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MANITOBA RAILWAYS.

Premier Greenway and Attorney-General Martin En Route to New York

To Confer With General Manager Oakes of the Northern Pacific Relative to the Red River Valley Road.

[Special to THE COLONIST.]

ST. PAUL, July 20.—Premier Thomas Greenway and Attorney-General J. Martin, of Manitoba, arrived in St. Paul this morning with Solicitor McNaught, of the Northern Pacific railway, on their way to New York. Speaking of his mission to a reporter, Greenway said: "We are on our way to meet General Manager Oakes, of the Northern Pacific, to confer with him on matters relative to the construction and operation of a railroad in Manitoba. There are matters respecting the Red River Valley Railway and also the extension of that line to Portage la Prairie to connect with the Manitoba Northwestern Railway. This latter now taps the country lying north and west as far as the Big Saskatchewan river. I expect the Red River road will be completed sometime in August; twenty miles of track are already ironed.

Solicitor McNaught was asked to state what would be the action of the Northern Pacific in the matter of operating the Red River Valley road, and whether the company intended purchasing the road from the Manitoba Government? He stated he was not at liberty to say anything just now, but as to the statements published in the papers, both here and in Manitoba, respecting the sale of the road and respecting the freight rates they were without foundation.

PACIFIC COAST DEFENCES.

Fortifications Upon Puget Sound—Letter from Gen. Duane—Afraid of Esquimalt.

The report relative to fortifications upon Puget Sound, called for a resolution of the Senate passed some time ago, has made its appearance. It is accompanied by a letter from Gen. Duane, chief of the corps of engineers. He says: "The fortification of the waters of north-western Washington Territory assume different phases according as a naval station with yards and docks be there established or not, and if so established, the details of that fortification will be influenced by the location of the station, and in so far cannot be determined until the site be decided upon. The naval station aside, there are now points of commercial importance upon the waters of Puget Sound to be defended, and these points will increase in number and importance. In advance of decision by proper authority as to the location of a naval station, in can only be said here that it will simplify the question to have it so located that the defense of the cities and towns on the Sound will also defend the station. This is stated not as determining the question, but as one item worthy of consideration in that decision. Not only the location of the naval station, but the importance which it shall have and the strength of the naval establishment connected therewith and related thereto have influence on the fortification of these waters.

"The entrance to Admiralty Inlet is some seventy-five miles from the ocean most of the distance being through a strait twelve miles and less in width, the entrance of which is more than 150 miles from the mouth of the Columbia, the nearest harbor of refuge for large vessels exterior to the Strait of Juan de Fuca in our territory. Great Britain maintains a naval establishment at Esquimalt, on Vancouver Island, and a naval force in the waters near, and under present conditions this force would prevail over any which we could spare to oppose it in that region.

"The discussion of this fortification naturally covers the extreme conditions of no naval establishment or force on our side, and of a strong naval station, with a force sufficient to prevail over any to which it may probably be opposed in those waters. In case we possess no naval strength, the question narrows down to the protection of the towns and cities, to prevent destruction of property therein; for, unless our naval forces can prevail over that of the enemy, no commerce will seek our ports through such long and narrow passages from the sea. Should emergency arise the most practicable course would be to erect earthen batteries for the defense of Seattle and the 'Narrows,' as this would provide a reasonable defense in the least time. Fortifications at these points would be of value, too, as forming the second line to a more elaborate system.

"As the interests concerned increase in extent their protection should not be limited to this second line, but in addition a first or principal line should be occupied further out. The power of the ordinance and the perfection of the appliances of the present day permit the occupation of the headlands, Admiralty Head, Point Wilson and Morrowstone Point as first line, and the occupation of both first and second lines should be held in view for the time when the extent of the interests to be protected require it, and other considerations permit.

"The naval stations aside, then, the requirements of defense would be the fortification of the second line noted (the occupation of which would be specially applicable to emergency), and of the first line in addition, when the commercial and property interests to defend become great.

"A naval station being decided upon and located the considerations are extended. The effect would be to hasten the occupation of the first line. The naval force maintained may be relatively weak or sufficient to prevail over that of the enemy in the vicinity of Washington sound. If no naval force be maintained, that of the enemy need be very little to paralyze the sea and coastwise commerce of the region. As our forces increase that of the enemy must increase to maintain its control, and he will thus have less available force to operate elsewhere; and according as our strength approximates to that of the enemy the second line becomes of less relative importance, and if our force be maintained at sufficient strength the second line may not be called into requisition at all, which at first sight makes its occupation under such circumstances unnecessary. When our naval force finally prevails over that of the enemy (supposed to be that of Great Britain, possibly assisted by an alley), we may assume that the enemy's force will be partially destroyed, with the balance locked up in the fortified harbor of Esquimalt. We will then have a certain excess which may be used elsewhere. That excess will be the greater practically, according as our harbors in those waters and the naval station are made secure by the local defenses. Should occasion arise when all the naval force we could assemble would be needed elsewhere for some desirable or needful purpose, our interest in those waters would for the time be in the condition before mentioned when no naval force is available, with the addition that we now have a navy yard to defend, and it is thus seen that the second line remains a very useful complement to the defense.

