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Blow At British Naval Campaign

Beresford Declines to Command Channel Fleet - "Only Prepared," the Admiral Declares, "to Defend Home With Number Capable of Performing Task"

LONDON, Feb. 23. - Admiral Lord Charles Beresford has thrown a bomb shell into naval circles by placing himself in direct antagonism to the government's policy for the distribution of Great Britain's naval forces.

warships from active duty, placing them in reserve with nucleus crews. On October 24 the Admiralty issued a circular announcing that a distinct fleet would be constituted from the reserve ships, to be called the Home fleet, under the supreme command of a flag officer, with the status of commander in chief and headquarters at Sheerness.

PREPARING PROGRAM EMPIRE CONFERENCE

Despatches Exchanged Between Earl Grey And Lord Elgin - The Proposals Are Many - An Imperial Council of Defence The Central One - Question of Preferential Trade Will Also Come Up

OTTAWA, Feb. 23. - The correspondence between Great Britain and Canada in regard to the approaching Colonial Conference was presented to the House this afternoon by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In so far as Canada is concerned, the chief feature of the return is that the Canadian Government has so far not suggested any special subjects or resolutions for discussion at the conference.

what they did on the occasion of the last intercolonial conference in reply to Mr. Chamberlain, when a declaration was made before the departure of the delegates to serve as a basis of discussion.

THE MINUTE OF COUNCIL. The minute of Council referred to by Sir Wilfrid in giving the Government's views on the creation of an Imperial Council contains the reply to the suggestion of the Imperial Government that the gathering of the colonial representatives be described as an "Imperial Conference."

DOWNFALL OF GEN'L STOESSEL

The Deplorable Manner in Which The Brave Defender of Port Arthur is Said to Have Been Treated By His Country.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23. - Quite recently a report was circulated in St. Petersburg that General Stoessel, who achieved world-wide fame by his defence of Port Arthur against the Japanese, had been obliged by necessity to seek financial aid from a well-known benevolent organization which is indirectly connected with the Russian army.

power to give in token of what was considered his marvellous feat in holding Port Arthur so long against the aggressive yellow enemy. Stoessel, in brief, reached the uttermost zenith of earthly fame, only to learn that all such glories are fleeting.

PLAYGROUNDS FOR CITY CHILDREN NATIONAL NEED, SAYS ROOSEVELT

The President Thinks These Comforts Should Be Provided For The Little Ones The Matter Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. - Municipal playgrounds within easy walking distance of every boy and girl in the large cities were advocated tonight by President Roosevelt in a letter, and by Representative Henry Hottel of Chicago and other speakers at a "playground banquet," given under the auspices of the Washington Playgrounds Association.

we must provide some other place than the streets for their leisure time. If we would have our citizens contented and law-abiding, we must not sow the seed of discontent in childhood by denying children their birthright of play."

RAILWAY BUILT BY CHINESE

LONDON, Feb. 23. - The opening of the Swatow Railway last month was an event of some importance in China, for it marked a new era. After resisting all efforts directed at providing the country with railways for very many years the Chinese at last appear to be waking up to the importance of providing more and more speedy and improved means of inland communication.

INSURANCE COMMISSION REPORT

OTTAWA, Feb. 23. - The report of the insurance commission was placed before Parliament today. It confirms the public impression made by the evidence that much laxity exists in the management of Canadian Companies, and that prominent public men were improperly connected with investment of Forest's funds and Foster is charged with violating his trust as manager of the Union Trust Co. investing Forest's funds by speculation for his personal profit, and by accepting commissions from vendors of lands.

THE GOVERNORS ATTITUDE

In the Commons to-day the Prime Minister, replying to Mr. Laverne stated that the Colonial Conference was fixed to open at London April 15 questioned the attitude of the Dominion Government regarding Imperial defence and contributions by the colonies to the maintenance of the Imperial navy and army.

