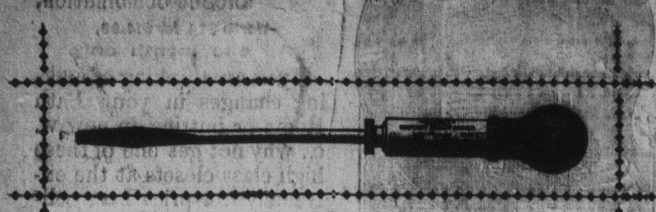


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PRESS OBSERVATIONS.

Concerning the Growth of Portland at the Expense of Montreal.

(Montreal letter in Portland Press.) On the other hand the business men of Montreal realize that a serious blow has been struck at Montreal by the Grand Trunk's action. It is not probable that all Canadian boats and roads will be invited to urge the Dominion government to place this port in a better position. It is suggested that the government should assume the whole of the Montreal harbor debt and abolish all charges on vessels coming to this port. St. Lawrence navigation should be made safer by a better system of buoys, lights and sound signals, the ship channel widened, straightened and deepened wherever required and the port of Montreal thoroughly equipped with the most modern terminal facilities. These are some of the requisites to which the government's attention will be called.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.) Business considerations no doubt have dictated the transference of the major part of the traffic of the Grand

Trunk from Montreal to Portland. That the change will be a loss to the eastern metropolis goes without saying. It is an unexpected move, from one point of view, namely, that of the railway contract entered into by the federal government. It was represented at Ottawa that the contract would make Montreal the summer terminus, and that in winter the freight would find its way to the Maritime Province ports over the Intercolonial. But apparently the public expenditures necessitated by the Drummond agreement have served rather to improve the line to Portland. This is a case in which business takes priority of politics.

AN EARTHQUAKE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—A violent earthquake threw the steamer Guatemala partly out of the water and caused the vessel to tremble from stem to stern for at least a minute off the coast of Ecuador during her latest trip. On reaching Guayaquil it was learned the most violent earthquake in the history of the place had taken place at the moment when the vessel had been shaken. Serious damage was done.

ACROSS THE SEA.

Emperor William Arrived in Hamburg Today.

King Will Open Parliament in Person—News From Other European Capitals.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra will return to London from Windsor today, arriving at Paddington station at 3.45 p. m. They will drive publicly through Hyde Park to Marlborough House, where they will take up their residence. It will be in the nature of a formal entry.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—King Edward, carrying out his purpose to decorate everyone more immediately connected with the funeral of Queen Victoria, presented each man of the Queen's Company of Grenadier Guards, at Windsor today, with the medal of the Victoria Order.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The Daily Mail has the following from its Lisbon correspondent:

"The King of Portugal is staying a few days longer in London than he originally intended, as the excess wish of King Edward. His visit is likely to have important developments. The Portuguese section of the Delagoa Bay railway is now in British hands, but this is merely a temporary arrangement to facilitate the government."

FLUSHING, Feb. 6.—Emperor William was greeted here by Rear-Admiral Van Waning, representing the Dutch government, when he landed. His majesty left Flushing by special train at 8.15 p. m.

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—Emperor William arrived at Hamburg at 8 o'clock this morning. The crown prince reached Potsdam at 8.30 a. m. Baron Von Buelow started for Hamburg this morning to confer with Emperor William.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Earl of Galloway died at Camlode this morning.

GLASGOW, Feb. 7.—Thirty-three new cases of smallpox were reported today.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Smallpox has broken out among the Thirteenth Russians at Norwich.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The early publication of a life of Queen Victoria by the Marquis of Lorne is announced this morning.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Doubt as to the nature of the ceremonial to be observed at the opening of parliament, Feb. 14, has been set at rest by an official announcement that King Edward will open his first parliament with a full state ceremonial. The ancient state coach, which has not been used since the Prince Consort's death, will be employed. The president of 1836, the last occasion on which Queen Victoria opened parliament in person, will be followed. The entrance will be through the great gate under the Victoria tower, the sovereign and his suite passing thence to the robing room.