"Projects for a harbor of refuge in Juan de Fuca strait and for a fortified anchorage in the San Juan archipelago have been discussed.

"It is believed that the conditions of the present day are unfavorable to any such fortified positions exterior to Admiralty Inlet. The mercantile marine will not seek our ports in that region unless our naval force prevails, in which case it would have no need to seek a harbor of refuge. Besides, with the exception of Port Discovery, there is no harbor on the strait of sufficient extension inwardly to shield vessels from the range of modern armaments, and no attempt would be made to reach Port Discovery from the sea, unless the attainment of Admiralty Inlet were equally sure. As to the fortified anchorage in the archipelago, our fleet would have use of it only to refit or re-supply, or to evade a superior force, in all of which cases Admiralty Inlet and the interior waters would serve better because of the secure and unattackable communications with the interior of the country. Under present circumstances the following course should be taken in reference to coast defense in the northwest waters of Washington Territory.

"(1) The sites for the second line of defense should be chosen; plans for the works and for their accessories should be prepared, and the ordnance accumulated as soon as the conditions at our more important ports permit. This ordnance would be available for the first line, if needed.

"(2) The region of the first line should be studied, and the works therefor planned.

"(3) Discussion of the naval station and decision as to its location should be made.

"(4) When the ordnance is prepared, or about to be provided, the naval station located, or the ports become of increased importance, then the action corresponding to these conditions would be taken."

CARIBOO NOTES.

The Placer Mines Very Successful this Season, There being Plenty of Water—New Fields—Quartz Mining—The Crops.

Sheriff Rogers, of Barkerville, arrived down on Wednesday evening last, and is registered at the Oriental. The hydraulic mines, the Sheriff stated to a reporter, will have an exceptionally good return this season, water being more plentiful than since 1862. None of the claims, except Mosquito Creek, have made a clean-up as yet, taking advantage of the plentitude of water, the miners piping much longer than usual. Mosquito Creek, it is understood, has given a handsome return, far exceeding expectations. The outlook for the placer mines this year is very encouraging.

In Conklin's Gulch, on the old Ontario ground, good returns are now being secured. The Cora ground has not as yet turned out much gold.

About a mile below Barkerville, on the new wagon road, a bench of Williams Creek is being worked by three men, who are drifting into the bench. The discovery is an entirely new one, and it is understood the men are making something over wages. The experiment of mining the bench may lead to important developments, and if rich ground is secured the probability is that the benches all along will be worked. The Forest Rose is working as usual, with prospects of a good clean-up.

A party will start for Black river, which empties into the eastern side of the Fraser above Fort George, as soon as the water in the streams lowers sufficiently to enable them to be crossed without danger. One of the members of the party who went to Goat river last year, discovered a good prospect of fine gold on Black river, and the ground will be prospected thoroughly this year.

QUARTZ MINING.

The old Perseverance claim in Conklin Gulch, owned by Nason and others, on which a shaft was sunk during the winter, looks well. Sinking has been discontinued for the present, and a road is being made to the mine from the old Grouse Creek trail up to the hill. When this is completed it is intended to run a tunnel in to cut the ledge at a considerable distance below the surface.

I. B. Nason is working the B. C. M. & M. Co.'s sawmill, and is getting out a quantity of lumber.

There is very little doing in quartz mining at the present time, though it is thought that arrangements will soon be completed whereby the B. C. & Island Mountain companies will again proceed with work.

THE CROPS

all along the road are looking in splendid condition. With the exception of the forty acre field, which was cleared out by grasshoppers at Pinchbeck's, the pests have committed no further ravages.

RICH GOLD DISCOVERY.

A Quartz Lode in Michigan Carrying Free Gold at the Rate of $60,000 per Ton.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

ISHPEMING, Mich., July 21.—The richest discovery of gold ever made outside of the Comstock lode was made at the Lake Superior Iron company's shaft, seven miles from here, this morning. Three hundred pounds of quartz, carrying free gold at the rate of over $60,000 per ton, was uncovered by one blast and brought into the city where it is creating the wildest excitement.

COMOX NEWS.

The farmers are in bright spirits owing to the glorious weather and the luxuriance of their crops.

A heavy storm visited Comox District last week, and no doubt cleared the atmosphere for since then Italian skies and magnificent weather have "held the fort."

The work at and around the Comox mines is progressing in a most satisfactory manner. The railway is being constructed in a first class manner, one of the bridges on the line requiring 700,000 feet of timber to construct it.

The work at the seams, under the direction of Mr. John Dick, is steadily forging ahead, with every indication of opening up an extensive and regular seam of excellent coal.

