

The Plague Spreading

Cases Multiplying Fast in R. mosia, Prior to Sailing of the India

Extraordinary Deeds of China Brigands—Story of Man-Eating Shark

Advices by R. M. S. Empress of India report that the plague in Formosa is becoming worse. Several cases were reported on the 11th of last month, cases on the 12th, 7 cases on the 13th, cases on the 14th, and 17 cases on the 15th. The total number of cases up to the 15th was 481, of which only 41 recovered, 380 resulting fatally.

An extraordinary incident is recorded by the China Times to have occurred on the 21st ult. near Peking. The German came into touch with a large body of armed Chinese brigands near the French marsh. The Chinese, who were led by about ten foreigners, had forty carts with them heavily laden, which they neighboring villagers said contained opium. Some of the brigands were unable to extricate themselves from the marsh, and were shot down by the Germans, twenty-nine being killed. The rest escaped. One junk was captured, having on board an old muzzle-loading cannon.

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The Times of Ceylon of the 2nd inst. says: "It had not been generally supposed, up to the present, that any danger of being attacked by sharks at anchor in Colombo harbor, especially so as many native youths are daily seen diving for coins thrown into the water by passengers. That the danger was proved by a melancholy incident which we have to-day to record. Mr. H. Lowrie, the third engineer of the transport Atlantic, with a few other passengers, was in the harbor at about 5:40 p.m. yesterday, when Lowrie, who was some distance away from the other vessels, was attacked by a shark, which described afterwards as a huge one, measuring about 15 feet in length. The shark got hold of his left leg, and had bitten it in three places before the cries of the unfortunate victim brought a dandy in a lighter to his rescue. As Lowrie was being picked up by the men in the boat could see the shark going for him again, and it is supposed that the others who were bathing were also being injured, but for the timely warning, the engineer was freed from his thig being the most serious, and he was immediately removed to the Atlantic, and thence to the Rome by the doctor feeling his pulse, he declared him to be already dead."

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WHOLESALE MARKET. The following quotations are Victoria wholesale prices paid for farm products this week.

Table with 2 columns: Product Name and Price. Includes Potatoes (Island), Onions, Carrots, Parsnips, Cabbages, Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Ducks, Apples, Hay, Peas, Barley, Beef, Mutton, Pork, and Veal.

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Members of the United Traction Company Are Again Running at Albany.

Troops Twice Charged Crowds, Driving Them From the Streets.

Albany, May 16.—Promptly at 8 o'clock this morning the United Traction Company began preparations to move its cars. At that hour General Barnes, in command of the 23rd regiment, brought out before the Quail street barn his entire regiment. At the same time the 1st battalion started down town, dropping out details on the way at street corners along the line running to Broad street. One company of troops started clear out of the massed at the rear of Central avenue. Persuasion prevailed a dozen paces. "Change, lay down the gleaming points, and on a rush the men started for the crowd. Just as they reached them there was a quick movement of the guns and the bullets slashed amidst human flesh. With a howl

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Ready for Business. On the first one designed to come down Central avenue and State street was a full company of the 23rd regiment. On the other six were similar details. The cars were started at 10 o'clock, and the streets were without a trouble, and car number two, with a trailer, followed a few minutes later.

There was hardly a ripple of excitement as the crowd moved down the hill to the different routes. There were huts and huts at several points, but up to the time the cars reached the foot of State street not a bit of trouble had occurred and there were no great crowds at any point. Evidently the great display of military force and the way the crowds were handled had awed the wildest element.

As the numerous cars kept coming down the hill the crowd near the post office increased in numbers and began to get excited. So as to avoid trouble the military force at that vicinity.

Charged Upon the Crowd. The cars drove then two blocks away from the junction on State and Broadway. This was the only incident during the running of the first cars.

Following the procession of cars the street wagons, guarded by seventy mounted signal corps, came down Broadway, and turned up Broadway, where there was some repairing to be done.

Ran Night Cars. Albany, N. Y., May 16.—The Albany Traction Company has moved eight cars with non-union men, the length of one of which is 100 feet. They have not, however, collected a single fare, and no attempt will be made to run the cars after dark. No tickets have been attempted during the day, and striking incidents are few. City officials, officers of the Traction Company and officers of the labor organization, to which the striking men belong, are going in session at this hour to discuss the situation and try to come to an amicable arrangement.

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Began to Sink Early This Morning—Unconscious Most of the Time.

San Francisco, Cal., May 16.—An anxious night was passed by many watchers in and about the temporary home of President McKinley and Mrs. McKinley on the western slope of Clay street hill.

After 10 o'clock last night no official information regarding Mrs. McKinley's condition was given out. The departure of Dr. Hirschfelder at 10 o'clock brought the cheering word that the patient was slightly better.

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The future movements of the President, of course, depend upon Mrs. McKinley's condition, and they will be carried out or revoked as the situation each day shall allow or demand. All events have been arranged for to-day have been abandoned. On Saturday the President hopes to be present at the launching of the Ohio. Miss Barber, niece of Mrs. McKinley, has been selected to launch the battleship in place of her aunt.

