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CITY HALL,
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Friday, Oct. 8, '97

at 10 o'clock a.m. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THOROUGHLY ORGANIZING THE LIBERAL PARTY THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE AND DISCUSSING ANY MATTERS AFFECTING LIBERAL INTERESTS.

Each Liberal Association in the Province is requested to send delegates as previously arranged for. Liberals resident in localities where Liberal Associations do not exist are cordially invited to attend and take part in the proceedings.

Farmers' Alliance.

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the above society, for the election of officers, etc., will be held in the City Hall, New Westminster, at 10 a.m. on the 6th October, 1897, when a platform and plan of campaign will be arranged for the forthcoming Provincial Elections. All citizens are eligible for membership upon joining the society and paying a fee of fifty cents.

A public mass meeting will be held in the same place the following day at 1:30 p.m., when the Alliance Platform will be submitted to the people. The Premier and other members of the Government and leaders of the Opposition will address the meeting.

A large attendance from all parts of the Province is very desirable.
 ROBERT M'BRIDE,
 Secretary,
 Eborne, B. C., 7th Sept., 1897.

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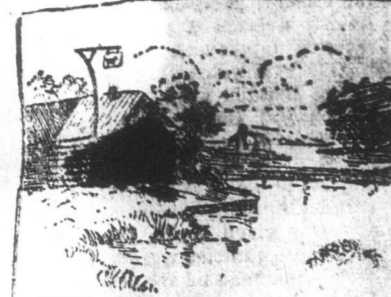
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London, Sept. 24.—There is an alarm of outbreak of typhoid fever at Maidstone, Kent, due to drainage from a hop picker's encampment.

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A DAY'S SAD TALE

A Chapter of Accidents Occurring at Various Points in Eastern Canada.

Farmer Dangerously Wounded by a Rifle Bullet—A Determined Suicide.

Montreal, Sept. 25.—A farmer named Jos. Larose, in the parish of St. Laurent, was shot in the neck by a stray Martini-Henford rifle ball from the Cote Rouge, two miles away, and it is feared the accident may prove fatal.

Michael Adrie jumped out of a second-story window on St. Paul street. People picked him up, and in answer to queries he said he was not hurt. Then he re-entered the building, and before the crowd had dispersed he came down a second time from the third story. He was picked up fearfully mangled and died shortly afterwards. The father of deceased was killed in a landslide at Quebec some time ago, and three weeks ago his son received \$500 compensation. Since then he has been drinking heavily.

London, Ont., Sept. 28.—The eight-year-old son of J. A. Nelles, secretary of the Board of Trade, was accidentally struck in the head by a broom handle thrown by one boy to another in play, and lies in a precarious condition.

Hamilton, Sept. 28.—Elgin Tafford has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for bigamy. Some children named Thompson set fire to a dwelling at Pringle village and a baby was burned to death.

At Wolsley a boy named Jordan was killed and another badly injured by the bursting of a gun with which they were playing.

DELIBERATE MASSACRE.
 How Turkish Kurds Are Allowed to Kill Women and Children.

Tehran, Sept. 28.—Inquiry made into the fighting which took place on the Turko-Persian frontier in August last shows that the assaults were Turkish Kurds who crossed the frontier with full knowledge of the Turkish military authorities, sacked nine villages and massacred 800 Mussulmans and Christians, including women and children. The Persian government is demanding full satisfaction from Turkey for these outrages.

A SERIOUS FIRE.
 A Great Blaze in Ulster, N.Y., With Fatal Results.

Ulster, N.Y., Sept. 28.—A serious fire broke out at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the wholesale feed and produce store of N. E. White, Broad street. The cornice on the rear building in an alley way fell, carrying down with it two firemen, who were on a ladder. At 2:30 p.m. they were reported missing, buried under the debris. The men buried are John E. Hanlan and Isaac Monroe. Four men are reported injured, seriously.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.
 Toronto, Sept. 28.—Chief Justice Davie, of B. C., is in town for a few days. He will go on to Quebec.

Hamilton, Sept. 28.—The council last night voted to increase the salary of City Solicitor McKellean from \$3,800 to \$4,000, the increase to date from January last. The matter will likely cause some opposition among the ratepayers, though the increase was unanimous. According to the returns of the assessor the population of the city is just over 50,000.

