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The Week In Berlin

Proposal That Astronomical Instruments From China Be Returned. Press Stirred Up Over Grave Trouble on a German Cruiser. Captain Gets Letter Threatening He Might Be Thrown Overboard.

Berlin, Oct. 5.—The most lively topic of the week here has been the question of the return of the Chinese astronomical instruments taken from Peking, the proposed crossing of Unter den Linden by an electric railroad, the reported protest of the Hanjarian premier, Lohman de Shell, against the proposed German tariff in the cruiser Gazette incident.

The whole press practically agrees that the astronomical instruments were illegally carried off. Even the Kreuz Zeitung criticizes the action of the Germans as follows: "The instruments were manifestly taken unlawfully. The perpetrators undoubtedly acted in good faith, but that does not settle the affair. The least that can be done is to deduct the value of the instruments from the Chinese indemnity."

Prince Chun, the Chinese special envoy, and his retinue lived three weeks here at the expense of Emperor William and the empire. Even his excursions were paid for by the German government. Regarding the proposal to run an electric road line across the Unter den Linden, the Menste Nachrichten says: "The waves will rise and the Chinese will be made capital out of the affair."

Regarding the alleged objection of Austria to the German tariff, the Munich Allgemeine Zeitung says it can announce upon reliable authority that the German government has no official representations have been made on the subject to Berlin. Cases of insubordination which have occurred on board the German cruiser, the Hallesches Volksblatt (Social Democrat) claims there was a mutiny on board the vessel, which is commanded by Capt. Neitske, a severe disciplinarian.

Personally Opens Danish Rigsdag.—Speech From the Throne. Copenhagen, Oct. 5.—For the first time in many years King Christian today opened the Rigsdag. The speech from the throne, which the King read, noted that an interval of many years had elapsed since the royal coronation. His Majesty proceeded: "In appointing the new ministry we have responded to the wish of the people by entrusting the conduct of the government to men who are in possession of the confidence of the nation, and we cherish the strong hope that it will be your duty to see to fruitful co-operation between the government and the Rigsdag."

Connection Between Winnipeg and Fort Frances to be Completed This Month. Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 5.—(Special.) It is announced by the Canadian Northern railway that the line between Winnipeg and Fort Frances will be completed this month. The line will be 100 miles long and will be completed in 10 days.

London, Oct. 5.—A large party of the friends of Sir Henry Irving, Ellen Terry and other members of the Irving company, lunched with them and bid them farewell today on board the Atlantic liner steamer Minnehaha, which sails from London during the day for New York.

SCHLEY INQUIRY

Evidence Taken of the Brooklyn's Navigating Officer. Washington, Oct. 5.—Only one session of the Schley court of inquiry was held today. The adjournment until Monday was taken at 1 o'clock in order to allow court and counsel to recuperate after an arduous week's labor. Practically the only witness of the day was Lieut. Commander Albin Hodgson, who was navigator of the flagship Brooklyn during the campaign of 1898, and almost his entire time was taken up with the reading of correspondence between himself and Admiral Schley concerning an alleged colloquy between them during the battle of Santiago, which the witness was reported to have detailed to a newspaper correspondent. The correspondence has been published and this fact rendered the proceedings of comparatively little interest. Lieut. Doyle was also present and stood again, but only for the purpose of correcting his former testimony.

LABOR TROUBLES

Coal Miners on Strike at Liege.—Fishermen to Settle by Arbitration. Liege, Belgium, Oct. 5.—Out of 22,883 coal miners employed in the district, 15,640 are now idle. Scenes between the strikers and the gendarmes are becoming more frequent. The strikers are trying to forcibly prevent the non-strikers from working. London, Oct. 5.—It was officially announced at a meeting today that all the disputes at Grimsby where a strike has been in progress among the fishermen for several months, have agreed to settle the matter by arbitration. An adjournment until Monday was taken at 1 o'clock in order to allow court and counsel to recuperate after an arduous week's labor.

Westminster Show Closes

Manager Keary Makes Some Very Sensational Remarks in His Address. An Onslaught Upon Lieutenant Governor and a Number of Officials. From Our Own Correspondent. New Westminster, Oct. 5.—Bright, warm weather graced the exhibition on this closing day, and there was again a very good attendance. The finals of the horse races occupied the morning and sailors' sports the afternoon. The closing day was a most successful one. The exhibition was a grand success and the manager, Mr. Keary, made some very sensational remarks in his address.

President, T. J. Trapp, re-elected by acclamation for the eighth term. Vice-President, A. B. Knox, Kelowna; Wm. Fortune, Tranquille; D. A. Ker, Victoria; J. T. Wilkinson, Vancouver; A. C. Wells, Chilliwack. Treasurer, G. D. Brynner, re-elected for the tenth year. Manager and Secretary, W. H. Keary, re-elected by acclamation. In his speech, Mr. Keary said of the exhibition: "This is the greatest exhibition ever held in this province. It has been a grand success and the manager, Mr. Keary, made some very sensational remarks in his address."

