herself in a position to relieve the Imperial authorities from any necessity to defend her against any enemy except the United States, she will have done her share, although it help were needed beyond the seas, a Canadian contingent could be sent.

THE SAVING BANKS.

The savings banks returns show an excess of withdrawals for the last month, and the Vancouver World seeks to dull any political point there may be in this by attributing it to the opportunities of investment due to prosperity under the Liberal regime.

There is a class of immigrants of whom we may expect more and more from year to year, namely, people from the farming communities of the Western States. Many of these are native-born Americans and from American families, but a very considerable proportion will be of Scandinavian origin.

do, that they will favor the annexation of Canada to the United States. With some little experience among American settlers in Canada, we have failed to observe any special feeling in that direction. The American experiment in popular government has not been such an unalloyed success that every one who has experienced its workings is enamored of it.

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There is much comment over the failure of the Minister of Railways to bring down a statement of the earnings and operating expenses of the Drummond County railway as a part of the Intercolonial. No doubt it is quite correct to say that the Intercolonial does not keep its accounts in sections, and that any statement that might now be made up would be little more than a guess.

PASSING COMMENT.

The Toronto Globe says that the idea of observing May 23rd as Empire Day has taken root, and that it will be generally acted on this year in Ontario, Nova Scotia and Quebec.

The man who stands shy and sees the life ebbing out of his wife's face, sees her health ebbing, sees her becoming old and faded and wrinkled when she should still be in the perfect enjoyment of vigorous health, is either less than a man or else does not know of the remedy which will bring her back to health and strength.

Belgium has doubled its population in the last 25 years. This is a very remarkable increase, especially as it is not a country to which there is much immigration.

MARRIED.

SHARP-EMERSON-At Colombo, Ceylon, on 10th April, Ida Sharp, to Louis P. Emerson, both formerly of Victoria.

DIED.

PAMPHLET-On the 9th inst. at the family residence, former Mary and Esquimalt streets, Victoria, West, Ada, beloved wife of P. W. Pamphlet, aged 23 years, and a native of Alert Bay, B. C.

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due to the necessities of the people, just as a long continued surplus of deposits would indicate an increasing thriftiness. But no conclusion worth drawing can be based upon a return for a single brief period.

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A despatch announces that the Bradley-Martins have left New York for London and will hereafter reside there. Nothing better illustrates the democratic spirit of the day than the rise of this family to prominence.

Nobody will take the least stock in the statement which comes from Pretoria to the effect that some of the persons under arrest for treason were acting under the direction of the British War Department.

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But Foster is up with kea, aquiline Scotchman to look smile of real cynicism lips, which is the su- true fighter, handling the loves. Beside him it is pleasant to see in the house who appy, who applauds in- the Fosterism, the pre- ciation of his point Sir Charles.

Foster is a born fi- His political keen and his logic; his action st- truly reflects his mo- rapier which has cut within the circle, pl- his adversary's blade- ing so discursive as f- for another man. W- house is dumb; no t- interrupt the ex-min- the side, that is a bit means an opening t- never misses it.

Mr. Fielding had political history of Can- spot on which to rest ly to modern times; 3 possibilities of Foster- Fielding tried seem- on common sense.

With a genial am- mented his opponent of the campaign, des- whilst suggesting th- of a finance minister of the world was a- varnished statement housekeeping, laid, n- tora, but before the in which it was a po- cal nothing to glaze to point out the th- which he came to it, pointed out, Mr. Field- Mr. Fielding's fig- accepted, it was the which he objected, I regret to say that th- which is the character- present government, manifested. Fair str- ing is, I am convinced of the present g- ical, not stated, t- That Canada's trad- highest point it ever- mitted, and as a Can- it was the result of the of the present g- nedy, and he prayed t- a lower level, that fall- to mistakes of policy, wide causes as have perity we enjoy to-d- an hundred-fold, he- two and three-year- had not over their ex- not soon when they w- luster of finance dis- Klondike, or develop- Slocan? Nay, rather of to-day have taken this era of phenom- not been that during the old Liberal-Cana- covered the land w- railways, and so d- transportation, that- the times came, Ca- handle them?

Th- were two- tions of Mr. Field- to which Mr. Foster- the first was most complete opolo- and recantation of p- policies pronounced l- last 18 years, and t- it contained a most- of the policy of the party.

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I wish the country at large could see our own men as I have seen them, and could compare them with the men on the government side, could compare that sturdy old fighter, Sir Charles, "old, with the might and breadth of 20 boys," his graceful, slippery antagonist, who rarely says a foolish thing, and never does a wise one; could compare the Frank impetuous charge of Sir John Hill-Sifton; above all, I wish that the country as a whole could see the wisdom of the present minister of finance, punctuated by the pitiless logic of Foster.

It was a strange coincidence that in my last letter I wrote that I would do a dose of Foster, before discussing the budget speech, and that yesterday Foster himself should have precluded his speech by offering it as a "medicative dose" to the minister of finance.

The fact, I suppose, is that the government party is so obviously suffering from a "disease of the stomach," that every sound which emanates from it betrays its condition to all who have ears to hear.

Yesterday the galleries were crowded, and the house itself was fairly full, the quality rather good, the quantity rather small.

The little men who do not understand, or don't care, slipped out, followed by some who understood, but who were not so staunch enough to digest, that every sound which emanates from it betrays its condition to all who have ears to hear.

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It is hardly worth while to take advantage of such an opening, Mr. Foster pointed out the discrepancy between the jubilant note with which the Fielding speech, and the note of warning with which he closed. As he quoted it, it did not seem very applicable, but still Kipling's hackneyed "Lest we forget" was a good motto. Mr. Fielding was right. The pendulum must not always swing one way, and if it should swing the other way, it would be well not to forget what the policy of Tarte might mean to the country.

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And this brings me to another of the disingenuous tricks of the Grits, which make any honest man of either party who tries to put the matter in a plain way, strong enough to infect a whole party.

The minister of finance has allowed it to go into the country that his government has increased the debt by less than three millions a year, whilst the Conservatives increased it by six millions a year, but has taken care to omit the plan of facts that during the period from 1878 to 1896 we paid for the Canadian Pacific Railway \$50,041,000, for the canal \$15,000,000, for the Pacific cable \$20,281,000 and bought back lands from the Canadian Pacific Railway.

But Mr. Fielding the other day, a member of the New York Yacht Club, Charles D. Mosher, the designer, the boat will have a guaranteed speed of 42 knots, and will be the fastest boat ever built, and will be transformed into the most dangerous torpedo boat afloat.

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