

THE KAISER'S DECISION

Considered as Being of a Very Serious Character.

Statement of the Chinese Situation Made to the Commons—The Government in a Maze of Uncertainty—Mr. Astor Makes a Stir.

Berlin, July 4.—The Berliner Tageblatt says: "The decision of the Kaiser to send the first division of the battle-ships to China is a resolution of a very serious military character. This division consists of four battleships, the Bayern, the Württemberg, the Baden, and the Sachsen. Each of these is of 7,400 tons displacement, and carries a crew of 400 men. There is no doubt that the Kaiser, by the choice of these four battleships, which bear the names of the four greatest states of the German empire, desired to give proof to the powers of the solidarity of the German nation."

The following is a free adaptation of the old German sayings repeated by Emperor William: "Trust in God, stand bravely. This is the whole of thy honorable duty."

"For who, helped by God, dares battle bravely."

"Is never driven from the world."

It is understood that Prince Henry of Prussia has requested the emperor to give him command of the division.

In view of the gravity of the situation in the far east, a German expeditionary force of volunteers from the army is to be formed at Wilhelmshaven. It will have the strength of a brigade of all arms.

London, July 4.—The parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. William St. John Brodrie, in the House of Commons, said he was able to add but little to the previous information about China. A telegram had been received from the British consul at Tien Tsin, dated June 28, saying the allied forces had burned three arsenals, with an immense quantity of stores, powder and ammunition.

Mr. William Pitt Rivers (Liberal), who has large concessions in China, urged that the government should be most energetic in taking steps to rescue the legations at Peking, and claimed it should insist that Li Hung Chang should appoint a general.

Mr. John Dillon (Irish Nationalist) said he wanted to know if America was acting in concert with the other powers at Taku.

Mr. Brodrie, in a general reply to previous speakers, referred to the intense anxiety concerning the fate of the legations, but he insisted that it was useless at the present moment to attempt to draw the government into a discussion of its policy. The government was in a maze of uncertainty. The suggestion that Li Hung Chang be appointed general merited consideration among many possible alternatives. He had no reason to suppose the American admiralty dissented from the other regarding the attack on Taku. The government hoped Japan would supplement the considerable contingent of troops already landed, and the government did not think any power discouraged the idea of Japan undertaking the work. In conclusion, Mr. Brodrie informed the house that the government could not now discuss the future government of China, its settlement, occupation at present being to save the legations.

ABOLISHES BANISHMENT.

St. Petersburg, July 4.—The Official Messenger publishes an imperial ukase providing in a large measure for the abolition of banishment to Siberia. In May, 1899, the czar commissioned the minister of justice to draw up a law abolishing such banishment. The minister's draft was finally sanctioned by the council of the empire, has now been signed by the czar, and the law is now gazetted.

THE KHEIVIE.

London, July 4.—The khedive paid a state visit to the city yesterday, and, at the Guildhall after the welcome ceremonies had been carried out in the art gallery. The latter was filled with a brilliant assemblage, including the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and Lord Salisbury. The arrival of the khedive was signalled by the pealing of bells and fanfares of trumpets. An address, enclosed in a gold casket, was presented to the Egyptian ruler by the lord mayor, Mr. A. J. Newton. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and Lord Salisbury participated in the subsequent luncheon.

INSULTED BY ASTOR.

London, June 4.—Mr. William Waldorf Astor has set all London talking by publishing in his own paper, the Pall Mall Gazette, the following paragraph: "We are desirous to make known that the presence of Capt. Sir Berkeley Milne, of the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, at Mr. Astor's concert last Thursday evening, was uninvited."

As Capt. Milne is one of the most distinguished naval officers, and a member of the best clubs, and a former commander of the royal yacht Osborne, no end of speculation has been caused by the remarkable announcement.

The Astors' concert was largely attended, but so far as can be learned nothing occurred during the entertainment to justify Mr. Astor's present action. The general opinion is that Capt. Milne is not likely to submit to such a slur without taking some action.

GERMANY AS A SEA POWER.

