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THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED AT RAILWAY TUNNEL

Allan Liner Corinthian Went Ashore at
Montreal—Crop Outlook in
Northwest.

Bankhead, N. W. T., July 27.—There seems to be some misunderstanding as to the nature and place of accident which occurred near the Bankhead mines on Monday last. The facts are these: There is a tunnel running from the railroad to the mines, and four men were engaged in blasting a rock cut near this tunnel. Owing to a premature discharge of dynamite three of the four men were instantly killed. It will thus be seen that the accident did not occur in the mines at all, but some distance from them. Not a cent's worth of damage was done to the property and none of the other miners were hurt or are in any danger whatever. This official statement is sent out to correct a misunderstanding of the affair, as relations of the men working here seem to be anxious regarding their safety.

Allan Liner Grounded.
Montreal, July 27.—The Allan liner Corinthian, bound for Glasgow with mixed cargo, about seven hundred cattle and a few passengers, grounded in the harbor this morning while making her way down river. The breaking of a tow line caused the accident. It is hoped that when the cattle are unloaded the vessel will be lightened sufficiently to move off. The vessel is not supposed to have suffered damage.

Splendid Crops.
Winnipeg, July 27.—The C. P. R. crop report for the week ending July 26th was received today and continues most favorable. The old season of country between Winnipeg and Port Arthur will have a splendid crop. At Red River, the crop is reported about one week later than last year. At Sidney, between Portage and Brandon, the crop is as far advanced as at this time last year and farther east, at Wapella, the reports state that the harvest will begin a week or ten days earlier. In the Carleton district cutting will begin next week, while at McDonald August 15th is mentioned as the date on which cutting will probably begin. Saskatchewan will have a million bushels of No. 1 hard if the weather continues fine, and Hague, on the Prince Albert branch, reports that crops will be two weeks earlier than last year. Haying operations are in full progress at the present time, and the wild hay will yield abundantly. The root crop is also reported as most favorable throughout the West.

Double Tracking Line.
Winnipeg, July 27.—Vice-President Whyte, of the C. P. R., returned from the East last evening, accompanied by Sir Daniel and Lady McMillan. Mr. Whyte intimated that double tracking between Winnipeg and Port Arthur would be begun as soon as contractors could get their outfits on the ground, and would be rushed to completion.

tion. He also added that tenders will be called for the construction of a line from Moosejaw to the elbow of the Saskatchewan. Mr. Whyte also confirmed the rumor that Divisional Engineer J. C. Sullivan had resigned, and that his department would probably be abolished.

Deadly Hit.
Sandwich, Ont., July 27.—That Fred Montgomery came to his death by a wound inflicted by a hat pin in the hands of his wife Josephine and that she acted in self-defence is the verdict brought in last night by the coroner's jury, in the case of the man who died in a Detroit hospital two weeks after being stabbed with a hat pin, and under an assumed name. Before death Montgomery told his mother that it was purely accidental.

BOYCOTT CONTINUES.
Chinese It Is Believed Would Withdraw If It Could Be Done Gracefully.

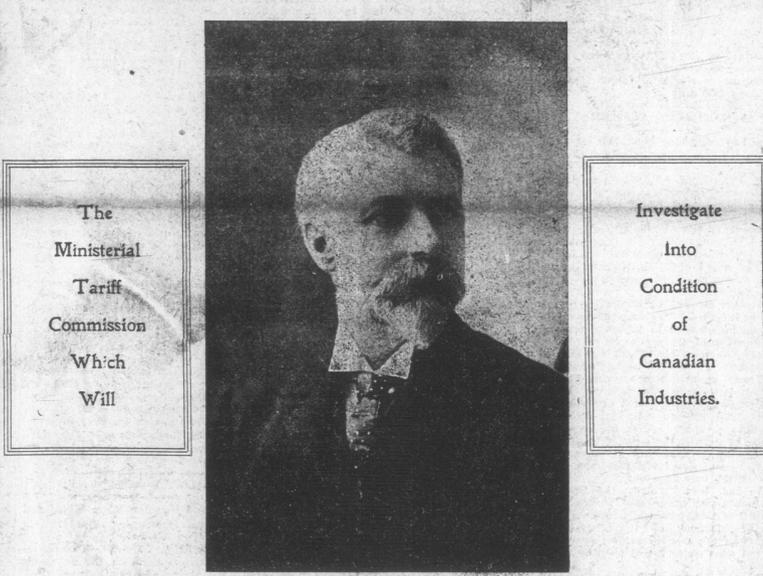
Shanghai, July 28.—The boycott of American goods as the result of the demand in China for the repeal of the Chinese exclusion act is continuing and causing bitterness on both sides. But the Chinese would probably welcome any reassuring indication from the United States enabling them to withdraw gracefully from the position they have assumed.