It has a black marble stairway, which for years has been encased in wood. Thence they will go through the gallery and chamber into the house of lords. It is understood that Sir Arthur Bigge, who was private secretary to Queen Victoria, will be appointed private secretary to the Duke of Cornwall and York.

BUDA PEST, Feb. 7.—In the lower house of the diet today Franz Kossuth interpellated the government on the recent riots at Maros-Vasarehely. The ministry proposed to make a vigorous inquiry. It was declared that the government had not fired until attacked.

MADRID, Feb. 7.—Prince Charles, of Bourbon, will take the oath at noon tomorrow to support the constitution. Numerous academic titles and decorations will be accorded him on the occasion of his marriage to the Princess of Asturias. The cabinet has decided to restore the constitutional guarantees, and approve the general amnesty proclamation which includes deserters from the army.

ROME, Feb. 7.—The ministry has resigned.

THE SNOW STORM.

BELFAST, Me., Feb. 6.—The city and country roads are badly drifted with snow, as a result of the recent storm, there being a fall of about 15 inches of snow accompanied by a high wind. Trains and boats are delayed and no stages have reached here since Monday, except the one from Seaport, which managed to get through the drifts this morning, but was unable to return. Business is at a standstill, resulting from the blizzard.

CHATHAM, Mass., Feb. 6.—The northwest blizzard continues here tonight, the wind registering a velocity of about 50 miles an hour. There are indications that the gale will moderate before morning. The mercury is falling rapidly, the thermometer showing 15 above at 9 o'clock. It will be one of the worst nights of the season for the sailors along the Cape Cod shore.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Journal tomorrow will say: "Negotiations are in progress for the purchase of the Havanna Commercial Company by the American Tobacco Company. The purchase of the Havanna Commercial Company, which overtures had been made for the acquisition of the property by the American Tobacco Co. The price to be paid was not disclosed. The Havanna Company controls about 12 per cent of the production and manufacture of Havanna leaf and tobacco."

Hebert, the Canadian sculptor, has been made a chevalier of the legion of honor.

A QUEEN'S WEDDING.

Wilhelmina of Holland and Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

Universal Rejoicing—Photos of Kruger and De Wet in the Shop.

Windows—Some Bridal Gifts.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 6.—The wedding of Queen Wilhelmina and Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, which was a winter carnival holding sway over the Hague. It is an ideal evening, clear and cold. Already 100,000 Hollanders, with many foreigners, have been added to the population of the city and trains from all quarters of the kingdom are bringing thousands more.

People go marching about or in carriages, singing or playing the national anthem. Groups of young men and women dressed in white and orange and in other bright colors, are parading about singing and making fun with the crowds as in the Mardi Gras.

Orange paper lanterns, hanging among the trees, which line the main streets and looking like big clusters of oranges, throw light over the decorations. Every man and woman wears an orange rosette, with a picture of the bride. Some, although they carry also a portrait of the bridegroom.

Queen Wilhelmina dined at the palace this evening with Duke Henry and the families of the two. Occasionally she appeared at an upper window to bow in response to some serenading society.

A striking feature of the festivities is their democratic atmosphere. There are no cordons of policemen or soldiers to hold back the crowds. There are no swarms of detectives. There is no talk of anarchists.

The young queen and Duke Henry have spent a large part of the week thus far in driving about the city in order to give the people a chance to see them. During the afternoon today they rode out a few miles along snow covered roads to Flixing, a village where a fisheries exhibition is being held.

The queen's constant escort is twelve young noblemen, riding bay horses, with white saddles and clothes and wearing maroon uniforms, trimmed with black fur. Wherever the royal party appears the people greet them with a shout of "Hooray!"

The queen bows and smiles with genuine youthful enjoyment. The duke is considerably cold, however, and looks bored.

