4000 ORANGEMEN WALK TWELFTH DULY HONORED

Glorious Weather Aids Successful Celebration at Exhibition Park.

Saturday was observed by the Orangemen of Toronto and district as a day of celebration of the Battle of the Boyne, and thousands who wear the orange on one day of the year took part in the parade and the exercises at the Exhibition grounds, while many more thousands lined the sidewalks along the route of march to see and admire the men whose banners indicate that they uphold the Protestant faith and the liberties of the people. It was not the largest parade that Toronto has seen, falling considerably short of last year's turnout, but it was a big parade nevertheless, and occupied an hour passing a given point. There were some extremely well-dressed and orderly looking lodges in line, men in top hats and Prince Albert coats, wearing as a distinguishing mark only a simple badge of the order, but for the most part the paraders wore the broad sash slung over the shoulder, the blue tasselled scarf or the feather-bedecked headgear, some of the "King Billies" on horseback being well gotten up indeed.

A few of the lady members of the order were in carriages. Hundreds of female Orangemen could be distinguished on the sidewalks, and the orange lily was everywhere seen. Many carried large bouquets of this favorite flower. Not all the Orangemen who had a day off went into the parade, probably because many people have an aversion for the long, hot tramp to the grounds. This is one factor that militated against the main show. But nearly everybody showed up at the Exhibition grounds, where there were ample cooling refreshments and shade, and where some of the big guns of the order spoke to the throng on the achievements of King William.

Twelfth of July Weather.

The early hours of the morning did not give promise of the usual Twelfth of July weather. It rained. Before, however, the downpour had a chance to spoil the proceedings the clouds cleared away and the sun beamed down on the pavement with his usual midsummer vigor. As early as 9 o'clock the followers of King William were astir, making for the district rendezvous, where the bands put the necessary enthusiasm into the gayly decorated celebrants. And speaking of bands, they were of every brand—brass, bugle, pipes and piccolo—but the tunes were mostly of the same strain. The various lodges paraded early to the Queen's Park, where it was expected the start would be made by 10 o'clock. It was an hour later, however, when the order of march was given, and the parade moved by way of Grosvenor, Yonge, Queen and Dufferin-streets to the Exhibition grounds.

Outside Delegation.

There were very few of the brethren from outside. The St. Catharines lodges came over on the Lakeside, accompanied by the Merritton Brass Band and a contingent from Buffalo, with a fife and drum band. The Lakeside arrived at 11 o'clock, and the lodges from across the lake broke into the procession at the City Hall. The Buffalo Orangemen carried the Stars and Stripes at their head, and all along the line there were faint outbursts of applause from sympathetic Yankees.

E. F. Clarke, M.P., walked at the head of McKinley Lodge, probably the finest looking body of men in line. Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, M.L.A., also walked with this lodge. Among other prominent citizens who wore the regalia were Ald. Noble, Ald. Ramsden, Controller Loudon, John Ross Robertson.

There were probably 4000 men all told in line.

At Exhibition Grounds.

At the Exhibition grounds a large gathering listened to the floods of eloquence from prominent members of the order that were poured from the band stand. Among those on the platform were: E. F. Clarke, M.P.; Mayor Urquhart, Fred Done, E. P. Roden, J. S. Williams, ex-Mayor Shaw, Rev. C. E. Perry, Rev. Mr. Speer, Wm. Rice, Controller Oliver, John Hewitt, Ald. Foster, Ald. Ramsden, R. R. Gamey, M.L.A.; John Woodhouse, Ald. Coyle, Ald. Woods, Rev. F. T. B. Reynolds.

Mayor Urquhart, the first speaker, was greeted with loud and prolonged cheers. The not a member of the order he felt proud of the privilege to speak to so strong and influential an order. They all had their fights. The city had a fight on at present protecting its rights, and the speaker was glad to have to say that the strongest help the city had was from his good friend, the member for West Toronto, E. F. Clarke. It was not a day for long speeches, but he referred to the principles of the order, which stood for all that was good and noble, for the uprightness of the people.

Always Loyal.

