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FOREIGN CONCESSIONS COMMUNICATION WITH HANKOW CUT BELIEVED TO BE SAFE

Last Word Was That Fighting Had Been Begun—Foreigners Were in Danger From Stray Shells, Conflagrations and Mob Violence—Imperial Warships Said to Have Raised Flag of the Republic.

PEKIN, Oct. 19.—The foreign legations in Peking have received no despatches from Hankow since 6 o'clock last evening. The last message from the American consul-general, Roger W. Greene, stated only that the fighting had begun. It is believed, however, that the concessions in Hankow are safe, as ten or twelve foreign cruisers and gunboats in the harbor are ample protection, even from the joint Chinese army and navy.

But it will be impossible to prevent stray shells from threatening the foreigners, conflagrations and looting by the rabble. It would be difficult to cordon the concessions, because they are not surrounded by a wall. Only narrow streets cut them off from the densely packed Chinese city.

It is hoped that all the women and children have already been safely removed from Hankow, as it is feared that the defeat of the revolutionaries might be followed by excesses on the part of the mob, careful enquiries indicating that the people have more fear of the revolutionaries than sympathy for them.

Germans Not Engaged.
The German legation at Peking has made denial of the report that German troops had been engaged in the fighting in the streets of Hankow.

The board of communication early last evening received two despatches. One mentioned Shaokan, in Hupoh province, as having been captured by the rebels; the other was interrupted while being transmitted.

A report has reached here that imperial troops have refused to detain at Hankow. Other reports state that the Chinese garrisons took little part in yesterday's fighting. Their inactivity is explained by the fact that a direct fire would have endangered their troops, while a flank fire would have involved a bombardment over foreign concessions.

Signs of discontent at Hankow are subsiding after yesterday's fight. The rebels who retreated because of shortage of ammunition and the arrival of government reinforcements, retired in a southerly direction. Some of them re-entered the native city of Hankow, while others made their way towards Wuchang. The loyal troops were not sufficiently strong to press home any advantage they had gained.

Imperial Troops Well Handled.
The American attaché, Lt.-Col. Wm. D. Beach, and Capt. J. H. Reeves, re-continued on Page 7, Column 3.

WILL BUILD SANITARIUM

Tuberculosis Hospital Assured for Waterloo County.

BERLIN, Ont., Oct. 19.—(Special.)—A sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis is now assured for Waterloo County and it will be located near this city. The committee having the work in hand report that they have options on three suitable properties and it is their intention to form a trust to manage its affairs. The retails in connection with the formation of the trust will be left to Rev. F. E. Oberlander, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, thru whose instrumentality the home for consumptives is becoming a reality.

To prove his great interest in the humanitarian work he erected a tent on his church property and supervised the treatment of a boy who was thought to be incurable and to-day the young fellow is able to walk about and enjoy life.

MORE POWER FOR HAMILTON

Mountain City May Decide to Take 200 Additional Horsepower.

Hamilton is considering taking more power from the hydro commission, and also entering upon the 20-year contract, under which they would purchase their power at greatly reduced rates. The Hamilton board of control waited on Hon. Alan Beck in the city hall yesterday afternoon and listened to the proposition. He said that in taking 200 horsepower, 200 more than at present, the cost would be lowered from \$17.90 per hundred horsepower, to \$17.32, and that the more power taken the cheaper it would become.

The Hamilton council will consider the proposition.

BODY OF MISSING TEACHER FOUND IN THE RIVER

Was Discovered a Quarter of a Mile From the House Where She Boarded—Her Sisters Are Positive That Violet Smith Was Murdered.

PARRY SOUND, Oct. 19.—(Special.)—Word has been received here that the body of Violet Smith, the school teacher who has been missing for ten days, and for whom the whole countryside was being searched, has been found floating in the River Shebashekong, about a quarter of a mile from the house of Peter Ramsay, with whom she was boarding.

Capt. Brock Batten of Port Arthur, Miss Smith's brother-in-law, and Wm. Beatty recovered the body, which was allowed to remain in the water attached to a small boat, pending the arrival of coroner Davis.

Had Many Friends Here.
Miss Violet Smith, who came from Collingwood, had many friends in Toronto, she having lived at 54 McGill-st. while studying at the Normal School, and all who knew her, speak of her in the highest terms. She is described as extremely retiring and diffident, and her failure to pass her final examination last summer is attributed to lack of self-confidence, as she appeared to be clever and painstaking. The cost of her studies was defrayed by a brother, Joseph, to whom she was deeply attached.

Being anxious to undertake the teaching profession, she accepted the opening at Dillon Port in September last.

Miss Smith's mother passed away on Nov. 14 of last year.

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AVIATOR ELY FALLS 50 FEET TO HIS DEATH

Was One of Best Known of American Birdmen—First to Make Flight From a Warship.

MACON, Ga., Oct. 19.—Eugene Ely, the aviator, fell while making a flight at the state fair grounds to-day. He was so seriously hurt that death soon followed.

He was rushed to the hospital in an unconscious condition, bleeding and crushed.

He had just risen from the ground and was making his first turn in a dip over the crowd, when his machine plunged to the ground.

Ely died 11 minutes after he struck the earth. He remained consciousness.

Made First Warship Flight.
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In addition to these feats, Ely had demonstrated aeroplanes purchased for the army at San Antonio, Texas, and carried out scouting experiments in connection with the army at San Francisco. He was highly regarded by the army and navy officers and was a general favorite with all of them. He established a home near San Francisco, and being recognized as a resident of California, altho born in Iowa, was given a commission as lieutenant in the California National Guard.

Ely was 26 years old. He leaves a young widow, a native of San Francisco, and who is at present in New York City. Mrs. Ely is the daughter of the principal of the high school at Corte Madera, Cal. She was overwhelmed and prostrated to-night by the news and could not be seen by any newspaper representatives. Ely joined Glenn H. Curtiss at Minneapolis in June, 1910, and since then has made hundreds of exhibition flights.

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Conference of Provincial Liberals Results in Endorsation of Leader and Attack on Whitney Government's Colonization Policy—Meeting Was Apparently Unanimous

The leading Liberals of the province, to the number of about thirty, assembled yesterday afternoon in the reform headquarters here to discuss the provincial situation and size up their chances. They also discussed the Hon. A. G. MacKay, and just before adjournment the caucus unanimously passed a resolution of confidence in his leadership.

The caucus was attended by all the Liberal members of the legislature and by the Liberal candidates who have already been nominated for the coming election. Mr. MacKay was also there. From what could be gathered later the meeting was fairly harmonious.

A statement was officially handed out in the evening by C. M. Smith of Sault Ste. Marie and was as follows: "The unanimous conviction was expressed that the Whitney government had failed to live up to the expectations of the people of Ontario. The census returns just published, coupled with the conspicuous inability of the administration to take advantage of its great opportunities in the north-country were cited as evidences of the necessity for a change of government at Toronto."

"It was felt that the agricultural policy of the Whitney government so far as old Ontario is concerned and the colonization policy for the agricultural lands in New Ontario is entirely inadequate. The census returns show that the Whitney policy has not only retained the natural increase in the rural population of old Ontario, but has absolutely failed to secure any part of the large immigration for either new or old Ontario. So much so that the rural population of the whole province has actually decreased during the regime of the present government."

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