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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18.

PROGRESS IN THE SOUDAN.

The past year has been a period of steady development in the Sudan. For months there have been absolutely no disorders, and while small troubles may be expected from time to time, Sir Rudolph Slatin Pasha, the inspector-general, who is now in Europe on his vacation, believes the days of Mahdis are past. The people now realize that the Government has sufficient force to quickly suppress outbreaks and punish offenders.

What the country is most in need of for its economic and commercial development is perennial irrigation. Sir Rudolph says water cannot be taken for this purpose from the Nile without the consent of the Egyptian Government, which does not itself appear to know just yet how much water its own country needs. The basin irrigation at present in use is altogether insufficient for any great development in cultivation. Meanwhile there has been a very good durra harvest and an unusually large export trade. Cotton growing is increasing steadily, and the quality is extremely satisfactory, but there must be perennial irrigation before there can be any considerable development of this industry.

Railways and telegraphs have been the means of opening up new parts of the country. The great bridge over the Blue Nile at Khartoum is practically completed, and the railway has been continued seventy miles south. Thence it will run south and west to the White Nile. By the end of next year a big railway bridge on the Blue Nile 180 miles south of Khartoum will be completed, and the railway is expected to reach the same point about the same time. There has been rapid extension of telegraph lines, which are proving of great value for administrative purposes, enabling the Government to keep in closer touch with remote districts. The introduction of huge American dredging machines has resulted in the clearing of the rivers of great masses of "sudd," thus improving navigation and increasing the water supply. The outlook for the coming year, the inspector-general says, is most promising.

ADULTERATION OF DRUGS.

In spite of a stringent pure food law, the adulteration of drugs continues in the United States on an alarming scale. Dr. H. H. Rusby, of the bureau of chemistry, Washington, declares that drugs rejected and deported from New York are again shipped to the United States, consigned to some other port, and admitted. A considerable amount of such rejected drugs has been encountered in commerce, and, according to Dr. Rusby, importers, millers, manufacturers and wholesalers are willfully engaged in the business of handling inferior goods.

It has been found impossible to stop all these shipments, even in the important port of New York, as competent examiners cannot be found in sufficient numbers to make the necessary careful examination of all shipments. These goods are declared for other uses than medicine, and find their way into unscrupulous hands to be used as adulterants, they having been imported for that special purpose. As an illustration, one shipment of five tons of ground olive pits was offered for import which the consignee, a dealer in drugs, declared were to be used as a filler for chicken food. Within a few months samples of nine powdered drugs of this firm's manufacture were purchased and examined, in five of which the ground olive pits were found. The importation could not be refused, as it was correctly declared; but a suspicion that the declaration was false led the inspector to investigate, with the results stated. This is but one case detected, but hundreds unquestionably went through; the stuff was distributed throughout the country undetected, and numbers of cases of illness doubtless did not respond to the remedy given, death possibly ensuing as a result of impure medicines taken, when recovery might have followed if proper and pure agents had been used. "All the time," says Dr. Rusby, "the physician is wondering

why drugs of vegetable origin vary so in potency in different cases." In drugs offered for import herbaceous leaves contained 28 per cent, by weight, of sand were found. Anise contained 25 per cent of sand; cummin fruit 25 per cent of stems and chaff; belladonna leaves from 50 to 80 per cent of medicinally useless stems and fruit. Five spurious shipments of motico to four genuine were found within a year, while five shipments of spurious coto were offered and rejected, and not a particle of the genuine of this rare and valuable drug went into the market.

That importers, grinders and manufacturers are equally guilty in this matter, Dr. Rusby is convinced, and he largely blames the ignorance and shiftlessness of the ordinary United States retail druggist, whom he regards as incompetent to judge of the genuineness of crude drugs, much less that of powdered ones. He purchases his powders, extracts and tinctures as cheaply as possible, and is often merely a shopkeeper selling goods of which he knows nothing. Not only do ignorance and carelessness prevail among a large proportion of dealers in and handlers of medicine, but, Dr. Rusby says, members of state boards are more often than not incompetent, being more engrossed in politics than in science, while the state inspectors are as a rule incompetent.