Dev. Mr. Speer spoke of some episodes in his life, the greatest of which was the time when he passed thru the mystic door. He had done so with fear and trembling, but he had always felt stronger afterward for having done so. He felt at home always with Orangemen. He spoke feelingly of the old pioneers of the country. It was no use, he said, of people to say that affairs would have been as good if there had been no Orangemen. This was wrong. One principle of the order was that of being slow to take offence, but an Orangeman would always stand up for his rights. They were all true and loyal Britons and so they should be. He must stand by the old flag and he would do so when it come to a struggle between civil and religious difficulties.

"Forward."

Rev. Mr. Reynolds, another brother in the order, said he had an absolute right to be present, as he had in his mind that which was of old Ireland and of old Holland, and which could be traced back to the Prince of Orange. Then as a minister of the gospel he wanted to say he stood for all that was right, and this was the first principle of the order. He took for his text as he called it, the word "Forward." The order all over the world had to look forward. The past year had been all others for progress. The fraternal aspect of the order was growing more and more.

He referred to True Blue Orphanage in Picton as a blessing to humanity, and to the Home for Aged Orangemen, Mr. Reynolds said, was due all the support the order could bestow. The nursery of the order is doing magnificent work. The Orange Young Britons had made a grand showing, and the nursery was in due time going to turn these young men into good and loyal Orangemen.

There is no bigotry in the hearts of Orangemen. Their creed was charity and love to all.

"The White Haired Boy."

E. F. Clarke was introduced as the white-haired boy of Orangeism, and he was received with tumultuous cheers. This was the 30th demonstration in Toronto and never was a more orderly one held, he said. Insidious efforts were at the present time being made against the order by its enemies, and they knew if they could break the ranks they could succeed in their aims. The members of the order had to stand shoulder to shoulder to protect the order, themselves and brothers. These demonstrations are not a menace to anyone, but a guarantee that Orangemen would stand for freedom and the rights of all. Mothers of Orangeism were training the young ones to live up to the principles and live up to the patriotic Canadian spirit.

The honor of the order was in the care and custody of every individual brother, and he trusted every brother would look at the matter in this form.

He regretted the absence of Bro. J. H. Pritchard and was glad the health of the absent master was improving. An Orangeman was a good citizen and he asked for nothing he was not ready to grant to his fellow-man, no matter of what creed.

A Weight for Good.

Rev. J. L. Gordon said that in this commercial age and this material age it was grand to see so large a gathering brought together and standing together for a principle of civil and religious liberty. He was not an active member, but he had the principles of the order instilled into his life from his birth.

The greatest discovery was when Martin Luther discovered the grand old Book in the monastery. Any order that stands on the Word of God must have a weight for good. He was glad the emblem of the order was the open Bible. What we want is the love of God overarching all, and he was glad they stood for the open Bible.

"We are living in a good-natured land and we are a good-natured people, and I fear we may forget this and give away what we should keep, and maybe forget the principles for which our forefathers bled."

If we had an open enemy we could face it better than we can a secret enemy and we must look out for them, for they are making a strong effort to control this new world for the Church of Rome. "We must watch this—the common people are the coming people."

Big Program of Sports.

A feature of great interest in the proceedings at the Exhibition grounds was the big program of sports pulled off in front of the grand stand. Five thousand people swarmed the lawn and cheered the rising generation of Orangemen as they struggled for supremacy in the athletic events. Entries for each of the sixteen events were large, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed as the contestants neared the finish. Competitors in each event were so numerous that the committee confined entries to sons and daughters of Orangemen. Mothers and fathers placed themselves along the track tense and shouted words of encouragement as their children put forth their best efforts to capture a prize.

A big crowd assembled at 3 p.m. to witness the championship association football match between the C. P. R.'s of Toronto Junction and the Toronto Carpet Company. Twelve gold lockets were held up for the winners. The latter won by 4 to 0. At 4.30 the Elms and Broadviews took the field and played their scheduled championship lacrosse match. The game was a hard one, with some pretty plays and good combination work.

Officers of the Day.

