

NEWS ITEMS.

Telegraphic Briefs From All Over the Globe.

CANADA.

Hamilton firemen want an increase in wages.

Sault Ste. Marie will spend ten thousand dollars in improving its fire department.

Two French noblemen, the Barons de Fallon and de Lepine, have arrived at Quebec, and will probably settle in Canada.

The Dearing Harvester Company of Chicago, will establish work at Hamilton, if the city grants a bonus of \$50,000.

The Port of Montreal, will this year have one of the most successful years it has ever enjoyed, was the encouraging statement made by Robert Reyford at the meeting of the Montreal Harbor Board on Monday.

Mayor Kearny has received word that Andrew Carnegie would put up a \$15,000 public library building in New Westminster, B.C., provided a site was supplied and \$1,500 annually provided for maintenance.

Dugald Donaghy, Dawson's first City Attorney, is a native of Dublin, and is 29 years of age. He graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1899. For short time he practised at Orangeville. He went to Dawson City in 1900.

GREAT BRITAIN.

King Edward has taken up his quarters in Buckingham Palace.

The War Office has decided to arm the British Yeomanry with sabres. A double line of electric railway between London and Dover is projected.

Tenders for 190,000 hand-made steel table forks for the army are invited by the War Office.

There are now 36,912 doctors and 4,615 registered dentists practising in the United Kingdom.

Seventeen thousand children, each carrying a colonial flag, will form a coronation procession in Coventry.

One hundred and twenty obsolete cannon from Woolwich Arsenal have arrived at Darlington, consigned to a forge works as scrap iron.

Competition between Bristol, Cardiff, Liverpool, Milford, and Southampton for selection as the terminal port of the Canadian line is keen.

Large contributions for the Irish fund, to fight the Government coercion policy, have been received from America and all the British colonies.

The Cobden Club has issued a manifesto protesting against the imposition of corn duties in which it states that this policy would undo the great work of Peel and Gladstone.

Forty members of the House of Commons, representing both sides of politics, met in London for the purpose of forming a Ministry of Commerce.

King Edward has personally invited Mrs. Marriet L. Johnson, the niece of President Buchanan, to attend his coronation. Mrs. Johnson was mistress of the White House when, as the Prince of Wales, the King visited there. The invitation has been accepted.

UNITED STATES.

The late Dr. Talmage left an estate valued at \$300,000.

The Algoma Banking Company at Algoma, Michigan, has failed. The \$2,000 on deposit will be lost.

Rear-Admiral Watson has been appointed special naval representative of the United States at the coronation.

At San Francisco Herman Oberrich spent \$7,000 for a banquet to President E. H. Harriman of the South Pacific road, covers being laid for 62.

Attorney-General Knox has declared against the Beef Trust, and has instructed the proper authorities to prepare an injunction against the trust in Chicago.

One hundred and seventy-five barrels of blue points have been ordered from a Long Island dealer for use at King Edward's coronation, and the shipment will be made at once in order to allow the oysters to drink in English waters.

Dr. Herbert Fiske, of the Northwestern University, Chicago, says tobacco is one great cause of student failure. During the last nine years he has observed that a student addicted to the tobacco habit made a much lower average in his class percentages than those who were not given to the habit.

The will of Father Albinger, an aged and eccentric priest of Mount Vernon, N.Y., who used to walk around dressed in rags and was always begging for money, has been admitted to probate. He leaves \$10,000 to his two sisters in Germany and \$25,000 to the Church.

GENERAL.

A shepherd has just died in Corsica at the age of 120.

The coronation contingent from Hong Kong will go to England by way of Canada.

The average price of beef in Madrid is now 3½ pesetas a kilo, about 80 cents a pound.

Disorders have broken out in Sweden in connection with an agitation in favor of universal suffrage.

Bubonic plague has appeared among the wallabies (small kangaroos) in the Zoological Gardens at Sydney.

The Minister of Public Instruction in Russia has resigned because the Czar has refused to sanction his scheme for school reform.

The new South African colonies, even if peace is not concluded, are after July to maintain 6,000 of the 10,000 men in the South African Constabulary.

URGING BOERS TO YIELD.

De Wet Admits the Struggle Is Hopeless.

