

The Mules Go Free

Boer Attempts to Stop Shipment from New Orleans Frustrated.

Judge Parlange Holds the Courts Have No Jurisdiction to Interfere.

New Orleans, La., April 13.—The application by Boer representatives to prevent the shipment of mules and horses for the use of the British army in South Africa was dismissed to-day.

Judge Parlange, in his decision, holds that the transactions between citizens of the United States and the British government were conducted under the order of private citizenship, and that the courts had absolutely no jurisdiction to interfere. The horses and mules, the court said, were bought in a neutral territory. Judge Parlange continues:

"If the complainants could be heard to assert their rights, rights personal to themselves in a treaty invaded, and if the mules and horses involved in this case are munitions of war, all of which is disputed by the defendants, it would become necessary to determine whether the United States intended by the declaration of the treaty of Washington, May 8, 1812, to subvert the well established principle of international law from which private citizens of a neutral nation can lawfully sell supplies to belligerents. It is almost impossible to suppose that the United States would have done so, and would have thus provided for the most serious and extensive derangement of the injury to the commerce of our citizens where two or more foreign nations should go to war, and the United States should be specially injured by the war, and the United States intended by the treaty to subvert the principle of international law from which the greatest damage might result to the commerce of this country, and which was absolutely different from that which is on the rule and policy which the government of this country has heretofore strenuously and invariably followed. The principle that neutral citizens may lawfully sell to belligerents has been settled in this country by the highest judicial authorities."

GERMAN ROYALTY.

Crown Prince Going to Vienna for a Good Time.

Berlin, April 13.—Crown Prince Frederick William to-night proceeds to Vienna in acceptance of an invitation from Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria. During the Crown Prince's visit a number of festivities, lasting several days and including parades and a large court ball will be held in his honor. The Crown Prince, during his last stay in Vienna, and more recently at Munich, during the celebration of the birthday of the Emperor, conceived an extraordinary affection for the Crown Prince, which he has since declared in a number of occasions. The Emperor of Austria is especially pleased with the Crown Prince's modest and unassuming bearing. Shortly after the Crown Prince returns from Vienna he will go, April 24, to Bonn-on-the-Rhine, there to marry the Crown Princess, who will accompany him to Bonn, and intends to stay there several days. The Crown Prince will join the Students' corps called "Borussia" (the German name for Prussia) of which Emperor William was once a member.

PANAMA CANAL.

Colombian Minister to Great Britain Upon His Chances.

London, April 13.—Senator Gutierrez Ponce, the recently appointed Colombian minister to Great Britain, denies the report that he has approached the British government in any way with respect to the Panama canal. Senator Ponce told a reporter of the Associated Press that up to the present time the basis of his confidence on this subject had been entirely confined to Washington. "Eventually," said the Colombian envoy, "it may be necessary to take up the question, because it is of the greatest importance to the commerce of Great Britain on the subject of the Panama canal treaty shows that she is in a position to take up the question. It is no doubt that Great Britain's attitude in regard to Nicaragua furnishes an advantageous opportunity for Colombia to press her claims."

WERE OLD-TIMERS.

J. A. Dougall of Windsor and James Cumford Dead.

Windsor, April 13.—(Special)—J. A. Dougall expired suddenly last evening. He was in Amherstburg 77 years ago, and James Cumford, aged 85, oldest magistrate in Essex county, having been blind in Northridge. Paralysis was the immediate cause of his death.

SUBMARINE BOATS.

Germany Supposed to Have One That Is a Wonder.

Berlin, April 13.—The German authorities have been making extensive trials of submarines since March 1, with a view to constructing a new type of submarine, who is a naval engineer, prescribes the result of the experiments. The tests have so far been successful. The boat dives for a short time to a depth of 300 feet.

METHODIST SMOKING CASE.

Why Church Court of Appeal Referred the Matter Back to British Columbia.