Victoria Times.

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THE STICKEEN ROUTE

First Report from Government Surveyor Regarding Its Feasibility Is Very Favorable.

Progress of the Mounted Police Expedition Going by the Edmonton Route.

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—Mr. Haldenau, the first of the government surveyors to present a report on the feasibility of routes through to the Yukon, is back from the Stickeen, and has sent into the department most of the information which he gained. It is favorable to the opening up of the Stickeen route, and the government looks with favor upon the same.

Reports to the Mounted Police department say that 15,000 pounds of dried meat have been prepared by the Indians around Regina for the administration of the police patrol to the Yukon, which is proceeding by way of Edmonton across the country, reports having crossed the Saskatchewan river at the mouth of the Macleod river on the 13th inst. They have caught up to a number of parties who are also on this trail, and will make a determined effort to get through this winter.

A police patrol to Jasper House, northwest of Edmonton, arrived at Sturgeon Lake on the return trip on September 4th. They report to the commandant that windfalls of trees block nearly all the passes, and their progress has been very much impeded.

A dispatch from Skagway to the Mounted Police department says that Inspector Harper had reached the summit of the coast range on the 18th inst. and was expected to reach Lake Bennett by the 16th, and leave there for the north on the 20th, provided supplies were sufficiently advanced. Fourteen miles were built at Lake Bennett by the police, and others are under construction.

Prof. Prince, Dominion fisheries commissioner, reports settling the disputes with the Indians and half-breeds at Edmonton, who wish to fish all the year round. He will look further into the reported deprivations of fishing companies at the mouth of the Stickeen.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier left this morning for Montreal and will be at Halifax on Thursday.

Messrs. Blair and Domville returned here to-day from England.

Frank Haldie, government surveyor, who was with McArthur's Yukon party, and who reached here three weeks ago, is arranging to go to the Clondyke on his own account, so well satisfied is he with the country.

Collectors of customs have been notified that an order-in-council has been passed defining the new regulations respecting the payment of a drawback on the material used in the construction of ships and vessels in Canada. The drawback may be granted by the minister of customs on materials used in the construction of ships or vessels built and exported from Canada at the rate of 15 per cent registered ton of iron-keel ships or vessels classed for 15 years; 85 per cent, if classed for nine years; 75 per cent, if classed for seven years; 65 per cent, on all ships or vessels iron-keel and not classed; provided always that the amount of drawback paid on ships or vessels shall not exceed the actual duty on the material used in the construction of the same. Application for the drawback must be made within six months of the date of registration.

A POLITICAL PLOT FEARED.
 Meleancs Exercised Over the Recent Developments.

City of Mexico, Sept. 27.—Arroyo, who assaulted President Diaz September 18 and who was killed the same night in the municipal palace, died at the hands of a band of bravo who were acting a part in a conspiracy.

The first intimation of this fact came from chief of police Velazquez, who confessed that Arroyo had been assassinated and not lynched. Velazquez was placed in prison, but was found dead in his cell the day after he confessed, with a bullet wound in his left temple. The warden of the prison is in turn in jail, under suspicion of having knowledge of the killing.

The assault, the alleged lynching and the suicide have followed each other with such startling suddenness that the public is greatly exercised and the whole republic interested in probing the affair to the bottom to ascertain, if possible, whether or not a murderous plot is in existence to overthrow Diaz by committing a series of murders that would have a tendency to create political revolution.

That Arroyo was murdered by bravo, these bravo being members of the police force, has been made clear by the latest witness examined, a gardener named Cosme Coza, who was on duty near the city hall on the night of the chief's death, and saw them entering the building.

Tired, Nervous, Sleepless
 Men and women—how gratefully they write about Hood's Sarsaparilla. Once helpless and discouraged, having lost all faith in medicines, now in good health and "able to do my own work," because Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to enrich and purify the blood and make the weak strong—this is the experience of a host of people.

HOOD'S PILLS are the best family cathartic and liver medicine. Gentle, reliable and sure.

LYNCHING CASE AT DAWSON.

A Brother of the Victim Wants an Investigation.