A despatch to the London Central News from Pretoria says that at a meeting of the Boers at Vereeniging on May 16, representatives of every commando, numbering 200, will be present. It is probable that the final vote on the question of peace or war will be taken by ballot.

The Pretoria correspondent of the London Daily Standard says he understands that the meetings of the Boers have thus far shown a majority in favor of peace; though possibly some of the irreconcilables may hold out, however generous the terms of truce.

A despatch to the Telegraph from Pretoria says that the Boer leaders are certainly placing the issue before the burghers plainly and without reservation. General De Wet is moving everywhere among his people setting forth the facts most honorably. He has frankly stated that in his opinion the struggle is now hopeless, and that the British terms are reasonable and generous.

LIMIT WATER IN BUTTER.

Britain Has Amended Act, Which May Affect Canada.

An Ottawa despatch says—The Department of Agriculture has been advised by cable through the High Commissioner's office that the Board of Agriculture for Great Britain have made regulations under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act of 1899, whereby, if a sample of butter is found to contain over 16 per cent. of water, it shall be considered not genuine, unless proved to the contrary. Mr. J. A. Riddick, chief of the dairy division, says the regulation will not affect the Canadian butter trade to any great extent unless dealers should require a guarantee that butter which they produce does not contain water in excess of the limit. With proper cooling facilities at the creameries, so that the churning, washing, and working of the butter may be carried out at sufficiently low temperatures, there is no difficulty in producing a butter which is well within the limits as regards the amount of water in it.

From 12 to 13 per cent. is considered to be about the proper proportion of water in butter.

AMENDMENTS TO ACTS.

The bill to amend the Unorganized Territories' Game Preservation Act was read a third time and passed.

The bill to amend the Dominion Lands Act so as to allow the Government of the Territories to take 56 feet through any homestead for road purposes without compensation was amended so as to provide that it shall only apply to future homestead entries. The bill was held over to allow the Government to consider a number of proposed minor amendments.

The bill to amend the Act respecting the North-West Territories was read a third time and passed.

The bill to amend the Territories' control over the roads which have been handed over to the Government.

The bill to amend the Rocky Mountains' Park Act was read a third time and passed. It increases very substantially the size of what is generally known as Banff Park.

HALIFAX FISHERY AWARD.

Mr. Barker called attention to the statement made by Premier Peters, of Prince Edward Island, to the effect that the Dominion Government had agreed to refer to the Supreme Court the claim of the island for \$1,000,000 of the Halifax fishery award, with interest at \$30,000 per year.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that the Dominion authorities had agreed to a conference on the foregoing question. As to the financial claim, nothing at all had been done in the matter. It had not even been considered. The Premier added that it made no particular difference whether the money from the Halifax award was held by the Dominion or the provinces, "because the interest went to the fishermen anyway."

LANDS FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Mr. Scott was informed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the Governor-in-Council has received a memorial from the North-West Legislature suggesting that lands be granted to Canadian volunteers who have served in South Africa. No decision on the matter has yet been reached.

KILLED IN A FIRE PANIC.

Factory Girls Killed and Many Injured.

A Philadelphia despatch says—Seven girls are known to have been killed and more than a score injured during a panic caused by a cry of "Fire!" at the cigar factory of Haberman, Homat & Co., 10th street and Washington avenue, at 12.15 on Wednesday afternoon. The girls were packed in the hallway leading to the street by the hundreds, and those, who were killed fainted and were trampled and

PRIEST'S HEAD ON POLE.

Outrage at Kaio-Shan Caused Panic Among Clergy.

A Pekin despatch says—A French Roman Catholic priest belonging to the Jesuit mission at Kaio-Chau, China, 100 miles south-west of Tien-Tsin, was murdered on April 27. His head was afterward displayed on a pole. The priests fled from this district month ago, as they feared something like this would happen. They returned a short time afterward, having apparently become reassured as to their safety.

METHUEN LAMED FOR LIFE.

Wounded General is Steadily Convalescing.

A London despatch says—Official advice from South Africa state that Lord Methuen is steadily convalescing, but it is believed that he will lame always as a result of the wounds he received in the fight with Gen. Delvay's force prior to his capture by the Boers.

A SIGN OF INDIGNATION.

