

TWO ARE PARDONED

RUSSIAN NAVAL OFFICERS' TERMS ARE SHORTENED.

Leaders Likely to Be Freed—General Stoesel and Admiral Niogatoff Will Probably Be Liberated Before Long.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—Rear Admiral Grigorieff and Lieut. Smirnof, subordinate officers under Vice Admiral Niogatoff, in the Russo-Japanese war, have been pardoned and released from confinement in the Fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul. They were sentenced to death for surrendering their commands, but in view of the extenuating circumstances their sentences were commuted to ten years imprisonment in a fortress. They began serving their sentences in 1907.

It is reported that Gen. Stoesel and Vice-Admiral Niogatoff also will be pardoned shortly. Stoesel was found guilty by a court-martial of surrendering the fortress of Port Arthur to the Japanese, and is serving a sentence of ten years imprisonment. Niogatoff was sentenced to be imprisoned in a fortress for ten years for surrendering to the enemy at the Battle of the Sea of Japan.

INVENTOR DEAD.

Passes Away When Success Was in Sight.

Montreal, April 15.—Louis Joseph Lacoste, eldest son of Sir Alexander Lacoste, died here, yesterday, after an illness of a week from pneumonia. He was well known as the inventor of the Lacoste ship brake, a contrivance to be fixed to the sides of vessels by which it is claimed they can be brought to a stop very quickly. Mr. Lacoste had been working on this invention for ten years, and recently was successfully tried on the Canadian government steamer Eureka. A company was then formed to exploit the brake, and the United States government consented that one should be attached to the United States battleship Indiana. This brake is now completed at the Cramp's shipyard, Philadelphia, and it will be tried on the battleship next month.

A MARINE CHANGE.

Withdraw From Canadian Lake Transportation.

Toronto, April 15.—The Canadian Lake and Ocean Navigation company, controlled by Mackenzie and Mann, has parted company with the Canadian Lake Transportation company, controlled by the Plummer interest, and the three package freight carriers, Pellatt, Plummer and Ames, will henceforth sail under the colors of the Merchants' Mutual Steamship company, which has already eleven big boats. The separation simply means that the railroad has withdrawn its ships from its alliance with the Canadian Lake Transportation company. The new arrangement will not affect the management of either company.

TO BE RIVALRY.

The C.P.R. Company to Extend Branch Lines.

Winnipeg, April 15.—The Canadian Pacific railway, it is announced, will at once extend its branch which now ends at Nowbary, in Southern Manitoba, to Dakota, to connect with the Soo line. The Soo line also will be extended to Brandon, giving a direct line from Brandon to Minneapolis, running parallel, and between two Hill lines, which now run into Manitoba, one ending at Brandon and the other at Portage la Prairie. This follows Hill's announced intention of building an air line into Winnipeg from the boundary and of building extensive terminals here.

FAMILY PLEA HELPED.

Man With Eight Children, Let Off Easily.

Burrie, Ont., April 15.—Patrick J. Shanahan, Midland, was sentenced to six months in the Central for attempting to blow up the boilers of the Canada Iron and Furnace company, by shutting off the feed valves. He is a young man, about thirty-five years of age, with a wife and eight children and considerable sympathy is felt for him. It is thought that if he did some of the offences it was done while under the influence of liquor. In view of these facts, Judge Wismer dealt more leniently with him than the seriousness of the crime warranted.

DYE WOODS BURNED.

Disastrous Fire in Mountains in Mexico.

Mexico City, April 15.—A great forest fire is raging in the Serrano mountains in Michoacan. Hundreds of men who have been fighting the flames have been compelled to give up the unequal struggle and the mountain is now burning from end to end, a distance of many miles. Thousands have been rendered homeless by the fire and a great quantity of the dye-woods, in which the regions abound, have been destroyed. No details as to loss of life are available.

Bank Manager Retiring.

Montreal, April 15.—It is understood that James Elliott, general manager of the Molsons Bank, will retire from active service during the coming summer to take a rest. He has been close up to fifty years in the service of the bank. He has been general manager since 1900, previous to which he was local manager in Montreal. He entered the bank as a junior in 1860. E. C. Pratt, the local manager, is also retiring to take a post with the new brewery amalgamation.

Fires in Hastings.

Bellefleur, Ont., April 15.—The mill owned by Andrew Bird, situated near Cree Hill, was destroyed by fire, last night. The loss is heavy, and incandescent is the supposed cause. Fire broke out twice, last night, in the residence of Dr. Caverly, Bridge street, West Belleville, and the last citizens destroyed the building and its contents. Loss \$3,500 insured.

See Bibby's nobby \$2 hats.

SMALL-POX AND LIONS.

Waiting For Roosevelt in British East Africa.

Mombasa, British East Africa, April 14.—A cablegram received here from Theodore Roosevelt, declining an invitation to attend a public reception and a dinner, makes it evident that he has decided not to stop in Mombasa, and this knowledge has given rise to much disappointment here. Mr. Roosevelt asks in this message that he be met at the pier by his special train, and he be conveyed direct from the steamer to the ranch of Sir Alfred Pease, on the Athi River. Mr. Roosevelt will be Sir Alfred's guest for the first fortnight's stay in the protectorate. The steamer Admiral, with Mr. Roosevelt and the members of his party on board, is expected here at daybreak of April 21st. At present the moon is blowing vigorously. Last Sunday the bark Sussex was totally wrecked on the roof at the entrance of the harbor.

