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GREAT DEATH RATE.

Considerable Alarm Caused in Bombay By Official Statistics.

Bombay, Aug. 6.—Considerable alarm has been caused by the official statistics of the public health, just published, which shows that there were 1,071 deaths during the past week, of which 220 were from cholera and 18 from plague. This is double the normal rate.

After serious illness Hood's Sarsaparilla has wonderful building up power. It purifies the blood and restores perfect health.

END OF THE SESSION

Prorogation of the Imperial Parliament—Speech from the Throne.

Review of the Important Legislation—Allusion to the Denounced Treaties.

London, Aug. 6.—The house of commons met today at 10 a.m., and passed the third reading of the appropriation bill, which was then forwarded to the house of lords, where it passed all stages.

There were then speeches in the house until 2:30 p.m., when the queen's speech, proroguing parliament, was read as follows:

"My Lords and Gentlemen.—At the close of the session, during which there has been a disturbance and conflict in Europe, I am glad to be able to inform you that the cordiality of my relations with foreign powers remains unchanged. The united influence of the powers, signatories to the treaty of Paris, were earnestly exerted early in the year to dissuade the king of Greece from a war upon which, unhappily, he desired to enter. Though they failed in this endeavor, they were able to bring about an early suspension of hostilities between the two belligerents and open negotiations for peace. These proceedings have been protracted, and the formal treaty has not yet been signed, but there are good grounds for believing that all the most important matters in the controversy have been adjusted, and in return for adequate indemnity, the territory conquered by Turkey, with a slight modification of the frontier, will be restored to Greece.

I have given notice to the king of Belgium and the German emperor that I will terminate the treaties of 1862 and 1865, whereby I am prevented from making with my colonies such fiscal arrangements within my empire as seem to me expedient.

"In consequence of the infraction by the Chinese government of certain stipulations of the convention of 1840, a fresh convention has been concluded, establishing the frontier of Burma and China more advantageously to my empire, and opening up the west river, in China, to European commerce.

"I have concluded a treaty of commerce and friendship with King Menelik."

"The presence of representatives of the colonies and India at the ceremonies in connection with the celebration of the sixtieth year of my reign, contributes to the honor of my crown, and all parts of my empire, and an additional proof of the attachment of the colonies to the mother country has been furnished in the fiscal legislation of Canada, and the contribution which Cape Colony, following the example of Australia, has offered our naval defence.

"The famine which, to my profound grief, has prevailed to a large extent in my Indian dominions, since the first of last year, has taxed severely the resources of that country. I gladly acknowledge the energy and self-sacrifice of my officers of all ranks, both Europeans and natives, and with unfeigned and anxious desire to avoid giving offence to native feeling, have labored to save life and relieve suffering. The appeal to the sympathy of my subjects in all parts of my empire was responded to in a most generous manner. I rejoice to learn that, owing to the satisfactory rainfall, there is every prospect that the area of distress will be very greatly diminished.

The plague, which has caused a large number of deaths, has almost disappeared. The improvement is mainly due to the energetic and judicious steps of the local governments. Every precaution will be adopted, in view of the possibility of its recurrence. At present there is a steady decrease both in its prevalence and fatal effects.

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons.—I am grateful for the liberal proposition to which you have assented for increasing the maritime forces of my empire.

"My Lords and Gentlemen.—It gives me great pleasure to sanction the arrangements you have made for enlarging the important harbors of Dover and Gibraltar and strengthening the military defenses of my empire. I anticipate that the facilities you have given for the practice of military manoeuvres will conduce to the greater efficiency of my army.

"The assistance your legislation has given to the support of necessitous schools will secure adequate provision for education in localities where it is most required, and will, I trust, close for some time a difficult and anxious controversy.

"The measure you passed for the compensation of workmen injured by accidents in the course of their employment will confer a great benefit upon a large section of the population.

