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Emperor Kwoang Hsu Negotiating With Powers for Peace.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY ISSUES REPLY

But Stands Pat for Demands Previously Made.

HOT FIGHT AT YANGTSEIN.

Funeral Party Meets Death in an Omnibus—Excessive Heat in Philadelphia.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Washington, Aug. 14, via Skagway.

Aug. 20.—Emperor Kwoang Hsu has sent to President McKinley the copy of an edict appointing Li Hung Chang minister plenipotentiary to negotiate with the powers for immediate cessation of hostilities. The president's reply has been handed to the Chinese minister, but will not be made public until tomorrow. It is known, however, that the president's reply reiterates the demands previously made for the protection of Minister Conger and other Americans in China, free communication with and restoration of order in China, but that no negotiations will be entered into until these demands are met.

Copies of the president's reply have been sent to the American representatives in Europe and Japan to submit to those governments.

Chinese Routed.

Yangtsien, Aug. 13, via Skagway.

Aug. 20.—After marching 15 miles from Peitsang the allies captured Yangtsien against 20,000 Chinese, with whom they fought four hours. Ten Americans were killed and 55 wounded. The Russians lost ten, including a colonel. The Chinese losses were very heavy. The latter were entirely routed.

Now He Won't Marry.

Columbus, O., Aug. 14, via Skagway.

Aug. 20.—Chas. H. Ferrell, messenger in the employ of the Adams Express Co., lost his position and, as he was about to be married, decided on a desperate mode of getting money. He went to the depot and entered an express car where another messenger was at work. Ferrell shot and killed the latter, robbed the safe and escaped unnoticed from the scene of his crime. He was arrested later, when he made a full confession.

Funeral Party Killed.

Statington, Va., Aug. 14, via Skagway.

Aug. 20.—A large omnibus containing a funeral party was struck today by a passenger train. Of the party 15 were instantly killed and nine others fatally injured.

Philadelphia Heat.

Philadelphia, Aug. 14, via Skagway.

Aug. 20.—The heat today resulted in 17 deaths and 15 prostrations.

First Chapter of Jeremiah.

And it came to pass in those days that there were three men who conceived an idea for making an offering to the queen of the lord's household.

And the names of the three men were Donaldarum, Alexis and Jeremiah.

And these three did lay their heads together and say: "Behold, we will offer to the queen of my lord's household the choice output of our mines; yes, much fine gold will we offer to the queen of the household of my lord."

Moreover, the act of offering was to

be a joint stock affair in order that one man should not assume to himself any more glory than his fellows; lest, peradventure, he become inflated with a sense of his own importance and swell up and burst and create a bad odor in the neighborhood.

And when all things were in readiness for the three men, Donaldarum, Alexis and Jeremiah, to carry the costly present to the queen of my lord's household, it was then that there did happen a strange proceeding.

For it came to pass that while Donaldarum and Alexis did yet linger in the act of putting goose grease on their hair that Jeremiah did hasten to the place where the costly present to the queen of the household of my lord was in safe keeping and he did take the same and run alone and with all haste to the abode of my lord, where he lifted up his voice and said: "Behold, oh queen of my lord's household! Behold I bring unto you a rich and costly present, the first fruits of the land of the Klondike in which are exceeding great riches."

And it came to pass that before Jeremiah had done speaking that there was a great tumult as of hurrying feet and of panting like unto exhausted freight engines.

And behold, Donaldarum and Alexis did burst into the presence of the queen of my lord's household before whom stood Jeremiah in the act of making his presentation speech.

And Jeremiah was abashed, and his tongue clave unto the roof of his mouth and he wot not what to do. And Donaldarum lifted up his voice; yea, in the household of my lord and in the presence of the queen of my lord's household did he say:

"There are three of us in this deal and not Jeremiah's alone."

And Donaldarum did continue to speak until the end; nor did Jeremiah again lift up his voice in the household of my lord, lest, peradventure, he be sat upon.

And unto this day does discord and strife reign between the house of Jeremiah and those of Donaldarum and Alexis. Selah.

