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A TERRIBLE VEIL OF SILENCE ENSHROUDS AFFAIRS AT PEKIN

Nobody Now But Believes the Worst Has Happened—All Efforts of the Powers to Get Direct News From Their Legations are Futile.

Europeans Are Said to Be Directing the Chinese Military Operations—A European Official Charged With Plotting to Secure the Escape of Gen. Chang From Tien Tsin—Allied Forces Have No Leader.

London, July 13, 4.10 a.m.—A terrible veil of silence enshrouds Pekin, and there is nobody but believes the worst has happened. It is taken for granted that all the powers have exhausted every means to get direct news from the legations, and the fact that their efforts have been vain leaves but one interpretation.

The Chinese representative in Berlin denies the statement that Li Hung Chang had sent to him a hopeful telegram. He says that, on the contrary, no direct telegraph message has been received by him from Li Hung Chang for some time past.

Are Europeans Directing Chinese?

The day's news is again restricted to the usual crop of untrustworthy Shanghai rumors, the most serious of which, reported by the correspondent of The Express, is to the effect that Europeans are directing the Chinese military operations.

Can This Be True?

The correspondent asserts that Capt. Bailey of H.M.S. Aurora distinctly saw a man in European garb directing the Chinese artillery operations outside of Tien Tsin. Foreign refugees from Tien Tsin openly accuses a European official, whose name The Express correspondent suppresses, and Col. Von Henneken, who was formerly employed to drill the Chinese troops, of being parties to a plot to procure the escape of Gen. Chang and themselves from Tien Tsin before the bombardment, leaving the other foreigners to their fate.

Slaughter by Russians.

Statements are in circulation in Shanghai accusing the Russians of indiscriminate slaughter of friendly Chinese noncombatants, without regard to age or sex.

Buddhist Priests at Work.

It is asserted that the Buddhist priests thruout the Empire are propagating Prince Tuan's anti-foreign gospel.

News is circulating thruout the Yangtse valley that Gen. Mah has inflicted a crushing defeat upon the allies at Tien Tsin, and that the foreign army has been cut to pieces east of Pekin. The actual impotence for the moment of the allied forces naturally gives color to these stories with the worst results.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Express gives the Tien Tsin advices to July 6, when the superior range of the Japanese artillery enabled them to rescue Russians who were hard pressed at the railway station.

ADMIRAL SEYMOUR'S MESSAGE

Says the Chinese Continue to Fire, But He Was Steadily Getting Up More Guns.

London, July 12, 3.55 p.m.—The British Admiralty has received the following despatch from Vice-Admiral Seymour:

"Tien Tsin, Saturday, July 7.—The Chinese continue fighting, often shelling the settlements. They are extending their lines along the Lu Tai An Canal to the northeast and are appearing in greater force west of the city.

"Yesterday we bombarded the city and immediate suburbs, which stopped the Chinese gun fire for some time.

"The French settlement and station are most subject to attack.

"To-day there was another bombardment. "Am steadily getting up more guns. Ten thousand troops are now here. More are required, but both the Russian and Japanese are expected."

ALL THE FOREIGNERS KILLED

And the Legations Were Demolished on June 30, Says a Letter From Pekin.

Shanghai, July 12.—It is reported that a Chinese merchant here has received a letter from Pekin, dated June 30, saying the legations were demolished and the foreigners killed.

It is announced from a good source that 30,000 Russians are marching on Pekin from the north.

NEWS IS ALL PESSIMISTIC.

Letter From Pekin, June 24, Says if No Relief Comes All Seemed Hopeless.

New York, July 12.—The Herald to-day prints a cable from Shanghai, dated Tuesday, which says a private letter from Pekin, dated June 24 and received at Tien Tsin June 30, has been received. The writer says:

"We are in danger of death. Thirty thousand trooops are attacking. Only three days' food is left.

"No news comes of troops. If no relief comes all seems hopeless.

"Maillien's store has been burned and the Hotel de Pekin bombarded. The Italian, Dutch, American and part of the British legations have been burned."

Near the End.

The Journal and Advertiser prints a cable from Che Foo, July 8, via Shanghai, July 12, which says a courier had just arrived from Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese Customs at Pekin. The courier is said to have brought the following message from Sir Robert: "Close to good-bye. Near the end."

IS PRINCE TUAN INSANE?

Such is the Story for Those Anxiously Awaiting News About the Legations.

Che Foo, Monday, July 9.—It is reported on good authority that Prince Tuan has become insane.

In consequence of the movements of the rebels towards Tsin Tau the Germans have withdrawn some of their troops from Taku to protect Tsin Tau.

