

COLD DAY AND STEADY RAIN KEPT PEOPLE FROM THE FAIR

Thursday's Attendance Was Very Greatly Affected by the Unfavorable Weather Conditions.

THE AFTERNOON ATTRACTIONS WERE CALLED OFF

Less Than Five Thousand Persons Came From Outside Points—Visitors Kept in the Buildings the Greater Part of the Day—Midway Men Down in the Mouth.

"Had it not been for the rain today we would have equalled and probably beaten Wednesday's attendance," said Secretary Nelles at the Western Fair offices last night. "In fifteen years, to my personal knowledge, there was not such an evil day for the fair as was Thursday of this year. I never saw such an incessant, steady, cold rain on a day of the fair before, and though we are disappointed because of the weather conditions and the effect on the attendance, I must say that all things considered, we have come out better than we expected. I believe it will be found that Thursday's attendance, despite the rain, will be slightly better than the attendance on Tuesday. The fair appears to have a strong hold upon the people."

Thursday was indeed a forbidding day, for from midnight until nearly 5 o'clock in the afternoon the downpour of rain continued almost without interruption. It was a cold rain, too, and people who sweltered in the lightest clothing the day before shivered in overcoats the next.

With such unpromising weather it was not to be expected that Thursday's attendance would amount to anything, but as Secretary Nelles pointed out, it was better than was expected.

On Wednesday, when the railway companies saw how heavy the traffic was, they at once made arrangements to meet another rush, and they notified the fair board that they would be ready for all comers yesterday. But the rain rendered the arrangements unnecessary, for the crowds brought in by the railways were moderate, as compared with the number handled Wednesday, not quite 5,000 people coming in over all roads.

But this number, added to those who were already in the city, rendered London a decidedly busy place, despite the inclement weather.

In the morning the visitors, for the most part, gave the fair grounds a wide berth, but in the afternoon, when it became apparent that it was going to wet all day, quite a large number of people passed through the gates.

But everything was bedraggled, and the grounds were muddy. The "barkers" on the Midway did their best to make things lively, but those who struggled through the mud were in no humor to see side shows, watch demonstrations, Indians play wild men again, or listen to variations on hand organs and other such time-honored musical instruments.

The vast majority of visitors were in the several buildings, seeing the sights and also keeping out of the wet. This fact made the scene in the main building somewhat lively, though at no time was there a semblance of a crush.

Many of those who are running attractions claimed that the wet day would financially embarrass them, but

AWFUL MASSACRE IN MACEDONIA

Turks Capture Kastoria and Put 10,000 to the Sword.

BULGARIAN PRESS BELICOSE

Germany Warns Bulgaria That She Will Have to Fight Turkey Singlehanded.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 17.—The foreign office here has received reliable information that the Turks have destroyed the town of Kastoria, 26 miles south of Monastir, and have massacred the population.

The report of a massacre at Kastoria comes from sources admitting of little doubt, though the details are lacking. It was received with the gravest concern by the officials here. The population of Kastoria numbers about 10,000 persons, and the massacre of such a number in one place, if the report be true, exceeds anything which has yet occurred in Macedonia.

At the present critical moment, when popular feeling is intense, the effect of the report of such a heinous slaughter may be most serious. The press is assuming a bellicose tone. The Drenik tonight complains that the Government's partial mobilization of three divisions is utterly inadequate and urges the immediate mobilization of the whole Bulgarian army, pointing out that the experience of other nations, France, the United States and Austria, has proved that it is always necessary to display strength when dealing with Turkey.

Salonica, European Turkey, Sept. 17.—Orders were received from Constantinople yesterday to try by court martial all Turkish officers whose ignorance or negligence permits the escape of insurgents.

Hilmi Pasha, the inspector-general, telegraphs that in the fight at Kastoria, Sept. 16, 150 Bulgarians were killed and that in the engagement at Kastoria 200 Bulgarians were killed. Ibrahim Pasha telegraphs from Seres that in an encounter near Melnik, 49 Bulgarians were killed. The Turks lost seven men. The fugitive insurgents were pursued and surrounded at Jumaibala, where 30 of them were killed and 20 were wounded.

London, Sept. 18.—The Porte has expelled the Daily Mail's correspondent at Monastir, who has appealed to the British ambassador.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 18.—The German representative here has addressed a note to the Bulgarian Government in accord with the declarations of Russia and Austria, saying that Bulgaria cannot expect assistance from any power in the event of war with Turkey and that the Austro-Russian reform plan will be applied.