South Dawson Booming.

South Dawson as a business center is forging rapidly to the front. It is dry and level and being on the main line of travel to the creeks, enjoys a continually increasing volume of retail trade.

Many substantial improvements have recently been made in that locality, chief among which are a warehouse 40x60 feet belonging to Orr & Tukey, a fine two-story building 25x70 feet erected by Anderson Bros. and a two-story block almost completed by Leighty & Barton. All these improvements are in the vicinity of Third street and Fifth avenue, on the southwest corner of which J. R. Watson will begin on the 25th inst. the erection of a handsome business block which when completed will be two stories in height and in dimensions 26x70 feet. The first floor will have four of the finest storerooms in the city. The second floor five suites of rooms to be used as living rooms. He is also building a cellar 20x24 feet, six feet deep, under this block. He now has one room in this block completed, and it is without doubt the best lighted business room in Dawson, and would make an ideal room for either hardware or drug store, either of which would prove a paying investment, as neither business is represented south of the postoffice. Owing to its location this is the best corner in South Dawson, and when Mr. Watson has his block completed, which he will have done inside of 60 days, he will still continue to have the best paying business corner in South Dawson, if not in the whole city. As a consequence of the many improvements now being made, real estate in the south end has recently taken quite a boom, of which a number of shrewd investors have already taken advantage.

Final Meeting.

The joint reception committee which had in charge the citizens' portion of the entertainment of Lord and Lady Minto held a final meeting at McDonald hotel on Saturday night.

There were present Messrs. McDonald, Williams, Proudhomme, Clarke, Nichols, MacGregor, Woodworth, Catto, Sugrue and Walsh. The meeting was largely of an informal nature, considerable time being spent in discussing probable effects which will result from Lord and Lady Minto's visit.

Resolutions were passed thanking the chairman and secretary of the committee, Messrs. Col. MacGregor and Dr. Catto, for their services. Also the local newspapers for assistance given. The committee then adjourned sine die.

Mail Arrives.

The Yukoner and Bailey both brought in mail from the outside, and the lower river boats Rock Island and Alice brought mail from the lower river.

PUT UP

\$100

Or Get Off the Political Race Course of the Yukon

AND GIVE MONEYED MEN A SHOW.

An Election Ordinance That Is a Veritable Corker.

SHERIFF HOLDS STOP WATCH.

Legal Adviser Clement's Production Will Be Considered at a Meeting Tonight.

It is to be hoped that when the Yukon Council meets this evening it will be provided with plenty of light and fuel, as the nights are getting long and cold, and the sitting on this particular occasion promises to be long and fatiguing. The reason therefor is embodied in the draft of an ordinance, numbering 60 pages of typewritten matter providing for the coming election of representatives to the territorial council. This draft, which is bulky enough to be mistaken for the manuscript of a Fourth of July oration, is the product of Legal Adviser Clement, and provides in brief, that an election shall be held for the purpose before stated on a date to be fixed subject to the pleasure of the governor in council.

Any British subject 21 years of age or over, who has lived in the territory for 12 consecutive months previous to the date of election shall be a qualified voter and shall also be eligible for office, always provided that he has \$100 to send to the returning officer, along with his certificate of nomination, when that document is filed with the returning officer. Of course if he is elected, or receives one-half the number of votes of a more fortunate candidate, he will get his money back. But he must have \$100 to commence with.

"To him who hath shall be given, and from him who hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath," seems to contain the principle upon which the author of the draft of the ordinance bases this section of his work.

The all-important figure in the proposed election ordinance is the returning officer, who, it is provided in the ordinance shall be the sheriff, and from the multiplicity of the duties assigned to him it would appear that after the council has attended to the formality of passing the ordinance, fixing the date of election, etc., it then becomes the duty of the returning officer to conduct the election.

A few of his duties shall be to secure a building suitable for a place for making nominations, also, he must select polling places and provide for each a strong-box, with suitable lock, for receptacles for ballots, and he shall be liable to a fine of \$100 for every box necessary, which he fails to supply. He must issue and cause to be posted all the necessary proclamations concerning the date and rules governing the election.