The officials were: Committee on Games—Chairman, Wor. Bro. Dr. Fraleigh, 821; treasurer, Wor. Bro. T. W. Self, P.M., 857; secretary, Wor. Bro. R. J. Armstrong, County Director of Ceremonies, 800: Bros. John Lang, W. D. M. East Toronto District, 911; R. Lindsay, Dep. W4, 551; W. H. Saunders, P.M., 301; W. J. Wiggins, W.M. 912; C. Montgomery, Dep. M., 919; Chas. Coulter, Dep. M., 142; Ben. Kirk, P. M., 588; D. Spence, W. M., 207; Wm. Charters, P. M., 711; J. Rogerson, W. M., 800; L. B. Hurst, P. D. M., Nor. W. Dis.; W. Eveleigh, W. M., 585; W. B. Srigley, 173; Jas. McCausland, 621; W. R. House, 657; R. C. Gavin, 275.

Supervisor, Dr. Fraleigh; entry clerks, T. W. Self, L. B. Hurst, C. Coulter, S. Montgomery; starters, R. J. Armstrong, D. Spence, W. Eveleigh; clerk of course, W. B. Srigley; referee, H. E. Ranks; judges, John Lang, R. Lindsay, W. J. Wiggins, B. Kirk, W. Charters, John Rogerson, R. C. Gavin.

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THEIR ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE.

Orangemen Turned Out in Goodly Number to St. James' Cathedral.

Yesterday afternoon, nearly a thousand members of the order gathered in Queen's-avenue and marched to St. James' Cathedral, where the annual church service was held. Deputy County Master Dane, the various district masters, and many other prominent officials and members of the order were in line. The Cathedral was crowded, many standing thruout.

The service was commenced with the singing of the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," followed by prayers, the reading of Psalms lxxi. and xci, and the Scripture lesson.

The sermon was preached by Rev. H. C. Dixon, grand chaplain of West Ontario, and was an eloquent and fervent exhortation on the goodness of the Bible, and an appeal that its teaching and precepts might find a more general place in the everyday life of his hearers. The text was taken from Psalm cxix., 160: "Thy word is true from the beginning." The Bible contained all the principles upon which the order was founded. Its greatness was unquestioned. After nineteen centuries, no holier or more divine book was to be found. The Bible was inspired. No other book was written by God, as was this. In no other book were the assertions found: "This is the word of the Lord," or "Thus saith the Lord God." If the Bible were not inspired, then it was the greatest fraud and sham set before men. But in spite of the centuries of criticism and attacks made upon its genuineness, it had never been harmed. Voltaire had said that in a hundred years the Bible would have perished, but that period was gone. Voltaire had passed into a not too respectable history and the Bible was stronger than ever. Tom Paine had hurled his attacks, yet on his death bed had prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." The sight witnessed in the parade on Saturday of some of the Orange lodges passing along the streets with their chaplain and the open Bible leading their way, was inspiring. He urged that members of the order should always follow the Bible in their daily lives. Too often the Bible was neglected in the home, and he deplored the fact that sometimes paper covered novels were read more frequently than the word of God. The Bible had its hero—the Lord Christ.

The collection taken up was in aid of the Protestant Orphans' Home, Toronto, and the True Blue Orphanage, Picton.

The service closed with the singing of the National Anthem. Rev. A. U. DePencier assisted in the services, and the Cathedral Choir, under Dr. Ham, contributed to the musical portion.

ONE MILLION CHURCH GOERS.

What a Census Taken in London, England, Reveals.

London, July 12.—The Daily News publishes some figures of the now completed religious census of London, which was based on the Sunday attendance at all places of worship in the city.

The census was taken by 400 picked workers supplied by the Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society, working under inspectors. London was taken in boroughs. The first was enumerated in November and the last in June. No enumerations were made on Christmas Day, Easter Sunday or Whitsunday. The total places of worship visited were 2600. Of these 2538 were Christian churches and 62 Jewish synagogues.

The total population of the 29 boroughs is 4,536,541. Deducting 68,492 dwellers in institutions, such as hospitals, workhouses and prisons, leaves 4,468,049. The number recorded as having attended a place of worship thrucut the census is 1,002,940, giving a ratio of one in 4.45 population.

