

NEWS NOTES OF THE DOMINION

Ontario's Decreasing Birth Rate Gives Rise to Some Plain Talk.

MEDICAL COLLEGE BURNS

Winnipeg Celebrates the Glorious Fourth in a Fitting Manner.

TORONTO, July 4.—Plain language was used by Dr. C. A. Hodgkiss, secretary of the provincial board of health, at a meeting of that body yesterday in respect to certain contents relative to the birth rate of Ontario. He first pointed out the steadily greater attention being given by the board to drawing the attention of the public to the growing need of more general education as to nursing and care of infants. The same attention given to instruct parents as to how to bring up a baby as is given them in respect to the rearing of young chickens or a thoroughbred calf or other barnyard products, particularly as regards feeding, would be followed by equally good results. The marked increase in the number of still births was commented on and Dr. Hodgkiss said: "If it were possible to give in statistical form the number of abortions that have occurred in the same period of time, we should be somewhat astounded to the general public. Knowing something of what I call the social degeneracy of the present day, it is my opinion that it is time to direct public attention to the facts and suggest some means whereby the growing evils surrounding the marital relations were brought more prominently before the public and our men and women taught their duties each to the other and both to the state in respect to their offspring."

Denver Ledger. Information received in the city the past week leaves no doubt that the charter has been disposed of, either the C. P. R. or Great Northern. It is understood that all the arrangements for the transfer have been completed, and that the announcement of details of the deal will be made in a few days. To both the great railways competing for the mine tonnage of this district, the West Fork road should be a very desirable branch. The West Fork, especially so in the case of the C. P. R., as it would furnish a large ore tonnage for the West Fork mines, but would give a direct route for the agricultural products of the Okanagan to the mining districts of the West Fork and the Boundary. It would also be a connecting link between the Columbia and Western and Shawanap and Okanagan railways, both controlled by the Canadian Pacific. The C. P. R. is building a boat to run on Okanagan lake which will make the route between the interior waters, and will make the route trip between Okanagan and Penitentiary daily. To the Great Northern the Midway and Vernon should be a desirable branch, as it would give that road not only the tonnage of the West Fork, but an entrance into the Okanagan valley and its share of the hardware ton and from that large and prosperous district. Although the mines on the Main river and West Fork which have been developed to any great extent, contain small bodies of high grade ore, there are large bodies of low grade ore equal in extent to any of the low grade properties in the Boundary. On the eastern creek several locations have been made on enormous bodies of low grade ore, one of which will yet furnish as large a tonnage as the Mother Lode mine in Deadwood camp. About ten miles up the Main river, near Beavertell there are some very large iron outcrops, one 75 feet in width. There are also a number of higher grade areas, one running from 20 to 25 feet in width. It is said to say that the properties along the upper portion of the West Fork will yet furnish as large a tonnage as the mines of the Boundary.

RUNAWAY CAR'S EXECUTION.

Dashes into Party of Celebrators, Killing Thirteen. Altoona, Pa., July 4.—A runaway car carrying a windmill and a mine branch track that runs between Pottsville and Portage, just before midnight last night, jumped the track a short distance west of Portage and crashed into a party of twenty foreigners who were holding a celebration along the track. Thirteen were killed instantly without a moment's notice. Several others were injured. The car was smashed to kindling wood and the tracks were torn up for 100 feet.

MASSACRE OF JEWS

Deliberately Prepared Russian Parliamentary Commission Finds Overwhelming Evidence. Interior Minister Stolypin, who happened to be present in connection with the Bialystok affair, boldly explained, amid constant interruptions from the left, that the chief of police had telephoned him last night regarding the incident. His account, given widely from that given by M. Sidelnikoff that he must have time for further investigation. The minister, however, gave the house the assurance that ample measures would be taken to assure the inviolability of members, and if the police were guilty in this case they would be punished. This statement was greeted with cries from the left, "Resign and take the chief of police with you!" which finally compelled the minister to cease speaking. In spite of this, the minister's frank manner for the first time provoked a counter demonstration in favor of the government. After saying quietly when the tumult ceased, that it was necessary to proceed while the passions of the members of the house by such a demonstration continued, he explained by the constitutionally democratic and members of the right. Several members in succession took the tribune, and while supporting the "interpellation" they condemned the intemperate utterances of the members of the group of toll declaring that such menaces as those which M. Alladin indulged in were unacceptable. The interpellation eventually was adopted unanimously.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

