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THE CZAR'S PEACE PROPOSALS

Nicholas Wants a General Reduction of Armaments and an Understanding Among the Nations—Can the Tricky Russian Diplomats Be Trusted?—Text of the Note.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 28.—By order of Emperor Nicholas, Count Muravieff, the Foreign Minister, on the 24th instant, handed to the foreign diplomats at St. Petersburg a note declaring that the maintenance of peace and the reduction of the excessive armament, now crushing all nations, is the ideal for which all governments ought to strive. The Czar considers the present moment favorable for the inauguration of a movement looking to this end, and has invited the powers to take part in an international conference, as a means of thus assuring real and lasting peace and terminating the progressive increase of armaments.

PRODUCED A SENSATION

London and Other Capitals Receive the Proposal With Astonishment—Text of the Note.

London, Aug. 28.—The Czar's proposition for an international conference for the purpose of securing real and lasting peace among the powers and the termination of the progressive increase in armaments, as conveyed in a note from Count Muravieff, the Russian Foreign Minister, to the foreign diplomatists at St. Petersburg, is likely to produce a sensation throughout Europe, and, coming from such a quarter, and with such evident sincerity, it is likely to have important effects. There is doubt that with Russia taking the lead in such a step, Germany, France and the other nations will be ready to follow.

Text of the Note.

The text of the note is as follows:

"The maintenance of general peace and the possible reduction of the excessive armaments, which weigh upon all nations, present themselves in existing conditions to the whole world as an ideal toward which the endeavors of all governments should be directed. The humanitarian and magnanimous ideas of His Majesty, the Emperor, my august master, have been won over to this view in the conviction that this lofty aim is in conformity with the most essential interests and legitimate views of all the powers and the Imperial Government thinks the present moment would be very favorable to seeking the means.

"International discussion is the most effectual means of ensuring all people's benefit—a real, durable peace, above all—putting an end to the progressive development of the present armaments."

"In the course of the last 20 years the longing for general appeasement has grown especially pronounced in the consciences of civilized nations, and the preservation of peace has been put forward as an object of international policy. It is in its name that great states have concluded between themselves powerful alliances.

"It is the better to guarantee peace that they have developed in proportions hitherto unprecedented their military forces, and still continue to increase them without shrinking from any sacrifice.

"Nevertheless, all these efforts have not yet been able to bring about the beneficent result desired—pacification.

Strength of Nations Diverted.

"The financial charges following the upward march strike at the very poor of public prosperity. The intellectual and physical strength of the nations' labor and capital are mostly diverted from their natural application and are unproductively consumed. Hundreds of millions are devoted to acquiring terrible engines of destruction, which, though to-day regarded as the best work of science, are destined to-morrow to lose all their value in consequence of some fresh discovery in the same field. National Culture, economic progress and the production of wealth are either paralyzed or checked in development. Moreover, in proportion as the armaments of each power increase, they less and less fulfil the object the Government has set before themselves.

"The economic crisis, due in great part to the system om armaments a l'outrance and the continual danger which lies in this massing of war material are transforming the armed peace of our days into a crushing burden which the peoples have more and more difficulty in bearing.

"It appears evident that if this state of things were to be prolonged it would inevitably lead to the very cataclysm it is desired to avert, and the horrors whereof make every thinking being shudder in advance.

A Peace Congress Proposed.

"To put an end to these incessant armaments and to seek the means of warding off the calamities which are threatening the whole world—such is the supreme duty to-day imposed upon all nations.

"Filled with this idea, His Majesty has been pleased to command me to propose to all Governemts whose representatives are accredited to the Imperial Court, the assembling of a conference which shall occupy itself with this grave problem.

"This conference will be, by the help of God, a happy presage for the century which is about to open. It would converge into one powerful focus the efforts of all states sincerely seeking to make the great conception of universal peace triumph over the elements of trouble and discord, and it would, at the same time, cement their agreement by a corporate consecration of the principles of equity and right, whereon rest the security of states and the welfare of peoples."

Profound Impression at Rome.

Rome, Aug. 28.—The Czar's note has made a profound impression here. Some of the newspapers applaud, while others greet the communication with reserve or distrust.

De Giers Will Succeed Pavloff.