The Established Church has almost a monopoly of the wealthy districts. Her largest majorities are in Kensington, Hampstead, Paddington, Westminister and Marylebone. The Nonconformists are strongest in the middle, working class and slum districts. The Baptists are strongest south of the Thames, the Congregationalists in the northeast, the Wesleyans in the southeast and the southwest, and the Presbyterians in the upper and middle class districts. There are minor Methodist bodies in the lower middle class districts. The Salvation Army is strong nowhere. The Roman Catholics are strongest in Kensington and Westminster, both being wealthy; Holborn, which is of both extremes, and Stepney, which is largely slumdom.

In regard to the actual figures of attendance, the Church of England is first, with a combined morning and evening attendance of 430,153; Nonconformists second, with 416,225; Roman Catholics, 93,572, and other services 62,990. Of the last named the Jews are first with 26,360, and the Church of Humanity and the New and Jetter House of Israel the smallest with 16 each. The Christian Scientists have 553.

The Church of England attendance was composed of 98,477 men, 188,354 women and 143,322 children, and the Nonconformists 120,782 men, 165,078 women and 129,465 children.

In regard to the totals, The News estimates that 35 per cent. went to service twice on Sunday, reducing the grand total attendance to 850,205, and the ratio of one in 4.45 to one in 5.25.

WONDERFUL LAND BILL.

It Presents Remarkable Features of Parliamentary Skill.

London, July 12.—The Irish land bill which passed thru the committee in commons Wednesday night has had a strange and singular history. It provides for a lump payment of $90,000,000 from the exchequer of the United Kingdom and for a contingent liability of at least $60,000,000. It brings the British government for the first time face to face with an indefinite number of Irish tenants. There will be no Irish body responsible for the rents, yet the debates in the committee, extended, as they were, over several weeks, have been almost entirely conducted by the Irish members and the Chief Secretary for Ireland. The leaders of the opposition have taken no part in the proceedings. Mr. Wyndham has been justly praised for the tact, courtesy and skill with which he has piloted the measure, but the circumstances have made the task an easy one. The opposition voted in a body for the second reading of the bill, and then felt they had done all which could be expected of them. The Irish Nationalists, led by a consummate parliamentary tactician, elicited from Mr. Wyndham one concession after another, and overwhelmed him with compliments which, from their point of view, he certainly deserved. No bill introduced since 1803 has gone half so far in the direction of home rule. Great pressure will be put upon the House of Lords to prevent it making any changes which would offend the Nationalists. The difference between such a state of things and home rule is rather formal than material.

FATE OVERSHADOWS TWO HOMES

Buffalo Families Lose Several Members in Untimely Manner.

Buffalo, July 12.—Misfortunes have not come singly to Mrs. Catherine Mumm of No. 310 Mulberry-street. Yesterday a boy of hers, Frank Mumm, 18 years old, was drowned in the harbor opposite the foot of Ferry-street. In 1887, Mamie, one of Mrs. Mumm's children, fell into a sand pit on the site of Masten Park High School. The pit caved in on the child and she lost her life. In 1897, Mrs. Mumm's husband died during an operation at one of the Buffalo hospitals, and in 1896 William Mumm, another son, was drowned. Frank Mumm's sister, Mary, was employed at the home of Cornelius V. Murphy in West-avenue at the time Marion Murphy disappeared. She was there until some time after the body was found. The girl was interviewed frequently.

The untimely death of Frank Reidenberg, who was run down by an engine at the steel plant on Friday, was the fourth fatality in the family within a few years. The father lost a child last April, his father was killed on a railroad some years ago, while his uncle met death in a similar manner.

Provincial Appointments.

The following appointments are gazetted this week: C. R. Deacon of Brockville, to be a notary public; J. P. Telford of Durham, to be a police magistrate; P. A. Greig of Almonte, to be a notary public; W. D. Chisholm of Belleville, to be a notary public; W. W. Thom of Bertie, to be Clerk of the Third Division Court of the County of Welland, vice Ernest Cruickshank, resigned; James McGregor of Caledonia, to be Clerk of the First Division Court of Haldimand, vice Donald McGregor, deceased; Nelson Ostrander of Milford, to be bailiff of the Second Division Court of Prince Edward, vice Marshal Palen, resigned.