Berlin, July 4.—At a banquet at Wilhelmshaven of the officers of a club yesterday, subsequent to the launching of a warship, Emperor William made some most emphatic declarations upon the subject of Germany as a sea power, asserting that the ocean was indispensable to the nation's greatness and that it had been demonstrated that no great decision could ever again be reached in respect to sea without consulting with Germany and the German Emperor. "German people," said he, "did not conquer and shed blood 30 years ago in order to be thrust aside when great foreign problems are being settled. If that had happened then, the position of the German as a world power would have been at an end. I am not inclined to allow matters to reach such a pass. It is the emperor's duty and highest privilege to employ suitable and even the sharpest methods to prevent it." The German emperor expressed it as his conviction that in this matter the princes of Germany and the entire people were closely arrayed behind him.

MONUMENT TO LAFAYETTE.

Paris, July 4.—The unveiling of the statue to the memory of the Marquis De Lafayette occurred today in the garden of the Tuileries. The monument was unveiled by two boys, representing the schools of France and America. Gustave Henneque, great-grandson of the Marquis De Lafayette, a Paul Thompson, son of the proprietor of the monument. After a few

words by Paul Thompson and the reading of a dedicatory poem by Miss Voss, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution, Archbishop Ireland delivered an address. Ambassador Porter was president of the day's exercises. President Loubet accepted the monument on behalf of France.

CABLE NOTES.

In the French Chamber of Deputies the government introduced a credit of 1,350,000 francs to erect an embassy building at Washington.

Mr. Espinoza, the Colombian consul at Washington, says the rebels have been completely crushed in Santander, losing many thousands in killed and wounded.

Count Van Zeppelin's airship made an ascent from Berlin last evening. It had five occupants, and traveled safely to Immenstaedt, a distance of 35 miles.

From Near-By Places.

STRATHROY.

[Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison.]

Strathroy, July 4.—The death took place on Friday, June 29, of Mrs. J. H. Hodgins, wife of Mr. Hodgins, manager of the House of Refuge. The interment took place on Sunday afternoon at the Strathroy cemetery, Rev. Mr. Clark officiating the last sad rites.

The ladies of St. John's Church propose holding a garden party on the lawn of Mr. James H. English on Wednesday evening, July 11.

Mr. Harry Luscombe left last week per C. P. R. for Midway, B. C.

Aug. 8 will likely be Strathroy's civic holiday, and the G. T. R. authorities have signified their willingness to run an excursion train that date to Sarnia.

The Strathroy and Forest teams played a couple of games of ball here on Monday, morning and afternoon. The score in the morning stood 6 to 12 in favor of Strathroy, and in the afternoon game Strathroy again came out victorious, 13 to 8.

The handsome residence of the late William Rapley, on Carrie street, has been purchased by Mr. John Johnson, of Fergus. Mr. Johnson intends taking up his residence in Strathroy at once.

Rev. Mr. Shearer, field secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, will speak in the Front Street Church on Thursday evening next.

Col. Irwin will represent the local encampment, I. O. O. F., at the grand encampment this year.

Mr. T. G. Turnbull closed his elevator at Komoka on June 30. He will operate at Strathroy and Western Counties Railway bus bylaw will be voted on in Arkona on July 9.

Dr. Sept. Thompson, of Victoria Hospital, London, spent Sunday in Strathroy.

Rev. Mr. Wickes, of Toronto, will occupy the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church next Sunday morning and evening.

CARADOC.

Caradoc, July 4.—Honor roll for school section No. 4, Caradoc. Names entered in order of merit, 10 per cent deducted for misdemeanor during term:

Class V.—Mina Thomas, Mary Ulett.

Class IV.—Nellie Heath.

Class III.—Senio-Edith Brown, Laura Graves, Gordon Weekes.

Class II.—Junior—Annie Forbes, Beatrice Weekes, Chesley Luce.

Class I.—Charlie Tilden, Eddie Toles, Maud Glover.

Part II, Senior—Nellie Clark, Norman Brown, Pearl Toles.

Part II, Junior—Nellie Brown, Pearl Willis, Ada Glover.

Part I.—Lillie Brown, Annie Tilden, Clara Clark.

BELMONT.

Belmont, July 4.—A barn-raising took place on the premises of Mr. Charles E. Lock, in the suburbs of St. Thomas, June 27. The structure was 40 feet in width, 80 feet long, 28-foot posts, hip roof, resting on a stone wall 8 feet in height, to be equipped with all modern appliances. John A. Campbell led 40 stalwarts, and a similar number were captained by Morgan B. Hatch. During the progress of the work one of the pulley plates fell, with a terrific crash among the men, endangering the lives of many. Subsequently a thunderstorm delayed operations and the contest between the rival sides was declared off. A number of willing workers returned the next day to complete the raising. Some 20 young ladies lent their hearty co-operation.