London, Aug. 29.—The Daily Mail's Pekin correspondent says: "M. Pavloff, the Russian Charge d'Affaires in China, who has been appointed Russian Minister to Corea, will be succeeded here by M. De Giers, who is at present accredited to Brazil. M. Pavloff's removal is attributed to Great Britain's sudden change of policy, the object of which was to impress Russia with advisability of recognizing our paramountcy in the Yang-Tse Valley. The Russian Government has been quite in accord with Great Britain's desire to delimit the matters of the sphere of influence, but when on last Thursday it was asked permanently to respect the integrity of the sphere it declined to give any guarantee. A prompt demonstration of the British fleet in the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li was a ready answer to this equivocation.

"Now that Lord Salisbury has given a plain indication of his plan of action, it is not improbable that Russia will execute a masterly retreat from her present position."

The "Magnanimous Proposal."

London, Aug. 29.—The Daily Graphic this morning, referring to the proposal of Emperor Nicholas, says:

"It would be idle to attempt to ignore the many and grave difficulties standing in the way of the attainment of the Czar's wishes, but it cannot be possible to doubt the sincerity of the magnanimous proposal."

A Short Campaign Forecasted.

New York, Aug. 28.—The London correspondent of The Tribune says: "English opinion is keeping abreast with the British army now advancing toward Omdurman, and forecasting a short, decisive campaign. The easy conquest of Khartoum is well nigh certain, since fanaticism has lost its force in the deserts and the Soudanese are more eager to shake off the tyranny of the Khalifa than they were fourteen years ago to revolt against Egyptian misgovernment. The entire Mahdist movement will end with the fall of Khartoum, but this belated vindication of Gen. Gordon's memory will be the signal for the opening of a new series of troublesome questions. One of these will be the limitation of French activity in the Bahr El Ghazal district. Another will be the necessity for forcing some restraint upon Menelek's dream of an Abyssinian Empire."

British Gunboat Sunk.

London, Aug. 28.—A despatch from Camp Hegalr, opposite the Island of Gebel Rayan, says the Anglo-Egyptian expedition has suffered a rather serious loss by the sinking of the gunboat Zafifa. The boat sprang a leak when near Shendy, and within a few minutes went down. All on board were saved.

From Royan Hill Omdurman is just visible. A nephew of Gen. Gordon first descried it by a splash of white oil, which the horizon reflected from the Mahdia tomb.

Small bodies of Dervishes continually retire before our patrol. Yesterday evening the sky line was illuminated by signal fires.

It Was Kept Secret.

London, Aug. 29.—The Times' correspondent in St. Petersburg says:

"The proposal for a conference, which was made by the Czar on Wednesday through the medium of the Foreign Ambassadors at St. Petersburg, had been kept profoundly secret until to-day at the express wish of Count Muravieff, the Foreign Minister, so that it might first be promulgated on the day of the unveiling of the monument in the Krelim to Alexander II.

"There is reason to believe that it formed the subject of communications between the courts of St. Petersburg and Berlin some time previously, and in all probability the support of Germany at least was secured in advance.

"Russia, with her chronic famines and her vast enterprises in the far East to provide for out of a budget, which is being drawn upon more and more every year for materials of war in order to keep pace with the other powers, must naturally feel the want of international co-operation in her present policy of peace and economical development.

HE EXPECTS WAR.

Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg Thinks Britain and Russia Will Fight This Year.

London, Aug. 29.—A special despatch from Shanghai says it is stated there that the Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg has reported to his Government that, in his opinion, the China question will precipitate a conflict between Great Britain and Russia. This state of affairs, he says, is owing to the British Ambassador presenting a note at St. Petersburg of such a peremptory nature, demanding freedom of enterprise in regions where Russian influence is supposed to predominate, that Count Muravieff cannot accept it. The Chinese Minister, indeed, expects that a conflict will certainly break out before the end of the year.

INTERVENTION SCHEME.

Which M. Hanotaux Proposed, But Which Britain Squelched—Spectator Warmly Endorsed.

London, Aug. 28.—The Spectator says it has reliable information that M. Hanotaux, late French Minister of Foreign Affairs, had designed a plan of intervention between Spain and the United States, which he in turn proposed to the Continental powers. The latter agreed to the proposal and it was presumed that Great Britain would also assent. The French Government heard with the most unfeigned surprise, however, that the only intervention that England would participate in would be that of placing her fleet at the disposal of the President of the United States.

MR. FORD'S COMMENTS.

London Spectator's Article Should Be Copied in Every U. S. Paper.