Tekamah, Neb., Sept. 27.—Vigilantes lynched Eugene Cummings at Dawson City last spring. Fred Cummings, the dead man's brother, says the case was clear murder. He is hastening to Washington, D. C., in the hope of securing an investigation, and if not the punishment of the lynchers, at least his brother's exoneration of the offence for which he suffered.

T. E. Boyd, who brings the story here, met Fred Cummings on Puget Sound not long ago. The latter had just arrived from Alaska. As both were going east, they travelled part of the distance together. On the road Cummings told his companion something of the errand on which he left Alaska.

He says that his brother's death was due to a dispute with a miner named Bayner. The two quarrelled over some trifling matter. Soon after Bayner accused Cummings of robbing him of several articles of wearing apparel and a quantity of tools. At his request a vigilance committee ransacked the Cummings cabin, found the articles, and hanged Eugene to the nearest tree. The alleged thief protested to the last that he did not take the goods, did not even know that they were in his cabin, and that Bayner must have concealed them himself.

Bayner was instrumental in saving Fred Cummings, with whom he had no quarrel. From the same fate as his brother. Fred was not grateful for the favor. He vowed vengeance upon his brother's slayers, and Bayner first of all. Finding, he says, that he had nothing to hope from the local authorities, he is on his way to Washington, where he will urge the state department to use its offices with the Canadian government to investigate the matter.

SITUATION IN SPAIN

Queen Arrives at Madrid—Possibility of the Conservatives Remaining in Power Some Time.

Pending Cabinet Changes—Scheming for the Pacification of Cuba.

New York, Sept. 29.—A special cable to the Journal from Madrid says: "The Queen and court arrived at 10:15 last evening. Only government officials, diplomatic corps, senators and deputies were allowed in the station. This prevented the predicted Liberal demonstration in honor of the Queen. The special train included a carriage filled with soldiers. All the tunnels and bridges en route from San Sebastian were closely guarded with soldiers distributed along the line, which was illuminated with torches after nightfall.

A cabinet council is announced for Thursday. It is possible that there will be a crisis, though the hope of the Conservatives is that the cabinet will remain in power.

If the present cabinet is patched up, Capt. Weyler has a chance of remaining in Cuba.

Information in political circles to-day is that the present government may remain in power indefinitely, with a few changes. It is probable that Marquis d'Alcala, ex-ambassador to the Vatican, will be made Minister of Foreign Affairs, in place of the Duke of Tetuan, and that Marquis de Vadillo, the present minister of justice, will become Minister of Justice in place of Count de Tejada, who is harassed with anarchist threats, he having counter-signed the death warrants of the Barcelona anarchists.

No name is yet mentioned as a successor to be Minister of Finance, whose only political rival lies in the fact that he has been excommunicated by the Catholic Church. The Duke of Tetuan has been offered the post of ambassador to Paris, but refused to accept it. He is mentioned for the Presidency of the Senate, but it is improbable that he would be accepted by that body because of his recent insult to Senator Commas, whom he struck in the face in the lobby of the chamber. The Duke, who is a great favorite of the Queen Regent, is certain, however, to receive some great post worthy his acceptance if the Conservative party remains in power.

The Herald of Madrid, an independent paper, published last night a sensational article saying it had cause to know that Sagasta and other prominent Liberals were negotiating for the special cable with the Cuban Senator Gobernador, now almost an exile in Cuba on account of his ultra-autonomist opinions and with other well-known Cuban autonomists, and with a Spanish newspaper now residing in Washington.

"My boy came home from school one day with his hand badly lacerated and bleeding, and suffering great pain," says Mr. E. J. Schall, with Meyer Bros. Drug Co., St. Louis, Mo. "I dressed the wound with Chamberlain's Pain Expeller, and in a few minutes the pain ceased, and in a remarkably short time it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sprains, swellings and rheumatism, I know of no medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity."

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A GENERAL WAR

Is Threatened in the Central American States—Seeds of Sedition Sown.

The Early Dissolution of Greater Republic Indicated—Annexation to United States.

Washington, Sept. 27.—The Central American republics, according to a Pan-American diplomat in this city, are undoubtedly on the eve of a general upheaval.