"I recognize with satisfaction that the steps taken to facilitate the transfer of land, the provision of summer water in the metropolis and to relieve distress in the congested districts of Scotland.

"I rejoice that you have been able to provide a more economical and more efficient system for judicial instruction in Ireland.

"I pray that the fruit of your labors be assured by the protection and blessing of Almighty God."

Parliament is prorogued until October 23rd.

Johnny Cumsco—Papa, what kind of stories do they tell to the marines?

Mr. Cumsco—Sea serpent stories, Johnny.—Detroit Free Press.

ACTS AS A BOOMERANG.

Uncle Sam's Fish Regulations Pinch American Citizens.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 6.—An issue in which a number of large fish companies are said to be interested has been raised here. A vigorous protest has been made by the A. Booth Packing Company against paying the quarter of a cent duty on fish from Canada imposed by the Dingley bill.

Collector Willcutts yesterday levied on a cargo of fish brought by one of Booth's steamers. He takes the position that the fish cannot be admitted free, as they were caught in Canadian waters by Canadian fishermen in the employ of the Booth Company. The company, however, has filed a protest which it is stated that the American corporation composed of citizens of the United States; that the fish were caught by nets owned by the company, and were packed and transferred by it; that for this reason the fish should be admitted free under the provision of the Dingley bill which allows citizens of the United States to bring in free of duty fish which are caught in foreign fresh waters. The decision of Collector Willcutts will be appealed to the secretary of the treasury. If the company is decided against there it will be taken into court as a test case.

THE OUTPUT OF GOLD

Chief Clerk of the San Francisco Mint Talks About the Amount from the Clondyke.

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—Speaking of the Clondyke output of gold, the chief clerk of the mint said: "All the gold brought to this city from the Clondyke mines does not exceed \$800,000, and all that has been taken out this year and sent to the other mints in the country does not exceed \$2,000,000.

J. C. Butler, of the Pullman Car Company, is in receipt of a letter from R. P. Taylor, a financial broker in Seattle. A few days ago Mr. Taylor received a letter from some men who had sent to the Clondyke section last spring, which informs him that every claim within 150 miles of Dawson City has been taken up, and that no more gold can be looked for in the region.

It says that starvation and hardships stare many of them in the face.

A letter from Hart Hummer, prospector, dated Dawson City, June 15th, says that he has no more gold, and needs plenty of capital. After reaching Dawson and paying a heavy duty on their outfits, besides thirty cents a pound for getting over the Chilkoot pass, they will have to pay twenty-five cents a pound to get it from Dawson to the diggings.

Portland, Maine, Aug. 6.—Captain Miles Standish, of Montreal, who has been spending the summer in Alaska, knows all about the Clondyke gold craze. His advice to intending prospectors is "don't."

In a letter received here today he says that the situation in the Clondyke is not very dissimilar to other gold fields. The yellow metal is there, but it does not lie around in the ground in chunks awaiting to be scooped up, it can only be secured by patient and uncommodiously laborious placer mining, interposed with many weary miles of tramping around from pocket to pocket. He further says that the journey to the diggings from Juneau is an enterprise calculated to appall the stoutest heart.

Beyond all this, beginning now, it will be winter soon in that region, and the canoe portage will stop over at Juneau, or somewhere else, until next May. There is not food in Alaska to keep the people for a month. He drops a hint that the larger part of the Clondyke is in Canada, without "stretching the elastic boundary line one single inch," and says that the Dominion police will have something to say about the Yankees coming over there and taking away all the gold.

THE ORIGINAL SCHLATTER

Creates Great Excitement in Canton, Ohio.

Canton, O., Aug. 5.—A man, who says he is the original Schlatter, has been creating great excitement here. T. C. Snyder, formerly a state senator, walking about the streets, was injured 12 years ago, so that he has not walked without a crutch or cane since that time.

Without solicitation from anyone, Mr. Snyder visited Schlatter. He has now laid aside his crutches and the cane. His recovery is the talk of the city, and Mr. Snyder is jubilant over the aid that has been given him.