New York, Aug. 28.—Commenting on the above, Mr. Ford, in his cabled letter to The Tribune to-day, says:

"The optimistic spectator is not satisfied with explaining to-day that the British Government, when approached early in the spring by M. Hanotaux, on the subject of European intervention in the Cuban affair, gave warning that it would place its fleet at the disposal of President McKinley. It also goes to the length of advocating, in a leading article, the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and the substitution for it of another treaty by which England and America shall mutually bind themselves to allow no Government except that of the United States to make or control any canal across the isthmus between North and South America. This article even goes beyond Mr. Blaine's famous letters to Mr. Lowell on the canal question, over which Lord Granville quibbled and the English press raged and imagined vain things seventeen years ago.

"The Spectator's article, which deserves to be printed in large type in every American newspaper, as a convincing demonstration of English friendliness, if acted upon by the Foreign Office here, would remove the only serious question remaining unsettled between the two countries. It would leave the Suez and Nicaragua Canals subject to the same general principles of regulation in peace and war, with one under the control of England and the other under the control of the United States. That would be an ideal Anglo-Saxon partnership."

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American Tourists Hit.

London, Aug. 28.—The suspension of the banking department of Low's Exchange in London has created consternation among many American visitors, some of whom are consequently left without a penny. Ladies are continually applying to the exchange for money, and at the American Embassy for advice.

THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF KINGSTON

Very Rev. Charles Hugh Gauthier, Vicar-General of Kingston Diocese, Succeeds the Late Dr. Cleary—A Native Canadian of High Attainments—Brave Act of E. W. Sproule, School Teacher, of Sharbot Lake.

Kingston, Ont., Aug. 28.—Very Rev. Charles Hugh Gauthier, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Kingston, has been appointed Archbishop of Kingston, in succession to the late Dr. Cleary. He is parish priest at Brockville. This is the second time this place has sent an occupant of the bishopric.

The new Archbishop was born in 1844 at Alexandria, Ont., of French and Scotch ancestry. He was ordained in 1867 and became director of the Regiopolis College, this city. He was afterwards rector at Brewer's Mills, Gananoque, Williamston and Brockville. He was made Vicar-General in 1891. He is a man of good appearance and ripe scholarship, an able administrator, and his priestly life has been given over to Christian work and charity. He was the choice of the clergy of the archdiocese for the honor now conferred. It is likely the consecration will occur in October. Rev. Father O'Brien of the Archiepiscopal staff was the bearer of the tidings to the Archbishop-elect at Brockville.

E. W. Sproule's Brave Act.

A jump from a bridge into the water below to save their lives was the exciting experience of two young people near Sharbot Lake. E. W. Sproule, school teacher, Sharbot Lake, and a young lady camper from Texas were walking along the Canadian Pacific Railway track about a half-mile west of the station. At that point there is a bridge 200 yards long spanning a body of water, and the young couple were half way across when a C. P. R. train suddenly approached. They had not sufficient time to reach the end of the bridge and to avoid a horrible death Mr. Sproule took the young lady in his arms and jumped into the water, just a few seconds before the locomotive swept by. They reached shore in safety. Mr. Sproule was complimented for his bravery by the people at the lake.

Money Coming in Well.

W. J. Mallagh, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., reports that collections towards the building debt are coming in nicely. So far not a single person has demurred payment of the amount subscribed. Half the amount subscribed will be collected now, the balance in January next.

Other Notes From Kingston.

The new flour mill in connection with the Mooers Company grain elevator will be in operation in January next.

Mrs. Nichols, wife of the New York millionaire who erected the new mansion on Howe Island, is confined to her home, suffering from severe injuries. She was riding horseback on the island, when the animal threw her violently to the ground. No bones were broken.

J. H. Metcalfe, warden of the penitentiary, has been granted a month's vacation to recruit his health.

GRAND TRUNK IN FINE SHAPE

That is the Statement Made by Mr. Joseph Price, Vice-President.

Rails and Roadbed Will Carry a Train as Fast as Wheels Can Turn—Finances Show a Marked Improvement—An Australian Who Says Antipodean Colonies Will Be Federated—Montreal News.