Hold-Up Near Listowel.

London, July 12.—On Thursday afternoon as one of the most popular and highly esteemed residents of the Township of Elma was driving into town with his little grandson, a drunken cowdy driving at a furious rate collided with his rig and then demanded money. On being refused he threatened to kill him and struck him two brutal blows on the head. The elderly gentleman, rather than lose his life on the spot, delivered up all his money.

Yankees Like Our Whiskey.

Windsor, July 11.—United States Consul Morris, in his report to Washington, shows that of the articles exported thru this port to the United States, whiskey and lumber show a large increase, lumber being $123,880 over last year, and whiskey $56,107. Dyes, hides and hogs have also increased. Mr. Morris estimates that fully 250 families left the Dominion thru this port.

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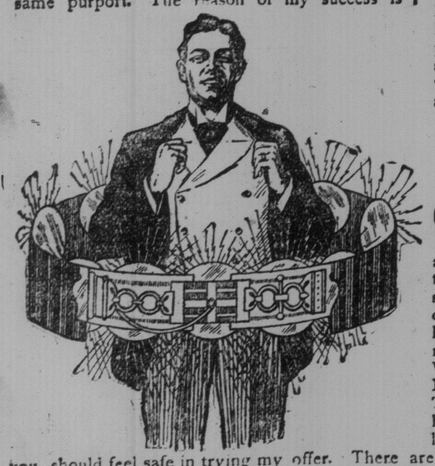

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RUSSIA'S MOVES IN FAR EAST NOT REASSURING

Minister of War Holding Long Conferences With Prominent Officials.

Port Arthur, July 12.—The visit of all the prominent Russian officials in China, Manchuria and Korea to this place is strictly a business one and in no way a junket. The local officials had arranged an elaborate program, covering the week, for the entertainment of the visitors, but after a review of 15,000 troops on the race track, General Kuropatkin, the Russian Minister of War, announced that the remainder of the visit must be devoted to work. General Kuropatkin presides daily over long conferences, which it is expected will continue until July 16.

General Wants Full Information.

When questioned regarding the purpose of the meeting, the officials explained that M. Kuropatkin desired to obtain the fullest information concerning Russia's interests and work in the Far East, and naturally requested the officials to meet him, since it is impossible that he should visit all of them. It is estimated that one important question to be discussed is the matter of the consolidation of the government of Russia's adjacent possessions in the Far East under one administration.

High officials strongly deprecate the war talk which is rife among officers of lower rank and civilians. All who talk of war profess to despise Japan as an antagonist.

U.S. Policy Caused Surprise.

The policy of the United States government on the Manchurian question is generally regarded here with surprise and resentment, comments being made to the effect that the Russians expected Great Britain to antagonize their progress, but relied upon the traditional friendship of America to secure American approval. Admiral Alexieff, who hitherto has received visiting correspondents with markedly cordiality, replied thru his secretary to an American who sought an interview with him that, considering the recent hostility of the American and British press toward Russia, he could see no reason why he should grant favors to their correspondents.

Naval and Military Movements.

The presence of a British squadron at Wei Hai Wei and American warships at Chee Foo is a subject of great interest to the Russian officials, who ask many questions regarding the mission and movements of British and American war vessels. At Port Arthur there are twelve Russian battleships and cruisers, four of which are regularly stationed there, and at Vladivostock are forty-five smaller craft, most of them torpedo boats or torpedo boat destroyers. The number of troops at Port Arthur and in its environs is, according to the best information, 20,000, and the railway company is preparing to bring 16,000 more. The fleet and army are displaying the most unusual activity in the drilling of the men.

Where to Spend Your Vacation.

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Two Barns Burned.

Woodstock, July 12.—Two barns near Blandford Station, on the 5th concession of Blenheim, the property of John Thomson, were destroyed by fire yesterday, shortly after noon. A little boy playing with matches was responsible for the conflagration. There was an insurance of $600, but the total loss will be between $1500 and $2000.