Toronto, April 13.—(Special)—The Methodist court of appeal discussed several matters of church discipline at their annual meeting here. The most important case arose out of a misunderstanding as to the wording of church discipline which makes a letter of discipline of no effect in convicting a minister of smoking. The clergyman accused is Rev. W. W. Bear, of Victoria district. His case was laid before the district court, Judge Williams, and chairman of the district, Rev. J. C. Speer ruled that the paragraph cited in the case did not apply to ordained ministers. It was a technical question and the case was thrown out. Mr. Williams appealed to Rev. Mr. Whittington, president of the British Columbia conference, who sustained the ruling of the chairman, and the court of appeal has decided to refer the case back to the district court. Rev. Mr. Speer should have tried it when it came before him. It is explained that some years ago Rev. Mr. Bear fell a distance of fifty feet, disorganizing his nervous system, and he suffered from insomnia from which he was relieved by administration of opium. Later he substituted tobacco for opium. Rev. Dr. Carman presided and the members of the court included J. J. McLaren, K.C.; Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Montreal; Rev. Dr. Antcliffe, of St. John's; Rev. S. Bond, of London; Dr. Jas. Mills, of Guelph; Judge Deacon, of Pembroke; N. W. Rowan, of Toronto, and Rev. Mr. Gundy.

The Grocers' Black List

Vancouver Retailers Have a Novel Idea for Recovering Bad Debts.

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Vancouver, April 12.—The names on the black list now number 800, and have been as high as 830, but they are now being taken off, thanks to the system inaugurated, at a faster rate than they are being put on. The retail grocers met on Thursday night to further consider ways and means in overcoming the serious losses caused by the credit system in vogue in Vancouver. They decided to continue the black list but to remove at once the name of any one from the list who made a payment on account or showed a disposition to do his best to settle. It was further decided that honest, sober delinquents who had been on the list but who owing to scarcity of cash from extravagant and dissolute habits, or from a deliberate intention to beat the grocers, their names should be removed from the list. The people therefore who do not pay their grocers' bills are represented by the 800 odd on the black list. Names further added to the list during the week were: J. J. McLaren, K.C.; Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Montreal; Rev. Dr. Antcliffe, of St. John's; Rev. S. Bond, of London; Dr. Jas. Mills, of Guelph; Judge Deacon, of Pembroke; N. W. Rowan, of Toronto, and Rev. Mr. Gundy.

The Rules Changed

Provincial Association Decides on New Plan for Time of Play.

Y. M. C. A. Team of Vancouver Shut Out—The Season's Schedule.

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Vancouver, April 13.—The annual meeting of the British Columbia Amateur Lacrosse Association convened at the Hotel Vancouver this afternoon. President Armstrong, of Westminster, in the chair.

The move to admit the Y. M. C. A. lacrosse team of Vancouver was defeated, for although 10 votes were in favor and 9 were against, it takes a two-thirds vote to carry such a resolution. Mr. A. B. McEwen, of Vancouver, presented the claims of the Y. M. C. A., and the matter caused a lengthy discussion. It is reported that players who resigned to join the Y. M. C. A. will rejoin the Vancouver team, and peace will reign.

The Nanaimo team were admitted into the association by unanimous vote. The matter of professionals voting at a recent meeting of the Vancouver association was brought up, but as it was shown that the voting was done through ignorance, no action was taken.

A DRUNKEN ROW.

Hungarian Trouble Was Not of Any Significance.

Buda Pesth, April 12.—The alleged disturbances yesterday at Tatavaro, Hungary, was a drunken row among the miners, and not a serious conflict between strikers and soldiers, as reported in the United States by a news agency. No one was injured.

SEEDING IN MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, April 13.—Seeding has now fairly started throughout Manitoba. The soil is in good condition, and it is estimated that the increase in wheat average will be about 10 per cent over last year.

THE SCHEDULE.

The schedule arranged was as follows: May 11—Victoria at Nanaimo; May 18—Vancouver at Westminster; May 24—Nanaimo at Victoria; May 29—Westminster at Nanaimo; June 1—Victoria at Vancouver; June 8—Nanaimo at Vancouver; June 15—Vancouver at Westminster; June 22—Nanaimo at Westminster; June 29—Westminster at Victoria; July 1—Westminster at Victoria; July 13—Nanaimo at Westminster; July 20—Vancouver at Nanaimo; July 27—Westminster at Vancouver; July 27—Nanaimo at Vancouver; August 3—Victoria at Vancouver; August 10—Westminster at Vancouver; August 17—Victoria at Nanaimo; August 24—Victoria at Westminster; Sept. 7—Vancouver at Victoria; Sept. 14—Nanaimo at Victoria; Sept. 21—Westminster at Victoria; Sept. 28—Nanaimo at Victoria.

FRENCH REPORTED CAPTURED.

But the Story is Entirely Discredited in London.

London, April 13.—It is said that a private telegram has been received here to the effect that the French troops, which were captured by the British while the force was enveloped in a mist on the hills, so confirmation of the report can be obtained.

