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FROM THE CAPITAL

Sir Henri Joly to Accompany Li Hung Chang to the Coast.
 The Government has Received no Complaint About Chief Justice Davis.
 First Government Caucus of the Session was Held This Morning.

Ottawa, Sept. 1.—Sir Henri Joly will accompany Li Hung Chang through Canada. Li Hung Chang will be the guest of Canada.

The first government caucus of the session was held to-day. There was a full attendance of members of parliament and senators, and the meeting was a most enthusiastic one. Mr. Scrier occupied the chair. Hon. Wilfrid Laurier got a great ovation in rising to address his colleagues and followers. All the ministers made speeches and got excellent receptions. There was no particular business before the caucus. It was incidentally remarked by some of those who spoke that the officials who had acted as offensive partisans during the late campaign would have to answer for the same with their official heads.

The whips elected are as follows: Ontario—James Sutherland and Gibson; Quebec—Dr. Guay and Mr. Bourassa; Maritime Provinces—Mr. Flint; Manitoba and the Territories—R. L. Richardson; British Columbia—Mr. Bostock. The banquet of Chief Justice Lord Ross of Killowen takes place to-morrow evening.

Senator Macdonald delivered a lengthy speech yesterday upon British Columbia's claims to cabinet representation. Mr. Bostock has given notice of his intention to bring forward papers in connection with land grants in Revelstoke to the Kootenay Smelting Company.

After the address is passed the senate will adjourn for a week or ten days. The question extending the fishing season at Nootka Sound for a period of two weeks is being considered by Hon. Mr. Davies.

Hon. Mr. Laurier stated in answer to the question whether Mr. McLachlin, re Chief Justice Davis of British Columbia, that the government was not aware that the chief justice took part in the recent elections, and that the matter had not been brought to the attention of the government.

The date for a plebiscite on prohibition has not yet been fixed. The government is considering the question of improving the telegraph line between Victoria and Carmanah Point.

The claim of Spain to participate in the advantages conceded to France under the French treaty has been admitted and collectors of customs are authorized to refund any excess of duty on articles affected by the treaty which has been imported from Spain since the treaty went into effect.

FAST TRAINS COMPETING.
 To Greatly Reduce the Time From Chicago to Cincinnati.
 Cincinnati, Sept. 1.—The Cincinnati and Chicago lines have entered into hot competition on time. The Big Four started its eight-hour trains each way to-day. Next Sunday the Pennsylvania announces eight-hour trains between Chicago and Cincinnati, and the shortest time ever made between Chicago and Louisville. Its Chicago limited will leave Cincinnati at 9 a.m. and Louisville at 8:30 a.m., reaching Chicago at 5 p.m.

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CHINESE COAL IN FRISCO.

China Throws Down the Gauntlet to the American Coal Miners.
 San Francisco, Sept. 1.—China has thrown down the gauntlet to the big coal miners of the United States. The American bark Colorado, which has just arrived in port, brought a mixed sample cargo of anthracite and manufacturing coal, mined and made in Tonquin district. It is consigned to a coal dealing firm in this city, which promises to push the Chinese fuel on the coast market at prices greatly below those which the Pennsylvania and Welsh coals are now bringing. Examining experts have pronounced the Tonquin coal beds almost inexhaustible. The Chinese article is in the market to stay, at least as long as the present tariff continues to exist.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Prince Lobanoff-Rostovsky Dies Suddenly While Travelling With the Czar.
 London, Sept. 1.—A dispatch to the Times from Constantinople says that the joint note of the ambassadors of the powers, asking the Sublime Porte to suppress the disorders in Constantinople without delay, failing to have the desired effect, the powers dispatched a joint telegram warning the sultan that he endangers the Turkish empire by suffering the continuance without the concurrence of the imperial troops and the police. It is said that the sultan trembled when he received this warning telegram.

Neither the members of the diplomatic circles nor rational observers doubt that an armed mob of Turks had been previously organized for possible riots. It was noticed that less than two hours after the insane attack on the Ottoman bank by the Armenians the mob that filled the streets at Galata overspread the whole city, and Turks, in parties from 120 to 150 strong, apparently well organized and acting in concert, crossed in lighters from Stamboul.

In commenting upon the rapidly with which the mob overspread Constantinople after the attack upon the Ottoman bank, the Constantinople correspondent of the London Times says that the mischief could not have been done without organization and without the connivance of the authorities.

The Daily News, in its editorial columns this morning, says: "Europe is face to face with the deposition of the sultan and the partition of Turkey." A dispatch to the Times from Athens says that the settlement accepted by the sultan in the matter of reforms in Crete virtually concedes all that the Cretans have demanded.