The opening of the mines has infused new life into Comox District and materially increased the acreage under crop.—Nanaimo *Free Press.*

The Harrison-Morton men of Wall street, New York, will not consider any betting offers except at 2 to 1. A fund of $50,000 has been raised; $10,000 of Democratic money has been put up against it.

CABLE NEWS.

Labouchere Will Move a Six Months' Hoist on the Inquiry Bill.

The Local Government Bill Popular with the Opposition Members.

Conybear Suspended for Publishing Letters Reflecting on Churchill—A Medical Man Suicides Through Remorse—Ferdinand Must Resign the Throne.

A Six Months' Hoist.

LONDON, July 20.—On the second reading of the Parnell inquiry commission bill on Monday, Labouchere will move its rejection, or, as the technical phrase goes, "that the bill be read this day six months." Labouchere does this on his own responsibility. Members of the opposition generally are quite prepared to vote for the bill provided the inquiry is confined to the Irish members.

The Local Government Bill.

The local government bill is now settled, and is out in committee. For the first time England has local representative institutions worthy of the name. The bill undoubtedly has defects, one of the most serious is the nomination of a certain proportion of councillors without electing. In the case of London, however, these will be limited to one-sixth of the entire number. The metropolitan board of works ceases to exist and the power of the incorporation of the city of London, consisting only of the isolated part of the metropolis, about a mile square, will be greatly curtailed, and no doubt will eventually be absorbed with London, which henceforth will be a county in itself. It was evident throughout the discussions that the bill was more popular with the opposition than with the government, and the attendance of liberal members was much more numerous than of tories, although on critical occasions the liberals were voted down by their opponents, most of whom did not take the trouble to hear the merits of the question, but trooped in at the sound of a division. Mr. Gladstone has been most assidious in amending the discussions.

Marshal Kuhn Retires.

VIENNA, July 20.—The retirement of Marshal Kuhn has caused a sensation. The Emperor in a letter to the Marshal says: "The necessity for the army being in perfect readiness for the field renders it imperative to appoint another to your post." Kuhn still enjoys full physical and mental vigor.

Opposed to the King's Divorce.

BELGRADE, July 20.—It is reported that all the members of the holy synod except two are opposed to the granting of King Milan's petition for divorce from Queen Natalie.

A Member Suspended.

Lord Randolph Churchill asked if Mr. Conybear was the author of the letter which appeared in the *Star* to-day denouncing the speaker for supporting a motion to apply cloture rule in the debate on the Bann drainage bill. The letter, said Lord Randolph, accused the speaker of gross injustice to the minority in the house, and was a breach of parliamentary decorum, and nothing short of a public scandal in assisting the government to suppress the debate in a measure which handed to the Irish landlords half a million pounds of English money. Conybear admitted writing the letter. Randolph moved that Conybear be suspended for the remainder of the session. The letter, he said, was a gross libel upon the speaker and was a grave and deliberate insult to the house. The speaker said applying of the cloture was an act of the house. He held absolutely a neutral position in the matter and would leave the affair to the judgment of the house. Gladstone said publication of the letter was distinctly a breach of privilege. Therefore he supported the motion of Churchill. Sexton said nothing seemed a breach of privilege when committed against an Irish member. The Irish members were unable to obtain redress for slander uttered or written outside of parliament. He thought it best to leave the English parliament to settle the dispute among themselves (laughter and derisive cheers from the Tories). Mr. Sexton then withdrew. The motion was adopted by 245 to 168. An amendment to the motion was afterwards adopted which limited the suspension of Conybear to one month.

Cable Rates.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Direct Cable Company held to-day, Sir Jno. Pender, president, said the revenue during the last six months had fallen off over £6,000 on account of lower rates. The shilling rate will go into effect on August 15th. There will be no pool.

Ferdinand Must Resign.

Prince Ferdinand will not be allowed to resign on the ground that it will be impossible for him to long retain his position. When he abandons the throne Germany is to favor a Russian candidate for the throne in the principality.

Suicides from Remorse.

DUBLIN, July 20.—Dr. Ridley, medica officer of Tullamore jail, in which the late Mr. Mandeville was confined and who is said to have died from the result of the treatment he received there, has committed suicide. Ridley had been subpœned to attend the inquest into the death of Mandeville, now going on at Mitchelstown. Ridley had been in daily attendance at the Mandeville inquest, and it is said the evidence of the ill-usage of Mandeville, while the latter was confined in Tullamore jail, so preyed upon his mind, that he was driven to suicide. Ridley's action in taking his life tends to confirm the popular belief that Mandeville was brutally treated.

At The Czar's Tomb.

Emperor William and Prince Henry to-day visted the tomb of the late Czar and laid a memorial of wreaths upon it.

TWO CONSERVATIVES ELECTED.

A Quebec County Elects a Supporter of Sir John and an Opponent of Mercier.

