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NEW COAL DUTY.

British Ministry Has Decided to Make It a Party Question.

NEW YORK, April 26.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The British ministry has decided to make the export duty on coal a party question. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach was unexpectedly firm in dealing with an influential deputation of coal owners and shipowners, agreeing to consider the expediency of exempting existing contracts if some practicable method could be found for meeting just grievances, but giving warning that the tax would not be abandoned. Mr. Balfour is equally persistent and the ministry is clearly determined to stand or fall on the coal duty.

While the agitation against the revival of export duties continues unabated, there are signs that the coal owners and exporters will come to an understanding by which the tax can be shared. The government is helped by dispatches from America stating that the duty does not offer a sufficient margin for enlarging the export of coal from the United States.

POLAR EXPEDITION.

Captain E. B. Baldwin was a passenger on the Deutschland. Preparations for his Polar expedition are well in hand and he expects to sail with forty companions from a Norwegian port in June. Supplies have already been sent from America and his ship is nearly ready for a voyage in the direction of Franz Josef Land.

GUILD HALL ART SHOW.

The Guild Hall Art Show will be one of the chief attractions of London for American sightseers, who are arriving in great force. It is the best exhibit of Spanish art ever seen in England. It includes 208 works from private galleries of England and the continent, every Spanish painter of any distinction being represented. One room contains thirty-nine of the works of Velasquez, illustrating early, middle and late periods of his art.

There are tavern pieces like "The Water Carrier of Seville," and "The Omelet," several landscapes, one portrait of himself and a splendid array of portraits of Philip IV, Innocent III, Don Baltazar Carlos, cardinals, prime ministers, Spanish nobles, queens and princes. These works come from Buckingham palace, Apsley house, Grosvenor house, Lansdowne house and other private collections. J. Pierpont Morgan tends a portrait of "The Infanta Maria Theresa."

The effect of this room, filled with portraits in low tones and of few colors, is remarkable. The painter himself is not present as showman, like the masters of modern portraiture, but Spanish grandees and ladies are there in stately and black environment of their own.

Another gallery contains eleven works of Murillo, eighteen Goyas and examples of Coello, Greco, Zurbaran, Morales and other masters of the Spanish school. Senator Clark's "Fortuny," from the Stewart collection, shares with "A Spanish Marriage."

NICE BABY

All babies are "nice," to their mothers.

We all love children. Great big men, with hard hands, have soft hearts for helpless new-comers to earth with the smile of heaven fresh on their innocent faces. No man is too high or low, too proud or humble, too busy or idle, too good or bad, too great or small—except a few very small mean men—to throw up their hats at the sight of a plump little cherub; or to pity a thin one. Plumpness and thinness are accidents. Nature is bountiful; parents want to be. Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil corrects their mistakes.

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REVOLUTION ENDED.

Peace Proposals of Colombian Insurgent General Accepted by Government.

NEW YORK, April 26.—The Tribune says:

Dr. Carlos Martinez Silva, minister of foreign affairs of Colombia, has received from Bogota an official acceptance of the peace proposal made by General Rafael Uribe-Urbe, leader of the Colombian insurgents.

General Uribe-Urbe has been in Washington for several days conferring with Dr. Silva and Don Thomas Herran, secretary of the Colombian legation. He has returned to New York and he is to send one of his aides at once to Colombia with a manifesto addressed to his followers, urging them to lay down their arms and submit to the government. Before sailing the general's representative will receive a passport from the Colombian legation.

The only demand made by Uribe-Urbe was that the political prisoners should be set free and the war tax abolished. The prisoners had been freed before these terms were received in Bogota and the people will be asked for no more contributions to meet the expenses of war.

The settlement of the revolution, which has been going on for over a year and a half, was negotiated by Dr. Silva and Don Thomas Herran, who came here on a mission connected with the disposition of the Panama canal.

LOCOMOTIVES FOR CALCUTTA.

Pittsburg Locomotive Company Secured Contract Despite English Competitors.

NEW YORK, April 26.—The World says:

An American concern has secured the contract for locomotives recently ordered by the Calcutta port commission, despite active European competition.

The Indian authorities invited bids in the open market for nine locomotives. The lowest British bid was that of Neilson, Reid & Company, of Glasgow. Their price was 1549 pounds against the Pittsburg Locomotive Company's bid of 1378 pounds for each engine.

The Pittsburg company also offered quicker delivery, undertaking to fulfill its contract inside of six months, while the shortest time given by British builders was nine months.

The Calcutta officials accepted the tender of the American company. This is the first contract for locomotives Americans have secured abroad through lower prices. Previous contracts have come to this country because of prompt delivery.