CHINA WILL ASK LARGE INDEMNITY

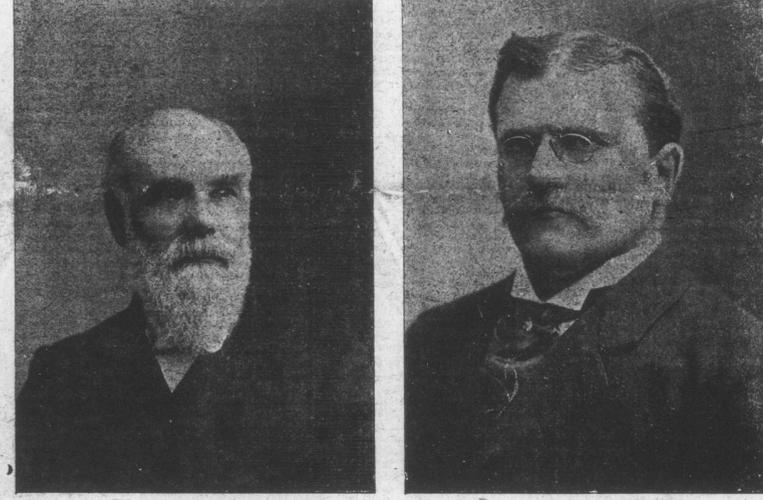
SEEKS DAMAGES FROM RUSSIA AND JAPAN

Warring Nations Held Responsible for
Destruction of Property in the
Province of Manchuria.

New York, July 28.—The Washington correspondent of the Tribune says: Coincident with China's notice to the powers that Manchuria must be restored to her intact whatever may be the terms of agreement reached at the Portsmouth peace conference by the envoys of Russia and Japan, it is learned that the Chinese government intends to follow this up by demanding of the belligerents a big indemnity as compensation for the occupation of Manchuria by hostile armies. The amount of the indemnity to be asked will be at least \$100,000,000. This amount of damage the Chinese government estimates has been done to Manchuria, a Chinese province, through the tramping down of the fields and destruction of villages that were seized and held as bases for operations; and the loss to China by the failure of the belligerents to vacate Manchuria promptly. It is not believed that the Chinese themselves seriously expect reimbursement for the injury sustained, but the motive in taking such a step on the part of China is further to define her position in regard to Manchuria to the world at large. China is particularly anxious that the idea of her complete ownership of Manchuria should be emphasized in connection with the peace conference at Portsmouth, because she desires international support in the negotiations which she will conduct with Japan after peace is assured.



HON. W. S. FIELDING,
Minister of Finance.



HON. W. PATERSON,
Minister of Customs.

HON. L. P. BRODEUR,
Minister of Inland Revenue.

CHINA CANNOT ASK FOR AN INDEMNITY

Aimer Sato Holds Opinion That Japan Was Forced to Drive Russia Out of Manchuria.

New York, July 28.—Aimer Sato, speaking for the Japanese peace mission, questioned today as to the attitude of the Japanese on the question of an armistice, replied: "Japan is perfectly willing to agree to an armistice after the credentials of both commissions have been examined and verified.

"The examination of credentials must necessarily be the first duty of the peace delegates, to ascertain that all are qualified to act. In the negotiations for peace that ended the Chinese war, I remember there was much delay because the credentials of one of the Chinese plenipotentiaries did not bear the Emperor's seal granting him plenary powers.

An Armistice.
"However, I think an armistice will be agreed upon after the commissioners enter formally upon their work. It has been the custom in all peace negotiations to cease hostilities during the convention of peace plenipotentiaries."

Mr. Sato, asked as to the definite powers of the Japanese mission, said: "They have power to reject any proposal, and commit the Japanese government to any document they may sign, subject of course, to the sanction of the Emperor."

No Indemnity For China.
Regarding the reports that China intended asking an indemnity, Mr. Sato said: "China could not ask any indemnity of Japan. It was her inability or unwillingness to keep Russia out of Manchuria that forced us into the war."

mitted to and from Tokio, and all the secretaries with the suite are taxed with an enormous amount of work. Tonight Baron Komura and his suite dined with the trustees of the Japanese club.

