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KING HUMBERT MOURNED; KING VICTOR WELCOMED.

There Will Be No Friction Over Succession in Italy—The King Mourned—The Pope Grief-Stricken.

Rome, July 31.—A proclamation from the queen regent has arrived announcing the ascension of the new king and stating that parliament will be convoked after the funeral.

Several warships have started to meet King Victor.

It is reported that Emperor William will attend the funeral.

The Socialists and Anarchists have issued a formal condemnation of the crime.

The Avants, the Socialist organ, accused the government of being the indirect assassin of the king, because of a mistaken policy of dealing with Socialists.

The Tribuna, in a special edition, denies that a temporary regency will be established. The ministry De Jure has resigned.

The pope's grief is unmistakable. Assurances have been conveyed to the government that the Vatican will discourage any attempt to embarrass the ministry.

Touching Scenes.

Monza, July 30.—It appeared that when King Humbert was wounded he exclaimed: "It is nothing." The royal carriage covered the distance between the gymnasium and the palace.

When Queen Margherita arrived at the villa it was still hoped that the king would survive, and when the truth was broken to her, a heartrending scene ensued.

doors of the palace except one. The members of the diplomatic corps all went this morning to the foreign office to tender their condolences.

Profound calm prevails throughout the entire country. Such members of the chamber of deputies as are in Rome met this afternoon and adopted a resolution execrating the crime and expressing unbounded sorrow.

All Flags at Half Mast.

Rome, July 30.—Telegrams from all the towns and villages of Italy show that all the country deeply mourns the death of the king.

How the Pope Heard of It.

Brussels, July 30.—A special despatch from Rome says:

Mr. Angelo Di Pietro (preceptor of the congregation of the council) took it upon himself to inform the pope of the assassination of King Humbert.

The cardinal cautiously first stated that an attempt had been made upon the life of the king, whereupon the pope immediately asked if the wound was dangerous.

Germany Mourns a Friend.

Berlin, July 30.—The Reichshaus, expressing execration of the deed of the Italian assassin and the profound sympathy of Germany with the widowed queen and the Italian people, says:

Aguilar Campo, minister of foreign affairs, called later. The assassination has caused the greatest indignation throughout Spain.

The Courtesy of France.

Paris, July 30.—President Loubet and M. Delcasse called at the Italian embassy this afternoon.

Ready to Pardon or to Help.

Berlin, July 30.—The Freisinnige Zeitung says: "A high-minded, a noble-hearted monarch, head of the closely allied Italian kingdom, friend of the German Kaiser and the German people has fallen a victim to cowardly murder."

Switzerland Regards.

Berne, July 30.—The news of the assassination caused keen emotion at the Federal palace and through Switzerland.

Expressions of Grief.

Rome, July 30.—Thousands of telegrams have been received from all parts of the country indicative of the deep sorrow of the whole nation.

An American Gun.

HUNGRY INDIA.

The Viceroy Reports on the Condition of His Charge.

RAIN HOLDS OFF.

The Cholera is Still Actively Helping the Famine to Eat the Heart Out of the Country—More Than Eleven Thousand Deaths in a Week.

London, July 30.—The following despatch from the viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, to the secretary of state for India, Lord George Hamilton, was received today:

"Considerable anxiety is felt owing to the weakness of the monsoon. The situation is serious and critical in Gujarat, Baroda and Rajputana west, which are not sown."

"One-quarter of the inhabitants of the central provinces are on relief. The total number receiving relief is 9,200,000, with incomplete Bombay figures."

The governor of Bombay telegraphs that there were 8,977 cholera cases in the famine district during the week ending July 21, of which 5,702 resulted fatally.

Missionary Report Hopeful.

New York, July 30.—The following cable despatch has been received at the office of the Christian Herald from Mr. Freese, of the international missionary committee in India:

"Baroda, July 30.—A general and welcome rain is now falling in all the famine provinces, including Gujarat and Rajputana and the prospects are now much brighter than they have been at any time this year."

Slow Progress.

St. John's, Nfld., July 30.—Owing to the continued prevalence of ice fields along the Labrador coast, the Perry exploring steamer Windward is expected to make but slow progress to the north.

To Swear Fidelity.

Rome, July 31.—All the military and naval forces throughout the country will today (Tuesday) take the oath of fidelity to the new king.

LEGATIONERS WERE ALIVE

ON JULY TWENTY-FIRST.

A Telegram from Sir Claud MacDonald—Absolutely Authentic—Great Britain Has Incurred No Financial Obligation to Japan.

London, July 31.—4.50 a. m.—Sir Claud MacDonald's welcome despatch dated Peking, July 21, and received in cipher, is accepted on all sides as dispelling any doubts that might still have existed regarding the genuineness of the despatch.

The message fails to mention the other legations and other matters of pressing importance to know, but it should be borne in mind that the British minister may not be aware that all his previous despatches have been suppressed.

Li Hung Chang remains at Shanghai. He says the great heat prevents him continuing the journey to Peking.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, explained to parliament yesterday that the British government had incurred no financial liability to Japan for military assistance in China.

Hopeful for Communication.

Washington, July 30.—The effect of the day's news from China was to freshen the hope that the government can soon get in direct communication with Minister Conger.

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position that would unduly jeopardize their lives. Such might be the result of an off-hand proposition to have the Chinese government deliver the foreign ministers at Tien Tsin, for it is realized that the escort might be overpowered by superior forces of Boxers on the way to the sea.