The locomotives ordered are of the eight-wheel tank type, weighing about 97 tons each. They will be used for hauling heavy freight from the Calcutta docks.

SEVEN YEARS IN JAIL.

Stubborn Pennsylvanian Chooses to Suffer for Contempt of Court.

SCRANTON, Pa., April 26.—Seven years ago this coming June, James Gannon, now 68 years old, was sent to jail in contempt for refusing to sign a deed. Governor Stone having signed a bill designed expressly for the release of Gannon, habeas corpus proceedings were instituted to get Gannon before the court that an order might be made for his release.

Gannon refused to sign the habeas corpus petition and further said he would not raise a hand to gain his freedom. To make the act effect its purpose it will be necessary to follow a procedure in which the acquiescence of Gannon will not have to be reckoned upon.

PRELIMINARY RACES.

Details of Yacht Races Have Not Yet Been Arranged.

BOSTON, April 26.—Sir Thomas Lipton has cabled the Hull-Massachusetts Yacht Club that at this time he cannot say whether or not he will bring the Shamrock to Boston for the race against the Independence and possibly the Constitution. The owner of the Shamrock says he will wait until he comes to New York before giving a definite answer.

W. Butler Duncan has also notified the committee in charge of the races that he cannot enter the Constitution at this time but he will have a definite answer.

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DRAUGHT OF SHAMROCK.

GLASGOW, April 26.—The measurement of Shamrock II, at her dock, shows she draws exactly nineteen feet. The draught of Shamrock I, is twenty-four feet.

FAILURES FOR THE WEEK.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Dun's Review says:

The failures for the week number 215 in the United States against 204 last year, and 26 in Canada against 22 last year.

answer ready later in the season. A similar letter has been received from J. Pierpont Morgan, the owner of the Columbia.

The special committee of the Hull-Massachusetts Club sent to M. Lipton two invitations, one by cable and the other by mail. The cable invitation was answered immediately. Charles E. Hodges, the secretary, said that an answer to the invitation sent by mail is expected within a week as Sir Thomas made reference to the acceptance of the invitation in his speech at the launching last Saturday.

CONSOLIDATION PREVENTED.

Legal Steps Taken by Stockholders in Amalgamated Copper Company.

NEW YORK, April 26.—The Herald says:

Legal steps have been taken preventing the consolidation of the Boston and Montana and the Butte and Boston copper companies with the Amalgamated Copper Company. A temporary injunction has been granted by Vice-Chancellor Pitney in Jersey City, restraining the Amalgamated Copper Company from purchasing control of the stocks of the two companies until the full terms upon which the deal will be made are fully disclosed to the stockholders. The order is returnable on May 6.

The application for the injunction is signed by Calvin O. Geer, who states that he is the owner and holder of 104 shares of stock of the Amalgamated Copper Company. In his bill of complaint he prays for a writ of injunction restraining and enjoining the Amalgamated Copper Company, its directors and agents from purchasing or taking over by way of exchange of securities for cash of any of the stock of the Boston and Montana Consolidated Copper & Silver Mining Company or any terms whatsoever in excess of their actual value, and not until the terms offered those companies have been submitted for approval to the stockholders of the Amalgamated Copper Company.

The complaint also asks the court to further enjoin and prevent the directors of the Amalgamated Copper Company from hypothecating, mortgaging or creating any lien on the property and present assets of the company or creating any indebtedness whatever to take over the two Boston copper companies, until the stockholders of the amalgamated company are fully acquainted with the terms of the deal which are to be approved by them. The injunction granted incidentally prevents any increase in the capital stock of the Amalgamated Copper Company. A director of the company in an interview announced that stubborn opposition to the injunction would be made in the courts.

RECEPTION TO CONGER.

Use of Iowa State House Has Been Granted.

CHICAGO, April 26.—A special to the Tribune from Des Moines says:

The Iowa executive council today passed a resolution granting to the citizens of Des Moines the use of the state house for a public reception to Edwin H. Conger, minister to China, who has arrived at San Francisco and will arrive in Des Moines in a few days. The state house has never been used before for a reception to other than state officers and returning soldiers.

A special train of twelve coaches will leave Des Moines for Council Bluffs on the day of Minister Conger's arrival in Iowa. Governor Shaw, Adjutant-General M. H. Beyers and other state officials will make up the reception committee with Major Hoyt Sherman, only surviving brother to the late John Sherman, and fifty prominent Des Moines men. Several hundred people from points all through Iowa will make the trip to Council Bluffs on the Conger special.

LARGE ARMY NOT NEEDED.

General Merriam Says Small Well-Disciplined Body is Better.