Each of the polling places shall be provided with a separate room with necessary table, etc., for the accommodation of voters while marking tickets. The returning officer shall appoint a deputy to act in his stead at each of the polling places, and this officer shall in turn appoint under his signature another officer who shall be clerk of election for that polling place, and who shall act as deputy returning officer if necessary. The returning officer must see to it that ballot papers are printed and he must declare the returns and issue certificates of election.

If, at the close of nominations only two nominations are declared, then no election will take place, as it becomes in such event the duty of the returning officer to issue certificates of election.

Should any candidate be so unwise and possessed of so little of the acumen of practical politics as to withdraw his candidacy after depositing his hundred dollars, the indiscretion will cost him that amount of hard cash.

The polls will be open from 9 a. m. till 5 p. m., and the term of office shall be two years.

Briefly, these are the main features of Mr. Clement's ordinance before being dealt with by the council tonight. The great length of the document prevents its publication in full, although a more complete account of it together with the council's action this evening may be looked for after the close of their deliberations.

River News.

The past 24 hours have been of unusual activity in steamboat circles, seven boats with freight and passengers having arrived during that period, two of which came from the lower river. This is the banner day along the water front and marks the largest number of arriving steamers in the history of Dawson.

The steamer Yukoner carrying 39 sacks of government mail, arrived at 11:45 Saturday night with a full cargo of freight and the following passengers: Thos. Short, P. J. Jewell, J. J. Seabrook, J. B. Stewart, T. J. Worthington, Gillim Net, J. H. Holme, A. Burke, D. A. Shindler, Mr. and Mrs. Myer, R. N. Young, B. F. Craig, Mrs. McLennan, E. S. Bond, Mrs. Shaw and two children, W. S. Phillips, Mrs. Phillips, W. A. Harrington, D. G. Stewart, Mrs. L. Morris, Mrs. Wye, W. K. Spear, Piure Buteau, N. Buteau, Mrs. Molford and children, Chas. Brattia, A. D. McLennan, J. Carroll, J. McCallam. The Yukoner sailed for Whitehorse at 2:30 this morning.

The Canadian arrived at 11:30 a. m. yesterday with her usual allotment of freight and the following passengers: E. S. Morey, N. Kogo, E. Hundlund, C. J. Henderson, J. T. Patton, N. McDonald, J. W. Bybee.

The Bailey, carrying mail, arrived this morning at 6 o'clock with the following passengers and her complete capacity filled with freight: Col. E. D. Wiggins, Mrs. Wiggins, C. L. Looker, R. E. Clark, W. T. Foster, Mrs. E. Joyal, Pamela Joyal, Maranda Joyal, Eli Joyal, Geo. Mero, Mrs. Mero, H. H. Pitts, J. G. Dick, W. J. Buxton, L. H. Rundell, Chin Sing.

The Flora completed her second Stewart river round trip Sunday afternoon. As usual her journey was accomplished without any mishap and a successful voyage was accomplished. This run has almost reached permanency with the Flora, as she is billed to sail again for that district tomorrow at 2 p. m. Agent Calderhead is of the opinion that a remunerative business can be conducted by his company in that field, as freight is being offered to him as fast as the Flora can dispatch the goods to their destination, as well as a considerable traveling patronage.

The Nora, from Whitehorse, a sister boat to the Flora and Ora, arrived this morning. She will sail at 10 a. m. tomorrow. She brought the following passengers: Geo. Metcalf, W. A. Ellis, J. O. Ellis, Miss E. Morrison, Mrs. Woods, W. Mitchell, Nettie Hoven, O. Thompson, H. Abrahamson, T. L. McManus, T. P. Matheson, M. F. McEntee, Mrs. McEntee, R. Kalenborn, H. Knabel, T. Hohn, W. L. Nicol, Tom Smith.

