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THE TWELFTH OF JULY WAS WELL OBSERVED.

Orangemen of St. John Had a Big Day at Salisbury-- An International Gathering at Woodstock-- Queens County Men.

The official celebration of New Brunswick Orangemen in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the victory of the battle of the Boyne, was by the forces of William, Prince of Orange, held at Salisbury yesterday.

About 3,000 Orangemen and their friends gathered at Salisbury to honor the occasion. Thirteen carloads carrying 500 people went up from St. John.

Early in the day it looked as if the provincial 12th of July weather would not materialize, but by the time the excursionists assembled at Salisbury the weather cleared and the day was all that could be desired even for an Orange celebration.

Salisbury presented a gala appearance with its overflow of visitors, and predominance of orange and scarlet colors. The scarlet and orange seemed to be everywhere, it floated on house tops, hung from barns and draped bicycles and wagons.

Country teams bedecked in the line of the Loyal Orange order came from all points of the compass, countless refreshment booths sprang out of the ground like mushrooms and fairly with every device known to the ruralist to catch the mighty nickel or dime made it seem like circus day by their shouts to attract patrons.

There were probably no more than 100 people in Salisbury at one time before, and it seemed to require the continued efforts of the entire population of the village to feed the vast throng. The arrangements were very good for the visitors.

The whole celebration was conspicuous for the absence of riotousness. In this respect it was a model one, as the noisiest incident that occurred throughout the day.

In the afternoon a procession was formed with the St. John district lodges leading, headed by Grand Master J. Douglas McArthur, mounted on a white charger. The Carleton district lodges accompanied the Carleton district lodges, and the Carleton district lodges followed with the Citizens' band accompanying the Carleton lodges.

The order of the procession was as follows: Grand Master of New Brunswick Douglas McArthur mounted on a white charger. U. W. Stockton, W. P. Queen's Preceptor, mounted.

become more fully acquainted with the fact that we are the friends of law and order, and demand equal rights for men under the British flag, and to let the world know that we are hand in glove for the purpose of maintaining the civil and religious liberty so dearly won by our forefathers, not for us alone, but for all men.

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EUROPEANS SAID TO BE DIRECTING CHINESE TROOPS.

Reports of Slaughter Received from Pekin--The Russians Said to Have Killed Without Discrimination As to Age or Sex.

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ROBERTS REPORTS A SUCCESS SECURED BY THE BOERS.

Captured Nital's Nek With a Garrison of Scots Greys-- British Overwhelmed--Casualties Believed to Have Been Heavy.

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.

Instead of the surrender of all the remaining Boers being imminent, a recent telegram had hinted, it seems they were making a concerted attempt to surround and 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.

It is announced from a good source that 30,000 Russians are marching on Pekin from the north. The Japanese charge d'affaires says this is little more than press conjecture, and that there is no evidence that the government has the slightest purpose of sending more than one army to the relief of Tien Tsin.

It is inferred at the war department that Col. Liacum, and the two battalions of the 9th infantry, which arrived at Taku on Friday, have reached Tien Tsin. Col. Liacum was given a free hand in the matter of an advance and it is thought by prompt movement he already has reached the beleaguered city of Tien Tsin.

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

"Nital's Nek is about eighteen 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."

"The fighting lasted, more or less, throughout the day and immediately on receiving information, early this morning of the enemy's strength, I dispatched reinforcements from here under Col. Godfrey of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. Before, however, they reached the spot the garrison had been overpowered and the guns and a greater portion of the squadron of the Greys had been captured, owing to the horses being shot; about 90 men of the Lincoln Regiment. A line of the casualties has not been received, but I fear they are heavy."

"Simultaneously an attack was made on our outposts near Burdop, 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 one troop mistaken some Boers in the bushes for our men."

"Sun-Derwin had a successful engagement with the enemy yesterday near Krigerdorp and inflicted heavy loss on them. "Buller reports that the Boers who were destroying his line of railway near Paardekraal were driven off yesterday after a short action."

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

Consul Hay to Return. Cape Town, July 12--United States Consul Adolph S. Hay, of Pretoria, is about to return to the United States. Batches of prisoners are arriving here daily from the front. One lot contained 38 English and Irish names.

Boers Releasing Prisoners. London, July 12--The war office announces that General Buller reports that 620 prisoners, released by the Boers, have arrived at Ladysmith.

ATTEMPT ON A SAFE. Explosion of Nitroglycerine Alarmed Hartland

AT THREE A. M. Tools and Traces of Explosion Found but No Men--Were Seen Running Away--The Door of the Vault was Not Forced by the Explosive--No Clew.

Hartland, N. B., July 12--A bold, though unsuccessful attempt to rob the People's Bank of Halifax in this town was made at 3 o'clock this morning. An explosion at that hour alarmed neighbors who, looking out of the windows, saw two men leave the bank. They disappeared in the darkness before any further alarm could be given.

The evidences about the place showed an attempt to force the vault door. A lot of blacksmith tools were found in the bank and there were traces of nitroglycerine, which was probably the explosive used. A pane of glass was broken out of the window, but entrance was effected through a door, probably by the use of a key. Nothing was disturbed in the place. The explosion had no effect on the safe. The work is probably that of professionals, although the fact that precautions were not taken to muffle the explosion and the ineffective manner in which the discharge was made, does not indicate very extensive experience. If the men are strangers they have evidently made off safely.