The women and children from New Chwang have arrived here.

ON TO PEKIN!

Will Be the Policy of the United States Government, After Due Consideration.

Washington, July 12.—"On to Pekin!" is the policy adopted by the United States Government. It is said that regardless of the issues raised as to the responsibility for the present situation the United States Government at least is determined not to relax its efforts to reach Pekin and reckon with the person or persons responsible for the outrageous events of the past six weeks.

Twenty-four hours' consideration of the Chinese note leaves the officials here convinced that it marks the beginning of a general effort on the part of Chinese officials to relieve themselves from responsibility for the treatment of the Foreign Ministers and the fighting at Tien Tsin. That in itself is regarded as a hopeful sign of the approaching collapse of the Boxer movement, and the termination of the state of insurrection that exists in Pekin and Shantung. Victors do not apologize, hence the exculpatory statement yesterday is believed to be pregnant with meaning.

NEWS VIA SIBERIA

To the Secretary of the U. S. Navy Says Germans Have Burned Tsung Li Yamen.

Washington, July 12.—A belated cablegram was received at the Navy Department to-day, via Siberia. It bore no signature, but Secretary Long believes that it came from Rear Admiral Kempff. The text of the message is as follows:

"Nagasaki, Secretary Navy, Washington:

"Taku, China, July 2.—Runner Pekin reports German troops burnt Tsung li Yamen. Chinese moved many field guns on wall commanding legations. Chinese subjects advised leave legations. Runner heard heavy firing in Pekin after leaving city."

THIS SILENCE IS SINISTER.

If It is True the Legations Were Safe, They Could Communicate With Europe, Says Le Temps.

Paris, July 12.—The Temps this evening announces it is in a position to affirm that no European telegram has been received from Pekin since that of Sir Robert Hart (Inspector-General of Chinese Customs), despatched Sunday, June 24, declaring the situation was desperate.

Continuing, The Temps says: "The subsequent silence is sinister. If it is true the legations are safe, they could communicate with Europe. If they cannot it is because the Chinese have juggled dates, and the massacre really took place as announced, on June 30 or July 1."

JAPAN TO SEND 50,000 MEN.

This is Needed in the Interests of Humanity—Responsibility With Russia and Germany.

Yokohama, July 12.—The no decision has yet been announced, it is certain that Japan will send nearly 50,000 troops to China. The press agrees that the despatch of so large a force is a duty in the interests of humanity, but asserts that a large measure of responsibility for the troubles rests upon Russia and Germany, because of their arbitrary action in China.

SAYS PRINCE CHING WAS KILLED.

Shanghai Special to London Mail Says Only Two Foreigners Escaped.

London, July 13.—The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail says the following story regarding the position in Pekin emanates from Chinese official sources: "The two remaining legations, the British and Russian, were attacked in force on the evening of July 6, Prince Tuan being in command. The attackers were divided. Prince Tuan commanded the centre, the right was led by Prince Tsai Yin and the left by Prince Yin Lin. The reserves were under Prince Tsin Yu.

"The attack commenced with artillery firing, which was severe and lasted until 7 o'clock in the morning, by which time both legations were destroyed and all the foreigners were dead, while the streets around the legations were full of the dead bodies of both foreigners and Chinese.

"Upon hearing of the attack Prince Ching and Gen. Wang Wen Shao went with troops to the assistance of the foreigners, but they were outnumbered and defeated. Both Prince Ching and Gen. Wang Wen Shao were killed.

"Two foreigners are said to have escaped thru the gates, one with a heavy sword wound in his head.

"Prince Tuan, in celebration of the victory, distributed 100,000 taels and huge quantities of rice to the Boxers."

The Canton correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, wiring July 11, says: "Li Hung Chang has decided to remain here, and the American gunboat, which was waiting to convey him en route to Pekin, will sail to-morrow."

Price on Christian Heads.

Hong Kong, July 12.—Quiet continues along the West River. Missionaries are arriving at Wu Chow from all parts. When some of the missionaries left Te King, the Chinese were openly discussing placing a price on the heads of the Christians.

Mails Sails for China.

London, July 12.—The American hospital ship Maine sailed to-day from Southampton for China.

German Commander Appointed.

Berlin, July 12.—Major-General Von Lessel, the commander of the 28th army division, has been appointed to command the German forces in China, with the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Transports for Germany.

Hamburg, July 12.—The Boersenhalle announces that the Hamburg-American line has leased four and the North German Lloyds line six steamers for the transportation of 12,000 troops and ammunition to China.

ENDURED GREAT SUFFERING.