Another alleged cure is that of John Krane. He had a leg broken, and the member, when healed, would not allow him to walk without aid. After Schlatter had treated him he was enabled to get up and walk.

It is always gratifying to receive testimonials for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and when the endorsement is from a physician it is especially so. There is no more satisfactory, effective remedy than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Dr. R. E. Rober, physician and pharmacist, of Oney, Mo., and as he has used the Remedy in his own family and sold it in his drug store for six years, he should certainly know. For sale by all druggists, Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

MORE POLICE GOING

Dominion Government Likely to Increase the Force in the Clondyke District.

Size of Claims May Be Reduced—Impressed With Importance of the Situation.

Ottawa, Aug. 6.—The government is considering the sending into the Yukon of more police, the rush to that territory being so great and the necessity imperative for maintaining order. The government is being urged to appoint a strong executive officer to administer that territory and send him at once. Another point which the government is said to be considering is the propriety of reducing the area of the claims. Under the regulations as they exist, a claim consists of 500 linear feet, and includes both sides of the stream. As the richest streams are the smallest, it is thought that this is much too great a claim, and it would seem to be so when it is considered that in the letter of Mr. Hart Hummer, dated June 18th it is stated that one Montana man took \$96,000 out of forty-five square feet, and that another took \$130,000 out of eighty-five square feet, and it is added that there are many more strikes equally as rich. This being so, a single claim of 500 feet might yield several millions to one man.

Joseph Lavergne, Liberal M. P. for Drummond and Arthabasca, has been appointed judge of the Ottawa district superior court of Quebec, in place of Justice Malhot, who has lost his sight and resigned.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Work on the Crow's Nest Railway—Flour for the Clondyke.

Winnipeg, Aug. 5.—Work is progressing quietly on the Crow's Nest Pass road, and the rails are laid a portion of the distance. Three big engines are on their way from the east to give the assistance required in taking material for construction. The first road laying machine leaves the C.P.R. shops next week. Two hundred men laid the city tonight to work on the road.

G. V. Hastings, western manager for the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., has returned from Vancouver, where he superintended a special shipment of a carload of flour to Dyea to be carried inland to the gold regions. This is the first consignment of Manitoba flour to the Yukon.

R. H. Dunbar, a speedy local bicyclist, sustained serious injuries today by the breaking of his wheel.

The Manitoba cricketers won easily yesterday their first match against Omaha at the Northwestern tournament at St. Paul. Today the Manitobans met a Chicago team.

Peter Warren, a veteran resident of Penryn, Man., has been found drowned in Cooper's Lake.

Montreal, Aug. 5.—J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, is here en route to his summer residence, Le Monde Canadien, is the name of a new Conservative weekly which appeared here today.

The insolvent estate of Robt. Linton & Co., wholesale druggists, is expected to realize fifty cents on the dollar. The liabilities are \$125,000, of which \$50,000 are owing to Lord Mount Stephen, who was a former partner.

The steamship Amaranthia, from Glasgow, which brought over the man who is now suffering from smallpox at Toronto, has been disinfecting and the crew have been vaccinated.

Hamilton, Aug. 5.—The Templar Publishing Company has had a writ for libel served on the Toronto Star Publishing Company for publishing a statement that W. W. Buchanan had been vainly endeavoring to organize a publishing company.

Montreal, Aug. 5.—Two fresh cases of smallpox have developed in the Irving family at Westmount.

Sherbrooke, Aug. 5.—Hon. Judge Brooks of this city died this morning. He had been unwell since Sunday.

Quebec, Aug. 5.—Grasshoppers are devastating the grain crops in some country parishes in this district.

London, Aug. 5.—Hampton Day, who conducted a mining brokerage office here, has disappeared. Several citizens are said to have lost heavily through their dealings with him.

Toronto, Aug. 5.—M. Markham, a Lindsay merchant, dropped dead on the steamer Garden City today.