HALF A CENTURY OF OIL.

[Philadelphia Press.]

Fifty years ago, toward the end of August, 1859, Edwin L. Drake sank the first petroleum well at a point on Oil Creek near where Titusville now flourishes. This was the beginning of the industry which has reached such stupendous proportions. Steps have just been taken by the citizens of Titusville to celebrate the semi-centennial of an event the importance of which is not second to any in the economic history of the United States. Fifty years of petroleum have wrought revolution, first in artificial illumination throughout a large part of the civilized world, while in the enormous growth of the automobile industry another direct result of Drake's drilling is observable. Oil fuel for ships, locomotives and stationary engines is still in its infancy. So far as by-products of petroleum are concerned, they are as varied and as valuable as the by-products of coal tar.

THE THAW CASE.

(Washington Star.)

Judge Mills' decision that Harry Thaw is still insane and remanding him to the state institution for the care of the criminal insane will undoubtedly relieve a great many people, who have been apprehensive lest the murderer of Stanford White should be freed absolutely of all further restraint of penalty. Regardless of the circumstances of the crime, without reference to the shameful facts in White's life or the man's moral degeneracy, his killing was a heinous crime, deserving of punishment. Thaw was fortunate in escaping the electric chair. That his great wealth enabled him to conduct a successful fight against conviction is the present belief of most Americans. His release now as sane would be a serious indictment of our system of criminal jurisprudence, and would unquestionably weaken public confidence in the law. Fortunately this evil is for the time averted, and it is to be hoped that we have heard the last of the Thaw case for a long time to come.

THE COUNTRY'S BUSINESS.

[Winnipeg Free Press.]

The country will welcome the reports from Ottawa that Parliament will be called to meet early in November, and that the estimates for the various departments are being prepared so as to be ready for submission to the House at the beginning of the session. Since the introduction of the practice of having the session of Parliament begin before Christmas, instead of after Christmas, the saving of time which was expected has not been realized; the earlier beginning of the session has, as a matter of fact, resulted only in Parliament sitting for a greater number of days annually than before. The portion of the session preceding Christmas has been largely wasted as hasty-fattening talk, the idea of not a few members being apparently to kill time until the holidays. The country is tired of the talkativeness of Parliament, and wants to see the Dominion legislators curb their wordiness and get down to business. If the progress is made with the estimates that should be made before Christmas, there is no reason why the session should not end at a reasonably early date in the spring. Instead of being prolonged into the summer, the Government should be ready when the House meets to go on with the estimates; and if the Opposition, not content with a reasonable amount of businesslike discussion of the items, resort to time-killing specifying, then the Government should lose no time in introducing revised rules of procedure to prevent the wilful obstruction of the public business. The Dominion Parliament is the only national legislature in the world without rules of procedure, which prevent obstruction, and it is only a question of time—and of no long time, at that—until our Parliament ceases to occupy that unique position.

CANADA CARICATURED.

[Monetary Times.]

A Hamilton, Ont. correspondent sends a leaflet advertising an Empire Day concert in Queen's Hall, London. Dr. Charles Harris, of Canada, the honorary director, is shown, clad in a heavy fur coat, and standing in about a foot of snow, while snow-laden trees form a background. Our correspondent writes: "Is it not most unfortunate that Canadians will persist in trying to keep English people secure in their belief that Canada is all ice and snow? This concert was organized by Dr. Harris, and this leaflet printed with his permission. It is anything but suitable for a 24th of May concert." All of which is very true, for on Sunday we were sweltering in a temperature of 93.3 in the shade.

THE HARVESTER IS FORT ERIE WINNER

Unbeaten Stallion of Ed. Geers Takes Queen City Stakes.