Sir Frederick Hodgson Tells of His Hardships in Escaping From Coomassie.

Accra, July 12.—Sir Frederick Mitchell Hodgson, Governor of the Colony, who recently arrived here, after having been besieged at Coomassie by rebellious tribesmen, bears signs of the hardships and privations to which he has been subjected. In the course of an interview had with him, he said he considered his escape the most marvelous on record. He attributed its success to the secrecy maintained in the route chosen. The carriers who accompanied him became so weakened by starvation that everything was abandoned, and the party subsisted upon plantains. They endured great hardships. Fortunately the rains were not heavy. Had it been otherwise all would probably have succumbed. Lady Hodgson pluckily shared all the dangers and privations.

TWENTY PERSONS INJURED.

Oil Tank on a Railroad Car in Boston Exploded With Serious Results.

Boston, July 12.—A large oil tank on a railroad car in the Mystic yard of the Boston and Maine Railroad in Somerville exploded to-night, and 20 persons, who had been attracted by the fire, which preceded the explosion, were injured several of whom may die. It is thought that Joseph Hayden of Somerville cannot survive the night. J. J. Callahan and Robert Furness were also seriously injured. Loss from $40,000 to $50,000.

TWO MEN KILLED.

Fatal Results of a Wreck on the Lackawanna & Western Road.

Stroudsburg, Pa., July 12.—A wreck occurred on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western to-night killing two men outright and two others are believed to be in the wreck. The killed are: Jerry Thomas, engineer; and George Cramer, a huckleberry picker.

Fell 35 Feet.

Thomas Male of 27 Afton-avenue met with a serious accident while at work yesterday morning at the foot of Brock-street. While walking on an elevated coal track he missed his footing and fell to the ground, a distance of about 35 feet. When picked up he was in an unconscious condition, and the ambulance removed him to the Emergency Hospital. After having his injuries, which consisted of a scalp wound and broken wrist, attended to, he was taken to his home.

Easy for Joe Gans.

Baltimore, July 12.—Joe Gans knocked out "Whitey" Lester of New York in the fourth round of their 20-round bout tonight before the Eureka A.C. at Ford's Opera house. The white man was no match for his colored antagonist.

Savings Bank Man Arrested.

New York, July 12.—Charles R. Westervelt, secretary and treasurer of the Dime Savings Bank of Newark, N.J., is under arrest charged with stealing between $38,000 and $40,000 from the bank.

London Old Boys.

The London Old Boys' Association meeting called for to-night at the Queen's Hotel has been postponed until further notice.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

John Charlton, M.P., Speaks in Favor of the Liberals Taking Another Session.

Ottawa, July 12.—(Special.)—In Liberal circles considerable significance is attached to a speech Mr. John Charlton made at the Liberal banquet last Saturday. Mr. Charlton with warmth and at considerable length urged the Government to hold another session before appealing to the country. No one in the Government made any reply to Mr. Charlton, and the rank and file of the Liberals are wondering what to conclude. A majority of the Liberal members think there will be an election in October, and are preparing for it. But the speech of Mr. Charlton, coming from a man, true without portfolio, but in the councils of the Government, seems to indicate that the Government desires to test the pulse of the members gingerly.

SANK DOWN AND DIED.

W. F. Fenton of Beeton Stricken With Heart Disease at Collingwood Yesterday.

Collingwood, July 12.—During the Orange demonstration to-day a melancholy incident occurred. W. F. Fenton of Beeton, just before the train left, was standing in the office of the Globe Hotel, when suddenly he sank on his knees, and, before medical aid could be secured, he was dead. Heart failure is given as the cause. His body was taken to Trott's undertaking establishment, and will be shipped to Beeton tomorrow morning for burial. The deceased gentleman was well known in the county.

Specials for Orangemen.

Both the C.P.R. and Grand Trunk ran a number of special trains yesterday to accommodate Orangemen, who gathered at various points to spend the day. These special trains conveyed members of the Order to Huntsville, Severn, Collingwood, Thornbury, Peterboro, Brampton, Sunderland, Chatham, Midland, Cobourg, Kinmount, Ingersoll, Seaforth, Orangeville, Kincardine, Hagarsville, Tara, Listowel, Woodbridge, Niagara Falls, Hamilton, Sarnia and Napanee.

Glorious Day at Collingwood.

Collingwood, Ont., July 12.—The Orange gathering here to-day has been a great success. At least 10,000 people have visited Collingwood and gone away highly pleased with their day's outing.