QUEBEC, July 18.—The Nicolet elections took place yesterday. Boissevere, Conservative, was elected for the Commons by 92 majority, and Tourigney, Conservative, for the Legislature by 325 majority over Turcotte, Nationalist.

A Fact Worth Remembering.

Mr. James Binnie, of Toronto, states that his little baby when three months old was so bad with summer complaint that under doctors' treatment her life was despaired of. Four doses of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry cured her. She is now fat and hearty. tu-th-sat-dw

LATE CANADIAN NEWS.

ONTARIO.

It has been finally decided to appeal the judgment in the Ayer case.

During a gale the house of W. Cowdry, Kingston, was blown down; many barns at Bath were unroofed.

It is said that the Hon. E. Blake will return to Canada in as poor health as when he left. During his sojourn in England all his old troubles returned.

The dam built by the Dominion Government last spring at Rat Portage gave way carrying with it a colonization bridge built by the Ontario Government. The loss will be over $10,000.

Fire occurred at Palmerston in the block of stores owned by H. McEwing. The sufferers are W. Lynch, tinsmith; W. A. Freekend, grocer; Ralph & Co., druggists; S. Vanstone, jeweller; H. McEwing.

John Massales, a young man working on one of J. M. Irvin's drives, was drowned while breaking a jam in the rapids on Gull River, about four miles from Minden. His body was found a quarter of a mile from where he fell in.

The yacht Verve, of Toronto, is safe in port at Kingston, but the experience of the crew was thrilling. Several of the crew narrowly escaped drowning. Fishermen who beheld the storm say it is a miracle how the craft weathered it. The waves were from twenty to thirty feet high and on the top of these they tossed for twenty hours.

The cattle are starving in Pittsburg, the pasture lands being dried up and vegetation impossible. Farmers have been kept busy building fences knocked down by cattle in their eagerness to get into the grain fields. It is said that at the sheriff's sale at Enterprise some days ago cattle sold off at from $2 to $4 per head.

QUEBEC.

Ex-detective Fahey has been appointed baker to St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary.

Forty thousand Havana cigars, consigned to a wholesale Montreal house, were seized by the customs for undervaluation.

Achille Thom, a locomotive foreman fireman, was killed at Quebec. He fell between the cars and the train passed over him.

La Frenier's immense sawmills at Louisville have been partially destroyed by fire and a large number of his logs lost through the breaking of the boom. Loss $100,000, partially insured.

The Star paper collar factory, Montreal, was gutted by fire. It was a five-story building and a regular nest of telephone and telegraph wires centred over it, all of which had to be cut. The damage is estimated at $50,000.

The Harvey Hill copper mines in Megantic county, have been sold to the Excelsior copper company, of London, Eng., for £450,000. J. N. Greenshields, James Baxter and one or two others purchased the property a year ago for $100,000, and realize over $700,000.

The barge Francois, with wood, struck the shoals near Two Mountains during a storm. The waves washed over, carrying away everything, but the crew, captain, wife and five children were rescued in an exhausted condition by the steamer Prince of Wales.

A sad accident is reported from St. Hyacinthe. The Rev. W. G. Barry, a native of San Francisco, and a member of the Grand Seminary of Montreal, was visiting some friends at that place, and the party decided to go out fishing. The guest had hardly entered the water when he was seized with cramps, and was drowned under the eyes of his friends.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Grafton, opposite Woodstock, is in flames. Two hundred people are homeless. The fire is spreading and the entire village seems doomed to destruction.

NOVA SCOTIA.

It has been learned that the man accidentally killed by the cars in Salem depot, Boston, was J. H. McEwan, of Wallace. He had been in Salem for a few days and was taking the train for Gloucester, where he was to have shipped on a fishing schooner, when he was killed.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

Mrs. Marks, the lady who was so badly burnt by her clothing igniting at a camp fire near Grassy Lake on the 11th inst.,

A sad accident occurred at Moose Mountain on the 11th inst., by which George McArthur, late of Winnipeg, and formerly of Forres, Morayshire, Scotland, lost his life. He went to the bush to cut some timber, and a lodged tree struck him on the head killing him.

The most terrible drowning accident that has yet taken place in the already long list of Bow River casualties, occurred about three miles below Kananaskis Falls. Six of the men employed on the Eau Claire Lumber Company's log drive were upset from a boat and perished without any chance of succour being extended to them.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Must Import Feed.

KINGSTON, July 20.—It is reported that the farmers of Lennox and Addington, who have nothing to feed their stock with, will petition the government to allow them the importation of hay and oats free of duty.

Warning to Hotel Keepers.

James Hall, of Burketon, in Cobourg County, is charged witn manslaughter. He threw Owen Gregson out of his bar room with such force as to rupture his bowels. Gregson, after intense agony, died. The doctor's decided death was caused by a hard kick or something of that nature and the hotel man was arrested for manslaughter.

