

Baron Komura Seriously Ill

Sickness of Japanese Plenipotentiary Necessitates Cancellation of Departure.

Physician's Diagnosis Alleges Typhoid Fever as the Trouble.

Doctors Differ and State Nothing Alarming Has Yet Developed.

FIRE AT WELLINGTON.

Blaze of Incendiary Origin Destroys Klipartick's Blacksmith Shop.

Nanaimo, Sept. 13.—(Special.)—For the first time in many years the old town of Wellington was visited by a conflagration last night which destroyed Klipartick's blacksmith shop.

The fire, which was of incendiary nature, was prevented from spreading into the adjacent shops by the timely arrival of the fire department.

Many messages of enquiry as to Baron Komura's condition were received today.

Tonight Mr. Sato, spokesman for the Japanese peace negotiators, issued the statement: "Doctors Delafeld, Brewer and Pritchard saw Baron Komura in consultation again at 6 p. m."

The Japanese were much pleased at the receipt of the cablegram, as they had been hoping to receive it.

Dr. Pritchard announced later that he disagreed with the typhoid fever diagnosis which was made by Dr. Delafeld.

When Dr. Delafeld was shown this statement he still held to the typhoid fever diagnosis, but refused to discuss the case further.

Plotting in Balkans.

Conspiracy to Foment Troubles Said to Have Been Discovered.

Vienna, Sept. 13.—According to telegrams received from Belgrade, a plot has been discovered at Sofia to foment a general outbreak in the Balkans, with a view of compelling the interference of the powers in the hope that Macedonia autonomy would be proclaimed.

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Unfortunate Position.

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—(Special.)—George Maxwell, captain of the steamer "Covador," B. C., because of showing symptoms of typhoid fever, was ordered to be landed at San Francisco on his arrival on the steamer "Siera."

The steamer "Siera" is a vessel of the Pacific coast, and is at present in the harbor of San Francisco.

The Insurance Investigation.

New York, Sept. 13.—A vigorous defence of syndicates and their operations in connection with the insurance business and a frank statement of personal profits gained through their operations, made by Frederick Cromwell, treasurer of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, was the feature of today's session of the special legislative committee appointed to probe the methods of insurance companies in New York state.

The committee was held by Mr. Cromwell. The acknowledgment of personal profits was made in a tabulated statement which was presented to the committee by the witness.

Outsider Wins St. Leger.

Challenger made 50 to 1 Captures Stakes—Val Dor Stormed.

London, Sept. 13.—At Doncaster today the St. Leger stakes for 25 sovereigns each for 3-year-olds, about a mile and six furlongs and 132 yards were won by Challenger, a 50 to 1 outsider.

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How could the New York Lites, asked Mr. Hues, counsel the committee "retire Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo bonds from the syndicate while in the syndicate at 91?"

Because the market price in the opinion of Mr. Hues, the treasurer, at the time was 90. He credited the profit, \$44,000, to profit and loss.

Castro Again Rampant.

President of Venezuela Said to Have Evolved Another Grievance.

New York, Sept. 13.—A Philadelphia dispatch to the Tribune says that information has been received there to the effect that diplomatic notes have been received at the state department in Washington from both France and Germany requesting in diplomatic language early and drastic action by the United States in Venezuela.

The French cable incident and the industries inflicted on the German railway have brought about relations and conditions far from agreeable to President Roosevelt. The diplomatic notes in hand, interested persons in Philadelphia say, have been supplemented by private advices even more startling than any of the publications thus far given out concerning the performances of President Castro. The general feeling in Philadelphia is circles having close connection with Venezuela is that a crisis is approaching with reference to the French, German and American interests.

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Sultan Orders Inquiry.

Porte Finally Accedes to Demands of United States Minister.

Paris, Sept. 13.—A despatch to the Temps from Constantinople says that the Sultan has ordered a ministerial enquiry as to the result of the energetic protests made by Mr. Lushman, the American minister, relative to the sentencing to death of Ghiriss Vartanian, a prominent Armenian, on August 16.

The despatch says that Minister Leshman has not delivered an ultimatum, but complained that the Turkish government had disregarded international laws, and that he insisted upon the verification of the American passport produced by Vartanian.

A DETERMINED SUICIDE.

Washington Lady Takes Poison and Then Shoots Herself.

New York, Sept. 13.—Miss A. W. Wildey, of Washington, D. C., was found dead in her room in a local hotel today, shot through the temple and with a cup near by containing the drops of a poison which had evidently been drunk some time today. A revolver with one empty chamber lying beside the body caused the coroner to begin his investigation on the theory that a young woman had taken her own life. A note was found in the room signed "Miss A. W. Wildey," and containing only the words "I am dead."

"The Lighthouse of The Mediterranean"

Monteleone, Italy, Sept. 13.—Shocks felt here and at Cosenza, Bisignone and other districts caused further alarm among the people. King Victor Emmanuel continued his journey around the island of Stromboli, the ancient crater of which is extremely active, emitting streams of lava and covering the island with a thick black sand.

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Peace and The Chinese

With Smiles Unfortunate Celestial Sees Armies About to Disperse.

Roads Covered by Returning Populace Exiled by the War.

The Terms of the Armistice are Made Public—Generals Meet.

LIDZAPUZDE, Manchuria, Sept. 12.—Whatever may be the feelings of the Russian or Japanese soldiers regarding the conclusion of peace, one man feels it unreservedly and with smiles. This is the Chinaman, on whose head the roads around here are filled with the Chinese and women, old and young, who carry clumps of hair and their household gods, proceeding in long lines back to their homes. The Chinese greet the Russian soldiers with the one word, "peace," which is repeated over and over again. Many of the roads are covered by the returning populace exiled by the war.

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Pacific Coast Happenings

Little Oregon Town Destroyed by Fire Which Spreads to Forest.

Brit-Norwegian Encounter Proves a Paying Investment to All Hands.

Seion of British Nobility Drops Out of Sight at Seattle.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The entire town of Grants Pass and Kerby, was destroyed by fire late Saturday night. The flames originated in the Selma hotel, spreading till they wiped out the hotel, two stores, a blacksmith shop, the church and several residences. In all, the place was a total loss, the loss being estimated at \$100,000. The fire spread through the woods, burning through the pine forest.

San Francisco, Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The total receipts for the Britt-Norwegian fight were \$18,811, of which Nelson gets \$13,841, Britt, \$12,560, and the management \$16,910.

(Special.)—As a result of an attack on a negro sailor and later an effort to resist arrest and for injury to a policeman, Charley Shields, pitcher, and Cliff Blankenship, catcher, of the Seattle League ball team, are under arrest. When the two were leaving lunch at a street wagon at 3 a. m. Sunday, the negro came along, pushed Shields and knocked him down. Policeman King tried to arrest Shields. Blankenship threw a brick at the officer, and while Shields attempted to beat him, a patrolman finally knocked Shields unconscious and took them both to jail.

James Hamilton, son of Sir James Hamilton, once brigadier in the British army and a nephew of the late Duke of Abercorn and Countess of Warwick, and heir to an estate of \$300,000,000, has dropped out of sight since he was arrested in connection with the murder of a watchman.

Portland, Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The "Hood" crew, who were arrested in Seattle today at their consignment. The election of officers occurs tomorrow.

CIVIL ENGINEERS KILLED.

Returning From Work They Are Run Down by a Train.

Cortland, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Three young civil engineers in the employ of the Erie railroad were killed by a work train shortly after