2:02 PACE POSTPONED

Walter W. Captures 2:09 Pace—Inner-guard Easily Defeats The Wolverine in 2:13 Trot.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 17.—The Harvester, Ed. Geers' unbeaten stallion, won the Queen City Stake of \$2,000, for 2:09 trotters, at Fort Erie today. It was an easy victory. The Harvester winning four straight heats. The every heat race plan was followed in the three events. The stallion covered the first mile in 2:08 1/4, but a slight rain which followed made the track about two seconds slower. The Harvester was out in the pool selling and Carlockin, the California stallion sold favorably.

Durfee's Horse Distanced. In the first heat Durfee's horse went to a bad break and before he settled down the distance flag was dropped. Gentel finished second.

The 2:09 pace, also went to Geers, who drove Walter W. McDonald, with Billy B. tried hard, but could get no closer than second.

Innerguard, a prohibitive favorite, easily defeated the Wolverine in the 2:13 trot, the closing event. Jimmie Benyon, the young driver, chased out Innerguard in the second heat, being beaten a short distance. The last heat saw Gladys, driven by A. McDonald, shoot to the front on the back stretch, but Innerguard kept close up, and a pretty race resulted in the stretch run.

Gladys broke ten feet from the wire and was passed by the Wolverine.

The Empire Stake. The Empire State stake, \$10,000, 2:12 trot, will be raced tomorrow. The 2:02 pace was declared off today, because of insufficient entries. The Bel, the Canadian stallion, was entered in the event. Summaries:

2:09 trot, purse \$2,000, four heats—The Harvester, b. g. (Ed. Geers) 1 1 1 1
Gentel H., br. h. (Snow) 2 2 2 3
Beatrice Billini, blk. m. (Dick-Zomalta, b. m. (McDonald) 4 4 3 4
Henry Seizer, b. g. (Case) 5 5 5 5
Carlockin, br. s. (Durfee) 6 6 6 6
Time—2:08 1/4, 2:10 1/4, 2:12, 2:13 1/4.
2:09 pace, purse \$1,000, four heats—Walter W., b. g., by Little Frank, dam by King Wilton (Geers) 1 1 1 1
Billy B. (McDonald) 2 2 2 2
The Bowin, b. g. (Case) 3 3 3 3
Vic McEwen, b. m. (Grady) 4 4 4 4
Pont Bugarlar, b. h. (Snow) 5 5 5 5
Time—2:06 1/4, 2:09 1/4, 2:07 1/2, 2:08 1/4.
2:13 trot, purse \$1,000, four heats—Innerguard, b. g., by The Guardian (Munro) 1 1 1 1
Harkaway (Munro) 2 2 2 2
The Wolverine, b. c. (E. Benyon) 3 3 3 3
Fair Margaret, b. m. (J. Benyon) 4 4 4 4
Gladys, b. m. (A. McDonald) 5 5 5 5
Time—2:11 1/4, 2:11 1/4, 2:11 1/4, 2:13.

TURF RESULTS

Saratoga.
First—Firestone 7 to 1, Rosimiro 8 to 5, Personal even.
Second—Glennadeane 10 to 1, Zaca-tecas even, Little King 1 to 5.
Third—Glorio 8 to 1, Ruble 7 to 10, Black Hawk even.
Fourth—Pretend 8 to 1, Scarpa even, Buz even.
Fifth—Ruby Grand 6 to 5, Rose Beaumont 7 to 1, Spielbound even.
Sixth—Miss Popular 6 to 5, Maximum 7 to 10, Mugwump 6 to 5.
Windsor.
First—Woodcote 4 to 5, Miss Sly 8 to 1, Kyle 2 to 1.
Second—Clara Leader 6 to 1, John Dillon out, Bonnie Kate 7 to 5.
Third—Little Turner 2 to 1, Vanan even, Tackle 5 to 1.
Fourth—Banives 6 to 5, Judge Walton 12 to 1, Slewfoot 2 to 1.
Fifth—Sewell 7 to 1, Charley Eastman 3 to 5, Elderly out.
Sixth—Glyndwr 10 to 1, Black Sheep 5 to 1, Elderly 8 to 5.
Seventh—Golconda 4 to 1, Malediction 7 to 10, Doubt out.