The largest procession that has ever walked our streets proceeded to the Town Park, and were entertained by numerous eloquent speakers. Chaplain Walsh of the Grand Lodge was the principal speaker. It was a glorious day in every respect.

New German Greyhound.

New York, July 12.—The new express steamer Deutschland of the Hamburg-American line arrived to-day from Plymouth in the record time of 5 days, 15 hours and 46 minutes, an average of 22.42 knots. This is the fastest initial trip made across the Atlantic. The first trip by the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse of the North German Lloyds line was made in 5 days, 22 hours and 53 minutes.

Welcome Rain in India.

London, July 12.—Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, has cabled the Secretary of State for India, Lord George Hamilton, that an excellent rain has fallen in the Northwest Provinces and in parts of Central India, and that useful showers have occurred in Rajpootana and Deccan

ALL RAILWAY SUBSIDIES WERE CALLED "BRIBES"

By Sir Richard When the Conservatives Were in Power, But the Liberal Idea Seems to Have Been Changed.

Mr. Puttee Says They Are Simply Giving Power to the Grafters—Mr. Richardson Asked for a Halt and Give the People a Show to Control.

Ottawa, July 12.—(Special.)—Railway subsidies occupied the attention of the House all day to-day. At the request of Mr. Foster Minister Blair arose to give an explanation of his desire to have $3,403,000 of the people's money given to promoters of railways. This was the first thing this morning, and until the House adjourned Minister Blair was still giving his explanation. As an explainer Mr. Blair is not a lucid success, tho he doubtless does his best. He did not present a business-like system, but delivered himself of a violent tirade upon certain newspaper criticisms of the Government's policy regarding subsidies. Mr. Blair did not argue the question, but considered the case proven when he had denounced the critics.

A Reminder for Liberals.

When Mr. Foster's turn to speak came he pointed out that when the Liberals were in Opposition they called railway subsidies "bribes." Sir Richard Cartwright had even spoken in favor of a plank of the Patron platform to abolish railway subsidies. But when power came to the Liberals their tune was changed. He asked for the plans of the proposed roads and for all correspondence relating to their subsidizing in order that the votes could be intelligently discussed.

Blair Refused to Give Up.

Mr. Blair refused the request, contending that the Conservatives had never brought them down. That was where Mr. Blair was deeply in error, for Mr. Foster turned up Hansard of 1894 and showed that in that year the leader of the Opposition complained that the plans and the correspondence were not brought down till 24 hours before the subsidies were presented, and that this was unusual.

The Sliding Scale.

Mr. Blair claimed that the sliding scale of granting railway subsidies did not meet with the approval of the Opposition. Yet it was a good one, as was shown by the fact that out of 47 railway subsidies granted by the Government only one railway had earned the full possible $6,400 a mile. Minister Blair was brought up with a sharp turn when he declared he would move in committee that a clause should be attached to the railway subsidies resolutions making it obligatory upon all subsidized roads to purchase their steel rails in Canada.

Mr. Foster recalled the harangues of the Liberals against a policy of protection and pointed to their latest contention as a ludicrous example of inconsistency.

Mr. Edwards Protests.

W. C. Edwards, who wears a free trader's badge, protested against this departure from the principle that put the Government in power. But the Government did not care.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared that the proposal re steel rails was not arbitrary and would only apply if Canadian rails could be got as cheap as other rails.

After lunch another turn was given to the discussion.

Power for the Grafters.

Mr. Puttee, the Labor M.P. from Winnipeg, protested against granting railway subsidies on the ground that it was a policy fraught with power not to benefit the provinces, but to benefit grafters in the shape of politicians, railway promoters and charter-mongers. He thought necessary railways could always be built without Government aid, and at about one-fourth the cost. He considered the time was ripe for a change of railway policy.

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LAURIER'S MINISTER OF JUSTICE SAYS BORDEN WAS DEFRAUDED

In Connection With the Emergency Rations—There is Still One Man With a Conscience in the Liberal Cabinet.

Ottawa, July 12.—(Special.)—In the Senate this morning Hon. David Mills reviewed the whole position of Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, holding that Mr. McInnes acted unconstitutionally in several important respects during his official career towards his advisors, and that, if he had taken the advice of his old friend, Hon. R. W. Scott, given to him confidentially, he would still be in office.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell congratulated the Minister of Justice on his important speech.

Providence Doing the Work.

Senator Landry introduced a long question relating to Senate reform, to which Hon. Mr. Mills said: "Providence is engaged in reforming the Senate." He said that the appointing of a French Senator to the Cabinet would be considered in due time.

In the afternoon Senator Ferguson gave notice of a number of amendments to the Election Act.

Mills Says There Was Fraud.