James Blackhall, aged 8, was drowned in the Lake at Lorne park this afternoon.

JAPAN AND HAWAII.

The Former Not Believed to Have Yet Selected an Arbitrator.

Washington, D.C., Aug. 6.—No information bearing on the selection of an arbitrator for the dispute between Japan and Hawaii has been received by the officials of the Japanese legation. The latter express themselves as confident that as soon as the arbitrator's name is agreed upon it will be promptly communicated to the legation, hence there is a disposition to await definite news rather than accept semi-official announcements.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Mayor Fleming's Appointment—Allen Labor—The Grant Drowning.

Toronto, Aug. 6.—The council at this morning until 2 o'clock. After they had decided to offer the assessment commissioner to Mayor Fleming at \$4,000 yearly, Mr. Fleming was notified. He came in and resigned his position as mayor at the same time, expressing gratification at the pleasant relations that had existed between him and the council. His resignation was accepted, and the ex-mayor duly appointed commissioner by resolution. Ald. John Shaw was then elected to fill the mayor's chair for the balance of the year.

Winnipeg, Aug. 6.—Immigration Commissioner McGarry leaves to-morrow for Lethbridge and MacLeod, to arrange for the enforcement of the alien labor law. En route he will confer with Commissioner Hevelner, of the mounted police, as to the utilization of members of that force.

A Fort William dispatch says that search is still going on for the body of Rev. Mr. Grant, drowned in the Neigton river.

Chatham, Aug. 6.—A disastrous fire took place at Baine siding today. George Crooks losing his buildings and 150 tons of hay.

NEW REGULATIONS

Dominion Government Decide to Appoint an Administrator to Yukon District.

Civil Courts To Be Constituted—The Size of Claims Will Be Reduced.

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—The government have decided to appoint an administrator for the Yukon country, to increase the number of police by 15, making 115 in all, and to send two Maxim guns with them. The name of Major Walsh is favorably suggested as the best man for the chief executive officer out there. It was also decided to constitute a court for administering civil justice, to be presided over by Justice McGuire of Prince Albert, who at Hon. Mr. Sifton's request has consented to go out there.

Hon. Henry Aylmer, of Sherbrooke, Que., has been appointed registrar and a registration district will be constituted.

An important change in the regulations has been made. The size of the claims is being reduced from 500 feet to 100 feet.

Thirty-five more police sail next Saturday from Victoria. It was originally intended that only twenty should go on that day.

DEBS DENOUNCES A JUDGE.

Says Free Speech Is Effectually Suppressed—Trouble of Strikers.

Pittsburg, Aug. 6.—Eugene V. Debs left today for Turtle Creek, where he speaks this evening. Before leaving the city Debs denounced Judge Jackson, of West Virginia, for issuing an injunction restraining him from interfering with the Monahan company or its employees. Debs said:

"This injunction annihilates the right of peaceable assemblage and effectually suppresses free speech. The names of twenty of the campers are in the field now. They have access to workmen's houses, but deputies are stationed along the property line with instructions not to let a solitary man enter the mine. Whether or not the strikers will be able to get the Plum Creek men to close the mine is a more serious question than the strike leaders first thought, for unlike other diggings, the seizers of Plum Creek live in the company's houses on the company's land. Workmen do not have to leave the Dearmont property to go into the mines, and the strikers get no chance to stop them on the road.

COMING TO AMERICA.

Notable Passengers on Steamers Leaving Liverpool.

Liverpool, Aug. 6.—The White Star line steamer Teutonic, which sailed from here Wednesday, had among her passengers the Bishops of Albany, Texas and Massachusetts, who have been in attendance at the Lambeth conference. The Allan line steamer Parisian, which sailed from this port to Montreal yesterday, had among her passengers Lord Lister, the famous surgeon, and president of the Royal Society; Mr. Scott Kettle, secretary of the Royal Geographical Society, and the Bishops of Quebec and Qu'Appelle. The latter were accompanied by their wives.