Buffalo, July 4.—Charles R. Fuller, a policeman, had his right hand blown off by a giant firecracker tonight. Fuller placed a five-inch cracker under a table where several officers were sitting. It failed to go off at once and Fuller picked it up. Just as he did so the explosion occurred. His hand from the wrist down was torn to shreds. Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 4.—Five boys were killed and nine injured by a dynamite explosion at Wanimie, near here, tonight. They had placed powder in a pipe and it failed to go off. They then forced a stick of dynamite in the pipe and began pounding it. A terrific explosion followed, and the boys were badly hurt. One died and a fifth died on the way to the hospital. Some of the injured may die.

KING TO VISIT NEWCASTLE.

Great Preparations Being Made for Tour Next Week. London, July 4.—Newcastle-on-Tyne is making great preparations in anticipation of the visit of King Edward next week. It will be the first time in more than a quarter of a century that the sovereign has paid a visit to that city. While in Newcastle the King, who will be accompanied by Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria, will attend the opening of the new wing of the Armstrong College of Science, the opening of a new infirmary built as a memorial of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee, and the unveiling of her statue in Leazes Park.

STORMY SCENES IN RUSSIAN HOUSE

Beating of a Member by Cossacks Gives Rise to Stormy Session.

THE BIALYSTOK REPORT

General Treppoff is Indicated as Responsible for Massacre of Hebrews.

S. T. PETERSBURG, July 5.—The members of the centre party in the upper house of parliament yesterday voted down a proposition of the ministry regarding its policy which would be equivalent to a vote of lack of confidence. At today's session, nevertheless, the issue will be brought up again. The bill introduced in the lower house for the abolition of the death penalty will probably be considered tomorrow or Saturday. There was a stormy scene at the opening of the lower house of parliament today, which further emphasized the split between the constitutional democrats and their radical allies, the group of toll. M. Sidelnikoff, a radical Cossack member of the House, was beaten while in the hands of the police last night after having been arrested for disturbing the peace. He was released later in the evening. When the house opened today, M. Sidelnikoff gave his version of the affair and proposed that the house interpellate the minister of the interior, asking what methods had been taken to punish the policemen who were guilty of assaulting a member of parliament, and to prevent a recurrence of such incidents in the future. M. Alladin, a fiery Danton of the house, then made a speech in denunciation of the government for permitting such violations of the inviolability of the persons of the members. He declared that he had the views of the group of toll when he announced that if such an incident occurred no ministers would be permitted to speak in the house, and he could not even guarantee their personal safety. The statements of M. Alladin became so violent that the president repeatedly called him to order and the speaker was finally forced, amid a wild tumult, to leave the house. The Minister's Explanation Interior Minister Stolypin, who happened to be present in connection with the Bialystok affair, boldly explained, amid constant interruptions from the left, that the chief of police had telephoned him last night regarding the incident. His account, given widely from that given by M. Sidelnikoff that he must have time for further investigation. The minister, however, gave the house the assurance that ample measures would be taken to assure the inviolability of members, and if the police were guilty in this case they would be punished. This statement was greeted with cries from the left, "Resign and take the chief of police with you!" which finally compelled the minister to cease speaking. In spite of this, the minister's frank manner for the first time provoked a counter demonstration in favor of the government. After saying quietly when the tumult ceased, that it was necessary to proceed while the passions of the members of the house by such a demonstration continued, he explained by the constitutionally democratic and members of the right. Several members in succession took the tribune, and while supporting the "interpellation" they condemned the intemperate utterances of the members of the group of toll declaring that such menaces as those which M. Alladin indulged in were unacceptable. The interpellation eventually was adopted unanimously.