Montreal, Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Mr. Joseph Price, ex-general manager of the Great Western, and now vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway, arrived here to-day, after a two weeks' inspection of the line. He says that the tracks and road bed are so good that a train can be run as fast as a wheel can turn. Mr. Hays' management has, he adds, been a great success. The vice-president says Mr. Hays has not only paid the deficit of $300,000 created to prevent the debenture stocks from going by default, but in addition to this the earnings have been sufficient during the past half year to pay the half year's dividend on the guarantee in full. He says Mr. McGuigan is a host in himself and that the divisional superintendents, Herbert, Tiffin, Itzhugh and Cotter, are most able officials. In fact Mr. Price says he is proud of the staff. The vice-president also adds that the 26 elegant passenger coaches and the 22 powerful locomotives added to the rolling stock during the last half year have all been charged to reserve account. These engines, he says, have a capacity of hauling 40 cars with 12,000 tons of freight. The annual meeting will be held in London on the 13th of Oct., and Mr. Price says that Sir C. Rivers-Wilson, who sails from New York on Saturday next, will have a very pleasant message to impart to the shareholders.

The vice-president referred to the rate war as follows: The passenger receipts are greater than last year, notwithstanding the unfortunate rate war, which, I believe, will soon be over. We are doing a good many things which I cannot tell you just now, but as I said just now, I hope the war will soon come to an end.

Australia Will Be Federated.

Mr. James Burns of the steamship firm of Burns, Philp & Co. of Sydney, Australia, who was here to-day, states that confederation of the Australian colonies will be an accomplished fact within three years. The defeat, he says, in New South Wales, was brought about by a fluke, but this will be got over in time. Mr. Burns says that although Australia's recuperative power is very great, they have not yet quite recovered from the panic of a few years ago. At present there is slight want of confidence, with the result that there is so much money in the banks seeking in vain for investment that large sums are being sent to England, while a bank manager told Mr. Burns that he had more gold in the vaults than ever before.

Mr. S. H. Blake.

Mr. S. H. Blake, who came out to Quebec in the Labrador, had a severe bronchial attack during the passage, but was a little better when he landed at the Ancient Capital, intending to proceed to Murray Bay.

Candidate for a R. H. S. Medal.

Mr. Henry Miles has written to Mr. Adam Brown, president of the Canadian Humane Society at Hamilton, drawing his attention to the conspicuous bravery of Edward Upton in rescuing two young men from drowning at Beaconsfield last week.

M. Cambon in Montreal.

M. Jules Cambon, French Ambassador at Washington, arrived in Montreal to-night on a visit. He is expected to remain here several days.

Mr. H. G. Murray of the Beaver Line of steamships, died here to-day.

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British M. P. Dead.

London, Aug. 28.—Mr. Arthur Pease, Liberal-Unionist member of Parliament for Darlington, died to-day in his 61st year.

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FIRST SEMLIN CAUCUS

Sixteen of Nineteen Straight Government Supporters Were Present—Semlin Remains Leader.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 28.—(C. P. R. Press Despatch.)—The first caucus of the new Government has been held in Vancouver during the past week. Out of the 19 straight Government supporters in the new Legislature 16 attended the caucus, those present being: Premier Semlin, Attorney-General Martin, Provincial Secretary Hume, Hon. Dr. McKechnie, and Messrs. C. E. Tisdall, R. McPherson, Ralph Smith, F. J. Loane, J. M. Kellie, R. Green, James Martin, Thomas Forster, Thomas Kidd, C. Munro, H. Helgesen and Major-General Kinchant. The absentees were Hon. F. C. Cotton and Messrs. Neill and Prentice. Important as was the meeting of the party on July 20, when the members were still in opposition, the first gathering as a Government caucus was equally momentous. Many matters of interest to the party were discussed and Premier Semlin remains as leader of the party.

IN MEMORY OF A GOOD MAN.

Solemn Service at the Church of Ascension Yesterday in Remembrance of Sir Casimir Gzowski.

The congregation of the Church of the Ascension expressed, in the service yesterday morning, regret at the death of the late Sir Casimir Gzowski, an old adherent of the church. The pew usually occupied by the deceased was draped, as was the pulpit, and the hymns chosen were in keeping with the solemnity of the service.

At the opening of the service, the organist rendered "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," and at the conclusion played "The Dead March" in Saul. During the offertory Mr. T. Dockray, the choirmaster, sang the solo, "Blest are the Departed Who in the Lord are Sleeping," from Shonr's oratorio.

The rector took as his text I. Chron. xxix., 28: "And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches and honor, and Solomon, his son, reigned in his stead."