In answer to a question from Senator Perley, re emergency rations, Mr. Mills said that his own impression was that a fraud had been perpetrated on the Militia Department.

The Senators spent some time in discussing Mr. Blair's Railway bill. They sat on the Elections bill, and passed 45 clauses before adjournment.

MISS NIXON STILL LIVES.

Paralyzed From the Waist Down, the Orangeville Young Woman is Anxious to Live.

Orangeville, July 12.—Gertie Nixon, the young lady who was shot at Idylwild, Orangeville, on Dominion Day by Ottaway Hunter, who then ended his own life, is still living and is suffering comparatively little pain. She has been removed from Mrs. Murray's residence to the stone house at the corner of Broadway and Third-sts., which her mother has temporarily rented. A professional nurse, Miss Anderson of Toronto, is in attendance on the young and attractive patient, and everything possible is being done for the unfortunate girl. It was reported thru town on Saturday that the nurse had been sent by the T. Eaton Company of Toronto, Miss Nixon's employers, but this turns out to be untrue, altho it is said that the firm mentioned have agreed to contribute a small sum weekly for a brief period. The doctors who have seen Miss Nixon during the past week still hold to their first opinion that she cannot recover, altho they say she may live for weeks. No further effort has been made to remove the bullet, and the doctors cannot even guess where it is lodged. Miss Nixon is still paralyzed from the waist down, but she is very cheerful, and is said to be anxious to live, even tho she may never walk. She has many anxious enquirers every day.

DID MANLEY WANT TO DIE?

Told Some Yachtsmen That He Intended to Drown Himself—Is Now in the Toils.

Richard Manley, who says he lives at 206 St. Patrick-street, appeared at the Queen's Wharf early last evening, and his general manner was such that several members of the National Yacht and Skiff Club spent some little time watching his movements. Eventually the man was seen to take off his clothes, and when he, it is alleged, made threats of committing suicide by jumping into the water the yachtsmen seized him. Manley was then handed over to P.C. Hind, who locked him up at the St. Andrew's Market Station, and charged him with being drunk.

Cook's Turkish Baths—204 King W.

WHAT WILL GOVERNMENT DO?

Mr. Oliver Wants to Know if the Wounded Men Will Receive Pensions.

Ottawa, July 12.—(Special.)—Mr. Oliver will ask the Government on Saturday: Is it the intention to provide pensions for volunteers disabled by wounds or disease in South Africa?

Is it the intention to provide pensions for the dependent relations on volunteers who have lost their lives in South Africa?

Left for British Columbia.

Among those who left yesterday afternoon on the C.P.R. train for British Columbia was a party consisting of about 40 delegates to the National Council of Women, to be held in Victoria. They occupied a special coach.

M'KINLEY AND ROOSEVELT

Notified of Their Nomination—President Promises There Will Be No Flinching From Duty.

President McKinley and Governor Roosevelt were officially notified yesterday of their nomination for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency, respectively. The President is at Canton, Ohio, and Roosevelt at his country home, Sagamore, near Oyster Bay, N.Y.

The President made a speech on topics of the day. Touching on the Chinese question, he promised his best efforts to protect the lives of United States citizens now in peril, and the maintenance of those principles of impartial intercourse to which the civilized world is pledged. He congratulates his countrymen upon the "strong national sentiment which finds expression in every part of our common country, and the increased respect with which the American name is greeted thruout the world. We have been moving in untried paths, but our steps have been guided by honor and duty. There will be no turning aside, no wavering, no retreat. No blow has been struck, except for liberty and humanity, and none will be. We will perform without fear every national and international obligation."

WHO GETS THE BANK STOCK?

An Interesting Case in the Court of Appeal—Samuel Hopkins' Wife, or Sister.

Notice of appeal was given at Osgoode Hall yesterday in the action of Samuel Hopkins v. Catherine Hopkins, in which the facts are somewhat interesting. In 1882 Samuel Hopkins, then 65 years of age, of St. Catharines, married a lady of Washington, D.C., considerably younger. Seven years later his relations with his wife became strained, and he commenced an action to set aside his transfer to her of 300 shares of stock in the Bank of Commerce. Mr. Hopkins died before the trial, and the action was continued by his sister and chief beneficiary, Mary Ann Upthegrove, but was dismissed by Judge Falconbridge. The Divisional Court upset this judgment and set aside the transfer and the defendant is now appealing to the Court of Appeal.

SIR CHARLES' RETURN.

The Conservative Leader is Booked to Sail From Liverpool on Aug. 23.