The correspondent of the Associated Press has been permitted to see the presents in the palace; and many weddings among wealthy Americans develop a more lavish display. Neat presents from the people of Holland, gifts showing the handiwork of humble housewives, throughout the kingdom, take up the most space. They have been pouring in for weeks, so that there is a great display of silverware, porcelain, needlework, furniture and jewelry.

The mother of Duke Henry has given her son a writing table inlaid with pearls and the mother of the queen has given her a necklace of brilliant and sapphires, with a brooch of the same. The most noteworthy gift is the carpet on which the queen is to be married. It is an immense rug, the handiwork of sixty persons participating in the festivities. The design shows hundreds of country people in their native costumes, among them women in ancient lace caps and sleeveless dresses.

From a balcony of the palace this evening the queen reviewed a parade. Later there was a soiree at the palace. In the streets cinematograph pictures were displayed before the people. Many of those represented scenes in the Transvaal war. The Boers were cheered.

Pictures of Mr. Kruger and General Dewet are almost as numerous in the shop windows as those of the queen and duke.

The military escort to the church tomorrow will be exceedingly small. The service will be that of the Dutch Reformed church and of puritanical simplicity. There will be no bridesmaids and no groomsmen.

Queen Wilhelmina has conferred upon Duke Henry the title of Prince of the Netherlands. The Grand Cross of the Order of Orange Nassau has been conferred upon the German, Austrian and Serbian ministers.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 7.—The weather on the morning of this wedding day of Queen Wilhelmina, though fine, was intensely cold. The stands, the windows and the roofs along the line of the route to the Groote Kerke at 10 o'clock was thronged with people.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 7.—The queen's wedding gown, woven of the finest silver tissue, was embroidered at the school of art needle work in Amsterdam and afterwards was made up by Nisard of Paris. It is ornamented with silver threaded seed pearls. The robe and train are lined with rich white silk. The bodice, which is plain and cut low, is trimmed with magnificent antique lace. The trails are covered with embroidery almost meeting at waist and broadening out to the hem. The court train is two and a half yards long; the embroidery running around in light trails. The queen's mother always wears on state occasions some shade of purple befitting her figure. Today she appeared in a gown of pearly violet, with a train of deeper shade. The bodice is cut low and trimmed with priceless Brussels lace.

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CHINESE AFFAIRS.

The Emperor Desires to Save Tung Fu Hsiang.

But the Ministers Insist that the Chief of the Army Must Die.

PEKING, Feb. 6.—The foreign ministers this morning gave out for publication a secret imperial edict, handed to them yesterday by the Chinese peace plenipotentiaries, which pleads especially for the life of Tung Fu Hsiang, commander in chief of the army. It says the only reason is on account of the turbulent population of the provinces of Shen Si and Kan Su, who are devoted to him and might rise and commit acts of violence against the missionaries and Christians, which the court would greatly deplore. Consequently, his punishment requires caution, deliberation and careful consideration. The emperor, it is pointed out, even in the punishment of princes of the blood has not been moved by motives for their protection. Why then should he do so in the case of Tung Fu Hsiang? What had already been done should be taken into consideration. His army had been reduced to 5,000 men with the object of lessening his power and with the ultimate object of his future punishment, which will be promulgated in an edict, the language of which will not be too patent. After the deprivation of his official rank, the emperor will hereafter decide on a heavy punishment.

At their meeting this morning, the foreign envoys prepared a note to be delivered to the Chinese plenipotentiaries, containing the substance of the decisions arrived at last night, including the sentences of execution. The ministers refuse to spare the life of Tung Fu Hsiang, on the ground that they do not consider the claim of the plenipotentiaries reasonable. The ministers were surprised that no plea was put forward in favor of Prince Chang. The indictments against the entire twelve are regarded in Peking as a masterpiece of diplomacy on the part of the ministers, for had the ministers merely given a list of names, without specification of the crimes, it might have left many loopholes for argument, which is now believed to be impossible.