Mr. Sato to-day commented on the reception to Secretary of War Taft in Tokio, and said he had read the reports with deep interest. The fact that the historic chrysanthemum gardens had been thrown open to the secretary, Mr. Sato said, was indicative of the feeling towards Americans in Japan.

"These gardens are almost sacred in our country," said Mr. Sato, "and this is the first time they have been opened to a foreign citizen. It is a marked distinction and honor for our own people but twice a year."

UNEASY FEELING.
Renewed Tension in Connection With Moroccan Dispute.

Paris, July 28.—France's relations with Germany are again showing signs of strain, owing to the inability of Premier Rouvier and Ambassador Von Radolin to conclude a definite programme for the Moroccan conference. The agreement of July 8th contemplated a joint programme, but the arrangement of this programme is causing renewed difficulty, particularly in connection with France's right to police the territory adjoining Algeria and supervise the maintenance of order throughout the empire. It is the French view that these rights follow from the agreement of July 8th, whereas Germany does not wish to define the extent of French policy and financial reforms. The indecisive status of the negotiations has caused renewed apprehension on the house, and the newspapers have renewed their sharp criticism of Germany's course.

FAVOR SEPARATION.
Norwegian Representatives Unanimously Accept the Proposal.

Christiana, Norway, July 28.—The special committee of the storting, to which was referred the government's proposal for a referendum on the dissolution of the union with Sweden, has unanimously decided to recommend the acceptance of the proposal.

FINANCIALLY STRONG.

Japan Is Able to Continue the War, Giving Ample Security for Loans.

London, July 28.—The Statist to-day publishes an interview with Koretiko Takahashi, the special financial commissioner of Japan, who expresses himself as hopeful that peace will result from the coming negotiations. He bases this hope on the personal conviction that Japan's demands will be reasonable, and that the true interests of Russia require that she make peace. The appointment of M. White, he adds, strengthens this hope. Should hostilities continue, Mr. Takahashi says, Japan can prosecute them successfully, as she has on hand, from two recent loans, the means to carry on the conflict for a considerable time, and if the war should continue, there is no question that she can borrow further. When it was first concluded to borrow, Japan decided that it would be best for her own interests, and fastest to those making the loans, to give special security, said Mr. Takahashi, and she can continue to do that, pledging railways and public works. Japan's profits from railways are more than a million sterling annually; her profits from the tobacco monopoly are more than three million; from the gambler monopoly, over one hundred thousand, making in all security to a large sum. Besides, the income taxes allow of large increases.

FURTHER DETAILS OF FERNIE FIRE

ESTIMATED LOSSES TO BUSINESS HOUSES

Sheppard & Elliott Hardware Stock Suffered Heavy Damages—Small Insurance Was Carried.

Fernie, July 28.—The fire which broke out yesterday morning at 12:30 in George Farruther's tailor shop and quickly spread to adjoining buildings resulted in the following losses: Fernie Free Press plant, \$8,000; G. G. Henderson, books, loss \$6,000; Sheppard & Elliott, hardware stock, loss \$20,000; Northern hotel, loss \$12,000; Fernie Cigar Factory, loss \$10,000; Cuthbert, estimated loss, \$33,000; G. G. Demaree, jeweller, G. W. Laidley, tailor; Kenny and McLeod, tailors; Master's barber shop and the G. N. railway city ticket office were all burned with more or less loss.

Sheppard & Elliott, the largest firm concerned, carried \$9,000 insurance. There was \$30,000 insurance in all. By hard fighting the loss was confined to one side of Victoria avenue between Hanson and Cox streets.

DIED AT PORT SIMPSON.

James Hunter, of Victoria, Passes Away— Japanese Ship Leaving for Ketchikan.

Port Simpson, July 28.—At 4 o'clock this morning James Hunter, of Victoria, well known on the coast, died in the hospital here of hemorrhage of the lungs. The date of the funeral has not been fixed, as Dr. Keringan is trying to locate friends of the deceased in order to ascertain what is to be done with the remains. The Japanese vessel, Higashi Maru has cleared for Ketchikan, and will cross the straits as soon as the wind is favorable. Capt. Yoshida, who has not visited British Columbia before, intends taking a short run to Vancouver while the ship is loading at Ketchikan. He may go as far as the Portland fair.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Nanaimo, July 28.—During a thunder- storm last night at Ladysmith, lightning ran down the chimney of Thomas Gordon's house, setting fire to several articles, and then skipped to a wire clothes line and passing along it struck the chicken house, killing the fowls.

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