Ottawa, July 12.—(Special.)—Sir Charles Tupper has booked a return to Canada from Liverpool on Aug. 23. He has arranged with Mr. Chamberlain for the advertising of tenders for the Pacific cable without delay.

$1—Regular and only price for world-famed Shannon files. The Office Specialty Mfg. Co., Limited, 77 Bay St., Toronto—One Dollar—don't forget.

Cruiser Fiona Floated.

St. John's Nfld., July 12.—The colonial cruiser Fiona, which went ashore during a dense fog near Codroy, has been floated. She sustained little damage.

BOERS CAPTURED NITRAL'S NEK GARRISON WAS OVERPOWERED

Was Composed of a Squadron of Scots Greys With Two Guns of a Battery of the Royal Artillery and Five Companies of Lincolnshires.

Reinforcements Were Sent Out, But Were Too Late, and Greater Portion of the Greys and 90 Men of the Lincolnshires Were Captured—Casualties are Heavy—Simultaneously Another Attack Was Made Near Durdepoort North.

London, July 13.—Lord Roberts' despatch reporting still another unfortunate occurrence throws a serious light upon the state of affairs in South Africa.

There has been some comment recently regarding the virtual absence of progress by the immense army under command of Lord Roberts, but few could have been found to believe that the scattered Boers were able to inflict such a defeat so near Pretoria.

Just Near Pretoria.

Instead of the surrender of all of the remaining Boers being imminent as recent telegrams had hinted, it seems they have been making a concerted action to recapture Pretoria with so much success that in the region which was supposed to be pacified and in which no attack was expected they succeeded in inflicting a serious defeat and capturing two guns and some 200 men.

Botha Has a Big Force.

It is evident that Gen. Botha has a considerable force, seeing that he is able to press Lord Roberts' lines at a half dozen points around Pretoria, from the Springs to the southeast of the city northward to Middleburg and Durdepoort, and thence southward to Nitral's Nek and Krugersdorp.

Is There Worse to Be Told?

Lord Roberts omits to give the name of the commander concerned, giving rise to the belief that worse remains to be told. Even if the mishap be not more grave than his information at present implies it proves that the situation is still serious and that there is no possibility of any troops being spared from South Africa for China, but, on the contrary, that it will still take a long time to clear the country of the Boers.

Lord Roberts Was Ill.

News has reached London that Lord Roberts has been suffering from a serious bowel complaint, and that Lady Roberts was hurriedly summoned from Bloemfontein. Lord Roberts, the now better, is still weak.

BOERS CAPTURED BRITISH.

Have Command of Nitral's Nek and 200 Men Are Prisoners—Two Guns Lost.

London, July 12.—Lord Roberts reports to the War Office, under date of Pretoria, July 12, as follows:

"The enemy having failed in their attack upon our right rear, as mentioned in my telegram of July 9, made a determined attack upon our right flank yesterday, and, I regret to say, succeeded in capturing Nitral's Nek, which was garrisoned by a squadron of the Scots Greys, with two guns of a battery of the Royal Artillery and five companies of the Lincolnshire Regiment.

Enemy in Superior Force.

"The enemy attacked in superior numbers at dawn, and seizing the hill commanding the Nek brought a heavy gun fire to bear upon the small garrison.

Eighteen Miles From Pretoria.

"Nitral's Nek is about 18 miles from here, near where the road crosses the Crocodile River. It was held by us in order to maintain road and telegraphic communication with Rustenburg.

Reinforcements Sent.

"The fighting lasted more or less thruout the day, and immediately on receiving information early this morning of the enemy's strength I despatched reinforcements from here under Col. Godfrey of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

The Garrison Overpowered.

"Before, however, they reached the spot, the garrison had been overpowered and the guns and a greater portion of the squadron of Greys had been captured, owing to the horses being shot; also about 90 men of the Lincoln regiment.

Casualties Are Heavy.

"A list of the casualties has not been received, but I fear they are heavy.

Another Simultaneous Attack.

"Simultaneously an attack was made on our outposts, near Durdepoort, north of the town in which the 7th Dragoons were engaged. The regiment was handled with considerable skill by Lieut.-Col. Low and kept the enemy in check until they retired on their supports and would probably have suffered but slight loss had not our troops mistaken some Boers in the bushes for our men.

Smith-Dorrien in It, Too.

"Smith-Dorrien had a successful engagement with the enemy yesterday, near Krugersdorp, and inflicted heavy loss on them.

Boers Destroying Railway.

"Buller reports that the Boers who were destroying his line of railway near Paardekraal were driven off yesterday after a short action.

Surrendering in Heidelberg.