There has been a sudden outbreak of small-pox at Nairobi. Forty deaths have occurred at the quarantine camp. Maj. Louis L. Seaman has returned here from a hunting trip up country. He says the game is excellent and the prospects good. Three lions have been interfering with the night work at the Masinda station on the railroad.



COMMENDATORE ETTORE XIMENESI. Sent by the Italian Institution to study American Educational Institutions.

LIVES WERE LOST.

In the Recent Fire at Lenox, Mass.

Ottawa, April 15.—Miss Wardie E. Leslie, clerk in the Dominion lands branch of the interior department, has received the sad news that three of her relatives have been burned to death. They were Edward G. Ventress, aged thirty-five, an electrician, his wife, aged forty-one, and their twelve-year-old daughter. Mrs. Ventress was a sister of Miss Leslie's and was a native of Pictou, Nova Scotia. The husband, wife and daughter were three of the victims of the \$300,000 fire at Lenox, Massachusetts, this week, when six lives were lost. It is understood the three bodies have been recovered from the ruins and buried. Mr. Ventress was an American.

JUST ONE SMALL BOTTLE.

What Ten Whiskey Detectives Found in Hotels.

Colborne, Ont., April 15.—Quite a flutter of excitement was created here when it became known that a company of about ten detectives, who are now in the Ontario government, had arrived unannounced at Colborne. They were on a still hunt for violations of the local option by-law, and dividing into squads, made a thorough search of the three hotels simultaneously. It is said that all they found was a small bottle of whiskey kept for private use in one of the places.

CANADA'S WHEAT

Could Counteract Manipulations Of American Ring.

London, April 15.—An experienced member of Mark Lane discusses the wheat shortage in an article in the Morning Post. He says Canada has 4,000,000 quarters of old wheat, which if put into Mark Lane would supply half the deficit here. Canada holds a strong position, and any movement she makes would have an important effect on the operations which the American ring is contemplating.

Conspiracy in Ecuador.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, April 15.—The government has discovered a conspiracy to overthrow the administration of Gen. Eloy Alfaro, and the arrest of the leaders of the movement is momentarily expected. The authorities learned that the conspirators intended to proclaim a triumvirate composed of Gens. Plaza, Arrellano and Tiva de Noira.

All's Well That Ends Well.

Bellefleur, April 15.—George R. Irwin was before Magistrate Masson, charged with perjury. He got a marriage license and gave the girl's age as over eighteen, but the girl's mother said she was only in her sixteenth year. The magistrate dismissed the charge, the girl's parents gave their blessing and the young couple went off on their honeymoon.

Fined For Gambling.

Galveston, Texas, April 15.—Thad T. Adams, representative in the legislature, from Beaver county, has been indicted for permitting gambling on his premises and ten other members of the law-making body under fictitious names, pleaded guilty to charges of gambling and paid fines of from \$10 to \$25 each.

Death Of Lady Carling.

London, Ont., April 15.—Lady Carling, wife of Sir John Carling, died very suddenly, this morning, of heart failure. She had not been well for some time, and it is thought, the excitement over her granddaughter's wedding, yesterday, was too much for her. She was eighty years of age.

At Constantinople the members of the new cabinet have been installed in office.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

ON FLOOR OF PARLIAMENT THIS AFTERNOON.

The Railways Accused of Denuding the Country of Valuable Deposits—An Appeal to Be Made to Stop It.

Ottawa, Ont., April 15.—The cabinet was in session all morning on the Pugsley-Mayer affair when the government attitude in the house was discussed. There is an air of suppressed excitement in the corridors as to what may occur on the floor of parliament this afternoon. Speaker Marcell has given a very definite ruling as to whether Dr. Daniel will be allowed to read the Mayer affidavit, reflecting on the minister of public works.

The special commission on conservation of natural resources, this morning, discussed the great loss which is occasioned by Canadian forest fires. Hon. Mr. Sifton made the statement that the railways had been responsible for denuding the country of valuable deposits. It was decided that the chairman should see the N.T.R. company to see that the right of way is cleared of all combustible material. As regards the C.P.R. and G.T.R. it was hoped to apply to the federal railway commission for similar orders.

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CITIZENS SUE PRIEST.

Mayor Arrested—All Over Local Option Contest.

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Meeting after meeting has been held and very strong influence was brought to bear upon the town council to grant one license for the swell hotel of the town, the Castel del Mont. Father Corbit admitted that he had been in favor of granting one license, but he had found the temperance sentiment so strong that he felt it to be his duty to rally to the majority.

It has been finally decided that St. Agathe should be an absolutely dry town, but the parish priest finds himself opposed to apply to the council for ten thousand dollars each, it being held that he used defamatory language in his Easter sermon, those of the leading citizens being aimed at, according to the allegations of the plaintiffs.

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One of the Largest Distilleries in Maryland Alleged to Have Been Defrauding Government.

Washington, April 15.—As a result of an investigation into charges of violation of the internal revenue law, John G. Capers, commissioner of internal revenue, issued formal instructions to seize the Carroll Spring Distilling company's plant, one of the largest registered grain distilleries in Maryland.

The seizure, which will involve the government taking possession of nearly 8,000 barrels of whiskey, is based upon a long investigation, under the personal supervision of Commissioner Capers, who himself visited the establishment three months ago.

It is understood the charge was based on discoveries of new whiskey in old barrels, the substitution of new whiskey for old whiskey and the removal of it without the payment of one dollar and ten cents a gallon to the government; the substitution of gin for whiskey in some instances and in some of the packages excessive vantage.

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