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TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

FOREIGN.

MINISTER PHELPS WELL RECEIVED.
WAR CONSIDERED PROBABLE.

NEW YORK, May 22.—A cable special from London to the Evening Post says: The black war clouds grew much larger last night. During the afternoon a report was circulated, intentionally, from the foreign office, that everything was settled with Russia. In spite of this, so prevalent is the feeling of disquiet in all well-informed circles, that the moment news that the Guards had been stopped at Alexandria spread in the house of commons, every one was ready to believe the worst. Groups of members gathered in the inner lobby, discussing the meaning of the news. In answer to the question "What does it mean?" only one reply was on every one's lips, viz: "Russia." Sir Arthur Hayter, financial secretary of the war office, wore a look of great anxiety, when admitting in the house the fact of the detention. This naturally confirmed the suspicions. The Guards may, of course, have been stopped for the defense of Saïkhem, owing to a change in the government's plan, or because new trouble is expected to arise over the Bosphore Egyptian incident; but every one here believes it means more serious complications with Russia.

RUSSIA'S DEMANDS GROWING.

No doubt is felt that Russia's demands are growing daily. The latest was probably for the cessation of Marseilles, though there is even a rumor of Russia's proposing to complete neutrality of Afghanistan, which, of course, would mean leaving it open for Russia's intrigues. Meantime, the answer, now roughly drawn, is pushing troops forward and fortifying them with a heavy battery, presented to him by England. War preparations in India have never been stopped, in spite of contrary assertions. It is suggested that Russia will prolong negotiations till after the general election here, in order to judge of temper of the country with the new electoral system.

With regard to Gladstone's recent words about his retirement, I am able, as a result of inquiries in the best quarters, to state the following with much confidence: Mr. Gladstone will, without doubt, retire upon the dissolution of parliament, but this will not prevent him from taking opportunities during recess to speak a number of times, publicly, in defense of the policy of his administration. Having thus helped the liberals back to power, he will quit public life forever. But if war breaks out it is believed he will resign at once, leaving the marquis of Hartington, now minister of war, as premier to carry on the war.

MORE PERCHON HORSES FOR OREGON.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The second importation of Perchon stallions for the Baker county horse and land company of Oregon, consisting of 109 head and costing \$90,000 was shipped west to-day. They average 1600 pound in weight. Most of them are two-year-olds. One yearling weighs 1700 pounds.

THE COMMUNIST TROUBLES IN PARIS.

PARIS, May 25.—The police expect and are prepared for a renewal of the communist riot at Pere la Chaise cemetery to-day or to-morrow. Communist papers cry for vengeance upon the police and troops for attacking and laying out people who attempted yesterday to make a demonstration at the graves of communists in the cemetery. These journals, in order to incite the mob, falsely assert that soldiers, during yesterday's riot, shot four communists dead. Threats are made to attack the authorities with arms and dynamite.

WAR PREPARATIONS RESUMED.

NEW YORK, May 25.—[Special]—A cablegram from London says: News has just been made public that the cabinet has decided that overtime night work in the royal arsenal, which has been relinquished, pending diplomatic negotiations, shall be resumed, especially in the laboratory and foundry for the manufacture of small arms, ammunition, shot and shells. Orders have also been given to expedite the arming and manning of several ocean steamers, both at home and abroad, as auxiliaries of the royal navy.

FAVORABLE CROP REPORTS.

TORONTO, May 24.—The report of the Ontario bureau of industries for May states that reports received show that wheat was in almost as good a condition on April 1 as on the 1st of November last year. Apparently the greatest damage has been done by hard frosts and northwest winds in April, and low temperature in the first ten days of May, but the plants remain fairly rooted in all soils, and the opinion is generally expressed that with favorable weather speedy recovery will be made.

PACIFIC COAST.

THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT DENOUNCED.

VICTORIA, May 21.—Much excitement has been caused on the mainland by an order from Ottawa raising the price of railway lands to \$250 an acre, and increasing stampage and other duties on timber to an extent that will destroy the lumber trade of the province. At a public meeting held at New Westminster denunciatory resolutions were passed. One of the speakers said: "It would be better to live under the czar of Russia than under the rule of Ottawa. They know nothing at all of the wants and wishes of the people of the province. When we were under the old flag, and working in the mines of Cariboo, we got our goods carried to that remote district for one-half what it costs to get the same quantity by railroad from Fort Moody to Lytton. Is not that a nice example of the justice given us by Canadian politicians? Underdonk is a king and with his money he rules at Ottawa. The thing he calls a railroad is only a tramway, and a bad one at that. The whole conduct of the government is evidence of incapacity, and we will stand it no longer! I recommend that we proceed at once to business, and declare here to-night that we shall sever our connection with the Dominion government, and go back to the old flag."