Constantinople, Sept. 1.—Just before the departure of the leaders of the invasion of the Ottoman bank on Sir Edg. J. Vincent's yacht, after they had conferred with the Turkish officials and surrendered upon condition that they should be allowed to leave the country, they announced to the dignitaries of the different embassies that they intend to continue the agitation until the right of the Armenians should be recognized by the representatives of the foreign powers. Members of the different embassies have received another circular letter from the Armenian revolutionary committee, making a similar announcement.

It will be remembered that several days before the rail upon the Ottoman bank threatening letters of a similar character were received by the representatives of the powers, but the foreign diplomats stationed in Constantinople paid no attention to these warnings. Already several claims for damages have been received at the British embassy, the property destroyed being owned by British subjects.

As an indication of the number of persons who perished in the recent riots, it is stated that seven hundred dead bodies were buried in the Chico cemetery alone. The British charge affairs, Michael Herbert, has made special representations to the Turkish minister of foreign affairs, concerning the case of two Americans who were brutally killed just in front of the guardhouse, and before the eyes of the members of the British embassy.

London, Sept. 1.—A special dispatch received here from Rome says it is rumored that King Humbert will announce his abdication after the marriage of the Prince of Naples, heir apparent, to Princess Helene of Montenegro, which takes place early in November.

Liverpool, Sept. 1.—Miss Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross Society, decided at the last moment not to sail for the United States as she had intended. This change in the plans is due to the character of the news received from Turkey.

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TOLD BY THE CABLE

Battleships Ramlles and Trafalgar and Fourteen Others Start for the Levant.
 Miss Clara Barton's Trip Postponed on Account of the Trouble in Turkey.
 Serious Disagreement Reported Between Cecil Rhodes and General Martin.

Valotta, Island of Malta, Sept. 1.—The battleships Ramlles and Trafalgar, flagships of the British Mediterranean squadron, and twelve other warships have started for the Levant.
 London, Sept. 1.—A dispatch to the Times from Rio Janeiro says that Signor Dionysio Esqueira has been appointed minister of foreign affairs in place of Dr. Carlos Decarvalho, who recently resigned. Signor Alberto Torres has been appointed to the post of minister of the interior and justice.

On account of the anti-Italian riots in Brazil, President Moraes accepted the resignations of Dr. Carlos Decarvalho, minister of foreign affairs, and Dr. A. G. Ferriera, minister of justice. A dispatch to the Telegraph of Buenos Aires says that it is reported that a serious disagreement has occurred between Cecil Rhodes and Gen. Martin, the latter demanding the unconditional surrender of all of the Matabeles.

The hardening in the money market under the influence of exports of gold to America, together with troubles in Brazil, Zanzibar and Constantinople, all combined to make stock exchange operators exceedingly distrustful. All markets weakened except Americans. A more hopeful view has been taken of the prospects for business in America since McKinley's declaration for the gold standard. The market has risen steadily all the week, and will likely continue to advance should the view prove correct that the gold movement to America is a natural one, following the early produce shipments. Increases of the week were as follows: Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 2; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, 1 1/2; Reading, 1 1/2; Atchafalaya, 1; Lake Shore, declined 1.

Athens, Sept. 1.—The scheme of reform proposed by the government of Crete has been sanctioned by the sultan, in addition to concentrating the power in the hands of a governor-general, who shall be a Christian, the reorganization of the gendarmerie by the European officials, the independence of the judiciary of Crete and economic autonomy, with the payment of a tribute to the sultan, also provides that the Cretans shall be allowed to tax German imports for the purpose of providing a fund which shall be applied to the compensation of the victims of the recent disorders.

A REVOLUTION FEARED.
 Close Electoral Vote in Peru Creates a Fear of Trouble.
 Lima, Peru, via Galveston, Tex., Sept. 1.—The latest reports from Chile are to the effect that the registrars and election officials have resolved to attend and take part in the meeting of congress, called for to-morrow, for the purpose of determining who has been elected president. There is considerable anxiety as to the result.

The election recently held in Chile was one of the stormiest ever known in the country noted for stormy elections. Senator Errazuri, the editor of one of the leading newspapers of Chile, was the candidate for the Conservatives. Senator Errazuri has been a member of several Chilean cabinets, and he is regarded as one of the most brilliant of the political leaders of South America. The candidate for the opposition was Senator Reyes. It is said Reyes expended more than \$400,000 in his campaign.

Senator Reyes, on the other hand, announced that he would not spend one cent. Before the election Reyes issued an address to the electors in which he said that what he had amassed he should save for his children. He said that he was unalterably opposed to wasting money to satisfy the personal vanity involved in a desire to become president. He announced that he objected to the use of large sums of money in the political campaign, because if the practice continued only wealthy men could hope to obtain the higher offices.

