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VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1900.

Returning Canadians

Mounted Rifles and Artillery Leave Capetown for Halifax Early Next Month.

Col. Steele Says Strathcona's Have Been Requested to Remain in Field.

Winnipeg, Nov. 26.—Capt. Parry, of the 90th Rifles, has received notification from the Governor-General's military secretary of his appointment to a command in the South African constabulary.

The second Canadian contingent will scarcely be home for Christmas, but may arrive by New Year's day.

Accidentally Shot. Montreal, Nov. 26.—The Star's London correspondent cables: "Major MacDougal, regimental adjutant of the second special service battalion, R. C. R., left South Africa for England on the steamship Dunnotal Castle on November 21st.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—A letter from Col. Steele, dated Pretoria, October 17th, has been received by Comptroller Fred White, of the N. W. M. P.

NEW VIOLINIST. London, Nov. 27.—A stranger, unknown to the musical world, made his first public appearance at St. James's hall last night, and within a few minutes compelled enthusiastic recognition as one of the most complete masters of the violin of the day.

CAPT. BERNIER'S EXPEDITION. To the North Pole Will Be Favorably Considered By Royal Geographical Society.

London, Nov. 27.—At the meeting of the Royal Geographical Society last evening, Sir Clements Robert Markham, president of the organization, referred to the North Polar expedition projected by Capt. Bernier, the Canadian, and expressed himself as confident that the society would give the explorer all possible encouragement.

REPORT NOT CONFIRMED. Rumor in Paris That the Pope is Dead.

London, Nov. 27.—The report of the death of the Pope, which reached New York, was based on a Paris rumor circulated by a small news agency. The Associated Press dispatches from Paris up to 5 o'clock this afternoon do not mention the Pope. The Pontiff was quite well yesterday.

THE CZAR IMPROVING. Livadia, Nov. 27.—The improvement in the Czar's condition continues, judging from the following bulletin issued to-day: The Czar passed a good day yesterday, a fine in the evening his temperature was 97.5; pulse 68. During the night his Majesty slept well. This morning the Emperor's condition and general strength were perfectly satisfactory, temperature 96.8, pulse 66.

WAR MINISTER RESIGNS. Rome, Nov. 27.—The Chamber of Deputies yesterday approved the bill for the suppression of military tribunals, whereupon Count Pozza di San Martino, the secretary of war, resigned.

THE LATE SIR A. SULLIVAN

Remains of the Composer Buried in St. Paul's Cathedral To-day.

London, Nov. 27.—With all the pomp and circumstance which might have attended the obsequies of a member of the royal family, the remains of Sir Arthur Sullivan were buried in St. Paul's cathedral this afternoon.

The Queen, Emperor William of Germany, the Prince of Wales and other royalties were represented, and the musical and dramatic world attended in force. The presence of United States Ambassador Choate and other diplomats was noted.

OLD AGE PENSIONS Have Not Been a Success in Germany.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—A sensation was caused in the Reichstag yesterday by the action of Baron von Thielmann, secretary of the imperial treasury, in refusing to introduce a military pension bill. He declared that the imperial old age pension was bankrupt. Three years ago the surplus of this fund was 85,000,000 marks, whereas the deficit is now 17,000,000 marks.

McKinley In Peril

Hoboken Police Informed of Conspiracy to Assassinate the President.

Information Was Furnished by a Frenchman—Investigation Being Held.

New York, Nov. 27.—A plot to assassinate President McKinley has been made known to the police of Hoboken, N. J., says the Evening World. They have communicated with the secret service bureau at Washington, furnishing the name of the man who is accused.

STATES AND THE PORTE. Dispatch of Battleship Kentucky May Alter the Views of Officials.

Constantinople, Nov. 27.—The relations between the United States and the Porte are becoming acute. Mr. Lloyd C. Griscom, the American charge d'affaires, went to the Yildiz palace on Sunday and had an interview with Tewfik Pasha, minister of foreign affairs, and Tahsin Bey, first secretary at the palace.