Did not Like his Punishment.

TORONTO, July 20.—Dr. Whiting, of St. Thomas, who was recently sentenced to two year's imprisonment in the Central Prison, and fifty lashes, for a criminal assault on his niece, aged 11 years, received the first instalment of 25 lashes this morning at 10:15. He made a very sorry exhibition and howled and yelled the whole time.

Will Appeal.

MONTREAL, July 20.—Judge Danburand this morning rendered judgment in the case against Delegate Dalton, K. of L., charged with conspiring to prevent men working on the wharf. As this was a test case only a nominal fine was imposed. The case will be appealed.

Indian Tourists.

QUEBEC, July 20.—Among the passengers by the outgoing mail steamer Vancouver, for England, was Hon. Senator Hardisty, of the Hudson's Bay Co., and four Northwest Indians, including the chief, Little Poplar, whom he is taking on a trip to England.

S. W. Hawkins, of Carroll county, has been nominated by the Republican state convention for Governor of Tennessee.

THE SKEENA INCIDENT

Not in the Hands of the Dominion But the Provincial Authorities.

Proceedings to be Taken to Annul all Edison's Electric Light Patents in Canada.

Wimbledon Average Shooting Higher This Year Than Before—Coal Land Regulations of the Dominion Extended to the B. C. Railway Belt—Canadian Cheese Ranks A1.

[From our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, July 20.—A Quebec dispatch was published here this evening stating that General Middleton had been hastily summoned to Ottawa on account of Indian troubles in British Columbia. I have the best authority for saying that there is not a word of truth in the statement. The work of suppressing the *emeute* which has broken out on Skeena River has been assumed by the provincial authorities, consequently the militia department has no say in the matter beyond insisting that the detachment of "C" Battery called out is properly cared for.

Col. Bacon, Secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association, says the average shooting of the Wimbledon team will be higher than usual this year, although the team will not be so successful in winning bigger prizes.

Patterson, of Essex, urges the minister of customs to take action in regard to the expulsion of Canadian laborers from Michigan.

Proceedings have been entered to annul all Edison's electric patents in Canada for alleged non-compliance with the requirements of the patent act.

Sanford Fleming left for Winnipeg last night to meet Owen Jones, director of the Pacific Cable Company, for the purpose of discussing the establishment of a cable between Canada and Australia.

No information has been received by the mounted police department of the reported arrest of Johnson, a deserter from the mounted police, at Brandon. Johnson was a young recruit and was stationed at Regina.

An order-in-council has been passed extending the existing regulations relating to coal lands in Manitoba and the Territories to Dominion lands in the railway belt in British Columbia.

The department of revenue had a Canadian cheese sampled at the request of the home authorities, and it proved to be a genuine article of the best quality.

The Quebec rifle matches will be held here on August 7th.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Teachers' Convention.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—At the closing session this evening the following papers were read: "Workings of the Teachers' Aid Society" by Nellie E. Owens, of San Francisco; "What is the true American idea of Labor?" by W. N. Ackley Warren, of Rhode Island. The installation of new officers followed, after which the doxology and benediction, and the convention adjourned.

A Teacher Dies.

Lucy R. Johnson, of the Laramie, Wyoming, delegation, died this morning.

The Lichenstein Trial.

OAKLAND, Cal., July 20.—Prosecution in the trial of Benj. Lichenstein, tailor, charged with the murder of Sam Phelan, another tailor, closed their case this morning. The defence made their opening statement and the case will go to the jury to-morrow.

Manslaughter.

MARYSVILLE, Cal., July 20.—James McNabb, saloon-keeper, who murdered a customer named Sullivan a short time ago, was found guilty of manslaughter this afternoon. He will be sentenced next Thursday.

Killed by a Train.

Frank Colvert, a young man, was killed in a train collision this afternoon.

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

Rev. John P. Hutchinson Elopes With Pretty Gertie Smith—Wife and Child Left Behind.

HALIFAX, July 16.—Rev. John P. Hutchinson, Baptist minister of St. John, N. B., and Miss Gertie Smith, the bright and beautiful daughter of a wealthy gentleman here, are missing from their homes. While Smith's family was at Wolfville recently Hutchinson came there with his wife and child and became very intimate with Gertie. After returning to their homes the parties corresponded and it is believed planned an elopement. Smith received an unsigned telegram from Boston this morning telling him his daughter was there. Mrs. Hutchinson is described as a very nice lady, and devoted to her husband. Their child is only a few years old. It is believed to have been a case of love at first sight between the erring clergyman and Gertie.

THE VICTORIA-SAANICH RAILWAY.

The Line to Extend From Victoria to Shoal Harbor and thence by Ferry to Point Gray on the Mainland.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Ont., July 20.—Application to Parliament will be made next session to incorporate a company to build a line from Victoria to Shoal Harbor, North Saanich, Vancouver Island, and running a ferry from Shoal Harbor to Point Gary on the mainland.