Through David's long life, said he, he enjoyed the love and esteem of his people, his life being ruled by three principles: A life spent in the service of God's honor, shown by his accumulation of gold, silver and precious stones for the adornment of the Temple; a consciousness that all he had was the gift of God; a desire expressed in prayer that the work of the Lord started by him might be perfected by those who followed him.

These three principles observable in the life of David also animated their deceased brother, there was no temple for him to erect, but he endeavored instead to adorn the living temple of the Holy Spirit, and he showed the spirit of meekness and gentleness, like unto Christ, in all his works.

Faithful to his God, loyal to his Queen, devoted to his fellow-men, his soul had gone back to the God who gave it, with the certain hope that the body of humiliation would be changed like unto His own most glorious body.

"Jesus lives, no longer now can the terror of death appal us."

A Motley Crowd.

The Union Station was thronged last evening with actors and actresses, all coming to the city for the Exhibition and the playhouses. A two-headed negro woman from the Sunny South was among the number. The two midgets who appeared at the Toronto Opera House last season were there also. All kinds of musical instruments were in evidence.

Fell in, But Got Out.

Yesterday afternoon a young man, who gave his name as William Scott, fell off the wharf at the foot of Bay-street. He, in company with a number of others, was standing on the pier, when he accidentally went too near the edge He was pulled out and taken to Maitland Aykroyd's boat house, where his wet clothes were dried.

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State of Siege Called Off.

Rome, Aug. 28.—The state of siege which has prevailed in Florence and Milan since the riots of last spring will be raised on Sept. 1.

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Visitors to the Exhibition are especially invited to see the new Underwood typewriter exhibited by Creelman Bros.' Typewriter Co., second floor, main building. "Everything in sight" is the motto of this firm, both as regards the writing of the machine and number of sales made since its introduction into Canada. ed

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Business Brisk at Manila.

Manila, Aug. 28.—Steamers are entering the river as usual. The Americans are temporarily maintaining the former Spanish tariff. Business is brisk.

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WHAT WILL KITCHENER DO

After He Has Smashed the Power of the Soudan Dervishes?

London Daily News is Nervous, Apparently Fearing the Gordon Catastrophe Will Be Repeated—The Abyssinian King May Make Trouble—Then Russia and France May Step in.

London, Aug. 28.—The London newspapers are beginning to ask questions concerning General Kitchener's plans after the Dervishes are smashed at Omdurman. The people here are likely to wait for another week before they learn. The Sirdar is not going back to Cairo after doing what he set out to do, as Wolseley did in 1885, after failing in his task.

The Daily News characteristically observes that the motto for the occasion is surely "Be not too bold," and timorously reminds the timid that King Menelek, jealous, angry and perplexed with the fear of change, will be on the flank of any British or Egyptian force moving as far south as Khartoum. But all this has been foreseen. British plans are based upon an amicable deal with King Menelek, and, failing that, he will be fought, not this year possibly, nor next year, but sooner or later.

Ugly Rumors Flying.

Unless General Kitchener unexpectedly belies his record, he will be in Omdurman by Sept. 5. Thereafter there will be likely to be plenty of material for the speculations and alarms of the political quidnuncs. Already there are rumors that when the Anglo-Egyptian army has smashed the Dervishes and occupied Omdurman and Khartoum the French and Russian Governments will diplomatically inquire England's intentions. It is even rumored that France and Russia have jointly guaranteed the independence of Abyssinia, with the consequent necessity of informing England that her advance further south will constitute a menace to their protege. But this would be hastening things unduly.

As The Daily News remarks, the Sirdar is generally believed to have a plan up his sleeve. Diplomacy is not likely to make a move until the plan has begun to peep over General Kitchener's cuff.

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Indian Music.

Poets have sung the songs of the trees and the flowers, and the rythm of the breezes and gentle zephyrs, but coming from the dells and the wildwoods is a child of nature, dressed in the primitive garb of his people, now in this city, to charm the souls of the musically inclined with strains of divinest melody. This musical prodigy will be in attendance at the Exhibition daily and will preside at the pavilion of the Messrs. Williams to interpret in his own inimitable way all the choicest music of the day and past ages. A treat is in store for all who call at the R. S. Williams & Sons Company's exhibit in the Annex.

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Spiritualistic Seance.

Last evening in Richmond Hall, Mr. E. W. Wallis and wife of Manchester, Eng., two spiritualists, held forth before a large audience. Mr. Wallis gave a long lecture on spiritualism, after which several tests of clairvoyance were made to the satisfaction of all.