It is probable that President McKinley and his entire party will remain in San Francisco considerably longer than they intended, awaiting the recuperation of Mrs. McKinley.

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Chinese Surprised

At the Amount of the Indemnity Demanded by the Powers.

London, May 14.—Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Peking, May 10th, says: "The Chinese plenipotentiaries are drafting a reply to the ministers of the powers, expressing astonishment at the amount of indemnity demanded, and urging a reduction on the ground of the empire's financial difficulties, but undertaking if the full amount is exacted, to pay in thirty annual installments of 15,000,000 taels, from the salt tax and native customs. Pending a revision of the tariff they also ask the powers to consult to an increase of the maritime customs, and the import and export duties by one-third."

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San Francisco, May 14.—President McKinley will make his official entry into San Francisco late this afternoon, accompanied by the members of the cabinet who crossed the continent with him. He will be escorted through the principal streets by an imposing body of regulars and volunteers troops, veterans of the civil war and citizens.

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Millman's Evidence

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Vancouver, May 16.—Mayor Scott, of Westminster, president of the Coast strike combine and a heavily interested millman, said this morning before the commission that the Chinese were a great menace to the country, and legislation should be passed that would exclude them. He claimed that forty thousand whites would come here and be employed if the Chinese were not here, and he favored an increase of the poll tax to \$500. As a millman he would be willing to share the additional cost of labor, and he would, he said, be glad to see the Chinese removed from the country.

Dr. A. R. C. Selwyn, formerly prominent as geologist at Ottawa, suffered two paralytic strokes here yesterday, and is not expected to live.

CANADIAN BRIEFS. Widow Takes Paris Green—Italians Forced to Return to Sydney.

Toronto, May 15.—Toronto is now clear of smallpox. Sydney, N. S., May 15.—About thirty Italians left Sydney on Saturday for Lake Umbagog, where they intended working for Mackenzie & Mann on the Inverness & Richmond railway. When they arrived they were met by a force of English-speaking laborers who drove them back with picks and shovels. The Italians were forced to return here.

Paris, May 15.—Mrs. Obed Sears swallowed Paris green on Monday and will probably die from the effects of the poison. Her husband died a week ago and she has been despondent ever since. Larry Sound, Ont., May 15.—Thomas Coursey, formerly of Peterboro, was yesterday sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary for having committed rape on a married woman residing in the northern part of this district.

Toronto, May 16.—The Frost & Wood Company, Limited, Smith's Falls, have purchased the building, plant and goodwill of the Coulthard Scott Company, of Oshawa.

Rev. C. Madill, of P. P. A. fame, who resigned from the pastorate of Hope street church, of this city, some time ago, is applying for admission into the Presbyterian ministry. His application is opposed by the Stratford Presbytery.

Inspector Smith, on April 17th, found that the post office at Juana Diaz should have a balance of \$952, but no cash was on hand. The bondsmen of the men will reimburse the government in full.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT. Ponce, Porto Rico, May 13.—Carlos and Roman Julia, respectively, postmaster and assistant postmaster at Juana Diaz, have been arrested on the charge of embezzlement. The amount involved is not more than \$10,000.

INSULT TO THE SULTAN. The Sultan of Turkey yields on questions of interference with the foreign post offices, the powers will probably present an ultimatum in a few days, by a navy demonstration. The powers, including Germany, are acting in perfect union in this matter.

VIVANDIERE'S SUICIDE. Pinesburg, Pa., May 14.—Mrs. Mary Leonard, better known as "French Mary," a vivandiere of the civil war, committed suicide last night by taking poison. Mrs. Leonard served through the war with the 144th Pennsylvania volunteers, doing remarkable service in a number of battles, for which she received conspicuous mention and a medal for bravery.

SOME GERMAN SUPPERS FREE. If our readers are interested in odd menus for small suppers and luncheons we advise them to send for a little book called "Some German Suppers," containing seven menus, with complete recipes for the different dishes, issued by a man, and also a recipe for a Welsh Rarebit. This book is published by the American Brewing Co., St. Louis, Mo., and will be mailed free on request.

RAILWAY MATTERS. Boston, Mass., May 15.—The directors of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy held their regular meeting to-day, but considered only routine business. That there has been no interruption to the plan for the absorption of the Burlington by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, is indicated by the fact that the underwriting syndicate to-day called the first instalment of ten per cent.

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HAD MUSICAL HEART. Elgin, Ill., May 14.—Robt. B. Brown, the "man with the musical heart," whose melodious pulsations had for many years furnished him a living and physicians a subject of much fruitless speculation, died at the Sherman sanatorium here today of pneumonia. A post-mortem examination revealed the fact that Brown's heart was four times normal size.

PIVE YEARS FOR FRAUD. London, May 15.—Fry and Everett, the two men convicted of defrauding Barclay & Co., bankers, of about \$3,000 by the forgery of documents purporting to represent large shipments of gold ore, which never existed, were sentenced today to five years' imprisonment at hard labor.

