

REBELS EVACUATE MEXICAN TOWN

FEDERAL TROOPS ENTER AGUA PRIETA Insurgents Silently Move Positions During Night—Losses in Battle Are Unknown

Agua Prieta, Mexico, April 18.—The rebels evacuated the town of Agua Prieta, which they had held for nearly 24 hours, beginning at 8 o'clock this morning, and fled in the direction of the mountains to the south.

The actual casualties of the battle are not known, but it is estimated that the rebels lost about 100 men, and the federal troops lost about 50 men.

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HINDUS ARE NOT TREATED FAIRLY

STATEMENT BY DOMINION IMMIGRATION AGENT Replies to Resolution Passed at Meeting Held at City of Vancouver

Vancouver, April 18.—There is no provision requiring that Hindus alone must have \$200 each on entering Canada, said J. H. MacGill, Dominion Immigration agent, when his attention was drawn to the report of a meeting of the Hindus which complained that Japanese could get into Canada with \$25, while natives of India had to produce \$200.

Mr. MacGill pointed out that the law requires that all Asiatics entering the Dominion to possess this sum. Those most affected were the Syrians landing at Quebec.

The reason that an exception is made in the case of the Chinese and Japanese, he explained, is because their entrance has been arranged by act of parliament and special treaty. It is specifically stated that they are exempt from this requirement, which mentions all Asiatics and would otherwise apply to them.

It is no discrimination against Hindus alone, however, as it will probably be made, after almost 18 hours of incessant fighting yesterday in defence of Agua Prieta, quietly evacuated the town during the night. It moved only a few miles and was seen by the Mexican national troops entered the city at dawn, encountering no resistance.

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THAT UNFORTUNATE STATE When the tail inclines to wag the dog

DIED FROM COLD AND STARVATION

POLICE REPORT ON TRAGEDY IN NORTH Official Receives a Message From Dawson Regarding Death of Four Policemen

Ottawa, April 18.—Some details of the tragic story of death from cold and starvation of four members of the Northwest Mounted Police in the Hudson Bay Company posts, and that they were eating supplies cached by the government, Comptroller White of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, handed the following statement to the press today:

The story is absolutely without foundation. It is the most atrocious thing I have ever heard of. The man who sent out the story is a liar. No reports have been received by the government indicating conditions such as are stated in the patches. The government has no supplies cached at various points between Churchill and Lake Winnipeg, nor have any reports of the intention of Indians, half-breeds or ferocious half-breeds to attack the Hudson Bay posts or mounted police posts.

There have been no skirmishes, so far as the government is aware, between the Hudson Bay officials and ferocious half-breeds. On the contrary, reports state that the Hudson Bay officials are working harmoniously and in conformity with government arrangements. There are no ferocious half-breeds in the district between the north of Lake Winnipeg and Hudson Bay.

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VACANCIES IN BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS

Six Bye-Elections Now Pending—Four Seats Went Liberal in December

London, April 18.—Six bye-elections are now pending, the latest being South Birmingham, owing to the elevation to the peerage of Viscount Maripeth on the death of his father, the Earl of Carlisle. This is regarded as a safe Liberal seat. Four other vacancies were Liberal at the last election, namely, Barnstable, East Dorset, Hadlingtonshire and Cheltenham. The sixth vacant seat is East Cork, an Official's stronghold.

ANOTHER FATAL POWDER EXPLOSION

Man Engaged Clearing Land Killed While Carrying Sack of Explosives

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STATES WILL NOT INTERFERE

MEXICO WILL PREVENT FIGHTING ON BORDER Neutral Zone Likely to Be Established Along the Boundary Line

Washington, D. C., April 18.—Positive assurances that the Mexican government will adopt a defensive restrictive policy along the border and news from Douglas that the federal forces have evacuated Agua Prieta did much today to relieve the high tension under which President Taft and members of his cabinet have labored for the last few days.

The situation is not now regarded as acute as evidenced by the fact that leaders of both the senate and the house, with whom the president conferred prior to the assembling of the cabinet, the president had conferences with Senator Cullum of Illinois and Representative Sulzer of New York chairman respectively of the foreign affairs committee of the senate and house.