Lansing, Mich.
2:10 pace, purse \$500:
Shamrock, ch. h., by Chamois (Loomis) 1 1 1 1
Major Purcell, b. h. (Snider) 2 2 2 2
Star Direct, ch. m. (Boone) 3 3 3 3
M. R. b. g. (Talbot) 4 4 4 4
I. X. L. b. h. (Fields) 5 5 5 5
Ethel M., b. m. (O'Neill) 6 6 6 6
Prince D., ch. g. (Spangler) 7 7 7 7
Time—2:11, 2:12 1/4, 2:14.
2:24 pace, purse \$500:
Dan J., br. g., by October (Colby) 1 1 1 1
Happy Hooligan, ch. h. (Loomis) 2 2 2 2
Scott Patchen, b. g. (Wilson) 3 3 3 3
Russell Dillard, ch. h. (Mott) 4 4 4 4
Poesta Girl, gr. m. (Newbro) 5 5 5 5
John T., b. g. (Tierney) 6 6 6 6
Legal Light, b. g. (Fields) 7 7 7 7
Princess Dillard, b. m. (Markham) 8 8 8 8
Baron A. b. h. (McDonald) 9 9 9 9
Chaplain Root, b. g. (McCarthy) 10 10 10 10
Nettle Etham, br. m. (Healy) 7 d/s
Time—2:13 1/2, 2:12 1/2, 2:12 1/2.
2:17 trot, purse \$500:
Howard, br. g., by Don Sphinx (Colby) 1 1 1 1
Grace Birchwood, br. m. (Loomis and Miller) 2 2 2 2
Ted B., br. g. (McCarthy) 3 3 3 3
Loyal Baron, blk. h. (Gemberling) 4 4 4 4
Princess of Borneo, b. m. (Henderson) 5 5 5 5
Time—2:16 1/2, 2:17 1/2, 2:17 1/2.

Davenport.
Davenport, Ill., Aug. 17.—The Great Western circuit races were trotted on a heavy track today. Results:
2:20 trot, purse \$1,500—Ruby Clay won; Henry H., second; Castle Dome, third; time, 2:18 1/2.
2:15 pace, purse \$600—Fly by Night

Sale of Odds and Ends

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

We've gathered all remnants and broken lots; re-marked them so low that they will go quickly, so be early. Come and look around. SOMETHING IS TO BE

COME

Two Waists at the Price of One

These are all set out on tables in our east aisle on the ground floor. These are all dainty, new, stylish waists. Some have long and some short sleeves. Here are a few of the reductions, but you should call in and see the style, quality and finish. The regular \$4.00 waists are \$1.98, the \$3.00 waists are \$1.49, the \$2.00 waists are \$1.00, the \$1.50 ones are 79¢, the 75c ones are 39¢.

The Delineator and Butterick Fashions for September are here.

BEST FOR LEAST.

HERE

19c for 25c Hose

A few pair of Tan Lace Lisle Hose. These are mercerized and look like silk but wear better 19¢

Sheer Lisle Thread Tan Hose, seamless, full-fashioned. Regular 35c, odds and ends sale price 25¢

A few Lace Lisle Hose, in black. To clear19¢

Thursday

Men's Suspenders, 5c

A large pile of these. They are odds and ends of our regular selling lines. Some are 25c qualities, some are 35c lines; all are at least worth 25c. Well, we've got to make room for our new stock, so out they go at a pair5¢

The Whitewear Sale continues to attract attention.

BEST FOR LEAST.