CHINESE NEWS.

At Kao-Ju, in the Yangchow Prefecture, Kiangsu, on the 13th May, at the third watch of the night, the people heard the sound of laughter from the sky. Opening their doors and looking out, they saw the sky had a bright white appearance all round, shot with red streaks, and a sound descended like human laughter. The *Hu-pao* asks—Is this a good omen?

In Anhui a coppersmith's wife laid the baby, a fine boy of ten months, in a large tub to keep him safe, as she had to leave the house on business. The child fell asleep, and the father, not noticing it, threw his long cotton coat into the tub, concealing the infant, and called a lad to pour in boiling water to wash it. The child gave one feeble cry, and then his little soul had passed through the spirit gate. The mother in her distress wanted to commit suicide and follow her child, and was with great difficulty dissuaded from doing so.

Says the *Chinese Times* of the 2nd inst.: The prospect of closing the gap in the Yellow River is worse. The last memorial to the Throne is stated to be in a hopeless tone of despondency. No wonder if this great river is beyond the power of Chinese engineering to control. What Li-hung-tsao himself says, as printed in the *Gazette* of the 19th May, is that during the preceding half month, the amount of the gap filled up was 100 feet short of what it ought to have been, and that the cause was in the increasing depth of the stream and the strength of the current. He is in great fear on account of the approach of the summer rise in the river, which is what is called the Dog day's freshet (that is the 18th July), but at the wheat harvest term (June 5th), there is also an annual freshet in the river in Shantung, and this must be earlier in Honan. Serious news will, so we may expect, soon arrive.

COAL ON ORCAS ISLAND.

Deposits Discovered Which are Said to be Exhaustless and to Rival the Nanaimo Coal in Quality.

PORT TOWNSEND, July 20.—A gentleman who came up on the Libby last evening, in response to the query, "Is there anything startling on the islands?" said: "I should think there was—why, we have discovered one of the greatest veins of coal ever found. It is four miles back of East Sound, on Orcas Island, and the residents of that section are terribly worked up about it. An expert who was sent for and is now down there pronounces it a very fine grade, better than Nanaimo coal, and also says the lead is an exhaustless one. A company is now being organized to develop it."

AMERICAN NEWS.

A Great Boat Race.

BOSTON, Mass., July 21.—The second deposit in the Teemer and Hamm and Gaudaur and McKay double scull race was made yesterday and $4,000 of the stake money is now up. James Keenan said he should hold to the agreement that George Faulkner should name the course. If St. John and Hamm failed that day he added that Baltimore would not be chosen. He favored Saratoga. Gaudaur said if no other place offered a good purse to be raised for him in addition to the stakes he preferred to take Quinnimond. The prospect is that Saratoga will be chosen.

The Grasshopper Plague.

FERGUS FALLS, Minn., July 21.—The grasshopper war at Perham continues unabated, although over 10,000 bushels have been caught. A lot rose up and flew five or six miles and when they alighted fifteen bushels of them were caught. Last Monday night over 100 bushels were caught in one field.

A Bystander Shot.

MERCED, Cal., July 21.—News reached here to-day from Plainsburg, ten miles north, that during a drunken fight between a man named Williams and another named Morley, the former shot at the latter. The bullet struck and killed a bystander named Adams. Williams was arrested.

In Self-Defence.

OAKLAND, July 21.—In the trial of Ben Lichenstein, a tailor, who murdered Samuel Phelan, another tailor, Lichenstein testified in his own behalf to-day. He stated he had no intention of killing Phelan, but shot him in self-defense when he approached him as if to do him bodily harm. The case will be concluded Monday.

The Chinese Question.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.—With a view of learning General Harrison's exact opinion on the Chinese question, a meeting of workingmen of this city will shortly be held, at which will be framed a despatch to be sent to the General asking for the above-mentioned information.

Heavy Opium Seizure.

Three hundred and sixty boxes of opium that had been smuggled aboard the bark Forest Queen from the steamer Parthia were seized by the customs officers last evening just as the bark cleared for Honolulu. The seizure is valued at $3,000.

Misplaced Railway Switch.

CHATTENOOGA, Ten, July 21.—The Cannon Ball passenger train on the Alabama division of the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia railway, ran through an open switch thirty miles from this city yesterday. The engine turned over and the engineer and fireman were fatally injured. The switch had been misplaced by two negroes, who were caught last night. Both confessed, and they were taken to Cleveland to escape lynching.

Another Dynamiter Arrested.

CHICAGO, July 21.—Ex-engineer August Koegel, a prominent Brotherhood man and a striker, was arrested this morning at Aurora, Ills., on a charge of assisting Banersen, Bowles and the remaining alleged conspirators in procuring, storing and distributing dynamite, knowing at the time that the explosives were to be used for the purpose of injuring the property and business of the Burlington road. Koegel furnished bonds of $5,000 for his appearance on Wednesday next.