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JAPAN EAGER TO FIGHT OVER BEAR'S INTRIGUES

Island Kingdom Anxious to Resent Encroachment Upon Korea.

Tokio, June 25, via Victoria, B.C., July 11.—The political atmosphere of Japan during the last week has been thick with rumors of impending war. The signal for their birth was the arrival of Gen. Kouropatkin, Russian Minister of War, who left on the warship Askold for home to-day, thereby considerably curtailing the announced term of his stay.

The immediate cause of the angry sentiment is a succession of reports of Chinese diplomatic intrigues with Russia at Pekin and continued Russian encroachment upon Korea. On the 17th it was reported in Pekin that Prince Ching, while professing to be ill, was negotiating with the Russian Minister thru Lien Fang, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, who acted as interpreter at the first conference between the Prince and Minister Lossar on the 10th.

Japan's Demand.

On the 19th it was wired that Mr. Uchida, Japanese Minister at Pekin, the day before filed a formal demand on the Chinese authorities to open Moukden and Tai Tung Kou to foreign trade, and exhorted them not to accept even one article of the new Russian demands. As to the opening of these ports in question, the Chinese authorities replied that the circumstances were not favorable for compliance. The British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Townley, was reported to have taken the same stand as Japan.

The United States demanded the opening of Harbin in addition to the other two places. In this connection negotiations are going on between Secretary Hay and the Chinese Ambassadore in Washington.

This reply to Japan's demand created a movement in government circles. There had been an extraordinary meeting on the 18th, at which Admiral Baron Yamamoto, Minister for Navy, who has been testing the war efficiency of all the Japanese naval ports, was present, and it was rumored that the cabinet was unanimous for a "positive policy" having for its object the checking of Russia by an appeal to arms if necessary. It was not known, however, how the elder statesmen (Genro), an ex-officio political tician power in Japan, regarded the matter, nor whether the policy intimated China or Russia as the best possible object for direct attack.

This latter problem is not yet known, but extraordinary steps were taken to ascertain the sentiment of the elder statesmen.

On June 23, a conference of these veterans was called before the throne. Marquis Ito, Field Marshal Marquis Yamagata, Field Marshal Marquis Oyama, Count Matsukata and Count Itonye were present and the Premier, Ministers of War, Navy and Foreign Affairs joined them. The grave political situation was discussed at length. Japanese papers point to the conference as showing the increased gravity of the situation. Marquis Ito and Count Itonye are known to oppose drastic measures, but the Ministers and Marquis Yamagata and Count Matsuka favor the cabinet's stand.

Agreed on Policy.

At a second conference held on June 24 it was said that Marquis Ito had come to agree in general with the cabinet's view for a "positive policy."

The compelling cause of these extraordinary conferences was the announcement from Pekin that a secret conference has been concluded by the Russian Minister and Prince Ching and signed on the 20th. It was said that when the Japanese Minister interrogated Prince Ching on June 22 the Prince flatly denied the existence of any secret agreement with Russia. Later it was announced that the agreement containing four articles had been forwarded to St. Petersburg for imperial sanction, whereupon it would go into immediate affect. The belief is that the convention exists, but that it was concluded between the Russian Minister and the Chinese Vice Minister, so that Prince Ching will be able to disclaim any official knowledge of its existence.

CHARGES NOT SUSTAINED.

Fredericton, N.B., July 12. — The Honorable Lemuel J. Tweedie, Premier of New Brunswick, who has been investigating charges of neglect of duty, intoxication, etc., preferred by a citizen of St. John against W. Walter Clark, chief of police of that city, reports that the accused is not guilty.

The O'Briens This Week.

The principal event in amusement circles this week will be the appearance of the famous O'Brien troupe of acrobats—there are five of them, three women and two men. They have been touring Europe for the past four years as a special feature of the Barnum and Bailey circus. The free open-air theatre at Hanlan's Point will doubtless be crowded at every performance during their engagement, which only lasts for one week.

Collapsed on the Platform.