MORE STRATHCONA'S.

Sergt. Duncan Among Those Who Are Travelling West.

Winnipeg, April 13.—(Special)—Among today's arrivals from the East were the following members of Strathcona's Horse: Sergt. McMillen, of Armstrong; B. C. Sergt. Duncan, of Victoria; Corp. Thornton, of Moosehide; Pte. English, of Calgary; Pte. Harris, of Okanagan; B. C. member - C. M. R. was in the party.

ICE SHOVE.

St. Lawrence River Six Feet Opposite Montreal.

Montreal, April 13.—(Special)—Within five minutes of midnight the water in the St. Lawrence rose upwards of six feet, according to the gauge in the harbor commissioner's office. The ice showed a short distance in a solid cake, then jammed in front of the city, forming a jagged mountain of huge cakes piled one upon the other. The water is rising rapidly.

FRENCH REVENUES.

Show a Falling Off Compared With Previous Years.

Paris, April 13.—Official returns show that the indirect revenues of France are 22,114,300 francs below March, 1906, or 28,129,000 francs below March, 1905.

THE QUEEN.

She Has Started on Her Journey Home to England.

Frankfort-on-the-Main, April 13.—Queen Alexandra boarded a train at midnight on her return journey to England.

Wm. Brad, wholesale grocer, and H. T. Lecky, manager of the Hotel and H. T. Lecky, two leading business men of Vancouver, were in the city last evening.

DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder. Each time the United States Government has officially tested the baking powders the report has shown Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder of superlative leavening strength, free from alum, absolutely pure and wholesome. This is gratifying, for Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is depended upon by millions of people to raise their daily bread.

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Dominion Capital

Survey of Southern B. C. Boundary to be Undertaken Early This Spring.

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Ottawa, April 12.—Major Jarvis, in charge of the survey of the boundary between the States of Washington and Montana and the Province of British Columbia, Calms and iron pillars were erected over 30 years ago to mark the boundary, but nearly all disappeared and it is felt necessary, owing to close proximity of the boundary of many important mines, to replace these landmarks. Surveys will be sent out early in the spring.

Vancouver Public Schools

Movement Among the Pupils to Raise Funds for Victoria Memorial.

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Vancouver, April 13.—A movement is on foot among the school children of Vancouver to raise funds for the erection of a memorial statue of Queen Victoria in the city to be presented by the children of the city. The idea is Trustee Balfour's. Mr. Balfour estimates the statue will cost \$1,000 and he thinks that 3,000 school children of the city will be able to raise that fund, by contributing five cents a week and by entertainments.

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Clinking Glasses

French President and Duke of Genoa Exchange Toasts and Shake Hands.

Monsieur Loubet Will Now Go Home to Rest After the Feasting.

Parisian Press Hopes to See Good Results From Italian Fleet's Visit.

Toulon, April 11.—President Loubet today lunched aboard the Italian flag-ship Lepanto. The Duke of Genoa in toasting the Chief Executive of France, said: "Permit me, Mr. President, to express to you my acknowledgement of the very cordial and sympathetic welcome accorded by France to myself and the squadron under my command. I shall retain an unalterably happy recollection of the magnificent reception. I drink to France and to her armies on land and sea, and I also desire to express my high regard for yourself personally."

Before he resumed his seat, the Duke touched glasses with President Loubet, and the two warmly clasped hands.

President Loubet replied: "Monsieur, I am profoundly moved by the friendship you have just expressed for the French republic and its President, and by the sympathy which you show for its army and navy. It is unnecessary to repeat to you what are the feelings of the French nation towards its ally. You already know them, and I have described them to you. But I wish once more to assure you that we are profoundly touched by the evidence of friendship which His Majesty, the King of Italy has given to France by sending your squadron here."

"I drink to the health of the King Victor Emmanuel, to the Royal family, to their prosperity and to the Italian fleet. I drink also to your personal health, Monsieur. Just now I notice in your cabinet pictures of those dear to you. Permit me to associate them with yourself in the good wishes I am now expressing, and to drink to the health of your entire family."