MISS GOULD'S GIFT. New York, Nov. 27.—Miss Helen Gould, accompanied by her maid, recently visited a big down town department store, it is said, and purchased over \$3,000 worth of clothing and toilet articles which she ordered dispatched to the distributing officer of the United States army at Manila. They are to be presented, with Miss Gould's compliments and Christmas greetings, to the New Yorkers of the troops in the Philippines.

MURDER AND MUTILATION. Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 27.—The police to-day arrested Andrej Doig, a stone-cutter, on the charge of having murdered Mrs. Mollie Knapp, whose mutilated body was found in her apartments last night.

VACCINATED AT NANAIMO. Nanaimo, Nov. 27.—Steamer Boscovitz, from the North, arrived here this morning at 7 o'clock and landed twenty passengers bound for Vancouver, who were all vaccinated before being allowed to depart. There are no more fresh cases.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY. London, Nov. 28.—Signor Marconi, according to the Daily Express, has practically solved the question of ocean transmission by wireless telegraphy, and will soon be able to use his system across the Atlantic.

ANOTHER PLOT TO KILL "BOBS"

Conspirators Laid a Mine Which Was to Be Exploded While Lord Roberts Was in Church.

FRUSTRATED BY POLICE AND GUARD

Ten Men in Custody—Delarey's Forces Completely Dispersed—Burghers, Assisted by Dutch, May Attack Borders of Cape Colony.

London, Nov. 27.—According to a special edition of the Evening Standard this evening, a plot to assassinate Lord Roberts, in which twenty foreigners are concerned, has been discovered.

The details, the Evening Standard says, it has been unable to verify before going to press. The conspirators laid a mine which was destined to be blown up on Sunday while Lord Roberts was in church at Johannesburg, but the police and Lord Roberts's bodyguard frustrated the conspiracy.

London, Nov. 27.—Lord Roberts, cabling from Johannesburg under the date of November 26, reports a number of encounters with the Boers at widely separated points, in which the British captured some cattle and a few prisoners, and suffered slight casualties.

Waiting to Join Boers. London, Nov. 27.—A dispatch to the Standard from Pretoria, dated November 25th, says it is reported that the Boers propose to strike again at the borders of Cape Colony, where, it is believed, numbers of disaffected Dutch, with supplies and hidden weapons, are waiting to join them.

Paris, Nov. 27.—Mr. Kruger began a busy day this morning by making an official call. Before 9 o'clock he departed from the Hotel Scribe, driving in a landau surrounded by Republican guards and bicycle policemen to visit Premier Waldeck-Rousseau. He was accompanied by Dr. Leys, Dr. Van Hammel and delegate Fischer.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT. Engine of Freight Train Jumped the Track—One Man Killed and Another Fatally Injured.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 28.—The engine of an extra westbound freight train on the Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham railroad, jumped the track while running at full speed yesterday evening near Horse Creek, 25 miles west of here. The locomotive turned over down an embankment and was followed by three cars. William Jones, colored, brakeman, was killed, and Jesse Wilder, engineer, was caught under the engine, and so badly scalded that he will die.

THE ILLNESS OF EMPRESS. Chinese Debating on What Will Happen in the Event of Her Death—Steamer Seized by the Germans.

London, Nov. 28.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post cables that despite the denial of Shang, director of railways, and telegraphs, the best information points to the accuracy of the report that the Dowager Empress is ill. The Chinese are already forecasting the situation in the event of her death. They conjecture that in that case the new grand secretary, Lu Chuan, will combine with General Na against General Tung Fu Hsiang.

Cargo Confiscated. New York, Nov. 28.—It is reported here from Peking that the Germans have boarded a Chinese vessel and demanded the treasure consigned to an English company at Tien Tsin. As the boxes of treasure had not been landed, the Germans could not get it. They then hoisted the German flag on the vessel, and confiscated her cargo.