BEILINGHAM YACHT RACES CALLED OFF

Light Winds Prevents the Boats From Making Circuit of the Course. Bellingham, July 5.—(Special.)—Lack of wind caused the abandonment of the international yacht races scheduled for today before a single one of the fourteen entries had completed the first round of the course. At the start the wind gave promise of freshening but before the first buoy had been turned it was seen that it would be impossible to finish. About noon the racers were picked up by launches and towed to their moorings. It was announced that if the wind was light again tomorrow that the committee would mark off a course in Hales passage where the final event could be sailed. The Mackle trophy event and Key City cup races are still to be decided. For the latter trophy today, Two Step Diel and Simpson, Bellingham, and Imp and Yacker, Seattle, were heading the fleet, when the judges declared the race off. "Holy Roller" Murder Trial Seattle, July 5.—(Special.)—Wrangling on part of the attorneys for the state and for the defence over the admissibility of expert testimony concerning the cause, which might or might not be considered a case of inherited insanity marked the session of the Mitchell trial today. Dr. A. C. Crookall, insanity expert of this city, took the stand at the opening of the court, and for two hours counsel who are defending the man who killed Joshua Greenfield, the "holy roller" prophet, tried to get the witness' opinion as to the sanity of the defendant before the jury, but without success. The court sustaining the objections of the prosecution on this important point. These objections were taken on legal grounds. Oregon Land Frauds Portland, July 5.—(Special.)—Henry Meldrum, a former United States surveyor general, was today sentenced to a heavy fine and term of imprisonment at McNeill's island, Washington, following his conviction for conspiracy to defraud the United States government in connection with land deals in this state. Judge Wolverton, in the United States court, sentenced Meldrum to serve sixty days imprisonment at hard labor on each of eighteen counts and to pay 9000 dollars in fines, and did a racking sentence. Good behavior will reduce Meldrum's term of imprisonment. "Frisco's Thrifty Army" San Francisco, July 5.—(Special.)—For the first time since April 18th, saloons were permitted to re-open today. Licenses have been granted to about 900 drinking places, and all did a racking business. To a large number of persons, the resumption of business at the saloons appeared to be quite a novelty, and many were on hand when the saloon doors swung open. Nearly all reports were crowded. No serious trouble has been reported.

COURT OF JULY RECEPTION.

American Embassy in London Scene of Patriotic Entertainment.

London, July 4.—Three thousand persons, mostly Americans, attended the Fourth of July reception at the American embassy, Dorchester House, which was beautifully decorated with flowers. The lawn was covered with awnings and tents by the American colors. Ambassador Reid and Mrs. Reid, assisted by Congressman Longworth and Mrs. Longworth, received the guests. Among the ladies present were many Americans who intermarried with the British aristocracy. Refreshments were served in a large marquee in the north garden.

CAPTURE AMMUNITION.

Russian Revolutionists Secure a Good Supply of Dynamite. Kostraman, Europe, July 4.—A number of armed revolutionists yesterday took possession of a steamboat which was transporting ammunition, including 350 pounds of dynamite.

BARBARA KRUPP ENGAGED.

Youngest Daughter of Dead Gunmaker Follows Her Sister's Example. Essen, Prussia, July 4.—The engagement is announced of Barbara Krupp, the youngest daughter of the late owner of the great iron works, Frederick Alfred Krupp, to Baron Tilo von Willnowski, son of the governor of Prussian Saxony. Barbara, although by no means so rich as her sister Bertha, is presumably worth twelve million dollars.

CONCERNING ABYSSINIA.

Treaty Between Great Britain, France and Italy Completed. Paris, July 5.—The officials here considered that the Anglo-French-Italian negotiations relative to Abyssinia completed. The main features are a guarantee of the integrity of the empire, the open door, and commercial equality for all countries, and the French to continue the construction of the railway from Djibouti to the capital of Abyssinia with the coast, Great Britain and Italy naming representatives of the railway directors. Great Britain and France have agreed to assume the enforcing duties and Signor Italo, the Italian representative has also agreed to this, but he is awaiting his government's approval of his course before signing the convention.

G. H. ROBINSON DEAD IN N. Y.

A Well-Known British Columbia Mining Man Passes Away Unexpectedly.

