

GREAT BRITAIN PREPARING

43 Destroyers in 18 Months, and 8 Small Cruisers to Germany's 2

A despatch from London says: In the debate on the naval estimates in the House of Commons on Wednesday Winston Spencer Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, replying to the criticism that he had made inadequate provision to meet the menace he had described, said, "We are spending £45,000,000 this year and we are going to spend more next year. We are raising the personnel of the navy to 141,150 by 1913 and to 146,000 in 1914. As regards construction, Germany this year is laying down two new battleships and we four. Next year Germany is laying down one extra and we two. This year Germany is laying down two small cruisers; we are laying down eight. Germany in the course of the next 18 months is laying down 21 destroyers; we 43. There is no cause for panic or alarm."

WHOLE WORLD PREPARING.

A despatch from Paris says: That the world is not yet on the eve of the cessation of the struggle between Great Britain and Germany

for naval supremacy is the prevalent opinion in France after careful study of the recent speech by Winston Churchill in the House of Commons. The continuance of the rivalry between those two countries causes a note of regret here, but there is an inclination to believe that if it must go on France should learn a lesson from England's procedure and herself increase her navy.

The *Matin*, commenting on the subject, says it is in a position to declare that Italy and Austria at the instigation of Germany, are about to build additional super-dreadnoughts, in regard to which nothing has been permitted to transpire. Italy is to construct six of these vessels, each of 20,000 tons displacement and capable of steaming at a speed of 25 knots, while Austria is to build three, each of them displacing 26,000 tons. The newspaper continues: "The fulfilment of this programme will destroy the present naval equilibrium in the Mediterranean and give a big advantage to the Triple Alliance."

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Products at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.
Toronto, July 30.—Flour—Winter, 90 per cent. patents, \$4.15 to \$4.20, at seaboard, and at \$4.20 to \$4.25 for home consumption. Manitoba flours (these quotations are for tube bags in cotton bags 100 more)—First patents, \$5.70; second patents, \$5.20, and strong bakers', \$5, on track, Toronto. Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.12-1.2; Bay ports: No. 2 at \$1.09, and No. 3 at \$1.05 to \$1.05-1.2; Bay ports. Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, red and mixed, quoted at \$1.05, outside.
Peas—Nominal.
Oats—Car lots of No. 2 Ontario quoted at 46 to 46c, and No. 3 at 44c, on track, Toronto. No. 1 extra W. C. feed, 44 to 46c. Bay ports, and No. 1 at 43 to 44c, Bay ports.
Barley—Nominal.
Corn—No. 3 American yellow, 75c, on track, Bay ports, and at 80 to 81c, Toronto.
Rye—Nominal.
Buckwheat—Nominal.
Bran—Manitoba bran, \$24, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, \$24.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.
Butter—Dairy, choice, 25 to 25c; bakers', inferior, 20 to 21c; creamery, 27 to 28c for rolls, and 26c for solids.
Eggs—Case lots, 23 to 25c a dozen.
Cheese—New cheese, 14-1-2c for large and 14-1-2c for twins.
Beans—Hand-picked, \$3 per bushel; primes, \$2.85 to \$2.90.
Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb.
Poultry—Wholesale prices of choice dressed poultry—Chickens, 18 to 22c per lb.; fowl, 13 to 14c; ducklings, 16 to 17c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.
Potatoes—Car lots of Ontario, in bags, \$1.40, and Delawares at \$1.50.

PROVISIONS.
Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Rolls—Smoked, 13c to 13-1-2c; hams, medium, 17-1-2c to 18c; heavy, 16-1-2c to 17c; breakfast bacon, 18-1-2c; long clear bacon, tons and cases, 14c to 14-1-2c; backs (plain), 8c; backs, (peameal), 21c.
Green Meats—Out of pickle, 1c. less than smoked.
Pork—Short cut, \$24.50 to \$25 per barrel; mess pork, \$20 to \$21.
Lard—Tilcees, 13-3-4c; tubs, 14c; pails, 14-1-4c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.
Montreal, July 30.—Oats, Canadian Western, No. 2, 45 to 45-1-2c; Canadian Western, No. 3, 44c; extra No. 1 feed, 45c. Barley, Man. feed, 63 to 64c; malting, \$1.05 to \$1.07. Buckwheat, No. 2, 75 to 76c. Flour, Man. spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.80; seconds, \$5.30; strong bakers', \$5.10; Winter patents choice, \$5.40 to \$5.50; straight rollers \$4.95 to \$5.00; straight rollers, bags, \$2.40 to \$2.45. Rolled oats, barrels, \$5.05; bags, 90 lbs., \$2.40. Bran, \$22.00. Shorts, \$25.00. Middlings, \$27.00. Mouillie, \$30 to \$34.00. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$16.00 to \$17.00. Cheese, finest westerns, 13-1-2 to 13-1-4c; finest easterns, 12-3-4 to 12-5-8c. Butter, choicest creamery, 26-1-4 to 26-1-2c; seconds, 25-1-2 to 25c. Eggs, selected, 25-1-2 to 26-1-2c; No. 2 stock, 15 to 16c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, \$1.60.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.
Montreal, July 30.—Choice cattle, \$6.75 to

BANK ROBBED OF \$2,000.