"Hart reports from Heidelberg that the surrendering of Boer arms and ammunition continues in that district."

SIX STRATHCONAS MISSING

And They Are Supposed to Have Been Captured by the Boer Raiders.

Ottawa, July 12.—Another cable received this morning, under date of yesterday, from the general officer commanding at Standerton, contains the information that the following are reported missing:

131, Acting Corporal T. Mills.
144, Shoeingsmith J. J. Griffiths.
159, Private A. Simpson.
143, Private N. Gilroy.
140, Private R. Bourne.
157, Private J. Norris.

A cable from Sir Alfred Milner this morning repeats the list of casualties at Reitfontein among the 1st Battalion Canada Mounted Rifles, on July 7, already officially reported. In the former list, however, Private Henry B. White was reported as mortally wounded, while this time the name is given as J. B. White, who is merely mentioned as wounded. In the list to-day there appears, too, the name of 413, Private C. S. Strong, but reference to the nominal roll shows that there is no C. S. Strong in either battalion.

Corporal Thomas Mills' next of kin is given as Mrs. H. Mills of Newmarket, Ont.

Private J. J. Griffiths' next of kin is given as Mr. J. Griffiths of Hagersville, Ont.

159 is given in the nominal roll as Private T. Simpson, whose next of kin is Mr. T. M. Simpson of Elm Creek, Manitoba.

143 is given in the nominal roll as Private H. Gilroy, whose next of kin is Mr. C. Gilroy of Regina, N.W.T.

Private R. Bourne's next of kin is given as Mr. T. Bourne of Staffordshire, Eng.

152 is given in the nominal roll as Private Fred Norris, whose next of kin is Mr. Norris of Dursley, England.

Is Trooper Winyard Dead?

London, July 12.—It has been reported to the War Office that Trooper W. Winyard, who has been missing, is believed to be dead.

Trooper Winyard belonged to "A" Squadron, Canadian Mounted Rifles, and before he was enlisted was attached to "A" Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons.

MORE PRISONERS RELEASED.

Gen. Buller Reports That 659 Men Released Have Arrived at Ladysmith.

London, July 12.—The War Office announces that Gen. Buller reports that 659 prisoners, released by the Boers, have arrived at Ladysmith.

BRITISH FLAG AT OTTAWA

It Was Hoisted on the City Hall in Honor of the Day so Dear to All Loyal Orangemen.

THEN CAME A BIG KICK OVER IT.

But Mayor Payment Let the Flag Float and It Was a Shrewd Move.

Ottawa, July 12.—(Special.)—Mayor Payment thinks he prevented a serious riot today. This morning Aid. Butler, Chairman of the Property Committee, as loyal an Orangeman as ever sat astride a white horse, ordered the caretaker to hoist the Union Jack over the City Hall. The caretaker did it. Some of the faithful adherents of Mayor Payment who do not belong to the True Blues directed Mayor Payment's attention to the flaunting flag. A delicate situation was presented. If the flag floated many of the citizens of Ottawa would be offended, because the 12th of July is not a holiday and the flag never before floated on that day. If the flag was pulled down it would enrage the visiting and resident Orangemen, as Mayor Payment thought. The Mayor, on the advice of his Roman Catholic friends, left the flag up. Among the knowing it is hinted that the Mayor's action was a shrewd move in the light of coming municipal elections. It is said that one of his proudest possessions is a resolution from an Orange lodge congratulating him upon his election as Mayor last year.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., Patent Solicitors and experts, Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

Styles Right—Quality Guaranteed—What More? It's the distinctive and exclusive styles in fine summer hats at Fairweather's (84 Yonge-street), that make the most popular and dependable "hatterie" in town, and in no line could one so satisfactorily prove it as in selecting a stylish, high quality, pearl soft hat, from their fine range of English and American makes, in a price range of from $2 to $4.

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Bath and bed $1.00. 202 and 204 King W

Relief for Starving India. Washington, July 12.—Word has reached the Navy Department of the arrival of the steamer Quito at Bombay, on the 9th inst., with $20,000 and relief supplies for the famine sufferers in India. This vessel was chartered by the Department for the purpose.

To-day's Program.

Band concert, Cadet Battalion Band, Riverdale Park, 8 to 10 p.m.
Century Club meeting, Wesley Buildings, 5 p.m.
Public Library Board, 8 p.m.
Industrial School Board.
Hanlan's Point, vaudeville, afternoon and evening.
Munro Park, pictures, afternoon and evening.
High Park, musical entertainment, 8.15 p.m.

Pember's Swimming Baths, 127-9 Yonge

"PROBS" OFFICE AT DAWSON.