DENVER, Col., April 26.—The Rocky Mountain News this morning prints an interview with General H. C. Merriam, commander of the department of the Colorado, in which he is quoted as being opposed to a large standing army.

According to the interview, the general said:

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DISASTROUS PRAIRIE FIRE.

Buildings of a Cattle Ranch Wiped Out in Nebraska.

OMAHA, April 26.—A special to the Bee from Valentine, Neb., says:

Word is received from the southwestern part of this (Cherry) county that disastrous prairie fires are raging there; that the buildings of one cattle ranch have been entirely wiped out and that other ranches are threatened.

REVISION OF CREED.

Presbyterian Committee Is Now Formulating Its Report at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, April 26.—The sub-committee of the committee on revision of creed, appointed by the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, is in session in this city formulating its report which is to be presented to the

BOXER UPRISING IMMINENT

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that General Bailford and Colonel Marchand some time ago contemplated an attempt to seize the Chinese embassy and court. General Bailford approached Colonel Marchand and asked him if he would undertake a certain enterprise, which would probably hasten the end of hostilities. The colonel replied that he was willing, and General Bailford and Colonel Marchand drew up a plan, the execution of which was venturesome but feasible. The diplomats however, opposed the scheme and it fell through.

CHINESE AGAIN TRESPASSING.

PEKIN, April 26.—The Chinese regulars who retired beyond the great wall have reappeared at another point within the international area. Strong representations have been made to the Chinese plenipotentiaries in regard to the necessity for their immediate retirement. The French force is in readiness to renew the operations, but has been ordered to await the result of the imperial edicts.

RUSSIA TO RETAIN MANCHURIA.

PARIS, Apr. 26.—The Courier du Soir, which is generally well-informed on ministerial intentions, says that the settlement of the Chinese situation is a question of finance. The newspaper says that Russia, repeating that operation which has had the greatest success, will advance China the sum required to pay the indemnities and that French savings will provide Russia with the requisite funds. The European troops, except the legation garrisons, will then leave Peking and a fresh period will begin during which Chinese palaces will strive to lure out the British and German governments in their claims regarding the opening of the ports and customs. Russia will retain Manchuria as a pledge for the loan.

This appears to be the general scheme of the project that the French foreign minister, M. Delcasse, is discussing in St. Petersburg with Count Lamdorff and M. Witte, respectively Russian minister of foreign affairs and finance.

REFORM PARTY A FAILURE.

HONOLULU, April 19, via San Francisco, April 26.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the exiled Chinese revolutionary, arrived in Honolulu last night on the steamer Nippon Maru. Dr. Sun was born in Hawaii and graduated from Oahu college. He was the leading spirit in the attempted revolutionary coup d'etat in Canton in '11, since which time he has been an exile from China. His views on the Chinese situation and of the Boxer or reform society, which is said to have nearly 10,000 members in Hawaii, will be a bombshell to many local Chinese who have been led to join the organization and support it.

Dr. Sun says that the Boxer movement is useless and will end in an ineffective career amid internal dissensions that have already begun. Already some of the millionaire members in Singapore have withdrawn their support from King Yu Wei and members are asking what there is to show for the millions they have subscribed to the society.

The revolutionary party has the real strength of the reform and progressive element in China, according to Dr. Sun. Its membership extends throughout China in secret societies that are awaiting their chance. Instead of attacking for the return of the Emperor Kwang Hsu to power and trying to induce him to issue again the reform edicts that are supposed to have caused his dethronement, the revolutionary party wants absolute abolition of the Manchu dynasty and establishment of a republican form of government in China.

CONGER DEFENDS MISSIONARIES.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—In reference to the accusations made against missionaries, United States Minister Conger, who arrived last night, makes the following statement:

"The missionaries have a larger number of missionaries out here than any other nation and I am frank to say that there are very few things which the missionaries have done. If any, for which there need be any apology whatever. The stories of their looting are false, so my knowledge.

"Believing that our government would not demand a monetary indemnity for the murder and pillaging of native Christians, I advised them that wherever they could make a settlement themselves with the villagers where they had taken place to make them on their own responsibility. Li Hung Chang and Chang Yen Mao suggested that the settlement might be made in this way with the least possible friction. There was no going out and com-

polling the people to pay anything. It was altogether voluntary on their part.

"The missionaries have been criticized very severely for going, immediately after the siege was raised, into abandoned houses for shelter for themselves and the native Christians who had been expelled from their homes. I said 'If there is a Boxer's habitation abandoned, take possession of it, so you can have a place in which to shelter and take care of the native Christians.'"