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DEATHS.

MITCHELL—On Sunday, Aug. 28, at the residence of her son, Thomas Mitchell, 135 Macdonell-avenue, Toronto, Isabella Hamilton, relict of the late Thomas Mitchell, in her 86th year.

Funeral from her late residence, 152 St. Patrick-street, on Tuesday, the 30th inst., at 3 o'clock, to the Necropolis.

WALSH GLAD IT'S ABOUT OVER

The Major Says He Didn't Want the Position, but Thinks His Yukon Administration Has Been the Best That Could Be Under the Circumstances—Did His Duty Conscientiously.

Vancouver, Aug. 28.—(C.P.R. Press Despatch.)—Just now, when indignation is so hot against the maladministration of the Yukon, all news of interviews with Major Walsh, who will have to bear the brunt of the battle, are of interest. He was at Skaguay on Aug. 18 on his way down, and is reported to have said to his interviewer: "I am glad that my tenure of office is so near ending. I did not want the position in the first place, and am very glad that the time is about up; but I can say this—that I leave my duties on the Yukon with a serene knoowledge that I have done the best that I could; and, furthermore, I believe that in most instances anyway I have been right. I have not cared what the Government thought of me, and have not enquired or been concerned as to what the people thought. I weighed the conditions as I found them and administered the laws as I thought right and proper. I was given great latitude under the laws, and was empowered to amend them as I saw fit, and in some instances I did change their operation somewhat."

Teh Collection of Royalties.

"It is said, Major Walsh, that the enforcement of the collection of royalty has been optional with you?"

"Yes," said the Major, "that is true. And I saw fit to collect the royalty. I venture to say that every dollar I have collected in royalty came from men who could afford to pay the royalty many times over, and never feel it materially. The royalty only affected the rich claims, anyway; the middle-class claims were not affected by the operation of the law on that point. Now, I have heard a good deal of complaint about our Gold Commissioner at Dawson, but I think he is all right. He is overworked, however, and sometimes loses his temper, but he is an honest man and is a good man for the position. With thousands of people coming in there, and all desiring immediate attention, himself and his 10 or 20 clerks have been compelled to work from early morning until late at night, and after leaving his office he would be buttonholed by half a dozen men, who would fire questions into him. It is no wonder that he would sometimes give curt answers, and sometimes make enemies, but he is all right.

Always Told the Truth.

"I can say for myself that every time that I have talked about that country I have told the ruth. I have been very cautious of my conduct up there, and no man can truthfully say that I am or have been in any way connected with any mining properties or have taken up any claims. No man can truthfully say that I am personally through a company or otherwise interested in a foot of mining property in that whole country. The only nuggets I have brought out with me are the nuggets I have bought from miners.

"There was some complaint for a time up there to the effect that different men would employ policemen and clerks to help them either get their mail or get information out of the Commissioner's office. These reports are true in some cases, without a doubt. When the mail arrives at Dawson the people come flocking, and are impatient at delay, no matter how necessary. Sometimes a clerk is paid to help get some fellow's mail out ahead of another fellow. Sometimes in the Commissioner's office a clerk accepts money to get information for some man who wants to get inside information ahead of the rest of the fellows. I have tried to stop the practice, and have succeeded in breaking up the system to a great extent, but where there is temptation there are bound to be irregularities along the line I am talking of. These irregularities never have been serious—just to the extent I have enumerated—and the chance of clerks working overtime for outside parties has been, and is now, very slim."

Vancouver is Prosperous.

In Vancouver considerable activity continues in the building trade, and during the past week contracts for the erection of another brick business block and several handsome private residences have been recorded. Work on the site of the proposed marine railway was also begun during the week. Street improvements, amounting to some $90,000, are also in hand, and the Electric Street Railway Company is extending and enlarging its system. These varied works are giving employment to a large number of men, and, in addition, the wharves and slips are crowded with small craft, steamers, scows, etc., bringing bricks, stones, paving blocks and other material from the coast quarries, brickyards, etc. The Klondike trade continues fairly active, and on Friday the steamship Amur left loaded with over 100 tons of local merchandise for the Golden North.

Major Walsh at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 28.—The steamer Southampton arrived here to-day, 12 days from St. Michaels, with 125 passengers. Of these, only 45 had gold dust. The total amount of goold is estimated by the purser at $150,000.