The Austrian representative in insisting on the necessity for Bulgaria remaining calm, declared that if the principle was powerless to prevent the passage of insurgent bands into Macedonia, Austria and Russia would take note of her powerlessness and charge Turkey to exercise her rights and defend her territory against foreign incursions and maintain order in the interior.

SIR THOMAS IMPROVING

He Passes a Good Night—The Doctor's Bulletin.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Sir Thomas Lipton, who is ill here, enjoyed a refreshing sleep last night, and his friends were greatly pleased at his condition this morning. The following bulletin was issued:

"S. A. M.—Patient slept six hours; no pain; temperature normal, pulse 78; condition favorable. (Signed), H. M. Thomas, M. D."

ASSASSINATION OF PETER

Paris Hears Rumors of His Death at Belgrade.

Paris, Sept. 18.—An unconfirmed rumor was circulated on the bourse here today that King Peter of Serbia had been assassinated. Serbian bonds fell 1 franc 70 centimes.

London, Sept. 18.—While definite information is still lacking, the rumor in Paris of the assassination of the Serbian King is regarded here as a bourse canard.

FORESAW HIS DEATH

Victim of Hydrophobia Asked to be Restrained.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Suffering from hydrophobia and fearing that he might injure others, Casasco, 151 Larrabee street, pleaded with his relatives to place him under restraint.

"I am about to become violent; I can feel it coming on," he exclaimed. Casasco was taken to the county hospital and no sooner had he arrived there than he began raving and was strapped to a bed. At 9 o'clock last night he died.

Casasco, who was 30 years old, was bitten by a dog while working in South Water street several weeks ago.

PIUS AND CEREMONIAL

Pontiff Revolutionizes Methods in the Vatican.

London, Sept. 18.—Many innovations at the Vatican, says the Daily Mail's Rome correspondent, show the independence of the new Pope and his love of a simple, unostentatious life. The strict etiquette and pompous ceremonial gradually are disappearing. For instance, his holiness prefers walking unattended to using a sedan chair, and audiences can be had for the asking.

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THE BEAR AND THE BULL

Fight to the Death Which Was Won by the Latter.

Menominee, Mich., Sept. 18.—Bears are getting to be numerous around the vicinity of Cedar River. Sunday, a large bear with four cubs were seen there. Yesterday, on a farm a short distance from this place, a farmer witnessed a strange sight. One of his bulls was having a fierce fight with a large bear. The bull finally managed to catch him behind one of his shoulders with his horns and ran him to the fence. There he was pinned fast and nearly gored to death. The farmer secured an axe and soon dispatched the bear. The champion did not come off unscathed, his shoulder being badly lacerated.

RAN THE CHINESE OUT

And China Demands Investigation by the U. S.

Tonopah, Nev., Sept. 18.—A mob invaded Chinatown here Wednesday and at the points of guns compelled a number of Chinamen to leave town. Several were badly beaten, dragged to the outskirts of the town and told to take the road to Soda Lake. Later on all but one returned to town and notified the officers. They stated that Ping Ling, a 77-year-old man and the proprietor of a wash house, was one of the victims, and they believed he had perished on the road. Searching parties were sent out in the morning and they found him horribly mutilated body three miles west of town.

Washington, Sept. 18.—The Chinese Minister yesterday laid before Acting Secretary of State Adee a dispatch from the Chinese consul at San Francisco, detailing the attack made on a number of Chinese at Tonopah, Nev. Adee wired the governor at Nevada asking for an immediate investigation, and requesting that he afford every protection in his power to the Chinese residents at Tonopah.

THE BOUNDARY CASE

Mr. Root Cross-Questions Attorney-General Finlay.

London, Sept. 18.—When the Alaska Boundary Commission resumed its sessions today Attorney-General Finlay was subjected by Mr. Root and Senators Lodge and Turner to a fire of questions in connection with this attempt to show that the boundary should run from the head of Portland Canal directly westward to the point where the mountains, claimed by the Canadians as the boundary, intersect the 56th parallel of latitude. The contention of the United States is that the boundary continues up to Bear River valley, from the head of the Portland Canal, and that the line under the treaty could not run farther than the water canal and from that point must seek the mountains at the 56th parallel.

Senator Lodge suggested that this would mean that the line must cross the mountains to reach those points described in the Canadian case, which the Attorney-General evaded touching upon.

CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

Five Killed in the Russian Religious Riots.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 1.—Later official reports from Comel, in the Government of Moghileff, where it was reported that fighting between Christians and Jews had resulted in the death of four Christians and two Jews, increase the death list of the Jews to five. About 200 houses were destroyed and 68 arrests were made.

