

CABLE NEWS.

Failure of the Agitation in Macedonia—Round the World in a Sloop.

European Attention Called to the Missionary Massacres in China—A Russian Sealing Scandal.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—The movements of the insurgents in Macedonia have not been reported at Constantinople for several days. The agitation is regarded as having completely failed.

Emperor William has arrived at Cowes on board the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern. His Majesty was met by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught on behalf of the Queen.

There have been a number of suicides in the army during the past fortnight, the latest being that of a sergeant in the 1st Buffs, who committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

Prince Max of Saxony has been ordered a sabbatical leave by the king, and is expected to leave for his estates in Saxony in the near future.

The 40 foot sloop Spray, Capt. Joshua Mass, which sailed from East Boston, Mass., on April 24, and from Gloucester on May 8, for Gibraltar, on a voyage around the world, has arrived at Gibraltar after a voyage of 89 days.

Signor Martino has been ordered to return immediately to Rio de Janeiro to effect a settlement of the Italian claims against the government of Brazil.

The King of Denmark has passed a bad night. He suffered from frequent pains, and his condition is thought to be serious.

Continuous rains have ruined the rice crops in many parts of Japan and famine is feared. Many lives have already been lost and the damage done is enormous.

At a crowded meeting to-day of European residents in Shanghai speeches condemning the action of the Chinese authorities regarding the massacre of missionaries at Wah Han, near Kichang, on Thursday last, were made and a resolution was adopted to appeal directly to the European governments against the outrage. The resolution also referred to the inadequate manner in which China has dealt with the perpetrators of former outrages.

Lieut. Col. Moline, at the head of a force of 40 auxiliary troops, has had a skirmish with the Cuban insurgents commanded by the well known leader Matanzas at Santa Teresa, in the province of Santa Clara. The insurgents attempted to surround the troops, but the latter were reinforced by 40 infantry and charged the enemy, which numbered 200, and dispersed them with many wounded. The troops captured ten saddle horses carrying provisions, and during the engagement 20 horses, carrying ammunition and other supplies were killed. Among the killed was Capt. Jose Reyes Cadrera of the insurgent forces.

An extraordinary scandal has just come to light in connection with Russia and the Behring sea. About the middle of last winter a firm of furbrokers in Hamburg received 5,000 sealskins with instructions to forward them to London in time for the big February sale, which occurs here every year.

"It was without doubt a scandalous case," said the London Times, "and it struck the people as peculiar, that not one of the skins had a bullet hole in it. It is now reported on good authority that these skins were sent by the officers of the Russian warship which left the island last September and it is presumed that the enterprise was the private speculation of those who were sent to protect the seals. The Russians were encamped on the island for four or five months, and as it is customary, as we are allowed to see, to allow the seals to come ashore and to be killed, it is not surprising that the skins were so numerous."

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The judicial committee of the privy council to-day resumed the hearing of the prohibition appeal from Ontario to decide whether the power to pass prohibitory liquor legislation belongs to the federal or provincial authorities in Canada.

The Hon. Edward Blake, Q.C., M.P., who is watching the case in the interest of the Brewers and Distillers' Association of Ontario, occupied the whole day in arguing that the appeal should be dismissed. Mr. Blake contended that the British North America Act gave the Dominion parliament full control of the regulation of trade and commerce throughout the Dominion. The government, moreover, the contended, depended largely upon the money raised by the duties upon alcoholic liquors for revenue to enable it to meet public obligations. Eventually the hearing of the appeal was adjourned.

The scarcity of bread and the closing of the bazaars to prevent disorders has led to serious rioting in Tabriz. The troops dispersed the rioters, twenty of whom were killed. The mob carried the corpses to the Russian consulate and demanded protection against the soldiers. The consul thereupon visited the governor, who promised a reduction in the price of bread. Nothing has been done in the matter, and the troops were still firing on the mob when this dispatch was sent. Tabriz is an important city of Northern Persia, and has a population of more than 100,000. Russia expects to annex Persia before long, and the appeal of the people to the Russian consul for protection shows how friendly the poor are toward the Czar's government.

The Standard's Vienna correspondent telegraphs that Count Golshowsky arrived at Ausse at noon and spent three hours with Prince Hohenlohe, after which he proceeded to Lohel.