A Branch of the Meteorological Service to Be Established in the Gold City.

Vancouver, B.C., July 12.—J. C. Webber, Inspector of the Meteorological Survey Service of Canada, has just returned from Dawson and a general visit to stations of the Northwest and British Columbia. He states that a meteorological station will be established at Dawson shortly, from which weather reports will be sent out twice a day, which will much facilitate compiling general reports for the Pacific coast. In a day or two he leaves for Toronto to take charge of the head office during the absence of Mr. Stupart at the National Meteorological Convention shortly to be held in Paris.

THE DOMINION CENSUS

Will Be Taken on April 5, 1901—Who is After George Johnson?

Ottawa, July 12.—(Special.)—It is understood that the census will be taken as before on April 5. The mere enumeration of the population will be completed thereafter in a few weeks, but the collation of the complete industrial statistics will take near two years. In 1891 it took five years. It is hinted that Statistician George Johnson may be supplanted in this work by a man of fewer years and more scholastic attainments, who has made a special study of census taking.

PACIFIC CABLE A SURE THING.

Mr. Chamberlain Announces That Tenders Would Be Invited Immediately.

London, July 12.—In the House of Commons to-day the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, announced that tenders for laying the Pacific cable would be invited immediately.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, Bank of Commerce Building. George Edwards, A. Hart-Smith.

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Pember's Turkish Baths, 127-9 Yonge.

BIRTHS.

ARNOTT—On July 2, to Dr. and Mrs. Arnott, Berlin, a son.

DEATHS.

SHACKLETON—At the residence of her daughter, 234 Major-street, on Thursday, July 12, Annie, the widow of the late John Shackleton, in her 63rd year.

Funeral Saturday, July 14, from the above address. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

SHOT BY HIS PLAYMATE.

Melancholy Accident at Pilot Mound, Resulting in Vincent Horne's Death.

Pilot Mound, Man., July 12.—(Special.)—While playing with a gun in his father's barn, Vincent Horne, 11 years old, was accidentally shot by Levi Scharf, his playmate. He died half an hour afterwards.

The New Fall Derby Hat. To be in the lead, that's the thing these days. Few merchants can boast of always being there. The Dineen Company's stock ever proclaims this. To-day, for instance, they have received the first shipment of fall hats—Derby stiff felt hats—five cases of them. Everyone of these hats are from off the makers' blocks in New York and London, and are being sold at $2.50 and $3 each. You know the weather is changeable these days, and will always be through this summer. There is only one hat for every weather—a Derby hat. The Dineen Company will remain open until 10 o'clock Saturday night.

Fine and a Little Warmer.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, July 12, 8 p.m.—In the Maritime Provinces the weather has become cloudy and foggy and showers are now probable. In Ontario and Quebec it has been fair and cool, and the general outlook in the Dominion from the St. Lawrence valley westward is for fine, warmer weather.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 52—66; Kamloops, 54—72; Calgary, 44—60; Qu'Appelle, 60—78; Winnipeg, 50—80; Port Arthur, 48—76; Toronto, 52—74; Ottawa, 58—68; Montreal, 60—72; Quebec, 60—74; Halifax, 54—78.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate westerly winds; fine and a little warmer.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate westerly winds; fine and a little warmer.

Lower St. Lawrence—Moderate winds, mostly westerly; fair and a little warmer.

Gulf—Moderate winds; partly fair, local showers.

Maritime Provinces—Moderate southeasterly to southwesterly winds; showery.

Lake Superior—Light to moderate winds; fine and warm.

Manitoba—Generally fair and warm, with local thunderstorms.

Almost anyone can enjoy the luxury of wearing good clothes, at the prices Oak Hall, Clothiers, are selling summer suits all this month, at 115 King-street east and 116 Yonge-street.

Belts, correct styles for outing and street wear. Harcourt & Son, 57 King St. West. 135

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

July 12.	At	From
Kr. Friedrich	Plymouth	New York
Miowera	Vancouver	Australia
Benedick	Manchester	Grindstone Isl.
Marion	Manchester	Baie Verte
Riplingham	Hull	Sydney, C.B.
Lusitania	Liverpool	Montreal
Lycia	Bristol	Montreal
Kr. Friedrich	Cherbourg	New York
Columbian	Liverpool	New York
Waesland	Liverpool	Philadelphia
St. of Nebraska	Glasgow	New York
Aller	Naples	New York
Deutschland	New York	Hamburg

Sailed.	From	For
Tanagra	Barry	St. John, N.B.
Cambroman	Liverpool	Montreal