The state department has come to the conclusion that Mr. Conger is the best person to judge of the condition under which his deliverance shall be effected and therefore it is again looking to the Chinese government to place it in communication with Mr. Conger in order that it may be advised by him.

The state department was inclined to regard Consul Fowler's communication as the most valuable piece of confirmatory evidence yet received touching the safety of the Peking diplomats.

It is known here that Germany is one of the governments which is putting forth every effort to get into direct communication with the ministers and, like the United States, has had recourse to the "underground" route.

Y. M. C. A. in China.

New York, July 30.—The officers of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association are expecting soon to have their work in progress among the allied forces on Chinese soil.

Latest Details.

Monza, July 30.—Few additional details of the terrible tragedy are available.

ing after the physical as well as the spiritual welfare of the soldiers.

Silent on the Truth.

Troops for the East.

Want to Get Rid of Them.

Message from Peking.

To Command Marines.

THE END IN SOUTH AFRICA IS DRAWING VERY NEAR.

Five Thousand Boers Have Laid Down Their Arms and are Now Prisoners of War in British Hands.

London, July 30.—The following official despatch was received from Lord Roberts:

"Pretoria, July 29.—On July 29, MacDonald fought a rear guard action with the enemy from early morning until dark nine miles outside of Naauport, in the Bethlehem hills, resulting in his effectually blocking Naauport Nek to the Boers."

Sick, Wounded and Dead.

Ottawa, July 30.—(Special)—Sir Alfred Milner cables to Lord Minto as follows:

Combs Dangerously Ill.

Toronto, July 30.—(Special)—The Telegram's special cable from London, says:

Effects of Hard Work.

dated 29th, confirms the surrender of Prinsloo with 5,000 Boers, making a total of 27 who saw the far famed capital. You will naturally enough ask what has happened to them. It was ascertained that Constable marching insufficient food along with fever, did the most. Our casualties as you already know were comparatively few from the time we left Bloemfontein, but out they dropped and back they went to the base in the first empty conveyance. They were looked after fairly well and as far as we know at present, reached some destination in safety. It was little wonder that our ranks were thinned. Ours was not the only regiment. The Duke of Connaught's Light Infantry started 1,000 strong, got a draft of about 200 and ended with about 500. The Gordons, one of the hardest regiments in the line, dropped about 300. Altogether it was considered one of the hardest pulls of work in the campaign, but we are through it now and are only awaiting the final from up north, where the noted French and "Bobs" are still after Botha and Deon Paul, who left Pretoria a few days before we got there."

Canadian Captured.

Toronto, July 30.—(Special)—A. Claude McDonald, barrister of this city, today received a letter from his brother, Captain McDonald, who was on the staff of the first Canadian contingent, announcing he is a prisoner among the Boers.

Powell Again Needs Relief.

London, July 31.—The Morning Leader asserts that Lord Kitchener has been despatched from Pretoria to Krugersdorp to organize a column to relieve General Baden-Powell, now besieged by General Delany at Rustenburg.

HOW THE REBELS LOST.

They Declined to Obey Any Orders.

WILLING TO FIGHT.

Objected to Restrain—Refused to Intrench, and When the Government Troops Were Sighted the Panama Rebels Charged for Them—Slaughtered by Rifle Fire.

Colon, July 30.—The British cruiser Prosperine arrived at Colon today.

Surprise has been expressed at the ease and completeness of the victory of the government forces over those of the rebels in the battle of July 23.

Under the direction of government officials the work of cremating the corpses of those who fell in the battle is proceeding. The odor from putrifying bodies and from the pyres pervade the atmosphere of the city.

A PICNICER'S BODY

Found Beneath a Bridge—Believed He Fell in the Dark.

Merigomish, July 30.—The body of a man, apparently about 30 years of age, was found in the river here beneath the railway bridge Sunday evening.

SAW A SCHOONER GO DOWN.

Terrible Disaster in a Squall off Cape Breton—None Saved.

Another Welland Sensation.

Toronto, July 30.—(Special)—A despatch from Dalhousie reports what is believed to be another attempt to damage the Welland canal at that point.

Gun fired one shot in return and the men bolted. At daylight near the spot where the strangers were when Gunn discharged his revolver, some marks of blood were found, so he evidently hit one of them. Lock tenders and their assistants have all been sworn in as special constables.

A RETIREMENT RUMORED.

Said in Ottawa Herchermer Will Leave the Police.

Ottawa, July 30.—(Special)—It is stated here tonight that Commissioner Herchermer is to be retired from the commission of the Northwest Mounted Police.

Latest Details.

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Sullivan Has His Belit.

New York, July 30.—Counsel for John L. Sullivan appeared before Magistrate Mayo today and said that as Sullivan's championship belt had been returned to him, suit against the concern which had held it would be dismissed.

RIOT IN THE STEERAGE.

The Montford Sends Some Passengers to Jail.

A JEW STABBED.

There was Trouble During the Voyage and Almost Murder—Put Into St. John's to Get Fish for the Finlanders Who Threatened to Strike.

Quebec, July 30.—The Stmr. Montford arrived at Levis at 1 o'clock this p. m. with 1,000 passengers composed of Icelanders, Jews and Italians.

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A Wire Mill Starts.

Juliet, Ill., July 30.—The mill of the Independent Juliet Wire Company resumed operations today after a long period of idleness.