

ON THE FIRING LINE

Remember that the Polls Open at 9 a. m. and Close at 5 p. m. On September 21

RIOTERS DOWN BY TROOPS

SITUATION IN CHINA REPORTED GRAVE

Number of Soldiers Killed During Fighting—Floods Add to Troubles

Washington, D. C., Sept. 11.—Blood has been spilled in Szechuan, China, and the situation has grown rapidly in seriousness.

Over twenty rioters and a number of soldiers have been killed during the last few days, resulting from attacks of dissatisfied natives on the Yamen, or residents of Chengtu, Szechuan.

This information reached the state department today. Reports to the department indicate that the American women and children have already left Chengtu under escort and it is thought that others also have departed.

Later news in regard to the situation is unsatisfactory, as the telegraph wires between Chengtu and Chang Kiang have been cut. The capital of the rebellious province is cut off from the rest of the world and the developments of the encounter between the mob and soldiers are unknown.

The political and economic ills of China are not all, for her troubles continue through the ravages of nature. Twenty-seven counties in northern Anhwei and Kiang Su provinces have been devastated by the floods of the uncontrollable Yangtze, according to official reports to the American legation at Peking.

Concentrating Troops. Peking, Sept. 11.—The Chinese government is concentrating troops on the borders to suppress the alarming disturbances in the province of Szechuan, should the provincial forces prove insufficient or disloyal.

Sixty Canadian Methodist missionaries are among the Chengtu refugees. These are all members about 100, of whom 30 are Americans. Nothing has been heard from them for the last four days. It is believed that they are being escorted by Chinese troops in the direction of the Yangtze Kiang.

The government has promised to submit to the American legation a comprehensive statement on the flood, as soon as the facts are available.

BOY FINDS BODY OF MURDERED MAN

Victim of Ontario Tragedy Shot From Ambush—Attempt to Conceal Body

Emo, Ont., Sept. 11.—Seeking for a lost colt about 6 p.m. yesterday, Roland Tidds, son of a farmer of this district, stumbled across a dead body of a young man about five miles east of here.

An examination by the coroner, who was immediately called, revealed the cause of death to have been a shot from a heavy calibre revolver at close range. A search by the police resulted in a letter being found in his coat pocket bearing the address of Andrew Saman, 21 Foak street, Virginia, Minn., together with a Socialist emblem and a number of 22 cartridges wrapped in a handkerchief.

Later investigation of the vicinity showed that the dead man had been shot at a place some fifty feet from where the body had been found, and had been dragged along the ground by the heels until it had become wedged between two trees, where it had been left. The trail thus made was in direct line with a nearby swamp, where it had, evidently, been the intention to conceal the body.



ILLUSTRATING J. HERRICK MCGREGOR'S HUMOR

TA M'GREGOR (to comely Miss B. C., who has been explaining that her peaches for household purposes cost \$2,000 more than they were worth on the open market owing to an unnecessary duty)—But, my dear young leddy, ye maunna overlook the fact that if ye hae any transactions o' a business character wi' yon Yankee chieft, without the intervention o' a third party in the shape o' a customs official, that Yankee will get the foolish notion in his heid that ye're setting yer cap for him, an' surely that wouldna be becomin' an' the grid lord only kens what might come o't. Noo, chinna argy bargy wi' me about lands I've "acquired" through my native shrewdness and the guid offices o' my freen the Premier, and possibly self to advantage on the itther side. That's nether here nor there.

J. Herrick McGregor, Humorist, Etc.

J. Herrick McGregor, as all Victorians know or ought to know, is a poet and a humorist. His name proves this proposition. It is not necessary to inquire what the "J." in the name stands for, but it will scarcely be denied that Herrick stands for poetry and that McGregor stands for humor.

Being a poet and a humorist, J. Herrick McGregor has of course read the works of Mark Twain. Mr. McGregor has written a letter to the Colonist which proves this as a fact beyond question. The "arguments" in this communication indicate unmistakably that the writer considers the electors of Victoria in the class of Nigger Jim, the chum of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn, whom Twain's hero used to tempt into arguments and down ignominiously.

Mr. McGregor says he was at one time a Liberal, but reciprocity has forced him to change his coat. What is the reason assigned by this former Liberal for turning his garments? It is this, shortly stated: If reciprocity be adopted the American people might be deluded into the belief that Canadians leaned sympathetically towards annexation.

And this reminds us that Mr. McGregor is a devout believer in the virtues of taxation. It is not so long since he wrote letters to the newspapers arguing that the most effective way of settling the public lands of the province was by passing them through the hands of speculators. The speculators of course levy taxation in the form of speculative values.

Let us suppose what may or may not be a supposititious case. If Mr. McGregor in his relations with the McBride government had been fortunate enough to acquire any areas of public lands, would he, as a patriot, fearing the absorption of the virus of Americanism, refuse to dispose of the property to citizens of the United States, who might also be of a speculative disposition? Or is a humorist who has become a Tory, "for business reasons," immune from infection? Is the danger of becoming disloyal confined only to the inferior class who might under reciprocity be given opportunities to purchase food free of taxation and at uninflicted prices?