LADY ABERDEEN COMING.

Southampton, Aug. 6.—Among those booked to sail for New York on Saturday night is the American line steamer Park, in Countess Aberdeen, wife of the governor-general of Canada, and her children.

"Mamma, was that a sugar-rum you just gave me?" asked little Mabel. "No, dear, it was one of Dr. Ayer's Pills."

"Please, may I have another?" "Not now, dear; one of those nice pills is all you need at present, because every dose is effective."

ANOTHER WARNING

P. C. S. S. Co. Advises People Not to Start for the Clondyke Before Spring.

Plenty of Gold for the Energetic Miner in the New Eldorado Next Season.

Tacoma, Aug. 5.—Manager Charles Miner Goodall, of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, who has been on the Sound for several days, and who left yesterday for San Francisco, said:

"The Pacific Coast Steamship company is warning everyone not to go to the Yukon country prior to next spring. We operate what has been for some time the only regular line of steamers to Southeastern Alaska. We intend to remain on the route, and therefore do not want to have a number of men give the country a partial trial, return disgruntled and advertise the land in a bad light. We feel that if thousands of men start for the interior this winter and experience unequalled hardships they will not help to develop Alaska, but contribute toward retarding its growth. The Pacific Coast Steamship company's employees, in compliance with the policy of the company, are warning and advising people not to go to Alaska before spring. The company has steamers and can carry thousands of men yet this fall, and even this month, but it prefers to preserve the reputation of Alaska and its permanent trade. There will be plenty of time for the energetic gold digger to locate in the Eldorado next season.

"The several weeks people have been rushing pell-mell over one another for Alaska, and the thirteen steamers, on thereabouts, bound for or that have already reached Skagway and Dyea, will not, I believe, be able to get the supplies all over the pass in time for the miners to build boats, embark and descend the river. Ah! but wouldn't that great body of men present a magnificent sight sailing in a vast flotilla down the northern lakes and shooting along the swift bosom of the Yukon's youngest waters. But I don't believe such will appear this fall. The river will freeze, and as it banks the ice in mid-stream in chaotic piles, it gives little hope of anyone going through to Dawson in the snow.

"The rush is now slackening, and I believe all who desire to go north within the next few days can find ample accommodations. The rush may revive with great and increased force next spring, but I will make no predictions. It is true the Cook Inlet rush of 1896 was the result of the tales spread about the work in the region the previous year, but will and venture to say what this year's returns from the Yukon will show that way when springtime comes again.

"I have been on the Sound and at Portland several days looking after the dispatch of the Pacific Coast boats for the month. I came north expressly to see about the Elder's departure from Portland. If the trade warrants she will be kept on the Alaskan-Portland route. If needed the Queen will continue in the Alaskan-Port Sound trade. I report that our company would temporarily operate the City of Seattle on the Alaskan route is not true."

SIR DONALD'S TITLE.

Objections To Him Taking the Title of Lord Glencoe.

London, Aug. 7.—Though other Jubilee peacocks have been gazetted, that of Sir Donald Smith, the Canadian high commissioner, hangs fire. He desires to assume the title of Lord Glencoe, but it is understood that his intention has caused lively indignation among the Macdonalds, who were the owners of Glencoe centuries before Sir Donald bought the property. These objections, and those of the Argyls, are causing Sir Donald to reconsider the matter.

SILVER MINES CLOSED.

Can't be Worked at Present Price of the White Metal.

Park City, Utah, Aug. 7.—Superintendent Chambers of the Ontario and Daly mines, has received a telegram from New York ordering him to close down both mines at once, owing to the recent decline in silver. These are two of the largest silver mines in the state and give employment to about 700 men. It is claimed that these mines cannot be worked with profit at the present price of silver.

DISTINGUISHED TRAVELLERS.

Marquis Ito and Lord Kelvin Now En Route to America.

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