The success of the revolutionists in Guatemala, attaining the downfall of Basilio, and the elevation of Prospero Morazan to the presidency, is believed to be inevitable and is likely to, of itself, bring about a revolution in several of the other republics.

The imprisonment of the Costa Rican consul general, Don Eduardo Beech, by the Nicaraguan authorities is regarded as a serious breach of international comity that can hardly prevent a rupture.

The seeds of sedition are easily sown in Honduras and the uneasiness in that country seems likely to develop into open revolt against President Bonilla, as an indirect result of the success of the revolution in Guatemala.

Salvador alone of the Spanish-American states at present is at peace and appears quite likely to remain so.

A successful revolution of either of the three republics comprising the Greater Republic of Central America would mean the dissolution of the diplomatic bonds which now unite them and from present indications, another coalition of this nature might be difficult to bring about. A Pan-American diplomat who is thoroughly familiar with the Central American situation said:

"There seems to be every probability that the revolutionists in Guatemala will be masters of the government in a short time and that Barrios will be forced to leave the country, if he is not assassinated."

"One of the strongest and most efficient supporters of the Guatemalan revolution is General Domingo Vasquez, who is now besieging Chignahuila, where President Barrios is."

"Vasquez as President of Honduras would be dangerous to the peace of Nicaragua. His hatred of Zelaya would easily find a pretext for arousing against the latter's opponents, who with aid from Honduras and Guatemala, would probably be able to defeat Zelaya, and elevate his rival, Alejandro Chamorro, to the Presidency. These results, I believe, are almost sure to follow a revolutionary victory in Guatemala."

Dr. Horatio Guzman, formerly Minister to the United States from Nicaragua, said:

"Under present conditions it is impossible to prevent recurring revolutions in Central America. I have long heartily advocated the establishment of a protectorate of the United States over Nicaragua and other States, if not actual annexation, and in this view I am supported by a majority of the educated and moneyed classes of the Central American States. I see no other means of insuring the benefits of peaceful Republican form of government to Spanish America."

The latest news received in this city from Guatemala is that several engagements have taken place between the government and rebel forces near Quetzaltenango and that each fight has resulted in the defeat of the government troops.

The fighting in each instance has been caused directly by the government's efforts to retake Quetzaltenango from the rebels.

The government has sent 600 men by the steamer City of Guatemala to Champerico, which port is in rebel hands.

The true story of capture by the insurgents of the seaport Omas has just become known. It seems that when the rebels approached Omas the government authorities there made no attempt to defend the town, but took refuge on the steamship Barracouta and were brought to Salvador.

CANADA IN LONDON.
 About "Scotch" Pork—That Scheme of Coast Defence.

Toronto, Sept. 28.—The following is a special cable to the Evening Telegram dated London, Sept. 28: Considerable talk has arisen among port establishments here because of fines imposed upon certain bacon dealers sold as Scotch bacon, but imported from Canada, and for this offence they were subjected to fines.

There have been many rumors of the purchase of cannon by the Canadian government for coast defence in the Dominion. Inquiries made at the Woolwich arsenal resulted in a denial by the officials that any arrangement for coast defence had been ordered by Canada.

PREPARED FOR ACCIDENTS.
 It is always well to be prepared for accidents, for we don't know when they will happen. "Everyone should keep Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house." In cases of colic, scalds, cuts, toothache or any pain, it gives instant relief, and cures more quickly than any other preparation on the market.

SUFFERING AND DISTRESS.

Terrible Experience of a Brother and Sister in Cuba.

New York, Sept. 27.—Three years ago Miss Eloise Brunel was the belle of Cienfuegos, Cuba. She was healthy and rich. Now she lies on a cot in a ten by ten room in a small house in the outskirts of Philadelphia, her body burning with fever, her mind racked by terror of the Spaniards, her memory full of the horrors of an experience abounding in starvation, suffering and peril.

In a similar condition, aggravated by wounds, is Dr. Andrew Brunel, who served as a major in the Cuban army. The father of these refugees was an American who owned a large estate at Cienfuegos. He died in 1893, and his son, Dr. Brunel, went to Cuba to settle up his estate. The Spanish administration of such affairs made this a long and difficult task.