William Penhale, con. 10 Yarmouth, arose as usual Sunday morning, milked four or five cows and then was seized with paralysis. He is in a critical condition.

William Taylor left for London on Saturday evening to undergo an operation by Dr. Owens, the oculist.

The many relatives and friends of the late Mrs. F. S. Emery, of Denvers, Col., were startled to hear of her sudden demise from the rupture of a blood vessel in the head, on Tuesday evening. She was 37 years of age last week. Her maiden name for Rebecca Lewis, and she was a daughter of Mr. Joshua Lewis, of Yarmouth. She married F. S. Emery, of New Sarum, about eight years ago, and removed thither with bright prospects. Prior to her marriage she filled the position of organist in Kilmartin Church, Yarmouth, for a considerable period efficiently, and on the morning of her marriage was made the recipient of a purse of money in recognition of her services. The provision made by a representative of the Advertiser on behalf of the church. Her acts of benevolence to the various schemes of the Presbyterian church, of which she was an active member for a number of years, were numerous. A husband and two babies—a boy and a girl—survive. The sisters of the deceased are Mesdames J. Gilbert, of Yarmouth, and P. Rundle, of Goderich. The brothers are Messrs. Joshua, of Westminster, Frederick, of Yarmouth; Herbert, of Southwold, and Levi Lewis, M.D., of Berrington, Mich. The remains arrived at the old home on Saturday for interment. The funeral occurred on Sunday to the St. Thomas cemetery, at 3 p.m. Services were conducted by the Rev. John Currie. The floral tributes were beautiful. The casket was borne by her brothers, Messrs. Joshua, Frederick, Herbert, and Levi, and Rundle and Gilbert, brothers-in-law.

GLANWORTH.

Glanworth, July 4.—Rev. James Little, of Birr, dispensed the communion in St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday. Preparatory services were held on Friday.

Mr. J. T. Coughlin, ex-reeve of West-

minster, has three dairy cows and a bull killed during the recent storm. The animals had clustered under a beech tree and were lying in a heap when found encircled by the balance of the herd.

Mrs. Cameron, relict of the late Hector Cameron, is seriously ill.

The condition of James Currie has changed for the worse.

The Ferguson Bros. have a big herd of cattle for export, grazing on

Duncan, Ferguson, con. 12, Yarmouth,

is erecting a large barn, 50 feet in height, resting upon a stone wall 8 feet high. The raising occupied two days.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Debate on the Prohibition Question—Mr. Flint's Resolution and Two Amendments Before the House—The Premier's View.