Contradictory Reports. London, Nov. 28.—Little attention is being paid here to the varying versions from Shanghai of the steamer Irene incident. It was said yesterday that the Germans had arrested the Red Cross

ship Irene off Taku, flying the Chinese flag, on suspicion that she carried arms and ammunition, and subsequently released her. Now it is reported that the Germans took possession of the steamer and seized two boxes of treasure consigned to a British firm at Tien Tsin, although the money had been landed before the seizure of the vessel.

COAL IN ALASKA. Development on a Large Scale Will Be Commenced in the Spring. Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 26.—A special to the Times from Washington says: "Coal outcroppings have been traced 15 miles along Chignik Bay, 32 miles this side of Unimak Pass, Alaska. Claims covering the best part of the vast deposits have been filed by miners employed by Thomas Magon. In the spring a diamond drill will be employed to determine the depth and continuity of the deposits, and development will commence on a large scale.

CREW DROWNED. Men Clung to the Rigging of Schooner For Two Days. Windsor, Ont., Nov. 27.—All hands were lost of the crew of the schooner Home Rule, wrecked on Pelee point. The men clung to the rigging all Sunday and Monday, and could have been saved had there been lifeboats.

Denounced By Minister. Rev. C. A. Eaton Condemns Politicians Who Are Raising the Race Cry. Deputy Speakership of House of Commons—Accidentally Shot His Brother.

Montreal, Nov. 27.—Lecturing here last night in the new Baptist church on "The Rights of Common People," Rev. C. A. Eaton, D. D., the well known Baptist divine of Toronto, denounced politicians who are raising the race cry in Canada. He said: "We are here and have got to stay here, and to carry on the work of the culture. I strongly condemn those who inflate the prejudice of two races, for a man is a man for all that, no matter whatever coat he may wear."

Count de Lautrec, extradited from Chicago and convicted on a charge of issuing forged papers on the Merchants' Bank of Canada, was sentenced this morning to five years in the penitentiary.

Ottawa, Nov. 27.—The names mentioned as likely nominees of the government for the Deputy Speakership of the House of Commons are those of T. B. Flint, M. P. elect for Yarmouth, N. S., and Dr. McDonald, East Huron, Ont. Should the Speakership of the senate go to Senator Power, the Deputy Speakership of the Lower House is most likely to go to Dr. McDonald.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION. Kingston, Nov. 26.—In his address in Convocation, hall yesterday afternoon, Principal Grant remarked that he would oppose any man who formed a party based on either race or religion. The true Canadian, he said, should endorse the one most inspired by true ideals.

Stouffville, Nov. 27.—While out shooting rabbits yesterday morning in Raymond's bush near here, Henry McMullen, accidentally shot and killed his brother, Sinclair McMullen. The top of the victim's head was completely torn off.

Toronto, Nov. 27.—While returning home from a meeting of the Ministerial Association in the Y. M. C. A. yesterday, Hon. S. H. Blake slipped and fell down two flights of stairs, severely spraining his wrist and sustaining internal injuries.

PLAQUE IN SOUTH AFRICA. Capetown, Nov. 27.—An Indian expert confirms the statement that the bubonic plague has appeared near King William's Town. There have been no new cases since the last report.

KING OSCAR IMPROVING. Stockholm, Nov. 27.—King Oscar is steadily improving. He took a long walk yesterday in the royal garden.

To Recover Poll Tax. Suit by the Provincial Government Against the United Canneries, Limited. C. P. N. Proposal Regarding Northern Steamers-G. McL. Brown's Statement.

Vancouver, Nov. 27.—An important suit has been brought by the provincial government against the United Canneries, Limited, to recover the amount of poll tax for 681 Japanese, who refused payment, and all of whom are in the employment of the United Canneries. It came up before K. A. Anderson, stipendiary magistrate. His decision will affect 3,000 Japanese employed on the Fraser river, all of whom are in a situation analogous to that of the 681 specially concerned in the present action.