Paris, April 11.—At the conclusion of the festivities at Toulon, President Loubet will proceed to his home at Montelimas in the department of the Drome, to visit his aged mother and take a few days rest after the fatigues of many functions of the week, which have kept him occupied from early morning until late at night. As to the political situation, it is believed, however, that a vast sum of money in Canada. With this additional means of reaching the market, and the supply would vastly increase, and he believed, would reach 1,000 tons of coke per day. The payroll last year was \$440,000; supplies bought in Canada \$1,000,000; coal, 220,000 tons; output of coke, 72,000 tons. Under the conditions sought, the output of coke in the future would be at least \$10,000 a day.

Mr. Tarte said the question was one of the gravest the committee was ever called upon to decide. Mr. J. J. Hill's name was well known as a good one for United States interests. Hill had disposed of three-fourths of his interests to Pierpont Morgan, which was a menace to Canada.

The company had 200,000 acres of the best coal lands, and it wanted to reach United States markets with Canadian coal. It should immediately assure the committee of protection of its interests. The stock was on the market and if the bill was passed to-morrow Messrs. Morgan and Hill would probably buy up the other interest and choke off the Canadian smelting industry. He urged the committee not to do any further work until the agreement being made to-day.

The discussion hinged on this point, and finally it went over.

In the house this afternoon Mr. Sifton announced that the Dominion's fifty thousand acres would be selected this year.

Sharp Scheme of Men Who Plundered Wilhelm der Grosse.

Bremen, April 11.—Officers of the North German Lloyd S.S. Co. are satisfied that the gold recently stolen from the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse was abstracted in the afternoon, the barrels containing two millions of marks were in the strong room, and the following morning when the passengers' baggage was stowed, making access to the door of the specie room most difficult. The officer believed the thief allowed himself to be locked up in the baggage room after the gold was taken, and the strong room, and managed to get to the shore during the confusion of arriving passengers and the stowing away of the baggage.

BISLEY TEAM.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tilton Will Go in Command.

Ottawa, Ont., April 11.—(Special.)—Lieut.-Col. John Tilton, chairman of the executive of the D. R. A., will command this year's voyage to the Yukon. Tilton commanded the Canadian Wimbledon team some 20 years ago. Major Orchard, 48th Highlanders, Toronto, and Capt. Munro, 90th Winnipeg, are spoken of for the adjutant.

The special committee of the Senate on the Cook charges met yesterday week. Further testimony will be forthcoming. Mr. G. Cameron, son of the late S. M. Cameron, is here, and is likely to take the stand.

BOERS NOT WANTED.

Australian Cabinet Unfavorable to Sending Them to Tasmania.

Melbourne, Victoria, April 12.—The federal cabinet in its first session today decided that it was unable to recommend the suggestion of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, that Boer prisoners be sent to Tasmania.

MRS. MORSE DEAD.

She Was One of the Westminster Old Timers.

Westminster, April 10.—(Special.)—An old timer, Mrs. Morse, widow of the sergeant of the disbanded Royal Engineer corps, died this morning, aged eighty. The city council propose to erect a monument and urging the government to take control of the Westminster-Vancouver trunk road.

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS.

Track Events Between English and United States Universities.

London, April 11.—The reply of Oxford and Cambridge to the challenge of Harvard and Yale for a series of track games this summer, agrees that New York should be the place of meeting, and that the programme should be the same as in 1890, except that the three miles run be changed into a two mile run. Only those eligible to enter the intercollegiate course of 1901 are to be eligible to take part in this contest. But the English athletes have rejected the proposition to increase the programme from nine to eleven events, on the ground that the pole vault and 220 yards high hurdles are not in vogue in the Oxford and Cambridge sports, and the putting of the weight, for which event Harvard and Yale suggested that two be chosen to receive the programme, has been reluctantly included in the Oxford and Cambridge sports. It is also pointed out that an increased programme will mean a more numerous team and heavier expenses, and it would be more satisfactory to have a return meeting with exactly the same events as decided at the Queen's Club in 1890. It is hoped the Americans will agree to have the match the latter part of September.

KOOTENAY DELEGATION.

They Will Interview Dominion Government on Monday.

Ottawa, April 11.—(Special.)—The Kootenay delegation has made an appointment with the government for next Monday. They will receive \$5 per ton for smelting and refining of silver-lead ores for three years.

Crow's Nest Southern Bill Causes an Interesting Discussion in the Railway Committee at Ottawa.

Decision Not Arrived at But Goes Over for Another Day.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 11.—The consideration of the Crow's Nest Southern bill drew a packed committee room this morning. The feature of the meeting was the strong stand taken by Mr. Tarte, who assured the committee that the government and company were not able to come to terms, and asked the committee to make it agree not to pay Canadian interests into the hands of the Americans.