An official dispatch has been received at Madrid which says the Spaniards have defeated the rebels under Jose Maeco near Santiago de Cuba, and that several of the rebels were killed.

Emperor William boarded the German warship Werra to-day, this being the anniversary of the battle of Wörth, and made a speech. He pointed out how the battle of Wörth was the beginning of a campaign in which the union of the German race had already found expression. Prince Henry of Prussia called for cheers for His Majesty and the appeal was heartily responded to.

The Chronicle has a dispatch from Constantinople which says: A man from Uskue, who traversed the disturbed district, reports that a severe engagement has taken place between the insurgents near Strumitsa, in which the Turks lost 500 killed and wounded and the insurgents lost 100 wounded, all of whom were placed in a hospital at Salonica.

The pope said mass at 3 p.m. in the hall of the consistory. Roman presence of the American pilgrims who are there, a deputation of the Passionist fathers of America and about 200 American tourists. Bishop Burke afterward presented the pilgrims to the pope.

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THE INSURANCE MURDER.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—The Holmes case was neglected by the police on Saturday, the investigation being dropped until to-day owing to the absence from the city of Chief Badinich and several of the detectives who have handled the affair. I. L. Conner, formerly the husband of Julia L. Conner, who was mysteriously disposed of, with her daughter, in the castle of H. H. Holmes, swore out two warrants to-day, one for the arrest of Holmes on the charge of murdering Mrs. Conner and her daughter Pearl, and the other for Patrick Quinlan on the same charge.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 5.—A special from Frankfort, Ind., says that on Saturday 9 last Holmes Garley was found in a trunk and a large box. This was about the time Howard Fitzel disappeared. An expressman told of hauling the two receptacles. Mrs. Yoke, mother of one of Holmes' wives, said to-day that she understood that the box only contained her daughter's evening apparel and household effects. She still maintains that neither she nor her daughter knew anything of Holmes' relations with the Williams girls or any other women.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 4.—Attorney W. A. Cappa, of Fort Worth, Tex., was in the city yesterday en route from Chicago to Fort Worth, the object of his visit being to see "Masco," or Allen, the convict, and ascertain what he may know that may throw any light on the Holmes mystery.

Mr. Cappa was interviewed after his talk with the convict. He said he does not believe that Allen knows anything of the Holmes crimes that would hang him. He may know something of Holmes' swindling operations.

ATTEMPT ON DURRANT. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—The first attempt to do violence to Theodore Durrant, on trial for the murder of Blanche Lamont, since his incarceration, was made yesterday as the defendant was leaving the courtroom. The prisoner was in the custody of the chief jailer, when a wild-looking young man rushed from the crowd towards Durrant with the evident intention of assaulting him. The jailer threw him off and he was seized by two deputy sheriffs before he could aim his weapon. It is believed that the man with the trial in his mind was struck by lightning, setting fire to the woodwork and causing damage to the amount of several hundred dollars before the fire was extinguished.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Post Office Savings Bank Deposits—Increase in Ten Years of Over Eleven Millions.

Finding of the Body of Captain Cox—To Be Interred in London.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Aug. 2.—The railway committee of the Privy Council will meet on Friday, the 9th inst.

The funeral of the four victims of the Aymer lake disaster to-day was the largest since the state burial of Sir John MacDonald. Cabinet ministers were present, and Lord Aberdeen was represented by Mr. Gordon, A.D.C.

OTTAWA, Aug. 5.—There was on deposit in the Post Office Savings Banks on June 30 the sum of \$26,805,542, or \$547,674 more than at the close of the previous fiscal year. The average sum at each depositor's credit is \$222.22, the average of the previous year having been \$215.84. The accumulated interest on savings during the fiscal year was \$787,949. In ten years the savings have increased over \$11,000,000.

The body of Captain Cox, assistant engineer of the marine department, was found in the river yesterday morning at the spot where he was drowned while bathing on Thursday. The interment will take place in London, Ontario.

CANADIAN NEWS. (Special to the Colonist.) TORONTO, Aug. 6.—The World's Montreal correspondent says that it is understood that the Canadian Pacific railway has a couple of surveying parties at work just now in sections of the Crow's Nest Pass in British Columbia, but it cannot be learned if it is the intention of the company to begin operations on this line in the near future.