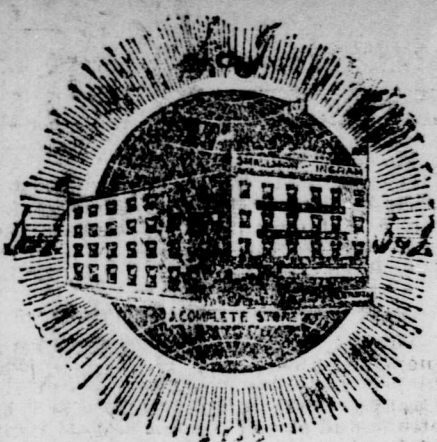
Ottawa, July 3.—The debate on the question of prohibition was resumed in the house this afternoon. On the 23rd of April, when the debate was instituted and adjourned, a resolution and two amendments were before the chamber for consideration. The main motion, which had been submitted by that steadfast champion of prohibition, Mr. Flint, of Yarmouth, N. S., called for the enactment by parliament without delay of such measures as would secure the prohibition of the liquor traffic for beverage purposes in at least those provinces and territories which had voted for prohibition. To this an amendment was moved by Mr. McClure, of Colchester, N. S., also a prohibitionist, declaring in favor of national prohibition out and out. Then there was an amendment to the amendment by Mr. Parmelee, of the Liberal party, who declared that the results of the plebiscite were not an active prohibition sentiment sufficiently pronounced to justify the expectation that a prohibition law could be successfully enforced, and, therefore, such a prohibition law should not be enacted at present. Mr. Flint, in resuming the debate, said it was unfair to say that the Dominion Alliance and the friends of prohibition had changed their ground or altered their opinion because they were advocating something which was not of total prohibition. The resolution which he had submitted would gain the support of those who were well disposed toward a prohibitory law but yet did not believe in total prohibition, and he thought it was best calculated to catch the ear of parliament. At the same time, however, he strongly believed in Mr. McClure's amendment and would accord it his support. Mr. Clark Wallace declared that a more insane proposition than Mr. Flint had submitted was never presented to any deliberative assembly. He charged that it was a humbug resolution, and would accomplish no good purpose. The prohibitionists, he said, had been humbugged by means of the government, who had promised to grant prohibition if a majority pronounced in its favor. He believed in the principle of compensation, and intended to move, if an opportunity was accorded him, that for and reasonable compensation should be granted to hotel owners, hotel keepers and other interests that would be financially affected by compensation. Dr. Macdonald, in a thoughtful speech, briefly affected by prohibition. Dr. Macdonald, in a thoughtful speech, briefly affected by prohibition, and asserted his belief, in view of the result of the plebiscite, the temperance sentiment of the country was not sufficiently strong to carry into effect and enforce a prohibition law. He thought it would be unwise and not in the interests of temperance to pass such a law at present, but suggested that the scope of the Canada temperance act be enlarged and its provisions perfected by means of this they would be able to bring groups of counties under the operation of prohibition, and in the case of Mr. Edward Island it would mean a prohibition for the whole of that province. Mr. Craig, in a speech that was on the whole fair in tone, expressed the opinion that they could not obtain prohibition at present, because such a law was not favored by the government, by parliament or by the people.

The premier then enlightened the house as to his views, and there was an eager rush of members to the front benches, the better to hear him, when he rose. Sir Wilfrid's manner was that of unmistakable earnestness and sincerity which carries conviction to the listener. He had taken the position, as soon as the result of the plebiscite became known, that public opinion was not in favor of prohibition, and he now reaffirmed that view. The attitude assumed by the government was justified by what had just transpired in the house. There was not unanimity of opinion among those members of the house who professed to be prohibitionists, and no two agreed in their views. He did not believe parliament favored so radical a measure as that proposed by Mr. McClure, and as to Mr. Flint's proposition, no more dangerous legislation could be placed upon the statute book. Could there be a more dangerous principle, he asked, than that parliament should legislate not upon broad national lines, which should apply to all parts of the country, but only in the interest of certain sections of the community? We were engaged in building up and uniting the country, and nothing should be done that would tend to disunion or intensify the lines of cleavage. Reform upon a question of this kind should be largely a matter of education. That had already been accomplished much, because Canada was one of the most temperate and law-abiding countries in the world. The Canada temperance act, adopted in 1878, had done good work, and if the friends of temperance wished to improve that law so as to render it more effective the government would respond to that wish.

Mr. Foster accused the government of deceiving the people on this question, and said that Sir Wilfrid must have known before the plebiscite what the sentiment was in Quebec, although the premier justified his present attitude by the outcome of the vote in that province. Mr. Foster declared that he did not believe in plebiscites. The debate was continued by Messrs. Bell (Pictou, N. S.), Bell (P. E. I.), Logan, McNeill, Hon. Mr. Fisher and Messrs. McClure, Edwards and Kaibach. The house then divided, when Mr. Parmelee's amendment to the amendment was adopted by a vote of 98 yeas to 41 nays.

The following is the division list:

Yeas—Messrs. Bassett, Beattie, Belk, Belmont, Bell (Prince), Bennett, Blair, Borden (King's), Bourassa, Bourbonnais, Britton, Brodeur, Brown, Brunet, Burnett, Calvert, Campbell, Carroll, Casey, Champagne, Clarke, Corby, Costigan, Craig, Davies (Sir Louis), Davis, Dechenne, Demers, Douglas, Dupre, Dymont, Edwards, Ethier, Featherston, Fielding, Fisher, Fitzpatrick, Fortier, Fraser (Gusborough), Fraser (Lambton), Frost, Gauthier, Gauvreau, Geoffrion, Gibson, Gilmour, Harwood, Johnston, Koefer, Lafertin, Lang, Laurier (Sir Wilfrid), Lavergne, Legris, Livingston, Macdonald (Huron), Macdonnell (Selkirk), MacLaren, McCarthy, McDougall, McGregor, McGugan, McHugh, McIsaac, McLellan (Prince), McLennan (Inverness), McMillan, McNeill, Malouin, March, Marcotte, Mignault, Monet, Monk, Mor-