ANTI-CHINESE DEMONSTRATION.

VICTORIA, May 22.—About 2000 workmen, headed by a band, bearing torches and transparencies, marched through the streets to the electric light tower, beneath which they organized a meeting and passed resolutions condemnatory of Chinese immigration, and issued an appeal to the workmen of Canada, imploring their aid to put down the evil. The transparencies bore these mottoes: "Boycott the Chinese employers." "They are not with us but against us." "No yellow slaves shall eat our children's bread." "Cut out the Chinese cancer." "Down with the dragon flag." "Let British Columbia be a home for men only." "Let no Chinese leper cross our threshold." These were relieved by pictures, one representing a Chinaman in the act of stabbing a white man in the back, in allusion to the attack on Captain Morden. At the close of the meeting a proposition to march through Chinatown was not entertained, and the crowd walked through the streets in an orderly manner and dispersed at 10 o'clock.

OF INTEREST TO MONTANA PEOPLE.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Quite a large number of entries were allowed in Montana, declarations and affidavits for which were executed before one R. C. Webster, deputy clerk of the district court. Webster was appointed by the clerk as deputy for the sole purpose of taking proofs of entries. The land office hold that the laws of Montana do not recognize the appointment of an officer for that purpose, and hence declarations executed before him were invalid. Upon appeal the secretary of the interior has reversed that decision, and holds that, regardless of the question whether the deputy was or was not legally entitled to hold that office, he was deputy clerk de facto, and as such the department would not question the authority by which he held office, and that it was not competent to inquire into the authority by which an officer exercised his functions.

TREASURY NOTES.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The secretary of the treasury to-day issued warrants for the payment of about \$5,000,000, on account of pensions. It is estimated that the total payments on this account for the present month will amount to about \$10,000,000.

Secretary Manning says the records of the New York custom house, on file in the treasury department, show a gradual but decided reduction in the expense of conducting the business of that office.

POSTMASTER'S BONDS.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The postmaster general has issued the following order relative to the renewal of postmasters' bonds: "That whenever any postmaster of the fourth class shall have remained in office for five years from the date of the taking effect of his latest official bond, he shall execute a new bond in the manner and with sureties as required by law, upon notice from the department."

A NEW DEMOCRATIC SCHEME.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—A strongly organized movement, started by western democrats, will soon be made to induce the president to appoint a new civil service commissioner. Clandestine politicians say that if one democratic and two republican commissioners could properly look after the interests of democratic applicants under the civil service rules, then one republican and two democratic commissioners can be trusted to look after the interests of republican applicants. Under the law the commissioners have no fixed term, and the president is expressly authorized to remove any of them, their successors, of course, to be confirmed by the senate.

COMING TO STUDY THE CASCADE RANGE.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Captain Clarence E. Dutton, of the ordnance department of the army, who has been engaged for ten years in the study of the geology of the great plateau region of the west, started last week for California, under instructions from Major Powell, director of the geological

survey, to make a study of geological phenomena presented by the Cascade mountains.

THE REBELLIOUS APACHES.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—A dispatch was received at the war department to-day, saying that the Apaches who escaped from San Carlos reservation have gone in the direction of Fort Tuleosa and Ojovaliente in New Mexico. Three companies of cavalry from Fort Bayard and two companies from Fort Wingate are in pursuit.

GENERAL NEWS.

SEVEN POLYGAMISTS SENTENCED.

SALT LAKE, May 25.—On Saturday, at Blackfoot, Idaho, seven polygamists were sentenced by Judge Morgan. Bishop George Stewart defiantly declined to pledge himself to obey the law, and was sentenced to \$300 fine and four months in the penitentiary; Samuel Humphreys, same fine and six months in the penitentiary; J. L. Roberts and William Pratt, same as Stewart; John Vinn, 65 years old, on promising to obey the law in the future, \$300 fine and no imprisonment; Charles Simpson promised to obey the law, and was fined \$300; Martin Baysor, judgment suspended on a statement that he had for a year lived within the law and would continue to do so.

TROUBLE OVER THE OLD TESTAMENT.