To be Notified in Indiana. Chicago, July 12--Bryan and Stevenson will be officially notified of their nomination for Indiana August 8, if the plan made by the Democratic managers today holds good. Mayor Thomas Taggart, of Indianapolis, the new national committeeman from Indiana, visited Chicago today and is said to have convinced Chairman Jones that the Democrats will be able to carry Indiana if the notification ceremonies are held in the Hoosier capital.

Drowned from a Sailboat. Kingston, Mass., July 12--By the capsizing of a sailboat on Silver Lake, this afternoon, Miss Stella Coughlin, 14 years of age, of East Whitman, was drowned and three other occupants had a narrow escape, the two young ladies clinging to Fred. Black, the skipper, so that he was powerless to give any assistance to Miss Coughlin. All were members of a church picnic party.

Quebec Shoe Factories. Quebec, July 12--There is trouble in the Marsh shoe factory arising out of the refusal of the old employes to work with new hands. All of the former have struck work. It is announced that unless the difficulty is adjusted by Saturday all the shoe factories in the city will suspend operations. If this threat is carried into effect several thousand persons will be thrown out of employment.

THE DUEL WAS FOUGHT. French Legislator and a Newspaper Man

CROSSED SWORDS. The Statesman was Wounded--As Usual the Hurt was Unfortunate Not Severe Enough to Prevent Him Getting Into Trouble Again--Soon.

Paris, July 12--M. Lasies, the prominent Nationalist deputy, whose name has been connected with the most disorderly incident in the chamber of deputies during the past session, fought a duel with swords today with a newspaper man, M. Gerault Richard, in a suburb of Paris. The meeting was the outcome of an article written by the latter in the Socialist organ, La Petite Republique. In the 11th round Lasies was wounded in the right arm and the duel was stopped.

Bank Official Under Arrest. 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. The officials of the bank had known for 24 hours that the arrest would be ordered and this afternoon prepared themselves for a run in the morning, and tonight there is locked in the vaults of the bank more than enough ready cash to pay every depositor one hundred cents to the dollar.

The specific charge against Westervelt is that he raised a withdrawal check drawn by Pauline Rabe, by one thousand dollars. In default of \$10,000 cash, Westervelt was committed. Westervelt is married and has a family.

Quebec Shoe Factories. Quebec, July 12--There is trouble in the Marsh shoe factory arising out of the refusal of the old employes to work with new hands. All of the former have struck work. It is announced that unless the difficulty is adjusted by Saturday all the shoe factories in the city will suspend operations. If this threat is carried into effect several thousand persons will be thrown out of employment.

BURNING OIL. Lives and Property Were Destroyed.

TANK BLEW UP. A Very Bad Explosion in the Boston & Maine Railway Yard at Somerville--Twenty People Burned and Many of Them Will Die.

Somerville, Mass., July 12--Twenty persons were more or less seriously burned, several of whom will die, by the explosion of a tank of kerosene oil in the Mystic yard of the Boston & Maine Railroad at 10 o'clock this evening, and property valued at probably \$40,000 to \$50,000 was ruined. The fire caught in some waste about the cars and soon there was a brisk blaze. Many persons were attracted to the yard by the blaze and in a few moments the flames had enveloped a tank car full of kerosene oil which was standing close by. The people were unconscious of the danger and within five minutes the oil exploded with great force, burning the clothes from those nearest and otherwise injuring nearly every one of the bystanders. Joseph Hayden, of engine 1, Somerville, was standing upon the tank at the time of the explosion and it is thought he cannot survive the night. J. J. Callahan, a freight conductor of the Boston & Maine, was also burned seriously, and was also badly burned about the head and shoulders.

Among those removed to the Somerville hospital are: Frederick Gay, Joseph Hayden, Robert J. Forbes, William F. Ward, J. J. Callahan, Rufus Fellows, Frederick Keistain, James Cronan, George E. Southworth, all of Somerville; Edward L. Fontaine, Charlestown; Henry J. Collins, Cambridge; Thomas Connor, South Boston; Robert Roberts, Charlestown.

Albert Lemery, freight conductor, was so badly burned that it is thought he will die; Thomas De Saules, seriously burned; Joseph Durant and Thomas Sutherland were only slightly injured and were removed to their homes.

Fourteen cars were burned, many loaded with coal, and some of the box cars contained the church and deaf mutes.

A TERRIBLE MARCH. A Marvelous Escape from Annihilation. EVERYTHING ABANDONED.

Sir Frederick Hodgson's Party Lived on What They Could Pick Up on the March from Kumassi--The Route was Kept a Secret.

Accra, Gold Coast Colony, July 12--Sir Frederick Mitchell Hodgson, governor of the colony, who recently arrived here, after having been besieged at Kumassi by rebellious tribesmen and who bears signs of the hardships and privations to which he has been subjected, in the course of an interview had with our staff here considered the escape a most marvelous one on record. He attributed its success to the secrecy maintained concerning the route chosen. The carriers who accompanied him were not heavy, and it was by their own that everything was abandoned. They endured great hardships. Fortunately the rains were not heavy, and it is believed all would probably have succeeded. Lady Hodgson privately shared all the dangers and privations.

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