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Nays—Messrs. Bell (Pictou), Bergeron, Carscallen, Christie, Clancey, Cochran, Copp, Domville, Flint, Foster, Gilles, Gould, Graham, Guillet, Henderson, Hodgins, Ingram, Kaibach, Klock, La Riviere, Logan, Macdonald (Kings), McAlister, McCleary, McClure, McCormick, McInerney, McLennan (Glenarry), McMullin, Martin, Maxwell, Moore, Morrison, Oliver, Powell, Puttee, Richardson, Rutherford, Taylor, Wallace, Wilson. Total, 41.

TRAGEDY AT ORANGEVILLE

Jealous Young Man Shoots a Girl and Kills Himself.

Schooner Goes Down With All on Board—Fatal Elevator Accident.

Orangeville, Ont., July 4.—Maddened by jealousy, Ottaway Hunter, a young man, shot Miss Gerlie Nixon, on Monday afternoon, and then killed himself. The tragedy took place at Idlewild Park about 5 p.m., while numbers of spectators were watching the lacrosse match between the Dufferins and Tuscarora Indians. Suddenly the crack of a revolver was heard at the south end of the grounds. A second later the report rang out again, and the horrified people saw a young woman and a man fall to the earth almost at the same time. There was a wild rush for the spot, and a scene of great excitement ensued. Hunter died where he fell, and his lifeless body was taken to the town hall to await the coroner's verdict. Miss Nixon was carried to a near-by residence, where she now lies in a precarious condition, with a bullet lodged in one of her lungs.

Gerlie Nixon is the only daughter of Mr. Thomas Nixon, and is very pretty. As nearly as can be learned it appears to have been a case of unrequited love.

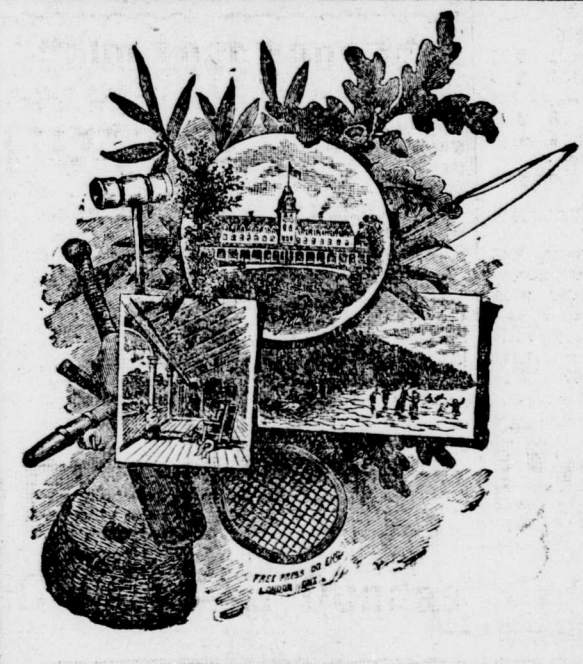
SIX LIVES LOST.

Belleville, Ont., July 4.—The schooner Annie Mignier arrived in port Monday night and confirms the loss of the schooner Pictou off Charlotte. Her captain says she was within two miles of the Pictou when she foundered, but was unable to render any assistance.

The Pictou was owned by Capt. Sidley, of this city, who sailed her, and with him perished his son Sylvester, and the following crew, all of Belleville: Frank Smith, Walter Dunn, Wm. Bligh and Bernhard Myers. Capt. Sidley and Frank Smith leave wives and families. The others were unmarried.

MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Montreal, July 4.—Wm. R. Samuel, of the firm of Thomas Samuel & Son, manufacturers' agents, went to the warehouse of the firm Monday, and did not return home, whereupon search was made without avail until this morning, when his body was found crushed between one of the beams of the goods house, and the wall. He was on the third



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