THE FRENCH IN TRIPOLI. Rome, May 16.—It is reported here that French troops have taken possession of the oasis of Ghadamah, which gives them practical control of the Tripoli.

Laws in Ireland

Attorney-General Says They Require Strengthening Rather Than Weakening.

London, May 15.—The House of Commons to-day by 226 to 102 votes rejected the second reading of the bill amending legal procedure in Ireland.

Timothy Healy and other Nationalists denounced the system of packing juries by which Catholics were placed outside the pale of the law. They advocated abolition of grand juries and the coercion act, declaring they would prefer open honest tyranny and abolition of the right of trial by jury to the present procedure. The Attorney-General for Ireland, Mr. Atkins, strongly condemned the bill. He said that so long as the Nationalist members of the House of Commons preached defiance of the law, and approved of maiming and murdering jurors, it was necessary to use the power of jury selection. Contempt of court was growing in Ireland daily, and the law required strengthening rather than weakening.

HOTEL MYSTERY. A Young Man Found Dead in His Room.

Washington, May 15.—James F. Ayrs, 21 years old, of Port Arthur, Mich., was found dead in his room at a hotel here this morning. His body was discovered in several places about the hotel. Coroner Neville examined the body, and concluded, from the nature of the wounds in the leg and arm, that the shots might have been fired by some other person than the victim. Blood-stains were found on the fire escape in front of the hotel building, and a neighbor avers that he saw a woman descending the fire escape immediately after the shots had been heard. Ayrs was found lying on the floor about 2 o'clock this morning by one of the roomers. The body was found lying in a pool of blood.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS. Revelstoke, May 15.—The Knights of Pythias Provincial Grand Lodge opened here yesterday. To-day the Grand Lodge officers were elected as follows:

Grand chancellor, N. Binns, Trail; grand warden, H. Hoffmeister, Vancouver; prelate, A. Ferguson, New Westminster; K. of R. and S. E. P. Prender, Victoria; M. of E. E. P. Nathan, Victoria; M. of A. C. F. Nelson, New Hazelton; G. L. G. Thompson, Campbell; G. O. G. Johnson, Nanaimo; supreme representatives, H. J. Anstie and J. E. Evans, Vancouver. The meeting next year will be in Vancouver.

DEWET IN CAPE COLONY. London, May 16.—An unconfirmed report has been received from Rosemead, that General Dewet, with a small command, and a long train, has crossed into the Zardburg district of Cape Colony.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES. The following prizes not appearing in the printed catalogue are offered for the coming bench show in the Philharmonic hall, Fort street, to be held from the 22nd to 25th inst.:

The V. I. K. O. offers a book, "Judging Live Stock," by Prof. John A. Craig, Iowa Agricultural College, for the best kennel of four dogs of any breed exhibited. Mrs. K. Bradley-Dyne offers a sterling silver mounted flask for the best pair of ferrets, one of each breed, of either Irish, Scottish, Alredale or fox terriers. Donor not to compete.

Hon. J. D. Prentice offers a sterling silver cup, valued at \$25, for the best English setter puppy, to be won twice by the same exhibitor before becoming his actual property. Entries are coming in rapidly, and close on Wednesday, 15th inst., at 9 p. m. It is expected that the benching capacity of the Philharmonic hall will be taxed to its utmost.

FRENCH AND ENGLISH CONTRASTED. Boston Post.

"For us, sons of France," Sir Wilfrid Laurier once said to his Gallic Canadians, "political sentiment is a passion, while for the Englishman politics is a question of business." The distinguished statesman of the north, with a frankness which always has characterized his relations with the people of his own race, however diplomatic he may be with the Anglo-Canadians, was contrasting the Englishness of the English with the Frenchness of the French in parliamentary government, and he made bold to say that while the English know how to listen and to observe, it is not the habit of the French to respect the opinions of others. What the Frenchman conceives he conceives with so much intensity that he cannot admit the possibility of others thinking differently from him. While the Frenchman wants you to have his opinions the Englishman wants you to have opinions of your own, and would cordially despise you if you did not have them.

"If the French," Sir Wilfrid added, "were gifted with tolerance of opinion, the course of their discussions would be marked. It is not so with the English; their discussions are never vulgar, but on the other hand, they are never gracious and always lack that urbanity which respects your feelings as your life. The Englishman respects your opinion, but he never thinks of your feelings."

Sir Wilfrid's conclusion was that the English were so much better adapted to the parliamentary form of government than the French in Canada should not go into politics as French, but as British, speaking the English language and following the precedents of the great statesmen of English history.

A VERY REMARKABLE REMEDY. It is with a good deal of pleasure and satisfaction that I recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says Druggist A. W. Sawtelle, of Hartford, Conn. "A lady customer, seeking the remedy exposed for sale on my show case, said to me: 'I really believe that medicine saved my life the past summer while at the beach.' The absorption of cholera over its merits that I at once made up my mind to recommend it in the future. Recently a gentleman came into my store so overcome with