Mr. Lash, of Toronto, solicitor for the promoters, explained the objects of the bill. He said that last year not a ton of their coke was used in British Columbia. This placed the company in the position to have to stop manufacturing for the past year. The present output for Canadian consumption is 500 tons of coke and 300 tons of coke per day. So long as the coal was in the ground it was valueless. To find a market and to sell it was the object of the bill.

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Admiralty Court Case

Damage Suit of Abby Palmer Versus C. P. R. Steamship Co.

Evidence of Captain Pybus of Empress of Japan Contradicts Another Witness.

Mr. Justice Martin, sitting in the Admiralty court yesterday began the hearing of the suit of Smith vs. Empress of Japan for damages claimed by reason of the collision of the Empress with the bark Abby Palmer last November. Two of the officers of His Majesty's ship at Esquimaux, Lieut. Montagu S. Hutton and Navigating Lieutenant James D. Stewart, sat with him as master assessors. The plaintiff, Smith, of the bark, was represented by Mr. J. W. Taylor, and Messrs. E. P. Davis, A. E. Laxton and H. Dallas Hargreaves appeared for the defendants, the C. P. R. Co. The conduct of the case was in the hands of Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmecke, the interest of the Empress among marine men was evidenced by the number of spectators who were present all day.

Counsel for the plaintiff opened the case by briefly reciting the circumstances of the collision, which have been published before, both at the time of the accident and after the preliminary hearing of the case, some time ago.

The first witness called for the plaintiff was the witness, Mr. W. Williams, second officer of the Abby Palmer. The gist of his evidence was the same as in the preliminary hearing, and was to the effect that he was on watch when the accident occurred. The accident happened at about 10 o'clock in the morning, and the vessel was making 6 or 7 miles per hour on the starboard tack. The lookout had reported a light to starboard, and he asked if the bark's lights were right, receiving an affirmative answer. He had further asked the witness, "what vessel was making 6 or 7 miles per hour on the starboard tack, and saw a red light on the Empress. The latter did not show the red light, and he asked if she had dropped astern of the bark, but she apparently held her course. The witness observed the bark's testimony, was cross-examined at length by Mr. Davis and the court adjourned until the afternoon, when the evidence of the other witnesses was given. Capt. Ulberg was the first witness called in the afternoon. Examined by Mr. Taylor, he gave evidence to the effect that he was on watch when the accident occurred. He did not witness the actual collision, as he was in the engine room at the time. He said that the vessel was making 6 or 7 miles per hour on the starboard tack, and saw a red light on the Empress. The latter did not show the red light, and he asked if she had dropped astern of the bark, but she apparently held her course. The witness observed the bark's testimony, was cross-examined at length by Mr. Davis and the court adjourned until the afternoon, when the evidence of the other witnesses was given.

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KOOTENAY AT OTTAWA.

Silver-Lead Delegation Reaches Capital Thirty Strong.

Ottawa, April 10.—(Special.)—The house spent the entire sitting in supply to-day. The Kootenay silver-lead delegation, 30 strong, arrived here to-day.

Overcrowding Of the Schools

Pupils Refused Admission to the Central as There Is No Room.

Report of Architect as to Repairs Required at Various Buildings.

At the monthly meeting of the board of school trustees an application from Superintendent Eaton for a leave of absence to recuperate after his recent severe illness was granted by May 1. Communications from the city clerk, acknowledging the request of the school board for the submission of a by-law to raise the money for a new high school building and requesting the school board to present a petition from the ratepayers in the proportion required by law, were received and filed. A report was received from Dr. Fraser, city health officer, as to the health of the school children. Miss Sylvester, who attended the board for an increase in salary, and E. O. Scholefield, who attended for the annual report of the board, were also present.

In answer to a request from Mr. E. C. B. Bagshaw, trustee of the board, a resolution was passed to the effect that there would be no readjustment of the insurance until the proper time.

A report from the finance committee recommending the payment of accounts amounting to \$290,250 was adopted.

Supt. Eaton reported the attendance at the schools for the month of March as follows: Actual enrollment, 2,948; actual average, 2,232.82.

In connection with this report, the principal stated that the ventilation is not satisfactory. Some improvement in this respect could be effected by the use of a fan, which would reduce the body of cold air which would be heated in order to cause an up draft.

Kingston Street School.

Gutters must be cleaned out and repaired.