NO NEW SUBJECTS AT PRESENT

Lord Elgin cabled on September 23, asking for a statement of subjects which the Canadian delegates would present or any resolution they might desire to submit to the conference. To this Lord Grey replied on the following day, September 26: "My Ministers do not desire at this date to present any new subject for discussion at the conference."

FRUGALITY OF FRENCH PEASANTS

PARIS, Feb. 23. - It is estimated that the peasants of the South of France spend on food for a family of five an average of 25 francs a day. For breakfast there is bread, with a preparation of salt fish to spread on it; for dinner, stock fish, or a vegetable soup or salad; and for supper, rabbit, beans or other vegetables. Water is the chief drink, with a very thin wine once in a while. Rabbit is occasionally used as a flavor in a vegetable stew, but that is a luxury. Beef or mutton is seldom tasted. Most of them dress poorly. But this economy is not for nothing. Many of them have bank accounts, and in the matter of hard cash are well enough off.

TWO WEEKS ON INTERCOLONIAL

Three killed And A Number Seriously Injured In The First Wreck

ST. JOHN, Feb. 27. - There have been two bad wrecks on the I.C.R. in the past twenty four hours near Truro. The expresses from Halifax and St. John met in a head-on collision and three were killed.

SUPREME COURT KING'S COUNTY

The case of Poole and Thompson vs Martin McKinnon occupied the Court nearly all day yesterday. Verdict was given for the plaintiff.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 27th, 1907. Hon. F. L. HAZARD, completed this morning his speech which lasted nearly before adjournment was ordered. He made a very clear exposition of the subsidy problem and elucidated details in a very thorough manner.

THE BEE-STING TREATMENT

HARRISBURG, Feb. 23. - To be able to shake hands with his friends is an experience which Redsecker L. Young, the wealthy Middletown farmer, is now having for the first time in many months. Young attributes his good fortune entirely to the bee-sting treatment for rheumatism, applied by State Zoologist Surface the last three months.

LITTLE CHILDREN FOUND AT WORK IN A MILL AT LOWELL, MASS

Indignation Caused by The Discovery of Child Slavery in Massachusetts - Labor Leader Protest.

LOWELL, Feb. 23. - The discovery of a 10-year-old boy at work in one of the mills of this city under the name of another boy who was killed in the big mill fire in Dover, N. H., recently, and for whom the school certificate had been originally issued, has called forth claims from the authorities that an investigation properly conducted by the State Police would undoubtedly result in hundreds of cases of "child slavery" being detected in Lowell's big mills.

SCHOOL MISTRESS AND CHILDREN

MONTREAL, Feb. 23. - Miss Maxwell, Principal, and sixteen of the pupils of Hochelaga School of Protestant Board School commissioners perished in a fire which broke out at 1.40 this afternoon. All of the children were under eight years of age, and children of mechanics residing in east end of city.

Interviewed by a Post representative in Boston tonight and asked as to what course would be adopted by him in following up these and the charges made against Fantas, who is accused of violations of both the school and immigration laws, Commissioner Billings said: "If they want anything done about this case, it is up to someone to call it to my attention. We are not running around after complainants. Until someone requests action we shall do nothing on this end."

LABOR LEADERS INDIGNANT

The knowledge that child slavery was being practiced to a great extent in this city and the claim that many Greek children of very tender age are at present employed in many of the mills have excited the authorities to action, and it is expected that a thorough investigation will be made. It is claimed by some of the officials that there are a large number of children in the mills who have been represented to be of the age required by law when in reality they are much younger, and that certificates procured by different methods have been presented to the inspectors.

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DECEMBER - That everybody reads a morning paper with news is then fresh and up-to-date, and that at some time during the day everybody is likely to buy the good advertised while their mind is still bright and active.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS (Too late for Classification.) SEE PAGE 6 FOR RATES

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THE WEATHER: TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 27. - Moderate to fresh northerly winds fine and continued colder. Minards Liniment Cures Distemper