KINGSMILL'S

REMARKABLE GAME OF BOWLS AT DOMINION TOURNAMENT

Dr. Moore, Canadas, Beat Forbes, Kew Beach, by One Shot, Having Two Tie Ends, a Dead, and an Extra End—London Thistles Doing Well.

Toronto, Aug. 17.—The biggest field ever sent to the post at the Woodbine golf away yesterday afternoon in the mud. Four hundred enthusiastic bowlers turned up for the first day of the annual tournament of the Dominion Bowling Association.

In spite of the heavy downpour of rain, which chased the bowlers to their tents about 4:30, and kept them there until after 4 o'clock, 64 games were played before dark.

The preliminary round for the Walker trophy was finished, and a large number of games in the first round were decided.

Mr. Henry Butt, of Weston-Super-Mare, England, who was a member of the British bowling team to Canada in 1906, is now in the city. Announcement was made some time ago that Mr. Butt had presented a cup, for competition among Canadian bowlers. The cup is to be called "Victoria" Loving Cup, and the conditions governing the competition are:

This cup is offered for competition to the following lawn bowling associations: Dominion Bowling Tournament, Ontario Bowling Association, Western Ontario Bowling Association and Eastern Ontario Bowling Association.

It shall be competed for annually and shall be between the following six clubs. Winners of the trophy in each association, runners-up of the trophy in each association, winners of the association prize in each association, winners of the consolation prize in each association.

Some Surprises. Mr. Russell and Mr. Bain, two of the Old Guard, opened the tournament in a game sharply at 2 o'clock.

As usual, there were a lot of surprises in the opening round. Turnbull, the Bradford skip and runner-up for the Niagara trophy, was down one to Dr. Clements, of Parkdale.

Forbes, of Kew Beach, and the Canadian skip, Dr. Moore, had two tie ends, a dead end, and an extra end to decide the game, a record which stands absolutely alone in the annals of Canadian bowling, and it is doubtful if this record has ever been equalled in the history of the game.

Forbes won the trophy here last year, and Dr. Moore, the Toronto cup, added greatly to the interest.

J. R. Code, of Caer Howell, who made such a good record at Niagara, went down along with R. S. Frame, of Stratford; J. A. Knox, Alexandria; G. M. Begg and A. S. Wilmore, Canada; and A. Gemmell, Kew Beach.

Charlie Abbott, the popular London

DIFFICULT TO CREATE AN ARMY IN CHINA

Lack of Funds Is Blocking the Efforts, the Leaders Declare.

Pekin, Aug. 17.—Great difficulties are being experienced in the creation of China's new army. According to reliable news, the minister of war has made a somewhat disheartening report to the prince regent. He states that in seven of the principal provinces not even one division of the projected army has been organized. Chih Li alone among the eighteen home provinces is provided with its complement of two divisions, and Yunnan, Kiangsu and Hupeh each have not accomplished anything in the way of organization. Thus out of the 36 divisions which were to have formed the great army, five only have been actually raised.

Tieh Liang is said to have attributed this very unsatisfactory result to financial difficulty. The provinces are unable, or unwilling, to find the necessary funds. Moreover, the success of the metropolitan province in raising and equipping its full contingent is somewhat discounted by the fact that ever since the days of Li Hung Chang's viceroyalty it has been conspicuous for the number and equipment of its local forces. It is pointed out that had she succeeded in carrying out her military programme China would have been unable to put a million men into the field without any difficulty, but that with only five divisions she will not be nearly so strong as Japan was before the war of 1894-5. The commission on constitutional reform is now said to be considering a scheme of compulsory service.