TORONTO, Aug. 6.—The Grays, in custody at Peterboro charged with the murder of Scollie of Otonabee, are putting in an able defense. Medical experts are engaged and the bones of the dead man are being submitted to an examination, the object being to show that death was caused by burning.

QUEBEC, Aug. 6.—Frank Stokes, W. Robinson and Thomas Monagle, seamen of the steamer Bengerhead, were drowned last night while attempting to reach the ship in a punt from shore. The men had been in the boat for some time without leave. The punt upset.

BERLIN, Aug. 6.—Investigation into the management of the Berlin customs office has resulted in further developments. Inspector Bouthelle and his assistants are at present unable to state the exact amounts of the shortage in Collector Bowman's accounts, but the amount now exceeds \$10,000 and may be increased.

SOUTHAMPTON'S GRAVING DOCK. SOUTHAMPTON, Aug. 5.—The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke of York arrived here on Saturday and formally opened the new graving dock, said to be the largest dry dock in the world, and able to accommodate the largest ship afloat. Torrents of rain, however, thoroughly damped the enthusiasm of the large crowds present. In three months' time two additional berthing stages will be opened alongside the graving dock, each of which will be capable of accommodating two ships of the Paris and New York type and on.

The town and docks were gaily decorated with flags and bunting, but when the special trains from London and elsewhere arrived the scene was one of damp desolation. Alongside the graving dock a sumptuous lunch had been prepared, covers being laid for 400 persons, and on the edges of the dock stands had been erected, from which the visitors viewed as best they could the opening ceremony, which was performed by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Accompanied by the Princess of Wales, his two daughters and the Duke of York, came over from Cowes in the Royal yacht Osborne, and at 1.30 p.m. the Prince presided the lever by which the sluice gates of the dock and were opened. The invited guests repaired to lunch and by the time that function was over the dock was full.

FIRES AND CASUALTIES. WINNIPEG, Aug. 5.—John Little, teamster, fell from his wagon and broke his neck on Saturday.

HALIFAX, Aug. 5.—At Canning on Saturday Henry McNutt, aged 10, was horribly mangled by being caught in the engine of a sawmill.

WOODSTOCK, Aug. 5.—The building occupied by A. Pullen as a general store and post office at Holbrook, nine miles south of here, was totally destroyed by fire. Loss \$3,500. Insurance \$1,800.

TORONTO, Aug. 5.—Edith Todd, the four-year old child of Arthur Todd, was killed by a street car on Saturday afternoon. P. O. Young, aged 31, an employee of the Rosin House, was drowned in the bay last evening by the upsetting of a boat.

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., Aug. 5.—Edward Butler, head engineer of the Niagara Falls paper mills, and Timothy F. Sweeney, machinist, were drowned through the capsizing of their boat in a squall on the river near Grass Island yesterday.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Gold, Silver and Copper Shipped from Trail Creek—Gold on the Illecillewaet.

Narrow Escape from Drowning at Nanaimo—Cattle Shipments Direct to Liverpool.

(Special to the Colonist.) VANCOUVER, Aug. 6.—Chief McLaren resigned his position on the force. It is said he is going into business at Roseland.

Word has been received from Cariboo that there is no water at the Cariboo mine yet. The ditch will be completed on August 15. Four monitors are at work on the Horrely night and day.

The Fall Co., Nelson, will put up their own smelter despite of newspaper reports to the contrary.

D. Morrison, deck hand on the steamer Tepic, fell overboard at Melsom Pass during the steamer's return trip, and was drowned. Morrison was 25 years old, a native of Scotland and unmarried.

At the council meeting last night the majority would not accept Chief McLaren's resignation, but dismissed Chief McLaren, Sergeant Haywood, Inspector McLeod and Sergeant Gray.

Two more shocks have occurred to the bush fires in the east end of the city. The entire city was enveloped in smoke last evening.

The tram company have engaged the B.C.E.G.A. band to give Sunday concert at the park. Last Sunday's concert was attended by two thousand people.

Lieut. Governor Schultz treated the members of the press with great cordiality during his stay here. Amongst many other interesting brief news Mr. Hume mentioned that in Monto Ferguson, the present aide camp of the Governor-General, is the same Monto Ferguson who undertook with a companion an adventurous expedition into the wilds of the barren country at the risk of losing their lives or starting to death.

The Nelson telephone branch of the B. I. and V. Co. are taking over the Kamloops system owned by Messrs. Tunstall and Baker.