Senator Cullum insisted he could see no reason for intervention, while Mr. Sulzer announced that congress would not act hastily.

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DEBATE ON THE RECIPROCITY BILL

VOTE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LATER Discussion Will Probably Not Be Brought to Close Until Thursday

Washington, D. C., April 18.—Canadian reciprocity was again the subject of debate in the House today, the third day of the discussion. This was originally planned for the concluding day, but it will not be, for when the House convened, Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee, declared so many appeals for more time have been made to him that the debate must be prolonged. He said he saw no chance of getting the bill to a vote Thursday at the earliest.

The senate has adjourned until Thursday. Farmers Will Protest. Two train loads of western farmers are coming to Washington in a month or so to appear before the senate committee on finance in opposition to Canadian reciprocity. Reports reaching Washington indicate they will be big delegations from Minnesota, Montana and Dakotas and that an extensive hearing on the subject will be demanded.

DESPONDENT MAN ENDS LIFE

Unknown Man Commits Suicide While on His Way to Vancouver

Vancouver, B. C., April 18.—An unknown foreigner committed suicide at 11 o'clock this morning by leaping overboard from the steamer "Trenton" as that vessel was entering Active Pass on her way from Seattle to Vancouver.

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TWO PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DECLARED IN JUNE

King's Birthday and Coronation Day to Be Observed in Dominion

TEACHERS MEET IN CONVENTION

GEORGE JAY SCHOOL SCENE OF ASSEMBLY Three Hundred Delegates in Attendance From All Over the Province

(From Tuesday's Daily.) At the George Jay school at 10 o'clock this morning the annual convention of the British Columbia Teachers' Institute opened its sessions, which will last three days. Some three hundred delegates are in attendance from all parts of the province, and to supplement the important business in hand a good programme of entertainment has been prepared for the visitors by the members of the city teaching staff.

Dr. E. B. Paul, M.A., city superintendent, presided at the morning session and delivered an address of welcome. This evening an "at home" will be given under the auspices of the board of school trustees and city teachers, which a programme of music will be rendered.

Dr. Paul began by expressing the very great pleasure he felt at witnessing such a large attendance. It augured well for the cause of education in British Columbia. He must also express his gratitude to the convention at Nelson, which had nominated him as its president. His only hope was that he possessed the qualities which fitted him for that position. He had, he could say, with all modesty, introduced the system of model lessons in the educational system of British Columbia, and he was glad that he had been able to see so many influential ladies and gentlemen interested in that movement, which was proving such a great success.

As pupils and teachers met for the first time there were necessarily some embarrassing moments until the two parties got to understand each other. These model lessons were very helpful in this connection. Dr. Paul indulged in some reminiscences in connection with early school days in British Columbia. He was sure that nothing he could say and add to their admiration for the country of their adoption. There was no country in the world which possessed such attractive features.

In the year 1872 the present school system was inaugurated in British Columbia. At that time the enrollment consisted of 575 pupils, and the total expenditure was a little over \$8,000. Since that date the school attendance had increased thirty-nine fold, while there was sixteen times the annual expenditure. He would mention also that the school population of British Columbia doubled itself every ten years.

Dr. Paul next dealt with the considerable additions which had been made to the curriculum during the period since 1872. These had consisted of drawing, medical science, cookery, and natural science. He was sorry that he could not that morning present some samples of the pupils' efficiency in cookery. There had been considerable opposition to the curriculum of these classes but this had all disappeared. Night schools, which had been of such great assistance to young men, would, he was sure, prove of great value in Victoria as well as in Vancouver, where they had been experimented with under the auspices of the government with much success.

Concluding Dr. Paul, as an old teacher, told the younger members of the profession to be of good cheer—he was certain that the people of the province would as a community appreciate their services in instructing the young entrusted to their care in the paths they should tread, and in after years they could look back with satisfaction on a duty well executed—a duty which consisted in leading the plant youth of the country into the proper methods of thought and conduct.

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