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Shamrock Is Beaten

In Stiff Breeze Columbia Wins From the Irish Challenging Yacht. No Mishap Marred the Race Which Was Sailed in Fast Time. Outlook For Today Is That the Wind Will Continue Strong.

New York, Oct. 3.—Here is the official log of the second race between Shamrock II. and the Columbia for the America's Cup. Start—Shamrock, 11:00:13; Columbia, 11:01:47. First Mark—Shamrock, 11:51:10; Columbia, 11:52:22. Second Mark—Shamrock, 12:45:57; Columbia, 12:46:30. Finish—Shamrock, 2:16:23; Columbia, 2:15:05. Elapsed Time—Shamrock, 3:16:10; Columbia, 3:13:18. Corrected Time—Shamrock, 3:16:10; Columbia, 3:13:35.

Columbia's first leg east 1-2 south, 10 miles; second leg south 1-2 south, 10 miles; third leg north northwest, 10 miles to finish. Weather fresh breeze from north, northwest, which remained true and maintained its strength throughout the day. In a glorious wholesale breeze, which heeled the big cup contestants down till their lee rails were awash in the foaming seas, Shamrock's white wonder, Columbia, today beat Watson's British creation over a triangular course of 30 miles by two minutes and 52 seconds of the time.

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The Cup Deferred

Shamrock Fails to Win Third Race in the International Series. Crosses the Finish Line Ahead But Loses on the Time Allowance. And the America Cup Stays For Another Year in New York.

New York, Oct. 4.—With flags fluttering from her towering mast head, and the ends of her spinnakers in honor of her concluding triumph in the cup races of 1901, the gallant sloop Columbia returned to her anchorage tonight under the escort of the entire excursion fleet. She today completed her defense of the honored trophy in another stirring race with the Shamrock II. over a leeward and windward course of 30 miles, crossing the finish line two seconds behind her antagonist, but winning on the time allowance conceded by Lipton's boat by 41 seconds.

Sir Thomas Lipton on the bridge of the Erin led his guests in three hearty cheers for the successful defender. "She is the best boat," he said, "and she deserves to be cheered." The series of races just closed will always be memorable as the closest races ever sailed for the cup, and Sir Thomas, although defeated at home with the satisfaction of knowing that his golden yacht is the ablest boat that ever crossed the western ocean.

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Exhibition Fire Scare

Contact of Wires Under South-west Stairway Causes a Blaze. Cool Heads Avert a Panic—Splendid Work of Chemicals. The Damage Very Slight and Repairs Effected During the Night.

Precisely at 6:45 last evening the cry of "Fire!" raised considerable alarm over a portion of the exhibition grounds. The alarm proved to be well founded, for in a few seconds smoke and bright tongues of flame were seen issuing from the southwest window of the ground floor of the main building near the entrance steps. The bulk of the large crowd that had attended the races during the afternoon had gone home and but several hundred persons remained promenading the various floors of the main building. Some of the evening visitors were also in evidence and every part of the grounds, including the roof, were brightly lighted with electric lamps.

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Tale of a Deserter

Strange Circumstances Related in United States Report of Court Martial. Soldier Apprehended in Africa and Dismissed Dishonorably For Desertion. Believed to Have Murders a Comrade While Serving in Cuba.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 5.—Copies of general orders from the department of Cuba just received at the war department contain the records of an interesting court martial. Loys Darrell, a private in troop "G" 70th Cavalry, was tried on a charge of desertion, found guilty and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the service. The reviewing authority found much fault with the finding of the court, holding that the penalty imposed for the offence committed was "scandalously inadequate," and all the testimony presented in the case was that of a man accused in his own behalf. Darrell pleaded "guilty" with extenuating circumstances to the charge. The extenuating circumstances, says General Wood, the reviewing authority, were that Darrell was suspected of murder by the majority of his troop.

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Westminster Children's Day

Royal City Youngsters Encouraged to Take Their Share in Show. Prevost Island Baby Carries Off Blue Ribbon For Good Looks.

New Westminster, B. C., Oct. 4.—There was again a very large attendance at the exhibition today. This being Children's day, the forenoon was given up to them. Twelve hundred scholars of the public schools marched from the Central school to the exhibition grounds, headed by the City band, and escorting a float on which were a score of girls from the kindergarten. The parade circled the athletic grounds, after which all formed up in company order, making a pretty sight. The girls wore bright blue ribbons and carried blue ribbons. The kindergarten detachment performed a musical flag drill, this taking the place of the usual singing. Afterwards the girls were dismissed to their homes, and the little ones were dismissed to patronize the merry-go-round and amuse themselves as they liked.

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