WESTMINSTER. NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug. 6.—A. Merrifield, a British Columbia pioneer, died in the hospital yesterday, aged 68.

Douglas Stewart, inspector of penitentiaries, arrived to-day to inspect Mr. Morley as warden of the British Columbia penitentiary.

Boston Tom, who was so murderously assaulted by Cowhoun Jimmy, was brought to Vancouver from Seattle to-day, and it is feared he is in a dying condition. The authorities will take charge of him.

A squall sprang up in the city at 8 o'clock this evening; for a time the wind was very strong and there was great danger of the business premises to be destroyed.

An association has been formed for the purpose of constructing a race track and recreation grounds within the city limits.

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PERSECUTED ARMENIANS.

The Powers Decide to Appoint a European High Commissioner to Administer Affairs.

Mr. Gladstone Describes Turkish Administration as the Worst in the World.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 5.—The reply of the Porte to the demands of the powers for Armenian reforms is conciliatory and on many points agrees with the powers' demands. It proposes to appoint Christian assessors to assist the Turkish provincial government and to admit a proportion of the Christians among the minor officials, police and gendarmes, and also promises to restrain the Kurds from violence. It also declares that some of the powers' demands are not acceptable or impossible of execution. It is probable that the powers will not be satisfied with the reply.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The Anglo-Armenian association has learned from Constantinople that the signers of the Berlin treaty have agreed to send a note to the Porte announcing that as Turkey is unable to protect the lives of her Christian subjects, the powers have decided to appoint a European high commissioner with "viceregal" authority to administer Armenia in place of the Sultan. Baron Kallowsky will be appointed. He comes from an ancient family of Hungary. In 1881 he was minister of foreign affairs for the empire, during the interim between the death of Count von Haymerle and the nomination of Kalokyti. In 1882 he was minister of finance in the Austrian cabinet and at the same time administrator of Bosnia and Herzegovina, under the Berlin treaty, and has given attention to the eastern question all through his public life.

The Berlin treaty, which gave Bosnia and Herzegovina to Austria, provided that in case Turkey misgoverned Armenia the great powers should have the right to interfere and reform the administration. If the dispatch is correct, Armenia has been permanently lost to Turkey.

The Anglo-Armenian Association's advice from Constantinople says that Lord Salisbury has demanded the unconditional and immediate release of all Armenian political prisoners not convicted by a legally constituted tribunal.

The Daily News has advice from Armenia, July 29, that the condition of the Armenians is worse than ever. They regard Shakhir Pasha as their worst enemy, and his appointment as a contemptuous defiance of Europe's demand. Deliberate persecution, slaughter and pillage of the Armenians are pursued with the same ruthless vigor and fiendish ingenuity as in former years. Every day news arrives of fresh murders, wholesale imprisonments and pillage. The authorities in the great towns from time to time march heavily armed gangs of limping and wounded Armenian prisoners through the streets. If the Sultan is courted a revolution he will surely have his way. Unless the persecution is stopped the country will soon be in such a blaze that nothing short of Russian occupation will extinguish it.

CHESTER, Aug. 6.—The town hall was packed with people to-day and the audience included a number of Armenians. The occasion of hearing the long looked for speech of Mr. Gladstone upon the Armenian question. Among those present were the Bishop of Ripon and Messrs. D. B. Clifford and Robert E. Paine, of the American Peace Society. The audience gave a tremendous cheer when Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, the Duke of Westminster, the Bishop of Chester and the Mayor of Chester entered the hall. The distinguished visitors were conducted to seats on the platform and the cheering did not subside until the Duke of Westminster, chairman of the meeting, arose to speak.

The Duke, after a few opening remarks, read a letter from the Marquis of Salisbury notifying the Duke that the sum of £1,000 subscribed for the relief of the Armenians had been forwarded to the British ambassador at Constantinople, who had been given full discretion as to way in which the money should be distributed. Mr. Gladstone then rose, and an outburst of enthusiastic applause of all descriptions, and in addressing the audience said the Armenian question was not a party matter or a religious affair. Continuing, the great English statesman said the present situation in Armenia resulted from intolerably bad government, perhaps the worst on the face of the globe. (Applause.) Mr. Gladstone then read a resolution to the effect that:

"This meeting expresses its conviction that Her Majesty's government will have the cordial support of