The election was very close and the results will probably depend upon the returns received and the members elected from some of the most remote provinces of Chile. The Chilean congress decided to definitely determine who was elected president at a meeting to be held on Sunday, Aug. 30.

On account of the closeness of the vote it is feared that a revolution may be attempted no matter which candidate is triumphant.

TORONTO TOPICS.
 Industrial Fair Opened—Rosland Mines Controlled in Toronto.
 Toronto, Sept. 1.—The industrial fair opened this afternoon in splendid weather with big crowds in attendance. The exhibits and attractions in every department are far in advance of previous years, and the city is filling up with visitors. Attorney-General Longley, of Nova Scotia, will open the fair.

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NEWS OF CANADA.

The Condition of the Crops in the Prairie Province Satisfaction.
 Rife Matches at Ottawa—Rosland Mines Going to Toronto.
 Winnipeg, Aug. 31.—There was a light frost all over the province last night, but not sufficient to do serious damage to the crops. The wheat is now nearly all cut except in late districts. Grain is now being marketed at several points in the province and nearly all the buyers are on the ground they will occupy for the coming season, or will be there before the end of the week. Stockton, Brandon, Douglas and Oak Lake are points well ahead with harvest work. The price of wheat on the country markets is between 40 and 44 cents for No. 1 hard. The Commercial in its weekly review of the crop situation says: "Satisfactory progress has been made with the harvest this week, the wheat is nearly all in stock in some of the early sections. In other districts there is considerable late wheat which has not been cut yet. Over half the crop, however, is not in stock. The weather was very changeable, varying from very warm to decidedly cool, and there was some fear of frost on some nights. Light local frosts were reported from a few points, but there was no general frost, and it is not believed that any damage was done. Regarding the late frost mentioned last week it is thought there will be some damage in spots in a limited area in the West, but if so it will only be in a small territory. Two or three crops of new wheat have been moved. The new crop is believed to be particularly free from smut. It is said that oats are not all well filled out owing to damage from rust, and the yield will not be nearly as large as the standing grain would indicate. This is also true of wheat, in some cases the heads not being filled out, but the deficiency is more marked in the case of oats."

Ottawa, Aug. 31.—The Dominion rifle matches had a very satisfactory opening to-day. The British Columbia team are keeping up the fire form they showed at Toronto. In the Nursery match only three of them were eligible, and prizes were drawn by Gunner W. Miller, of New Westminster, \$6, and Mr. C. H. Barker, Nanaimo, \$3, in the Hamilton Powder Company, the first match of the all-comers series, the British Columbia winners were Gunner J. G. Chamberlain, Westminster, \$5, and Corporal A. S. Hunter, Victoria, \$4. The McDougall cup was won by Sgt. Skadden of the 13th, Hamilton. Gunner Geo. Turnbull of Westminster, and Gunner J. L. Beckwith, Victoria, took each a \$4 prize.

Toronto, Aug. 31.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. are bringing seven tons of Rosland ores to Toronto to exhibit at the fair. The company will have a man in charge and all possible information will be given of the mines in the Trail district. It is quite possible that specimens will be sent to Montreal at the close of Toronto's exhibition.

The body of George Jones, aged 75, a Grand Trunk gatekeeper at the foot of York street, was found in the bay this morning. Suicide is supposed to be the cause of death.

Halifax, Aug. 31.—The town of Tignish, P.E.I., is reported to have been almost entirely wiped out by fire last night. Six or seven blocks, including nearly all of the principal places of business were destroyed. The loss is heavy.

Hamilton, Aug. 31.—The local trades and labor council endorse the proposal to increase the tax on Chinese entering Canada from \$50 to \$500 and extend it to cover the Japanese.

Montreal, Aug. 31.—George C. Foster, who went to New York to invite Li Hung Chang on behalf of the Montreal Chinamen to visit Montreal, has returned and reported that the Celestial statesman expressed regret that his time would not allow him to visit Eastern Canada.

The Canadian Cut Nail Association, a meeting held here on Saturday, decided to make a reduction of five cents a keg in cut nails. P. Holland, of Toronto, was elected president.

Toronto, Aug. 31.—The Jenks machine shop of Sherbrooke has orders on hand for five plants for Rosland mining district equalling an outlay of \$100,000 or over.

Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia and too hearty eating, is relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this.

George Gooderham has just returned from the mines of British Columbia where he has secured a controlling interest in several big properties, investing over half a million altogether. He has a force of men at work on his claims and has contracted for a ten drill compression engine and pump and other necessary machinery which is to be in place in two months. He intends to push the development of his properties with all possible force and energy.