Teemer Wins Another Race.

NEW YORK, July 21.—The three-mile sculling race to-day on Jamaica Bay, between Teemer, Hamm, Hosmer and Ten Eyck, for a purse of $500, was won by Teemer in 21 minutes and 30 seconds. Hosmer finished six lengths behind, with Hamm third, Ten Eyck ten lengths away and far inside the course. About 2,000 people witnessed the race. The start was made at 5:30 with a flood tide and light wind. The course was 1½ miles straight away to a neck of land between Canarsie and Rock inlet and return. The water was somewhat lumpy at the start. At the word "Go!" Teemer, who was next to Hosmer on the outside, had taken a full stroke and was almost a length ahead when the others took the water. Ten Eyck kept the extreme inside throughout, rowing about 35 strokes to the minute, while the others were rowing 32. Teemer turned the stake boat about four lengths in advance of Hosmer, Hamm turning last. Teemer took matters easy on the way home and won as he pleased.

PEOPLE GENERALLY BELIEVE that if the Blood is pure the health will be good. The purity of the blood is guaranteed only when the kidneys are naturally active. The fluids may flow freely, and yet the kidneys fail to keep the blood clean. This will be indicated if you have MALARIA, STOMACH TROUBLES, RHEUMATISM, SALT RHEUM, SCROFULA, SKIN DISEASES, IMPOTENCY, HEADACHES, LAME BACK, NEURALGIA, CARBUNCLES AND BOILS, ABSCESSES, WEAK EYES, NERVOUSNESS, POOR APPETITE, and in women FEMALE TROUBLES. These disorders show that your blood is full of uric, kidney, acid poison, AND YOU CAN NEVER GET WELL until you clean out the blood with the only recognized scientific blood tonic,

"WARNER'S SAFE CURE."

Fire at Chico, Cal., destroyed the Sutton hotel and two adjoining buildings.

CABLE NEWS.

The Festivities in Russia in Honor of Emperor William's Visit.

Morley Speaks on the Inquiry Bill and Refers to Ireland's Wrongs—O'Brien Says it is Ireland's Desire to Forget the Miserable Past and Enter on a Brighter and Better Time.

The Parnell Commission.

LONDON, July 21.—Morley, speaking at Morpeth, to-night said he was told authoratively that the proposed Parnell commission would have a good year's work. He did not believe the country desired the charges against Parnell mixed with those of thirty or forty others. If the bill passed as it now stood there was a possibility of opening a way to accusations against many persons through disclosures. The commission will create more ill will and anarchy than he cared to contemplate. Whatever the result of the investigation the determination of the English to do justice to Ireland should remain unalloyed. Even if it was proven that the National league was in some respects criminal, the damaging fact remained that such an organization was needed to open the eyes of England to the wrongs done Ireland.

The Troops Reviewed.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 21.—Emperor William reviewed the troops at Krasnoe-selo last evening. On the Emperor's arrival in company with the Czar the bands played the Prussian national hymn and the troops cheered. Later the Emperor joined the Russian imperial family and Prince Henry at the pavilion, where bands played selections from German and Russian airs.

The Black Eagle.

Emperor William has conferred the decoration of the Order of the Black Eagle upon Duke Alexander of Oldenburg, commander of the Russian corps. In bestowing the decoration the Emperor extolled the perfection of the corps.

Honorary Commander.

Prince Henry, of Prussia, has been appointed honorary commander of the thirty-third regiment of Russian dragoons

Inquest on Mandeville's Body.

DUBLIN, July 21.—The inquest on the body of Mandeville was resumed to-day, and the testimony taken created an immense sensation. Daniel Goulding, formerly warden in Tullamore jail, deposed that on the evening of November 22 last, the governor of the jail said he had received orders to strip Mandeville of his clothing. Goulding and five warders entered the cell where Mandeville was sleeping soundly, and the chief warder shook the prisoner violently. Mandeville awoke, and upon being told of the errand of the intruders, he resisted them stoutly, but was soon stripped naked. As the warders were withdrawing, Mandeville cried "for decency's sake leave me my shirt," whereupon the chief warden gave prisoner back his shirt, in which garment he laid the rest of the night, refusing to put on the prison garb, which was furnished him. Witness was aware of Mandeville's having been punished on several occasions and for various periods which were not recorded on the warden's book, which should show the character and duration of punishment inflicted upon every prisoner. The inquest was adjourned until Monday.

Brighter Days for Ireland.

EDINBURGH, July 21.—Wm. O'Brien, addressing a meeting here to-night, said: He believed that deep in the British heart there was a feeling of sickness and loathing for the endless misery and bloodguiltiness in Ireland. It was the deepest desire of the Irish, he said, to forgive and forget the miserable past and enter a brighter and better time.

A NOTABLE PARTY.