Knock Two Northern Crown Officials Unconscious.

A despatch from Vancouver says: Two robbers, one a short and the other a tall man, held up the Northern Crown Bank at Central Park, six miles out of Vancouver, at 10 o'clock on Thursday evening. They had been loitering in the vicinity for half an hour, having come there with a horse and rig. They covered Manager C. C. Temple with a gun and also held up his assistant, Tompkins, both of whom were having lunch. They attempted to force Temple to open the safe, but he refused, and one struck him over the head with a piece of lead pipe. They put Tompkins out of business in the same manner, and then broke open a cash box and stole \$2,000. They got away in their rig. When Temple recovered consciousness he telephoned for help, but the robbers have not been captured.



Corporal Mortimer, of the Army Service Corps, Ottawa, who won four matches at Bisley and made a world's record.

COST OF LIVING IN GERMANY.

Total Extra Cost for Beef Is \$18,000,000 Per Annum.

A despatch from Berlin says: While the total charges of the German army and navy, including this year's increases, is less than \$5 per head per year, a German economist, Dr. George Goldstein has computed that each Berliner will pay 21 marks (or approximately \$5) more for meat this year than he would have paid ten years ago. For the nominal family of five or six this represents an extra drain on the family exchequer of \$25 or \$30. Dr. Goldstein arrives at his figures by taking the total dressed weight of cattle, sheep, swine, etc., slaughtered for Berlin consumption annually and multiplying this by the increase in the retail prices per pound as shown by the official statistics over the average price ten years ago. For greater Berlin the total extra cost is about \$18,000,000 per annum.

PIURA IN RUINS.

The Earthquake Shock Lasted Forty Seconds.

A despatch from Lima, Peru, says: A destructive earthquake occurred on Wednesday morning at Piura, capital of the Department of Piura, the most northerly of the Pacific departments. The shock lasted forty seconds, and the city is said to be almost in ruins. While advices from that district are meagre, it is reported that a number of children were killed and many persons injured. Among the latter was Mr. Blacker, agent of the South American Insurance Company. The dry bed of a river was torn open and jets of water thrown out. Piura, or San Miguel de Piura, lies 120 miles north-northwest of La Lambayeque. It has a population of 12,000.

INFANT PARALYSIS.

Twenty-eight Cases Discovered at Buffalo.

A despatch from Buffalo says: Twenty-eight cases of infantile paralysis were discovered by officers of the Health Department in a partial canvass of the city on Wednesday, and steps were at once taken to combat what appears to be a serious outbreak of the disease. Foreign families on the east side furnished the bulk of the cases already located, although two children suffering from the disease live in Days Park, in the west side residence section of the city. Three of the twenty-eight cases resulted fatally on Wednesday.

DETROIT GRAFT SCANDAL

Fourteen Aldermen and Secretary Involved in Grave Charge of Receiving Bribes

A despatch from Detroit, Mich., says: Fourteen Aldermen and the Secretary of the Common Council Committees are involved in a bribery scandal that broke out in this city on Friday. Seven have been arrested already, and the others are now being sought by the police. The men now under arrest are: Thos. E. Glinnan, President of the Council; Aldermen Louis Brozo, Frank Mason, Alois Deimel, Joseph L. Thiesen and Martin Ostrowski, and E. R. Schreiter, Secretary of the Council Committees. Glinnan and Schreiter made full confessions soon after being arrested and Glinnan turned over to the detective who arrested him a roll of \$1,000 in bills, which he had received but a few minutes before. The charge against the Aldermen and Secretary is that they accepted money in connection with the granting to the Wabash Railway the right to build a freight warehouse on Seventh street between Fort street and Congress. The proposition was strongly advocated by the Board of

Commerce and others interested in the growth of the city, but was held up by certain Aldermen who demanded pay before voting for it. To catch these Aldermen the Burns Detective Agency was employed to set a trap for them, and a dictagraph was used.

This is the first exposure of its kind that has ever been made in the Common Council of Detroit. The arrest of Tom Glinnan, the Council leader, is most commented upon. It is said that he has already filed his petition for nomination for Mayor in the fall election.

The detectives claim that they have caught their men not only with marked money, but by telephonic testimony and phonographic records.

The investigation which culminated in the arrests on Friday has been going on since February, when rumors of graft began to assume serious proportions. Mayor William B. Thompson sought the services of detectives, and Andrew H. Green, a prominent manufacturer, agreed to finance the probe.

\$1,500,000 FOR A NEW HOTEL.

Montreal to Have One of the Finest on the Continent.

