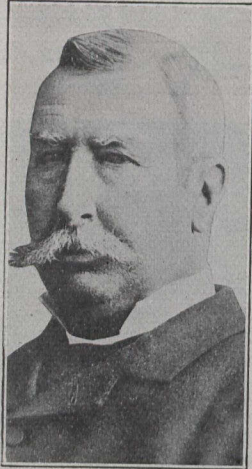


NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE MONTH

General the Right Hon. Sir Redvers Buller, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.M.G., K.C.B., P.C., V.C., died on June 2nd. He had been ill for a long time, and his death was not unexpected. Some time ago the doctors announced that he was suffering from cancer on the liver, and stated that the only hope for him was to undergo an operation — necessarily a very serious one. General Buller refused to be operated on, saying he was quite prepared to take the consequences. He waited for death with the same unflinching courage that he had displayed throughout his adventurous career. He was in his sixty-ninth year. He was born on December 7, 1839, and was the oldest surviving son of the late J. W. Buller, and Charlotte, daughter of the late Lord Howard. He married, in 1882, Lady Audrey Jane Charlotte, daughter of the fourth Marquis Townshend, and widow of the Hon. G. T. Howard. He was educated at Eton and entered the 60th Rifles in 1858. He served in China in 1860, in the Red River expedition in 1870, in the Ashanti war in 1874, in the Kaffir war in 1878, in the Zulu war in 1878-9. Was chief of staff in the Boer war of 1881, served with distinction in the Egyptian war of 1882, and in the war in the Soudan in 1884-5. In 1887 he was appointed a Quartermaster-General, and in the same year became Under-Secretary for Ireland. In 1891 he was made a Lieutenant-General, and then Adjutant-General, taking over the command at Aldershot in 1898. He went to South Africa in the following year, first as general commanding the forces there, and afterwards as general officer commanding in Natal. He conducted the operations for the relief of Ladysmith, which was successfully accomplished after an investment of 118 days, and it was the operations he subsequently conducted that resulted in the expulsion of the Boer army from Natal. On his return to England in 1901 he commanded the 1st Army Corps at Aldershot. He retired in 1906.



GENERAL BULLER.

A report from Curacao on Monday last said that two Dutch sloops, the 'Marion' and the 'Carmita,' plying between Aruba, a Dutch island near the coast of Venezuela and Curacao, have been detained by a Venezuelan coast guard vessel on the high seas off Lavela de Coro, the seaport of Venezuela on the Gulf of Coro.

Prohibition has been declared throughout the state of North Carolina. The signing of the proclamation on Saturday last by Governor Glenn was made the occasion of elaborate and interesting exercises. Governor Glenn, as he affixed his signature, said it was the happiest day of his life, and the document he declared was the most important document ever signed by a Governor.

The main feature of the recent celebrations in Vienna, in honor of the jubilee of the reign of the Emperor Francis Joseph, was a magnificent pageant. More than twenty thousand representatives of different races, comprising the population of Austria-Hungary, garbed to represent the different historic periods since the foundation of the Hapsburg dynasty, either rode or walked in the procession, and nearly 500,000 persons witnessed it.

Sir William Whiteway, ex-premier of Newfoundland, died last month.

Bermuda has passed a bill refusing to permit automobiles on the island.

New York State last month passed a law against race track gambling, and the law is already being enforced.

Mr. Grover Cleveland, ex-president of the United States, died on June 24th in his seventy-first year after a long illness.

A diamond field of ten square miles in extent is reported to have been discovered in Damaraland, German South-West Africa.

The 'Tatsu Maru' incident is said to be closed, the Viceroy of Canton having agreed to pay to Japan an indemnity of \$218,000.

Sir Robert G. Reid, who for many years had been identified with great railway and other enterprises in Newfoundland, passed away on June 3rd at his home in Montreal.

A statue to the memory of Jeanne Mance, who two hundred and fifty years ago founded the Hotel Dieu in Montreal, is to be erected in the grounds of that institution. The sculptor is Mr. Philippe Hebert, and the moving spirit in the undertaking is Archbishop Bruchesi.

In London last month an army of from 12,000 to 15,000 women suffragists marshalled on the Victoria Embankment in eight distinct columns, paraded the city and wound up with a meeting at the Albert Hall, at which such well-known women as Dr. Anna Shaw, Lady Henry Somerset, and Lady Frances Balfour voiced their demands for an immediate extension of the franchise to women. Suffrage societies in Austria, Australia, Canada, France, Russia, and South Africa and the United States sent representatives to support the British women.