OLD ENGLAND IS EXCITED OVER THE RESIGNATIONS

Chamberlain's Departure Causes Consternation Among All Classes in the United Kingdom.

BALFOUR IS EXPECTED TO FILL UP THE VACANCIES

And Carry on the Government Until Parliament Meets Next Year—Lord Milner's Name Mentioned as Successor to Chamberlain—What the Liberals Say.

London, Sept. 18.—Consternation and excitement caused by the announcement of Joseph Chamberlain's resignation of the secretaryship for the colonies prevails among all classes in the United Kingdom, to the exclusion of every other topic. The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon aptly sums up the general feeling by describing the present crisis as the "most extraordinary in the whole history of constitutional government."

It states that Premier Balfour will fill up the vacancies and carry on the Government until he meets Parliament in 1904. Mr. Chamberlain, also, does not look for an immediate general election, expecting at least twelve months' propaganda before the electorate can decide upon his proposals. Other rumors are current that Mr. Balfour is unable to find men to fill the vacancies, and that he will be obliged to hand to the King his own resignation. This, however, does not appear to be likely.

THE NEW CABINET

The Westminster Gazette and other papers forecast Lord Milner, the high commissioner in South Africa, succeeding to the colonial office, and it is definitely announced that Lord Stanley, financial secretary to the war office, and probably James Lowther, deputy speaker, will be among those promoted to the cabinet, but the details of his reconstruction are not likely to be known until Mr. Balfour has seen the king.

The Associated Press learns there is good reason to believe that the report that War Secretary Brodrick will be transferred to the India office, is correct.

The new cabinet is expected to meet within a fortnight.

The prediction that the markets would not be affected by the cabinet crisis has been fulfilled, indeed, common-sense exhibited a firmer tone today. From all parts of the United Kingdom and the empire editorial expressions of opinion on the crisis are pouring in. The Government organs frankly admit that Mr. Chamberlain's withdrawal came as a blow. The Liberal organs, though announcing the "Wreck of the Tory Party," nearly all agree in saying that Mr. Chamberlain's resignation does not mean a victory for free trade. Though



Mr. Joseph Chamberlain.
Who Has Resigned from the British Cabinet.

great surprise, ceaseless activity prevails, and it is announced that Mr. Chamberlain's previous arrangements for his campaign will all be carried out.

London, Sept. 17.—The official announcement of the resignations of Mr. Chamberlain and two other members of the cabinet, which was announced by the Associated Press today, was made in the night at 11 o'clock.

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AT CANADA'S GREAT AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION



Scene Near the Main Building During Wednesday's Great Crowds.

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WITH THE FIREWORKS MEN.

Their Work Must be Done Rapidly and With Precision.

Each year great improvement is seen in the fireworks given at the Western Fair. The display given is always a source of interest to the public, not only for its beauty and diversion from the ordinary, but because of the things of mystery that surrounds the workings of the different set pieces. The wonder which the fireworks cause makes the interest greater than if the spectators knew just how they were worked.

By the kindness of Mr. T. W. Lissaman, manager for the T. W. Hand Company, who is one of the oldest and most experienced in the business, an advertiser representative was given an opportunity to accompany one of the men, who manipulate the display, last night. So with his coat collar turned up high, and his hat pulled over his eyes, the newspaper man started out to see how the exhibit was conducted. The visit proved to be interesting, and not wholly without excitement. At one time, in fact, the uninitiated made a move to pass a bunch of huge rockets that had just been fired, and was only prevented from being converted into a man-who-needs-a-wig by a pull from the assistant, and a warning to "stick right in his tracks."

Then there were the bombs, which shake the ground (or your knees) when you stand close to them. When the largest ones, which repeat four times,

HAS PASSED AWAY

The Old-Fashioned Farmer No Longer Seen—Notes From the Fair.

Where are the old-fashioned, Simon pure, carpet bag and gold brick farmers of years ago. None of them are in evidence at the Western Fair—in

WEATHER BULLETIN

Sun rises, 5:50 a.m. Moon rises, 2:48 a.m.
Sun sets, 6:25 p.m. Moon sets, 4:48 p.m.
Tomorrow—Fair and Warmer.

Toronto, Sept. 17-8 p.m.—Since last night very heavy rains have fallen over the Georgian Bay region, and fairly heavy rains elsewhere in Ontario as well as in Quebec. Strong breezes and moderate gales have prevailed from the lakes to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. In the Northwest Territories the weather has become much warmer and in Ontario much cooler.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 50-64; Calgary, 52-72; Qu'Appelle, 50-70; Winnipeg, 52-66; Parry Sound, 40-52; Toronto, 53-61; Ottawa, 61-71; Montreal, 60-74; Quebec, 56-76; Halifax, 52-72.