AN ENGINEER OF REPUTE

Prominently Identified With the Fortunes of the Famous Britannia Mines.

AS announced in Colonel despatch yesterday, news was received of the death in New York of Mr. G. H. Robinson, of the Britannia mines, and one of the best known mining men on the Pacific coast. He had not been in the best of health for several months past, and last winter was operated on in Vancouver for appendicitis. His death is said to have resulted from cancer, though meagre details are as yet obtainable. Mr. C. M. Dull, who has been associated with Mr. Robinson in his mining interests in British Columbia, returned from New York only the other day, and stated that the deceased appeared to be in comparatively good health. Mrs. Robinson was at the bedside when he passed away. The late Mr. Robinson came to British Columbia from Montana about four years ago, and had been closely identified with the development of the Britannia Mines on Howe sound. The company known originally as the Britannia Copper syndicate was several months ago reorganized and the new concern, the Howe Sound company, included in its operations the mines, the smaller Crofton and the Mount Andrew mines on Prince of Wales island. The scheme of development was on a very extensive scale, and was just beginning to produce definite results. Prior to coming to the coast of British Columbia, deceased was for a long time manager of the interests of Mr. August Heine in Montana. In all the sensational events that Mr. Heine had in connection with his mining interests, the engineer was identified. He was a mining engineer of national repute, and was admitted to have been at the head of his profession for years, and one of the best experts on copper mining. Besides being interested in Montana, he had extensive mining interests in Utah and Mexico. The news of his death will be received with general regret by his many friends in Victoria.

U. S. CHINESE COURT.

Washington, July 5.—Attorney general L. R. Willey of the Philippine islands, has been appointed to the new judgeship of the United States court in China, which will replace in a large measure the present consular court. Baltimore, Md., July 5.—William Lee, a colored youth, of 17 years, was tried in the circuit court here today, and sentenced to be hanged for criminal assault on two white women six weeks ago. He confessed his crime.

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HER MAJESTY'S SYMPATHY.

American Ambassador Acknowledges Queen Alexandra's Kindness. London, July 5.—Ambassador Reid has sent a letter to Queen Alexandra's private secretary, saying that Her Majesty touched all American hearts by the sorrow which she manifested and her tender sympathy with the suffering survivors and the bereaved relatives and friends of those killed in the Salisbury railroad wreck.

C. P. R. PLANS FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND

Reported That Contracts Have Been Let for Clearing Land. FOLLOWING is a despatch appearing in yesterday's issue of the Nanaimo Herald as a special despatch from Vancouver: It is reported on what seems good authority that Manager Roberts of the Fraser River company, has secured an agreement and the contracts are being prepared for signature, for clearing a large section of lands along the E. & N. railway line. The contracts are said to include a tract near Ladysmith of between two and three thousand acres, some lands lying between Ladysmith and Nanaimo, and large tracts lying north of the proposed extension of the E. & N. lines to Cumberland. In connection with this large development scheme, said to cover 50,000 acres of land in all, there will be work done on Nanaimo river in the way of securing very extensive power, for what purposes is not yet made public.

TOMBLY'S SON DROWNED.

Ashtand, N. H., July 5.—H. McK. Tomblly, Jr., 18 years old, and only son of H. McK. Tomblly, the well known New York capitalist, was drowned while swimming in Big Squam lake, Holderness, N. H., today.

OLDEST TO THE NEWEST.

British Parliament Sends Invitation to Russian House.

London, July 5.—A large number of signatures of members of parliament have been attached to a message to the Russian parliament extending the congratulations of the oldest to the youngest parliament, and expressing the hope that some of the members of the latter will attend the international arbitration conference here in July.

ABRUZZI'S LATEST CLIMB.

Italian Duke Scales High Mountain in Central Africa. Rome, July 5.—King Victor Emmanuel today received a telegram from the Duke of Abruzzi, a cousin of His Majesty, filed at Uganda, Central Africa, announcing that on June 18 he had succeeded in reaching the summit of Mount Ruwenzori, which had never been climbed. The mountain is situated between Albert Nyanza and Albert Edward Nyanza and is about 15,000 feet above the level of the sea. The King sent the Duke a message, warmly congratulating him upon his latest achievement.