Equally discouraging seem to be the prospects of the long-promised naval revival, a week or two ago it was announced that Admiral Sui Chao had memorialized the throne, urging that a sum of \$11,875,000 should be devoted to the building of a squadron consisting of three cruisers of 3,000 tons displacement, two transports of 2,000 tons, eight gunboats of 500 tons and one destroyer. He recommended the adoption of Samum Bay as the main naval base and that a naval college should be established there as soon as the naval cadets now studying abroad return to China. He further suggested that Admiral Sui should be equipped with a dock, a railway, a coaling station and wireless telegraphic apparatus. It was stated that the proposals had been approved in influential quarters. Later reports, however, indicate that the carrying out of even this modest scheme is jeopardized, again, apparently, owing to the lack of funds.

VIOLIN IS SAT DOWN ON

Famous Instrument Has Insignificant End.

Paris, Aug. 17.—After being presented, bearing an inscription in letters of gold, to its owner at the conservatoire at the outset of his career, and having been played on by him day by day as he rose to a position of some eminence in his profession, a violin met with a sad and ignominious fate. The performer left the violin at the house of one of his pupils, whose mother gave a musical reception that evening. It was taken out of its case during the party, admired by connoisseurs, and even played upon by amateurs. Then it was forgotten and laid down upon a chair without being put back into its case. Unfortunately a stout and short-sighted guest did not see it and sat down upon the violin. The lady of the house, in despair, consulted the best authorities, but the most expert violin doctors failed to restore it to anything like a normal state of health. The instrument was crushed beyond healing and can never recover. The owner sued the lady and has obtained from the courts \$100 damages and an order that the mortal remains of his violin be handed over to him. For, although the instrument is dead, what is left of it "nevertheless," as the tribunal feelingly observed, "constitutes for the plaintiff a precious memento of his first successes."

THE LEADING BATSMEN OF THE EASTERN

McDonald, of Toronto, Heads the List, But Gardner, of Jersey City, Is Real Leader.

Names. G. A. B. R. H. Av.
McDonald, Toronto.....12 52 19 18 346
Schmidt, Baltimore.....16 61 5 21 344
Egan, Montreal.....3 12 3 4 333
Osborne, Rochester.....17 62 10 21 328
Gardner, Jersey City.....56 204 27 67 326
McCarthy, Toronto.....70 268 5 85 317
Strang, Baltimore.....52 184 20 57 309
Grimsshaw, Toronto.....91 372 43 114 307
Kelly, Newark.....108 403 52 139 297
Blackburn, Providence.....37 128 41 97 296
Ganzel, Rochester.....37 123 28 96 284
Simmons, Rochester.....91 315 23 92 292
Houser, Toronto.....100 392 50 112 286
McConnell, Rochester.....31 115 64 232
Hoffman, Providence.....100 381 51 110 288
Williams, Baltimore.....19 59 5 17 288
Gettman, Newark.....97 380 48 109 287
White, Buffalo.....107 408 50 118 286
Burchell, Buffalo.....7 21 3 6 285
Yeager, Montreal.....81 329 42 92 284
Evers, Baltimore.....79 285 22 55 282
Anderson, Providence.....87 325 36 90 275
Moeller, Jersey City.....99 380 60 107 274
Stagle, Baltimore.....82 297 18 57 283
Krichell, Montreal.....50 196 9 53 270
Arndt, Providence.....97 377 41 102 270

ATTELL READY.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Abe Attell, the featherweight champion, and Harry Stone are ready for their ten-round bout before the members of the Saratoga A. C. in Convention Hall tonight. Stone, who is rugged and clever, will have the advantage in

SWEDEN'S BIG STRIKE IS PETERING OUT

Attempt To Get Railroad Men To Join Movement Fails.

Stockholm, Aug. 18.—What is considered the last card of the strikers, an attempt to get the railroad men to join their movement, failed yesterday, when a ballot taken by the railroaders showed that a majority of them were against the strike. They passed a resolution, however, sympathizing with the strike in the other trades. From every quarter of the country come reports of the unorganized men resuming work. All traffic by land and sea again is normal, and business generally is reviving. The Government is preparing an important new labor law for submission to Parliament next year.