Is Mr. McGregor allied with any companies or concerns or individuals which or who have sold immense parcels of what was formerly the public domain of British Columbia to citizens of the United States? J. H. McG., when you deal with public questions you should discard cant, humbug and hypocrisy.

THOUSANDS TURN OUT TO GREET SIR WILFRID

Prime Minister Declares Progressive Canadians Are Not in Accord With "Let Well Enough Alone" Cry of Conservatives.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 11.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is coming among his own again. Saturday afternoon French Canadians from Long Point to Sandwich jammed themselves in a sweltering crowd on Ouellette square to greet the premier. Their numbers were increased by the English-speaking sections of the country. The crowd swelled to over 10,000. All down the line the people of the little French villages had emptied themselves on to the station platforms to cheer the premier in the private car behind.

The meeting was scheduled for 1:30 and began pretty well on time. About 2,000 people came across from Detroit. Dr. P. A. Dewar, Liberal candidate in North Essex, spoke first deprecating the annexation cry. More than half of the young men in the country dealt with the United States, and he wondered whether they were less loyal on that account. If the United States were to annex Canada and trade with us, it was within her power to do so at once by throwing down the tariff bars.

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NEWFOUNDLAND MAY JOIN CANADA

DEPENDS ON RATIFICATION OF RECIPROCITY PACT

Colony Anxious to Share in Benefits of Freer Trade With States

Ottawa, Sept. 11.—Word has reached Ottawa that if Canada ratifies the reciprocity agreement a movement will be launched in Newfoundland for a union with the Dominion. Newfoundland has several times sought better trading terms with the United States without success.

The proposed reciprocity agreement, which would give free entry to fish in the United States, has aroused great interest in Newfoundland and a desire to share with Canada in any advantages of the great United States market.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Ottawa, Sept. 11.—Thanksgiving Day will probably be set for Monday, October 30, but no official action will be taken until after the election.

FOURTEEN SAILORS LOSE THEIR LIVES

Go Down With Schooner When Explosion of Gasoline Wrecks Vessel

New York, Sept. 11.—Fourteen men were drowned in the sinking of the schooner Whisper off the Nicaraguan coast yesterday, according to cables received here from Port Limon.

WALL GIVES WAY

Vancouver, Sept. 11.—With its supports weakened by the excavating being done in the adjoining lot, the west wall of the building occupied by Moore's Vancouver millinery store at 149 Hastings street, east, gave way yesterday morning about 8 o'clock and fell, tons of brick and mortar crashing into the excavation next door. Fortunately the accident occurred on Sunday morning, when there was only one man on the premises, and he was not near enough to be hurt.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

New York, Sept. 11.—In spite of two hours rain during the early morning, the courts were in better condition for the doubles match in the international tennis tournament to-day than on Saturday.

HUNTER WOUNDED

Vancouver, Sept. 11.—A. McNeil, who resides at 1912 Third avenue west, lies at the General Hospital in a critical condition as a result of a shooting accident which took place yesterday afternoon.

FIREMAN KILLED

Irricana, Alta., Sept. 11.—C. P. R. train No. 563, the Acme local, in charge of Conductor Ferguson, due here at 10:10 from Calgary, jumped the track at the south end of the yard yesterday, killing Fireman C. White, of Calgary.

The accident was caused by a defective switch, causing engine, water-tank and two cars to zigzag the track. The engine being buried four feet in the gravel. A wrecking train arrived from Calgary later in the day and cleared the track. Fireman White, who resided at 516 Fifteenth avenue east, Calgary, is survived by his wife and one child.

Winnipeg, Sept. 11.—Dr. F. Montzambert left yesterday for the Pacific coast to examine the quarantine station.

TWO YEARS IN JAIL FOR A ROUGH THUG

Man Attacked on Street—Thief Frustrated by Night Watchman Atkinson

A rough-looking thug who attempted to use the dark-alley method of robbery from the person, but who was frustrated in the midst of going through the clothes of his contemplated victim, was dealt with by Magistrate Jay in the police court this morning and sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary.

The man, arrested Saturday night, gave his name as Harry Hall and this morning admitted he had just completed ten days in the Vancouver prison for creating a disturbance in the mainland city.

He was seen by Night Watchman Atkinson on Lansey street on Saturday night, in company with a companion, who escaped, follow Peter Thornton, and suddenly jumping on his back hurl him to the ground and commence a search of the prostrate man's pockets.

Peter Thornton, a railway laborer, had been to the Palace station, where he bought a bottle of stimulant and showed a \$10 bill during the transaction. Leaving the saloon he was followed by Hall, who was frustrated in his attempt to get the money by the appearance of the nightwatchman.

Victor Leocke, a foreigner, who was in the police court three times last week for drunkenness and warned there was one month's imprisonment awaiting him on his next appearance, appeared and received the term this morning. Saturday night he quarrelled while drunk with another man, and the two fell through a window on Johnson street. The second man was fined for drunkenness along with ten others of the thirty clan.

Esslingen, Wurttemberg, Sept. 11.—The aviator Raimund Eyring was killed Saturday night while making a flight at the aerodrome. His machine collided with a mast marking the limits of the field.

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