There are some leaks from roof. The woodshed should be reshingled.

Fence of east of lot needs repair. There is no mould in one of the class rooms over the black board.

New bolt required for side entrance. There are no cupboards for the use of teachers.

Platform from front gate to entrance needs repair.

With regard to drainage, I find that it is impossible to have connection with the sewer as the school is in the "pump" and is not high enough to connect with the sewer. A French priest named Musot, the vicar of the province of Sze-Chuen, at the request of the French consul, has sent a force to rescue Musot.

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Conditions have changed for one thing. In old days pews were more commonly rented chairs. Now there are more free churches, more free pews, and there are not now a greater number of individual sittings.

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Chicago Man Gets Contract for Removing Wreck.

Havana, April 10.—Mr. F. N. Chamberlain, of Chicago, today signed the contract to remove the wreck of the U. S. battleship Maine, agreeing to give the government three per cent. of the sale of material. The time for carrying out the contract will be extended to March 1, 1902, if sufficient reason is shown for its extension. The government insists upon a bond of \$25,000 before the work of removal is begun. This question has not been settled.

DELATED CENSUS.

Rat Portage Men Want Their Expenses Guaranteed.

Winnipeg, April 10.—(Special.)—A Rat Portage despatch says the census enumerators will not work in the outlying districts until money for travelling and other expenses is guaranteed.

SIFTON MURDER.

Trial Likely to Be Adjourned Till Next Assize.

London, Ont., April 10.—(Special.)—It seems likely as the result of the hitch over the absence of Mrs. Richardson, a material witness in the Sifton murder case, that the trial will be put over to the next assizes.

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Stoops to Intimidation

Foiled in Attempt to Secure Agreement Russia Now Tries Bullying.

And Tells China She Will Support Policy of Greatest Severity.

London, April 11.—"M. de Giers demands the return of all communications to the Chinese authorities from the Russian legation regarding the Manchurian negotiations," says Dr. Morrison, writing to-day to the Times from Peking, "and he has warned Li Hung Chang that, instead of being as heretofore, an advocate of the Chinese cause in the conference of the ministers of the powers, he will henceforth support the policy of the utmost severity."

"Russia has still ample means to induce this spirit.

"The report is current, but I believe it is premature, that Russia has already prepared a fresh form of convention. Doubtless, however, when the prospect of intimidation has been carried far enough, a fresh attempt will be made to reserve the last ground."

Peking, April 10.—A meeting of the ministers of the powers will be held to-morrow to consider the reports of general on the articles VIII and IX of the joint note referring respectively to the destruction of forts which might obstruct free communication between Peking and the sea, and the military occupation of certain points, in order to maintain communication between Peking and the sea. The Belgians, who have missions in the disturbed districts of Mongolia, say they do not believe the rebellion will make much headway.

Yokohama, April 10.—The Nishini Shingi Eishi, the leading newspaper which reflects the government's views, applauds Russia's judgment and love of peace, and says the great desideratum now is the restoration to the Chinese government of effective authority, adding:

"Russia cannot justly be condemned for the adoption of measures to protect her rights acquired in Manchuria. Under the present conditions the duty of preserving order in Manchuria would involve upon those responsible for Russia's withdrawal. It would not conduce to Japan's interests to accept such a responsibility."

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Excludes U. S. Beef

Report That No More Will be Used in British Army Contracts.

Comes Like a Bolt From the Blue and Causes a Panic.

Chicago Is Alarmed at the Prospect of Losing Its Market.

Washington, April 11.—The department of agriculture has received a despatch from a prominent packing company of Chicago, announcing that the British government has excluded all beef except home-bred from the British army contracts. This, it is stated, is to be effective June 1 next.

The Chicago concern asked the agricultural department for any assistance it can render. It has pointed out that the action of the British government is a severe blow to United States beef and means not alone the loss in the government market, but the loss of a large part of the export trade. It is feared it will serve very materially towards increasing the prejudice on the part of the people of Great Britain against the beef and cattle of this country.

No official information of this reported contemplated move has reached the department, according to statements of officials, this afternoon.

To demonstrate the importance of the move now to be contemplated, it is pointed out that the value of exports of live animals to Great Britain amounts to \$40,000,000, while the total of animal products exported from the United States to Great Britain is stated to be in round numbers, \$200,000,000.

It is pointed out here that this proposed embargo may result in a greater or less degree to the proceedings instituted at New Orleans against shipment of horses and mules, from that port for use in the South African campaign.