AN IMPORTANT STRIKE.

Alleged Discovery of Valuable Copper Ore in Boundary. Grand Forks, B. C., July 5.—(Special.)—Word has reached here this evening of a most sensational strike being made yesterday on the Maple Leaf property in Franklin camp. While doing development work, several immense ore bodies of a size and character as yet unequalled in British Columbia were discovered. A Stewart had been striking two leads on each side of a dyke. Each of these leads is at least one hundred feet wide and have been opened up on the surface for a distance of 2,000 feet. The largest open cut is ninety feet long driven across number one ledge and is solid copper ore assaying from five to twenty per cent copper and three dollars in gold and silver. Everywhere any stripping has been done the same character of ore is exposed. Negotiations are now under way for the purchase of the property, and the conditions of the proposed strike of copper has created intense excitement among mining men here.

DROWNING ACCIDENT NEAR CUMBERLAND

Swimmer Succumbs to Cramps in Spite of Heroic Attempt at Rescue. NANAIMO, B. C., July 5.—(Special.)—A sad drowning accident attended by an heroic attempt at rescue occurred at Courtney today. The victim, a young man named Fred Smith with a number of companions were bathing in Tooleum river, Smith being an expert swimmer ventured out much further than the rest, when he was seized with cramps and quickly sank out of sight. His companions swam out to his assistance but before they could reach the spot Smith had sunk for the last time. One of the party dived several times but was unable to locate Smith. The body was recovered some hours later. In a drunken row which occurred at Cumberland in the night, a francis struck J. Morton with a club severely injuring him about the head and back. Morton is in the hospital in a serious condition, partly paralyzed, having set on the morning of March 4th, was given on the glad hand by the parliamentary press gallery today.

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United States Government Takes Steps to Protect Americans. Washington, D. C., July 5.—The United States navy department today called orders to the commander of the cruiser Columbia to sail for Guantanamo where she will take on coal, and then proceed to Santo Domingo. The authorities here will take all proper precautions to prevent an uprising in Santo Domingo that would jeopardize American interests. It was stated at the navy department today that plans have been made for a complete system of protection the gunboat Mayflower has been ordered to Santo Domingo where she will be joined by the Dixie, with marines aboard, and that an American man-of-war will be in every harbor of Santo Domingo, where there is a customs house with an American collector installed. The Dixie was intended to relay the Yankee, which has had a long stay in Domingo waters, but has been decided to return to the States. The cutter "The Celtic" naval supply and refrigeration ship has been ordered to proceed to Santo Domingo.

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THE DAY AT THE FEDERAL CAPITAL

Discussion Respecting Indemnity to Senators and Members in the House.

WILL MAKE HEAVY GUNS

Quebec and British Columbia to Be Exempt From Lord's Day Bill.

OTTAWA, July 5.—(Special.)—Father O'Berlie, the popular young Irish priest who has been transferred from Ottawa university to the Oblate house at New Westminster for his new charge today. Several hundred friends were at the station to say goodbye and gave Father O'Berlie a rousing cheer as the train pulled out. The Gaelic society presented him with a splendid traveling bag. Chairman Kilham and Commissioner Mills of the railway board will visit the Yukon in August. One of the subjects they will investigate will be the alleged excessive rates charged by the White Pass Railway company. Hon. Mr. Aylesworth stated in the house today that it could hardly be possible to introduce amendments to the election act this session. The Railway Bill A long discussion took place on the railway bill and the amendment of Mr. Lancaster restricting the speed of trains at unprotected level crossing in cities, towns and villages to ten miles an hour was carried. The committee struck out the clause giving the railway board power to make regulations respecting the qualifications or time of service required of men employed on trains. Manitoba's amendment to enable any province to expropriate an existing telephone company was defeated. Mr. Macdonald's amendment in favor of a two-cent rate on all railways was defeated by 108 to 8. An amendment of Mr. Sturges providing for compulsory interconnection of long distance and local telephone lines was defeated by 86 to 21. The bill then passed.

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