Speaking of the siege, Mr. Conger said:

"It took every white man we had to stand by the guns. Without the missionaries the legation would not have been saved and without the native Christians none of us would have saved. The missionaries were not the prime cause of the trouble; they were only one of the causes. The missionaries were not responsible for the building of the railroads or for any of the foreign innovations against which the hatred of the Boxers seemed to be directed."

AMENITY DEFENDS HIMSELF.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Rev. W. S. Amment, of the American Board of Foreign Missions of the Congregational church, whose collection of indemnity for damages done by Boxers in China have caused considerable discussion, takes vigorous exception to the criticisms made by Mark Twain and others as to the alleged misconduct of the missionaries. He says:

"We found ourselves at the close of the siege with 500 native Christians upon our hands, no food, no clothing, no money and every Christian house burned.

general assembly in Philadelphia, May 16. The committee has decided upon three important features of a plan for revision which will be presented to the general assembly. These features, which are as follows, are most urgently demanded by the presbyteries:

1.—New statement of doctrine to be issued as a supplement to the confession of faith.

2.—Revision of the confession itself, either by the addition of a declaratory paragraph or a change in the text.

3.—These returns indicate that it is the mind of the church that the confession should be interpreted throughout in harmony with the teaching of scripture that God is not willing that any one should perish, nor is it the decree of God, but the wickedness of their own hearts, which shuts some men out from the salvation freely and lovingly offered in "Christ Jesus to all sinners."

"The report is a compromise to satisfy two great classes of opinion among the great presbyteries. A large number wish the reinstatement of the creed and others wish revival of the whole. The question of fore-ordination and predestination is treated in chapter three and the committee recommends that these subjects be amended by a committee to be appointed by the general assembly.

NEW CANAL TREATY.

Administration Has Been Securing Views of Senators on Subject.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The administration has succeeded at last in securing a collection of opinions from leaders of the senate of all political parties upon which to base negotiations for a new isthmian canal treaty as a substitute for the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. In other words it is aware of the wishes of most of the senators and the only problem before the state department is to frame a treaty that will reflect their views insuring a two-thirds vote for ratification, and yet shall be acceptable to the British government.

If, as reported from London, the sine qua non is the neutrality clause, officials here feel that success on this point seems within reach. It is expected that two drafts of the treaty will be framed before long.

BURGLAR WAS DROWNED.

Pursued by Constables He Jumped Into the Missouri River.

CHICAGO, April 26.—A special to the Tribune from Omaha, Neb., says:

Hard pressed by the constables, a burglar, thought to be Z. C. Worley, leaped into the Missouri river at Pennington, Ia., and perished in midstream in full view of his pursuers. By chance a farmer had come upon the burglar's booty, hidden in his field, and for two nights several men lay in wait, snuffing the thief last night.

The thief made a bold dash for liberty and was chased to the Missouri river where he plunged in. The constables had set off from shore when they saw their man disappear. The current washed the body into shallow water where it was recovered some time afterwards. A book in the dead man's pocket bore the name of Z. C. Worley.

QUESTIONABLE PRACTICE.

Importers and Jobbers of Lemons and Oranges Will Stop Tacking and Giving Rebates.

NEW YORK, April 26.—The Journal of Commerce says:

A petition or agreement is being circulated for signatures among importers and jobbers of green fruits with particular reference to lemons and oranges, having for its purpose the elimination of the practice of giving and taking rebates. It is pointed out in the petition that the evil has grown to such proportions that it is working positive injury to the trade and it is sought by means of the petition to obtain such support for the movement to eliminate the practice that this menace of the business will be removed.

The petition, which has already received a large number of signatures, is similar to the movement begun a year or so ago against rebating. It is claimed in certain quarters that the giving of rebates by importers has been a great cause of demoralization at the auction sales.

"In some cases," said a broker, "the rebates given amount to thirty cents a box. The object of the rebate is to stimulate prices on the fruit when it is offered at auction the first offering being to a certain extent a determining factor at the sales. In their own interests importers should combine to stop the practice. To a great extent the remedy exists with them as if they do not give rebates there can be no one to take them. The evil has grown to large proportions and should be looked into, but under present conditions it is doubtful if the movement will result in anything."

CONTEST OVER MAYORALTY.

ST. LOUIS, April 26.—Notice of contest was served today on Mayor Rolla Wells by Lee Meriwether, the municipal ownership party's candidate for that office.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, April 26.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 60.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Wheat, December, 108 1/2; cash, 103 1/2.

CHICAGO, April 26.—Wheat, July, opening, 75 1/2@73 1/2; closing, 73 1/2@73 1/2.

LIVERPOOL, April 26.—Wheat, July, 5s. 11 3/4d.

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