In September, 1895, General Rego raised the Cuban standard in the Cienfuegos district, and the young Cuban-American was one of the first to join him. It was impossible for his sister to remain on the plantation, and she therefore went into the Cuban service as a nurse. For 20 months she shared the hardships of the patriots.

She remained bravely in the Cuban army, caring for the sick and wounded, helping to cook the scant provisions and proving herself a heroine on many occasions.

After 20 months of this life, they both contracted malarial fever and were so ill that they had to leave the insurgent army and seek shelter, but they found neither and were compelled to take refuge in a cave, where they lived for 23 weeks, having no food but some green pumpkins, sweet potatoes and water from a stagnant pool.

Both suffered terribly from fever and were often delirious. Finally the brother managed to climb a hill and attract the attention of a Spanish planter, who took them to Sierra, whence they were taken by boat to Cienfuegos. When they landed at the wharf Miss Brunel had no shoes, and her dress, which she had worn for three months, was in shreds.

They were almost unable to walk and were dragged along by the Spanish soldiers, who struck and cursed them. The Spanish commander examined them separately to find cause to put them to death, but failing in that he permitted them to go to their sister's, who lived nearly a mile away, on condition that they report in person every three or four days.

This in their condition entailed the most intense suffering, but the order was pitilessly enforced. Dr. Brunel appealed to the American consul, Owen McGarr, for aid, but it was refused. Then followed a long correspondence with the state department in Washington, and in the end the consul was ordered to help them. They received their passports on the 13th of August and sailed on the 7th of September.

Their passage was paid all the way to New York instead of to Florida. Dr. Brunel and his sister have entered a claim at Washington against the Spanish government for the destruction of their property.

ANOTHER EXPEDITION LANDED.
 Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 27.—It is known here that the Sommers I. Smith landed at least three expeditions of men, arms and ammunition in Cuba during her 26 days' voyage from Mobile to this port. Her expeditions were without serious mishap, although she was once nearly captured by the gunboat Helena.

The Helena left Pensacola in pursuit one week after the Smith sailed from Mobile. The gunboat sighted the filibuster west of Tortugas and fired a shot to bring her to. The Smith put on a full head of steam and went south past Cape Antonio, followed a short distance by the Helena, which was soon distanced.

The Smith returned the same night and landed her cargo before daylight. On another occasion she was brought to by the Wilgona and searched. She was then returning from a successful trip, and as nothing contraband was found on board she was allowed to proceed.

"Dynamite Johnnie" O'Brien commanded the Smith.

ALL STRIKES ARE LOST.
 Debs Says the Capitalists Win Every Time.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—About 200 representatives of labor organizations were present in the Shiller building to-day to attend the national labor conference called by the St. Louis labor convention. Many organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor were represented, but those delegates said that they were not there in any official capacity.

President Debs of the social democracy explained the objects of the conference. He appealed to the representatives of all labor organizations to work together toward the amelioration of the present conditions of the laboring classes.

"Strikes don't pay," said Debs. "All strikes are lost; they are useless; they are caused by the employing classes. When capitalists get ready for a strike they provoke them, knowing all their tricks and how to get the conflict begun."

E. M. Ruffner of St. Louis was elected chairman of the convention and W. E. Carrick of Pennsylvania secretary.

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LIFE IN CALIFORNIA.

Masked Highwaymen Loot a Stage and Kill a Passenger.

Ukiah (Cal.), Sept. 29.—Two masked highwaymen held up the Moonville stage yesterday, and J. B. Barnett, a passenger, was shot and instantly killed by one of the robbers. As the stage was passing through a heavily wooded part of the road seven miles from here, the bandits suddenly appeared and ordered the driver to stop. Barnett, who was seated on the rear of the stage, heard the order and plunged his hand into his pocket to secure his purse. The highwaymen thought that Barnett was about to draw a pistol and fired, the charge striking Barnett in the neck, killing him instantly. The robbers then secured three boxes of express matter and disappeared. The sheriff is now tracing the outlaws with blood hounds. If captured they will undoubtedly be lynched.

GREENLAND NEXT

Now Reported that United States Is Endeavoring to Purchase It From Denmark.

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