Major Walsh, formerly Commissioner of the Yukon, arrived here to-day from Skaguay en route for Ottawa.

ROCKLIFFE RANGES READY

Although Handicapped by Rain Work Was Completed Saturday.

Leading Business Men Want the Sitting of the Quebec International Conference Changed to Ottawa—Harry O'Brien, Alleged Swindler and Bigamist, Wanted in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Aug. 28.—Rockliffe ranges had finishing touches Saturday, and by Monday will present a very business-like aspect, with picturesque auxiliaries that were entirely wanting at the Rideau. Major Heron and his staff of men were considerably handicapped during the week by the incessant rainfall, but have nevertheless succeeded in accomplishing their work. Secretary Lieut.-Col. Hodgins and the treasurer, Lieut.-Col. Macpherson, and their staff of assistants have had no light task, but all entries so far ina re squadded and the tickets made out. There are 350 entries—a little less than last year.

Want the Conference Removed.

A quiet but determined effort is being made by leading business men of the city to have the sitting of the Quebec International Conference removed to Ottawa. Every inducement possible is being offered, and it is not improbable that the movement will ultimately be successful. Hon. R. W. Scott, Senator Clemow, Messrs. Hutchinson and Belcourt, M. P.'s; Crawford Ross, President of the Board of Trade; United States Consul Turner and others are the prime movers.

Alleged Swindler and Bigamist.

A couple of weeks ago a gentleman arrived in the city from Winnipeg and registered at the Brunswick. His name was Harry O'Brien and he not only engaged several men to work on the different branches of the C. P. R., in the Northwest, but was also united in matrimony to Miss M. Kilday, head waitress at the Brunswick. It appears that they had met some time before, fell in love, but had quarrelled and parted. The marriage here was solemnized by Rev. Canon Pollard. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien left town a few days later, not announcing their destination. It is now said that he is wanted in Smith's Falls for fraud and also that a charge of bigamy is to be laid against him.

Green turtle soup and green turtle steaks will be served at the Bodega Hotel, commencing Monday. Separate dining rooms for private parties upstairs. Open from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. W. G. Phyall, Prop., 36 Wellington street east.

Month's Mind.

Last week in The World and yesterday in all the Catholic Churches of the city, it was announced that on Wednesday next the memorial service, known as Month's Mind, will be held for the late Archbishop Walsh. The administrator of the diocese, Very Rev. Father McCann, will sing the solemn requiem mass, Bishop O'Connor of Peterboro will preach, and the music will be rendered by the united choirs of the Catholic Churches of the city. No special invitations are issued and the pews are free to all. A large crowd will certainly be present to show their veneration for their late beloved prelate.

Look out for the grand Buffalo excursion on Labor Day, Sept 5, by Str. Empress of India and Lehigh Valley Ry. Round trip $1.50.

Married Twice, Wants a Third.

Muncie, Ind., Aug. 28.—Mrs. Harriet Scott has sued for a divorce from James Scott, demanding $300 alimony. The couple have been married three times and divorced twice, Mrs. Scott securing alimony both times.

JUMPED OFF MOVING TRAIN

With the Usual Result—Wheels Passed Over John Devlin's Head, Crushing His Life Out.

Almonte, Ont., Aug. 28.—John Devlin, aged 17, whose home was in Carleton Place, was instantly killed near the C.P.R. Station here last evening. He and some others were coming to Almonte from Carleton Place without tickets. They were on the end of the baggage car next to the engine of the No. 1 Winnipeg Express and when the train was about 50 yards south of the station he jumped off. The train was going at a good speed; he fell under the wheels, which passed over his head crushing it frightfully and killing him instantly. One of his arms was also cut off completely. His parents reside in Carleton Place. The sad news was conveyed to them and his mother came and removed the remains.

THE PRINCE'S FIRST OUTING

Has Been on the Royal Yacht With His Wounded Knee a Month—A Drive on Saturday.

London, Aug. 28.—The Prince of Wales yesterday made his first landing from the royal yacht Osborne in a month, going ashore at Mount Edgcumbe, Devonport, after elaborate preparations, amid a flurry of excitement among the villagers.

A houseboat from the Devonport dock yard has been fitted with a platform level with the gunwale. This was brought alongside the Osborne and made fast, furnishing a means of egress for the Prince's invalid chair. A carriage from the stables of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, whom the Prince visited, was in waiting, and in this His Royal Highness was installed in