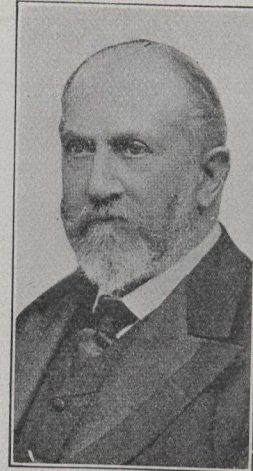
Advices received at Auckland, N.Z., this week report a remarkable volcanic outburst on Savaai, the largest of the Samoan Islands, beginning on May 10. The first eruption was followed by the greatest flow of lava in the history of the island, it being estimated at nearly three thousand tons per minute. Soon there was an almost continuous sheet of lava, eight miles wide and from six inches to six feet deep, flowing down the mountain side. It overflowed the cliffs, destroying many native houses in its way, dropping into the ocean and causing an immense uprising of steam.

At Chicago, on June 18th, the National Convention of the Republican party nominated for president, William H. Taft, who has been Secretary of War in Mr. Roosevelt's administration. Mr. Taft is well-known in Canada, having for some years spent his summers with his family at Murray Bay on the lower St. Lawrence. He began life as a newspaper reporter, was admitted to the Bar in 1880—he was twenty-three then—and six years later was elevated to the Bench. His running-mate for the vice-presidency will be Congressman James H. Sherman, of New York.



MR. TAFT.

The Earl of Derby, who died suddenly on June 14th, was sixteenth Earl in the Peerage of England, fourth Baron Stanley of Bickerstaffe and first Baron Stanley of Preston.



LORD DERBY.

He was the second son of the fourteenth Earl of Derby, that great statesman and scholar who was three times Prime Minister, and he succeeded his elder brother, the fifteenth Earl, in 1893. Educated at Eton, the late Lord Derby joined the Grenadier Guards, and successfully contested the North Lancashire seat in 1868, defeating the late Duke of Devonshire, then Marquess of Hartington. He was Lord of the Admiralty in Disraeli's Government of 1868, and in later Conservative Governments served as Financial Secretary to the War Office and Financial Secretary to the Treasury. In 1878 he succeeded Lord Cranbrook as Secretary of State for War, and in Lord Salisbury's Ministry of 1885 was Secretary of State for the Colonies. In 1886 he was raised to the Peerage as Lord Stanley of Preston. In Lord Salisbury's second Administration the late Peer was President of the Board of Trade, and he then succeeded the present Marquess of Lansdowne as Governor-General of Canada. In later life he was Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, A.D.C. to Queen Victoria, and afterwards to the King, Lord Mayor of Liverpool and Mayor of Preston.

The Pope, in the usual commemoration of the festival of St. Peter and St. Paul, has had a medal struck recalling the principal event of the year. The medal is somewhat remarkable. The Pope is represented as holding in one hand the encyclical 'Pascendi.' A gesture of the other hand indicates a writhing hydra crawling over three books styled 'The Bible,' 'Tradition' and 'Schools,' and endeavoring to destroy the encyclical. The allusion evidently is to modernism.

The Government returns just published of the consumption of cigarettes in Canada show that in the past ten years the number of cigarettes used throughout Canada has increased from 80,562,817 to 384,809,344. The latest return is for the twelve months ending March 31, 1908, and is made up from the returns of the customs imports and the output of the Canadian cigarette factories together. The enormous growth of the cigarette habit in Canada is shown by the consumption returns for the past five years, as follows: 1904, 211,302,041; 1905, 250,860,387; 1906, 269,334,939; 1907, 355,170,280; 1908, 384,809,344.

Sir Robert Hart, the Inspector-General of Customs in China, who has just returned to England on a year's furlough, speaks of the Dowager Empress in a very different fashion from the average newspaper. He says: 'She is very intelligent and able and has magnetic power over all officials. Her voice is beautiful and musical, like the voice of a young girl, instead of a woman of 74. There has been talk of her relinquishing the reins of government, but I do not think that is likely to happen. The Emperor shows great ability in adapting himself to the situation. He has a keen, intelligent face, though many think otherwise.'