The S. V. T. Co.'s boat Rock Island, from St. Michael, with 400 tons of freight arrived Sunday at 10:45 a. m. She brought but one passenger from St. Michael the others sailing on her being picked up at points along the river. Some U. S. mail was brought in on her in charge of Mail Agent Peterson. It is expected that she will be ready to sail again early tomorrow morning. A number of people from the Koyukuk and Tanana district was booked coming up.

The passenger list of the Rock Island was not obtainable this morning, the only copy having been taken by Health Officer McArthur, who failed to return the same either to the boat, the company's office or the custom house.

The A. C. Co.'s down river steamer Alice arrived last night at 10 o'clock with 240 tons of freight. This is the first time this season the Alice has come up to Dawson. Her sailing time is announced at 2 p. m. next Tuesday.

Following is her passenger list: W. George, F. H. Brackett, L. D. Melda Thos. Cole, L. W. Harnish, H. J. Griffin, Mommico Gatta, B. Kanarsche, John Mooney, J. A. Kent, G. L. Steel-smith, Chas. Haug, Chas. McDonnell, A. Backstrom, J. H. McCourt, T. T. Hufe, J. L. Banks, M. Kincaid, Allen McLeod, Jas. Harrington.

The John C. Barr is expected in a day or two. She was passed by the Rock Island near Fort Yukon. The Susie and Sarah were met near the same place going down river. The A. E. Co.'s boat Gustin was met at Circle. The Hamilton was passed at the mouth of the river with a barge in tow coming up. The Louise, going down, was met at Rampart with two barges. She was stuck at the time on a bar.

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COLLIS P. IS DEAD.

President of the Southern Pacific Railway Company

SUCCUMBS AT RACQUETTE LAKE, N. Y.

His Wealth Estimated at From Twenty to Fifty-Seven Millions.

PEKIN AFFAIRS UNCHANGED.

New Government to Be Formed for China—Allies Advancing on Peking—Heavy Gold Shipment.

New York, Aug. 14, via Skagway, Aug. 20.—Collis P. Huntington died suddenly at Racquette Lake today, death being the result of a choking spell.

Russell Sage estimates Huntington's fortune at \$20,000,000, while in San Francisco it is estimated at \$57,000,000.

Chas. H. Tweed will now likely be made president of the Southern Pacific Company.

Princess Hatzfeldt started from Paris for New York immediately on receipt of news of her father's death.

Luntington's death produced no marked effect on Wall street or on stocks generally.

Affairs at Peking.

Washington, Aug. 15, via Skagway.

Aug. 20.—A message has been received from Conger which corroborates other messages to the effect that conditions in Peking remain practically unchanged. The Boxers still continue to attack the legations frequently, but no damage, further than annoyance, is done. There has been a great exodus of Chinese from Peking, among them Prince Tuan and fully 100 high officials.

Notes are being exchanged between China and the other powers that the present government cannot withstand the crisis and a new government will be formed.

It is proposed that 10 native viceroys be appointed for life under a European head; that the old government be disarmed and the capital be moved to Shanghai.

The allied troops are now within 20 miles of Peking and are meeting with little opposition.

China for Chinamen.

Mr. Brodrick has declared that the British government is strongly opposed to the partition of China, and a similar position has been taken by the American government. By disclaiming all intention of grasping new territory, these two powers strengthen their influence in any settlement that may be made. While nothing could justify the cruelties that seem to have been committed by anti-foreign mobs in China, some blame must attach to the powers which have irritated and alarmed the Chinese people by inroads on their territory. If China is to be compelled to observe the amenities of civilized nations, she ought also to have the rights of civilized nations, including full control over her own affairs. It is probable that in a few weeks Great Britain will have her hands free in South Africa, and will be able to send an army to China large enough to compel attention to her views.

The partition of China, whether under the thin disguise of spheres of influence or in any other way, would not be in the true sense a settlement of the question. It would not change the Chinese character or fill the hearts of the Chinamen with love for their conquerors. Chaos seems to exist now, but in due time the right man or men will arrive, and China will take that place among the nations to which it is entitled by its territory and its population.—Toronto Globe.