NEW YORK, May 25.—[Special]—A semi-official announcement, with which the names of Professor George E. Day is being associated, was made this morning, to the effect that there is something of international disturbance over the revised Old Testament. The American committee of revisers are displeased at the English committee of revisers. This feeling arises from the breaking of a mutual agreement about the publication of the work. It was clearly understood that no copy should go out of the hands of the printers, save to members of the committees, until May 21. The Americans scrupulously kept this contract. The Englishmen, however, unbosomed themselves three days before hand. There is a still more important disagreement between the English and the American revisers, however, for it relates to vital points of doctrine embodied in the familiar passage: "For I know that my redeemer liveth." Neither body would give away but the Englishmen had the final decision, the work of the Americans being advisory. This is not satisfactory to the Americans, and the likelihood is that an edition of the bible containing this and other revisions adopted by the Americans, but rejected by the Englishmen, will be soon issued. The breach caused by the premature issue in London will greatly further such enterprise.

A PUGILIST'S DIVORCE SUIT.

BOSTON, May 25.—John L. Sullivan, the pugilist, has entered a counter suit to his wife's suit for divorce. He charges her with cruel and abusive treatment and gross habits of intoxication.

GUARD AGAINST YELLOW FEVER.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—In view of the alleged prevalence of yellow fever in northern Mexican states, the secretary of the treasury has been requested to appoint sanitary inspectors on the border line of Arizona, and will probably comply with the request.

GEN. GRANT'S CONDITION.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Colonel Grant this morning said his father passed a better night than he did on Sunday, when he slept for eight hours. The general feels bright and comfortable to-day.

General Grant and family are eagerly looking to their removal to Saratoga. The general believes that he can stand the trip all right. His mind is now thoroughly engrossed in his book. The entire work is well nigh completed.

The May number of the *Medical Advocate*, published in the interest of electric physicians and opposed to the regular school, says: In view of all the circumstances we have reason to hope there may have been an error in the diagnosis as well as in the prognosis and treatment of the general's case, and that Grant may long live as a witness of the ignorance and incompetence of men who arrogate to themselves all knowledge in the medical profession.

MURDERED BY APACHES.

DENVER, May 26.—Last Saturday Apaches killed two men at Cantwell & Seterie's ranch on the Gila, and Sunday afternoon killed Charles Stevenson, foreman of the Alley & Ingersoll ranch, and Harvey Moorland, son of James Moorland, living between Grafton and Fairview. The bodies were found about six miles north of Grafton, still warm. Frank Adams, son of George Adams, a ranchman near Fairview, is supposed to have been killed also. His hat was found near the bodies of the two dead men. A special from Winslow, Arizona, says about 100 Navajos, Utes and Piutes, all thoroughly armed, with war paint on, camped near Hardin last night.

OLEOMARGARINE GIVEN A BLOW.

PHILADELPHIA, May 26.—The action of Governor Patterson in signing the bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale in this city of oleomargarine, has created indignation among wholesale provision dealers in this city, who have been extensively engaged in exporting and selling the product

on commission. The bill makes it a punishable offense for any one to have in their possession the article in any shape, after July 1st next.

SENATOR EDMONDS TO ENGLAND.

BURLINGTON, Vt., May 26.—Senator Edmonds has been summoned to testify on points in American law before the British house of lords. He will start on Saturday.

MUGWUMP DICTATORS.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Mugwump papers are thoroughly disaffected towards the administration. The Herald warns the president this morning that such appointments as Montgomery's are not helping matters. We respectfully advise Mr. Cleveland to assume the duties of the presidential office as quickly as possible. Some of his constitutional advisors are leading him into the bog. There will be an election this fall in this state in which the president's conduct of public affairs will inevitably be an issue.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

RESIGNATION CALLED FOR.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Secretary Manning has called for the resignation of Major S. Willard Saxton of Massachusetts, chief of division of the first comptroller's office. It is stated that Saxton will refuse to resign, on the ground that there are no charges whatever against him either of inefficiency or offensive partisanship.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The president to-day appointed the following collectors of internal revenue: William T. Bishop, for the first district of Ohio; Asa Ellis, for the first district of California.

A BIG CONTRACT AWARDED.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The postmaster-general has awarded to the American Bank Note company of New York the contract for furnishing postage stamps for the next four years at \$101,516.82 per annum for ordinary stamps (which will be printed entirely by steam) and \$2,442.79 for postage due and other issues of stamps, making a total of \$103,959.61 per annum. The gross bid of the bureau of engraving and printing, which was the next lowest bid, was \$114,360.30, and the work was to have been executed by a combination of steam and hand work. Samples of steam work of the American Bank Note company were found to be fully equal to the requirements of the department. The price paid for ordinary stamps, under the new contract, will be 6.99 cent per thousand, as against 9.19 cents under the present contract. Nearly four billion stamps are required annually to meet the demands of the service. A saving of three cents per thousand during the next four years will show a considerable reduction in this item of expenditure.

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