A despatch from Montreal says: Negotiations are now under way for a new hotel for Montreal, to occupy the site of the present High School. The construction of the new hotel, which, it is claimed, will be one of the finest on the continent, will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000. According to reports a local firm is arranging for a bond flotation in connection with the new hotel, which will have ample backing, including among the interested parties the Grand Trunk Railway. The land would cost about \$1,800,000, making the total cost of the hotel \$3,300,000.

TO OPERATE FAST FREIGHT.

C.N.R. Montreal-Ottawa Service First—Later to Toronto.

A despatch from Montreal says: Sir Donald Mann was in Montreal on Wednesday, personally superintending the operations in connection with the boring of the tunnel under the mountain for the entrance of the Canadian Northern into Montreal. Sir Donald expects that the line which the company is building between Ottawa and Toronto will be opened late in the fall, and as a measure preparatory to this Mr. D. B. Hanna, the Vice-President and General Manager, has just completed arrangements for the opening of a fast freight service between Montreal and Ottawa with a view to extending it to Toronto. The company has also established its own cartage company in Ottawa to collect and deliver freight.

GUARDED EVERYWHERE.

British Premier Has to Have Escort Even at a Wedding.

A despatch from London says: Additional police guards have been detailed to guard the Cabinet Ministers against Suffragette assaults. It was rumored on Wednesday that the Scotland Yard authorities have been warned that an immense demonstration is being planned. Prem-

ier Asquith's life has been made un-

bearable for him. He cannot stir without heavy police guards. He attended a wedding on Tuesday at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, and, although uninvited, his guards were compelled to accompany him.

TOWNSITE COLLECTIONS.

Millionaire's Nephew Is Charged with Theft.

A despatch from Calgary, Alta., says: H. M. Hanbury, 22, a nephew of the millionaire lumber dealer of Brandon, Man., is under arrest in the city cells for alleged theft of \$422.50 from the North Prince Albert Townsite Company of Calgary. The theft is said to have been committed about June 15, and the amount represents money which it is alleged was collected by Hanbury while acting as a sales agent for the company. Bail has been set at \$1,400.

GREAT APPLE CROP.

Indications Are For Big Yield All Over Canada.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Chief Government Fruit Inspector McNeill reports that from returns sent in to the department from all parts of Canada there are indications of a great apple yield this year, especially so in British Columbia. Nova Scotia's crop is expected to be a record one, while that in Ontario gives promise of being fair.

H. K. THAW STILL INSANE.

Public Safety Demands That He Remain in Asylum.

A despatch from White Plains, N.Y., says: Harry K. Thaw, in the eyes of the law, is still insane and must remain in the asylum where he was placed on February 1, 1908, after he killed Stanford White. Justice Keogh of the Supreme Court on Friday denied Thaw's application for freedom. The Court took the ground that Thaw's release would be detrimental to public safety.

SQUINT-EYED MEN BARRED

Dominion Railway Board Issues Series of Rules on the Subject

A despatch from Ottawa says: Men who squint or are cross-eyed can no longer become engineers, firemen, trainmen or brakemen on Canadian railways.

Following its recent judgment the Dominion Railway Commission has issued a series of uniform rules governing the determination of visual acuity, color perception and hearing of railway employees, and among them is a clause banning the squinting or cross-eyed man. This is not the only defect barred. Applicants must not be accepted if

they use glasses for near vision, though when the distant vision of an employee can be improved by good glasses their use is encouraged. Color blindness is also barred, and good hearing powers are stringently insisted upon. Applicants must be able to hear and repeat names and numbers spoken in a conversational tone at a distance of twenty feet.

Employees must be re-examined in all these particulars after any illness or accident which might have affected them, as well as before promotion.

PRECIOUS STONES FOUND

Gold, Rubies, Garnets and Diamonds Said to Have Been Found Near James Bay

A despatch from Fort William, Ont., says: That precious stones are to be found in the country adjacent to the James Bay is made clear in a letter, dated Moose Factory, James Bay, July 4, from Mr. Robert Swanson of Harold Street, this city, to Mr. Robert Wiegand.

After describing his party's trip, Mr. Swanson says: "On our way down we did quite a bit of exploring in the river bed wherever we camped and when we would go ashore for lunch and in every instance found gold and precious stones, such as rubies, garnets, and we also found a diamond, a small one, but big enough to be certain that it was a diamond."

"We have an expert mining man in our party, so that what I have told you is no guess work. He told me that he feels quite satisfied that the river bed is rich in gold and

precious stones, once down to bed rock. What we got was just off the surface, so that it is bound to improve as soon as bed rock is reached.

"I feel satisfied that within the next two years the Missanabie River (commonly known as the Moose River) will be lined with mining men. There are some good reports of the Whale and East Main River districts. One report is that a diamond was found in the East Main River valued at \$76,000 and many smaller ones of less value. Another report is that two men on the Whale River panned out \$360 of gold in half a day, and so on.

"This place has changed: so much so that I scarcely could find any of the old landmarks. There is scarcely a dozen people alive here that were living when I was here in 1873."