Arrival of Hon. David Wells, the Political Economist, of Norwich, Conn., and Other Distinguished Gentlemen.

A party of distinguished Americans arrived by the Yosemite Friday evening and registered at the Driard. Its members are Hon. David A. Wells, Rev. Henry Ruggles, Gen. W. B. Eq., and Mr. David D. Wells (son of Hon. Mr. Wells), of Norwich, Conn.; Mr. Geo. Iles, of New York, and Mr. B. McLennan (son of Mr. Hugh McLennan), Montreal.

The principal is Hon. David A. Wells, of Norwich, Conn., the eminent political economist. Mr. Wells has lately been much interested in the fishery question, and has made this trip for the purpose of examining into the condition of the province.

A member of the party is Gen. Wm. Eqy, a cotton manufacturer and the owner of a large stock farm as well as a breeder of fancy poultry. Gen. Eqy served throughout the American war from the battle of Bull Run to the close, and won his present rank by bravery and merit. He was a prisoner at one time in Libby prison and escaped, only to be recaptured when within a few hundred yards of his own lines.

Rev. Henry Ruggles is well-known in the world of letters, especially for his widely-circulated book entitled "Canada Seen Without Spectacles." He has also written several other books, and has few equals as a descriptive writer.

Mr. Geo. Iles was formerly the manager of the famous Windsor Hotel, of Montreal, and has had charge of other prominent American hotels. He is not at present engaged in business. Mr. Iles is a literary as well as a practical man, a happy combination, and during a long period of years has contributed articles to *The Century* and other leading periodicals. He is an out-and-out Free Trader, and takes a deep interest in the tariff reform now going on in his own country. He is a leading member of the Reform Club. Mr. Iles is engaged in writing a book on the "Fruit Products of the Pacific Coast."

The party will probably spend a couple of days in Victoria, visiting its attractions and gleaning information of various kinds. Last night Hon. Mr. Wells retired immediately on arrival, being somewhat worn out after his trip over the continent. Mr. Iles stated that they had seen canyons and mountains and chasms and other bewildering objects until their brains refused to take in any more. On the way out they stopped off at various points, and after leaving Victoria they will follow the same course. They return by the C.P.R.

Mr. Horace White, editor of the New York *Evening Post*, was compelled on account of lack of time, to return east from Vancouver. He will remain a day at Banff, and then proceed direct to Chicago and on to New York.

At Brooklyn, owing to jealousy, Michael Dunphy shot and killed his brother John, and then shot himself.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Gisborne Coming West—Payment of Fishery Bounties—Protection for the Salmon Fisheries.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, July 21.—Mr. Gisborne, superintendent of the government telegraphs, will visit Manitoba and British Columbia this fall.

The fisheries department have concluded the payment of the fisheries bounty claims to 45,000 fishermen.

The board of trade of Victoria is asking the government to adopt restrictive measures regarding the salmon fishery which is threatened with destruction through the development of the canning business.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Venezuela is in the throes of a state revolution.

The town of Calico, Cala., has been destroyed by fire.

Sir Morel Mackenzie has been granted an audience by the Queen.

The North Chicago Rolling Mill Co., of Pittsburg, employing between 3,000 and 4,000 men, have signed the amalgamated wage scale.

Malcolm A. Ford, all-round champion amateur of America, broke the record at New Jersey for three standing broad jumps, clearing 32 feet 2½ inches.

Geo. Nickle, a former railroad employee, was caught in the act of placing a railroad tie across the track of the C. B. & Q.R.R. at Marblehead, and is now in gaol.

At the Limbury, Pa., regatta Strickland, of Toronto, won the junior single sculls. Donahue, of Toronto, won the senior sculls.

In connection with the dynamite plot discovered at Chicago, the police have discovered that thirty pounds of the explosive had been distributed among the anarchists on June 3rd.

The governor-general of Cuba has declared the provinces of Havana, Pinardel, Rio, Matanzas and Santa Clara in a state of seige, and the law of 1877 against the brigands is now in force.

A report circulated at Washington that Logan's remains were to be removed from that place, has had such an effect upon Mrs. Logan that it is feared she will not recover.

At the session of the Pan-Presbyterian council at London, it was decided to organize in every congregation trained women who are willing to devote their lives to the work of the church. They are to be enrolled under the title of Deaconesses.

Mike Daly, a New Haven blacksmith, defeated Jim Mack, late of England, in a bare knuckle fight at North George, N. Y., knocking him senseless in the third round. Daly weighed 154 pounds and Mack 163. London prize ring rules.

In Powell County, Ky., a tragedy occurred on Tuesday night, in which S. S. Hall was killed and John Rose wounded. Rose was father-in-law of Hall and the trouble was brewing for a long time. More bloodshed between the families is expected.

While Labelle, the opium smuggler, was being taken to Indianapolis by train, he jumped from the car, secured a horse and buggy which was in readiness, drove rapidly to the river bank,