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate to fresh west to south winds; fair and a little warmer.

Saturday—Moderate to fresh southerly winds; fair and a little warmer.

Stations.	S. a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	50	42	Fair
Winnipeg	52	42	Fair
Parry Sound	42	29	Fair
Toronto	48	42	Fair
Ottawa	48	40	Fair
Montreal	48	45	Fair
Quebec	50	46	Fair
Father Point	50	45	Cloudy

CIVIL SERVANTS GET AN INCREASE

A Liberal Advance Proposed by Sir William Mulock—All Branches Benefited.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—A new bill, of which Sir William Mulock gave notice last night, means the application of the proposed increase in salaries to all branches of the civil service, instead of only to the deputy heads and the junior second-class clerks, as was proposed in the bill introduced some weeks ago and withdrawn recently to make way for the wider increase. The general effect is to apply the sliding scale to deputies, as well as the lower branches of the service, and to make an increase of \$400 in the lower branches. The deputy who now receives a stationary salary of \$3,200 will hereafter start at \$3,500 and advance \$100 yearly to \$4,000, and \$1,000 additional in the case of Deputy Ministers of Finance, Justice and Railways. Chief clerks in the new grade "A" will commence at \$2,400, instead of \$2,000, and advance to \$2,800, instead of \$2,400. For first, second and junior second-class clerks the minimum and maximum salaries are advanced \$100. The old third-class clerkship is revived, ranging from \$500 to \$700.

MISSISSIPPI ON THE RAMPAGE

Farm Lands Flooded, Crops Destroyed and City of Lacrosse Threatened With Inundation.

Lacrosse, Wis., Sept. 18.—Hundreds of families in the district adjacent to Lacrosse are fleeing with what valuables they can grasp to the hills which skirt the Mississippi to escape death in the floods which are sweeping the Mississippi Valley.

Upon advice of the United States weather bureau station here yesterday the entire police force was detailed to warn the residents of the surrounding towns that the worst flood of the history of the state was to strike Lacrosse early today. Mounted couriers were dispatched in every direction, and it is believed that the warnings were sent early enough to prevent loss of life.

Farms within 25 miles of Lacrosse are being deserted. Miles upon miles of farming land is inundated and crops and all property is being flooded.

As yet no loss of life has been reported. Roads and bridges north of here have been swept away and it is impossible to drive from one county to another.

The weather bureau station here predicts a thirteen foot stage on the Mississippi here by Saturday morning, which will mean that the basement and first floors in the wholesale district in Lacrosse will be flooded. The losses cannot be estimated now, but will reach several hundred thousand dollars before the water recedes.

THE NORTH GREY SLANDER CASE

Sensational Evidence Given as to the Methods of Last Election.

Owen Sound, Sept. 17.—In suggesting that the court sit until midnight to finish the suit of Matthew Beckett against A. G. MacKay, M. P. P., Chief Justice Meredith said that it seemed fit that such a case should be heard at dead of night. The evidence yesterday dealt almost entirely with bottles and drinks, and various disturbances in the Conservative Club rooms during the night before the last election. It was evident that several men had come to the rooms prepared to spend the night there, and others wandered in to partake of the good cheer, and ended by sleeping on the floor. There was no evidence of the drugging of liquor, but one witness declared that the dock which he sampled contained "sure shot" whiskey, strong enough "to kill at forty rods."

Robert Campbell, who made the declaration that he was drugged in the committee rooms, gave evidence, but his testimony on the point that it was Mr. Beckett who gave him the whiskey was contradicted by several other witnesses sworn that Mr. Beckett took a bottle away from him. The jury was discharged to remain until 12 o'clock, and his lordship adjourned the case until today. A verdict will be reached about noon.

ENTIRE TRAIN HAS DISAPPEARED

Mystery As to Whereabouts of an Express Between Philadelphia and New York.

New York, Sept. 18.—The World prints the following:

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 18.—An entire train, with its passengers, is reported by the Brigantine life-savers, as lost on the "Meadows," somewhere between Brigantine Junction on the main line of the Reading Railroad from Philadelphia, and this city, and the terminus of the road at Brigantine Beach. Searching parties have left Brigantine to look for the missing train, and friends of people on it are much worried. The train, which is the only one on the road, is supposed to have left the junction at 5:30 p.m. yesterday, and should have arrived at Brigantine within an hour.

Part of its way lay across a trestle bridge nearly two miles long, over Grassy Bay. That part of the country is entirely deserted at present and fears are entertained that some accident may have befallen the train at that point.