The only plea can be political necessity. It is believed the court will urge the saving of at least two more, the reason for this being that Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang were taken by surprise as, prior to the conference, the ministers had only desired the beheading of half the number the others to be spared and had given the impression that the Chinese will be allowed to decide who should be beheaded and who banished.

The Rev. W. S. Ament, the missionary, who was arrested by French and German troops on charge of collecting indemnities from villages where native Christians had been killed, sent the following despatch to Mr. Conger: "Guards withdrawn. Our people vindicated. Send officer to ask explanation."

Mr. Conger has already received an official notice, saying that the German officer who had made the arrest denied that either Mr. Ament or his companion had been discourteously treated. On the contrary, according to the officer, they had asked Mr. Ament to furnish evidence regarding the Chinese who belonged to the mission, and the French soldier who went with them acted as their guide and guard of honor, instead of a jailor. The French say the Protestant missionaries have been too fond of taking into their own hands the collection of indemnities in cases where native Christians have been killed, and that they will not tolerate this in their territory. They decline to discuss Mr. Ament's arrest; but Mr. Backhouse, who was with him at the time, says he unquestionably had conclusively proven that the mosquito served as an intermediary in conveying disease, the spread of which was due to this medium alone.

MOSQUITOES AND FEVER.

HAVANA, Feb. 6.—Before the Pan-American Medical Congress Dr. Reed's paper on Propagation of Yellow Fever through mosquitoes, showed that the specific cause of yellow fever is still under discussion. The work of the yellow fever commission at Quemados had conclusively proven that the mosquito served as an intermediary in conveying disease, the spread of which was due to this medium alone.

PLAGUE IN FORMOSA.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 6.—The steamer Empress of China today brings news of a fresh outbreak of the plague in Formosa. The Japan Mail says that the official report of the Formosan government gives the number of deaths as nine in seven days since the renewal of the malady. Three-fourths of those stricken with the disease do not recover.

MANY FISHERMEN LOST.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 6.—The steamer Empress of China, which arrived here today from Yokohama, reports that on Jan. 10 sixty fishing boats near Hashidate were wrecked and of 450 fishermen only 18 escaped.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY.

(Philadelphia Times.) "Do telegraph companies keep books?" "I suppose so." "I wonder if they put the wages of messenger boys under the head of running expenses?"

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SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The following announcement has been issued by the war office:

"In view of the recent Boer activity in various directions, the government has decided, in addition to the large forces recently equipped locally in South Africa, to reinforce Lord Kitchener by 30,000 mounted troops beyond those already landed in Cape Colony. Recalling for the Imperial Yeomanry has proceeded so rapidly that it is anticipated ten thousand will shortly be available."

"The South African mounted constabulary, including those enlisted in the colonies, may be relied upon to extend to 5,000, and the new colonial contingents, to replace those withdrawn will probably reach 5,000."

"The remainder of the force will be made up of cavalry and mounted infantry from the home establishment. The enlistment of volunteers to replace those that have already served in South Africa is also being proceeded with. Arrangements have been made for the prompt equipment and transportation of the force. The first contingent will leave on the Aurania Feb. 9."

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 6.—The Gazette announces that General Brabant has been appointed to the command of the forces being raised for the defence of Cape Colony.

BRIEF DESPATCHES.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 7.—A railroad wreck is reported near Greenville, Me., county, in which from 15 to 20 persons were killed.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 7.—Part of the Oriental powder mills at Newhall was demolished by an explosion early this forenoon. Two employees were blown to fragments.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The visit of R. W. White, of the National Salt company, to England is reported to be in connection with the closing of a deal by which the American company will be enabled to control the wholesale business of the United Kingdom.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Captain J. S. Dunham, the widely known tug and lake vessel owner of this city, died suddenly today.