Jamestown, N.Y., July 12.—Rabbi Gries of Cleveland, one of the best known Jewish theological leaders in the country, collapsed and fell to the platform at the Lake Chautauqua summer school, while denouncing with impassioned oratory the Russian government for its cruelties to his race. His illness, it is said, is but temporary. The lecture was one of the most sensational ever heard on the Chautauqua platform.

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CHASE FOR MAN ENDS.

British Columbian Explains Transaction at New York Hotel.

New York, July 12.—The World says: Ernest A. Kennedy of Rossland, British Columbia, who lived in good style at the Holland House in this city until a few weeks ago, was found yesterday in Chicago by detectives employed by Lawyer Henry C. Quinby of No. 74 Broadway, who is acting for the Holland House management.

Kennedy, it is alleged, drew four drafts, each for a considerable sum, upon the firm of Ernest Kennedy & Co., of Rossland, and these drafts were cashed at the Holland House. They were sent to Rossland for collection, and were protested and returned.

Kennedy had left the Holland House in the meantime. Detectives traced him to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and finally to Montreal, where it was learned that he had many wealthy relatives. It was learned that his uncle was a member of the exclusive St. James Club in Montreal, and that Kennedy had been "put up" at the club during his visit. It was there that the detectives found the clue which led to Chicago.

The much-sought man promised to settle up without further trouble and gave as security 300 shares of the Traders' Co-operative Company of Milwaukee, in which he is said to be interested, and an order on the Holland House management for a sealed package which has been in the safe ever since the drafts were cashed and concerning the contents of which there is some mystery.

One report is that the package contains diamonds and other precious stones and another that it is a bundle of valuable securities. Kennedy has stated that its contents exceed the value of the protested drafts many times over and that while the Holland House management held it they need not have bothered to send detectives trailing him all over the country.

Kennedy is a giant in stature, six feet and three inches tall and well proportioned. His hair and mustache are of a golden tint.

FAR EAST GETS BUSY.

German Attempt to Form a Chinese Regiment Fails.

Vancouver, B.C., July 12.—Reports from Osaka state that the difficulty between the Japanese and American capitalists interested in the Osaka Gas Company has been settled by the representative of the United States capitalists who arrived from New York.

George Furgeson, chief engineer of the Pacific mail liner Siberia, who fell down a hatch on the steamer at Kobe and broke his wrist, died suddenly at the Kobe hospital on June 22, while his wrist was being treated. Pneumonia set in and ended fatally. He leaves a wife and family in New oYrk.

On June 19 four United States warships left Taku for Che Foo. Eleven United States warships were engaged in manoeuvres the same day.

The Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank and Jardine, Matheson & Co., have invested over $15,000,000 toward the construction of the Shanghai Nankin Railway. China will pay interest at five per cent., and the same commission for buying railway material.

The Shanghai Mercury prints an interview with a man from Shan Tung telling of German domination of that province. Germans have 10,000,000 tons of coal in sight there and railway lines are being pushed forward north and south, and the existing railway traffic is vastly increasing. An effort of Germany to raise a Chinese regiment failed.

R. M. Campbell, banker and one of the richest men in Shanghai, committed suicide with a revolver on June 22.

BURGLARS AT INNERKIP.

Woodstock, July 12.—The home of James Hotson at Innerkip was burglarized on Thursday evening. A bicycle and two pairs of shoes are the articles known to have been removed. No clue has as yet been discovered which might lead to the discovery of the perpetrator of the burglary. Two suspects were seen in the vicinity of Drumbo, but as yet no arrests have been made.

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Some Were Killed.

Salonica, July 12.—Twelve hundred Turkish troops have surrounded 200 Bulgarians near Amatovo. The two leaders of the Bulgarians were killed while attempting to escape. In an encounter between Turkish troops and revolutionists, which occurred near Petrich, about fifty miles from Salonica, on July 10, the notorious brigand, Alexis, and several others of his band were killed.

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Large Newfoundland Revenue.

St. John's, Nfld., July 12.—The colonial revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30 reached $2,250,000, the largest annual revenue ever realized in the colony, and $50,000 above the total for the preceding year. The prosperity of the colony is greater than ever, and the fishery outlook for the present season is decidedly favorable.

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