"It's a shame!" exclaimed Mairi Mike, as he tossed the piece of newspaper from him.

"What was you readin' about?" asked Pudding Peter.

"Dese donations by Andrew Carnegie. It's a shame to be spendin' so much money for libraries when dey never be burdin' cook books for some dese jailaws have to stop at."

THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

NOTES OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE FEDERAL HOUSE.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Frank Oliver introduced his bill to incorporate M. Tikhon, Bishop of the Orthodox Russo-Greek Church in Canada.

Mr. Fraser introduced the bill incorporating the Western Alberta Railway Company, which has passed the Senate.

Sir Richard Cartwright introduced a couple of bills. The first was to amend the act respecting the packing and sale of certain staple commodities, which, he explained, brought the dealers in binder twine under the penalties provided for improper packing. The second bill, to amend the general inspection act, supplemented the first by adding binder twine to the list of articles to be inspected. Sir Richard Cartwright withdrew the bill, of which he had given notice, to amend the Chinese immigration act, 1900, and intimated that he would move a resolution to the same effect.

Mr. N. Boyd inquired when the amendments to the grain act would be brought in. The Premier replied that the bill was in course of preparation, and would be introduced in a day or two.

EMPOWERING A LOAN.

A London despatch says—A Parliamentary paper just published shows a total estimated charge on account of the war in South Africa, to March 31, 1903, of \$222,970,000, and in respect of operations in China, a total of £6,000,000.

A second table shows that the proceeds of the new taxes from 1900 to March 31, 1903, amounted to an increase of £76,025,000, part of which aggregated to the greatest extent by income tax, which aggregates £39,377,000. The sugar duty, until March, 1903, is estimated to produce £11,200,000. The revenue set free by the suspension of the sinking fund amounts to £13,868,000. This, together with the proceeds of new taxation, leaves a balance for war expenditure to be charged to capital of £155,148,000.

A third table sets down the total amount borrowed at £150,000,000, the cash proceeds of which are stated at £152,415,000.

ONTARIO LOST 10,000 DEER.

Yet They Seem as Plentiful as Ever After the Slaughter.

Ten thousand deer were killed in fifteen days in the last open season for the sport in the Province of Ontario, according to the estimate of Chief Game Warden E. Tinsley. There is probably not such another country in the world as Ontario for the abundance of its red or Virginian deer. Nobody who knows anything about hunting at all has any difficulty in securing all the game law allows within the limits of the remarkably short season of fifteen days during which the killing of deer is permitted, and for this reason all applications for an extension of the season, of which many are received every year, are refused by the Commissioners.

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The speaker divided his subject in four heads: Wheat, fruit, bacon, and case lots.

WHEAT NO LONGER KING.

The market is unchanged, with receipts fair. We quote end of rolls, 18 to 16c. Choice large rolls, 16c to 17c; second grade, 12c to 14c; low grade, 10c to 12c; creamery bridge, 20c.

Eggs—The market is steady, with

good demand. Sets at 12c

per dozen for new laid, and at

for No. 21.

Cheese—The market is firm; best

cheese at 11c to 12c; under-grade

cheese, 11c to 11½c.

HOGS AND PROVISIONS.

Butter—the market is unchanged, with receipts fair. We quote end of rolls, 18 to 16c. Choice large rolls, 16c to 17c; second grade, 12c to 14c; low grade, 10c to 12c; creamery bridge, 20c.

Meat—The market is steady, with

good demand. Hams at 12c

per pound, and shoulder

ham at 11c.

Pork—The market is steady, with

good demand. Bacon at 85 to 86c per pound.

Poultry—The market is steady, with

good demand. Fresh killed

chicken at 75c to 80c per

dozen.

Potatoes—The market is steady,

with good demand. Quoted at 70 to 75c per bag, and small lots at 85c.

UNITED STATES' MARKETS.

Beef—The market is unchanged, with receipts fair. We quote end of rolls, 18 to 16c. Choice large rolls, 16c to 17c; second grade, 12c to 14c; low grade, 10c to 12c; creamery bridge, 20c.

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ham at 11c.

Cattle—The market is steady, with

good demand. Choice steers

at 12c to 13c per cwt.

Sheep—The market is steady, with

good demand. Lamb at 12c