MESSAGES OF REGRET.

Telegrams Received by Family of Late J. C. McLagan.

Vancouver, April 11.—(Special.)—Telegrams of regret were received by Mrs. J. C. McLagan, to-day from Premier Laurier, Sir L. H. Davies, Hon. W. S. Fielding, George R. Maxwell, Ralph the Administrator, and Senator Templeman.

A special meeting of the council was called to-day to give respect to Mr. McLagan. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon and the St. Andrews and Caledonian Societies will take entire charge.

TBBIR WEDDING TOUR.

Prince and Princess of Asturias Start Somewhat Late on Their Travels.

Madrid,

Union Mine Explosion

Experts Cannot Tell With Any Certainty How the Disaster Occurred.

Cumberland, B. C., April 12.—The Cumberland mine inquiry was continued this morning by Inspector Thomas Morgan and Manager Matthews...

The Salmon Cannery's Ideas

Resolutions Passed by Representative Meeting Are Handled to Government.

The representations of a large number of salmon cannery owners, contacted by the following resolutions, were handed to the provincial government yesterday...

Ardnamurchan Has Arrived

The Salmon Carrier For Which Fears Where Entertained Is Reported Safe.

The Ardnamurchan has arrived yesterday morning at the wharf here, after a long and eventful voyage...

CHIPS OVERBOARD

Seven C. P. R. Cars at the Bottom of Kootenay Lake.

The C. P. R. sustained a heavy loss Monday morning, says the Nelson Tribune, when a large passenger train was derailed on the Kootenay River...

STINGING CHILBLAINS

An distressing and annoying ailment is Chilblains, which is caused by the cold...

FIGHT NEAR DEWETSPOORT

Colonel Munro Captures Commandant and Eighty Men.

London, April 12.—A despatch from the Cape Colony, dated April 11, says: "Colonel Munro's mounted infantry, after a hard day's fighting, has captured 80 prisoners, including the commandant, at Lietenindes, near Dewetspoort..."

MY LADY OF ORANGE

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(Continued from last edition.)

It was on the sixth day of October into the arms of the woman, who had been waiting for him in a little room in the hotel...

THE CHINESE COMMISSION

Evidence Given At Nanaimo In Regard to Immigration of Orientals.

Nanaimo, B. C., April 12.—The evidence given before the royal commission of enquiry into questions relating to Chinese and Japanese immigration, opened its sitting yesterday...

HORTICULTURE

CANNAS FROM SEED.

Cannas can be grown from seed with ease, and under ordinary conditions of growth will bloom the first summer...

THE WINNERS

SORE FEET

A Source of Distress and Suffering Which Many Miners Avoid By Using Dr. Chase's Ointment.

The sale of Dr. Chase's Ointment in British Columbia is enormous, and it is found that it is used by the miners in large quantities as a cure for sore feet...

THE IRON TRADE

A Brighter Outlook in Yorkshire This Week.

Middleborough, Yorkshire, April 12.—The news of the improvement in the iron and steel business in the United States is influencing markets which are high...

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Victoria's Big Fair

Good Progress is Reported from All of the Sub-Committees.

Improvements to Buildings Recommended—Many Applications for Space.

The board of management of the British Columbia Agricultural Association met in the civic committee room last night for the transaction of general business. About 200 members were present, and although not much actual progress was made, there was abundant evidence that all those attending had the success of the exhibition at heart and were doing all in their power to promote the objects of the association.

Minneapolis Marriages.

A Move to Prevent Undesirable Unions in the State.

From Mail-Envelope.

The senate of Minnesota seems determined, if it cannot improve the race within its boundaries, to find out what it can do to prevent its further deterioration. Alarmed by the increase of epilepsy, imbecility and insanity, the grave and reverend seigniorious committee that body have come to the conclusion that the time has arrived to prevent the marriage of persons afflicted with mental or physical diseases which they are likely to transmit to their offspring.

Report of American Bible Society Regarding Situation in China.

In China.

Many Thousands of Native Converts Met Death in General Slaughter.

New York, April 10.—The annual report of the American Bible Society relative to the situation in China will contain the following interesting statement from its agent in China, the Rev. John R. Hykes, M.D.: There was a deep and cunningly laid plot under imperial sanction to exterminate Christianity, to expel all foreigners and to destroy all foreign interests. No one divined the full extent of the iniquity which has been deliberately contemplated.

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