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## BIG ARMIES CLASH AGAIN; BATTLE ON NEAR LIAO YANG

### The Japanese Are Once More Attacking General Kuropatkin's Main Forces.

### FIGHTING HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS SINCE THE 24TH

Lio Yang, Aug. 26. — A big battle commenced today twenty miles east of Liao Yang.

The Russian front from the Taitse River south was engaged.

Liao Yang, Aug. 25. — The fighting, which began yesterday, continues today at Liandiansian, 23 miles southeast of Liao Yang. The Japanese are attacking.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 26. — A dispatch from Liao Yang under date of Aug. 25, says the Japanese eastern force began a forward movement on Aug. 24, eight companies going on the main Liao Yang road, in the direction of Liandiansian.

The Russian outposts held their position, the fight continuing yesterday. The result is not stated, but it is understood the Second and Twelfth Japanese Guards' divisions are participating.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 26. — 2:15 p.m. —After four weeks' interval the Japanese have resumed their advance against Gen. Kuropatkin's positions. The opposing armies are in contact east and south of Liao Yang and fighting has been in progress since Wednesday. The advices at hand are too meager to enable the officials to form a correct opinion, as to whether it will result in a general engagement, but the extent and character of the Japanese movement leads to that conclusion. Since the rains ceased a week ago there have been continued intimations that Gen. Kuropatkin was able to assume the offensive, but instead of that it was the Japanese who attacked the Russians' eastern and southern positions.

A Japanese column 30,000 strong was reported on Tuesday to be marching up the right bank of the Li River, which would seem to indicate that three Japanese armies are co-operating in enveloping three sides of Liao Yang.

From the meager accounts received it appears that Gen. Kuroki selected Tantziapudzi as the point for his attempt to drive the wedge into Kuropatkin's outer defenses at An Ping and Linadiansian, which are situated respectively ten miles northwest and southwest of Tantziapudzi, the latter being on the Lianhe River, eight miles above the conflux of the Taitse River, whence a mountain ridge runs westward.

The fact that the Japanese are preparing pontoons at the Taitse River was noted in these dispatches several days ago.

The capture of this bridge will be the first object of the Japanese, and doubtless will entail severe fighting, in which the Japanese probably are counting on the superiority of their mountain guns. If they are successful the Russians' position at Anping and Liandiansian will become precarious.

Their operations on Anping are supported from Gutziatzi, three miles higher up the Lianhe River, and along the Taitse River, as shown in the dispatch reporting that the Russian front out of Taitse River was engaged, and that Gen. Kuroki was simultaneously moving on Liandiansian, along the high road, as reported from Liao Yang last night, and another Japanese column is moving on Liandiansian along the south road from Siaolindzy, ten miles east of Hai Cheng. That General Kuropatkin had foreseen these various moves is shown by the manner in which the attack on Tansapu River was met, and by the repulse of the Japanese at Siaolundzy.

The Baltic fleet, which sailed from Cronstadt last night, on a ten days' trial cruise, consisted of twenty warships.

The Emperor leaves here tomorrow for the Don, to bid farewell to departing troops.

***Passed to Bosphorus.***

Constantinople, Aug. 26. — The Russian Navigation Company's steamers Yenona and Meteor, laden with coal, supplies and fresh water, traversed the Bosphorus yesterday. They are said to be on the way to the join the Baltic squadron.

***Russ Press Comments.***

St. Petersburg, Aug. 26. — The Russ today declares it is in a position to state authoritatively that there is not the slightest foundation for the report that Italy has suggested to France an offer of her offices on behalf of Russia.

Protection of the cruiser Askold now develops upon China, and, incidentally, upon the neutral powers having warships at Shanghai. The Russ adds the warning:

"This protection must be effective, as another breach of neutrality on the part of Japan, will force Russia to regard China as a belligerent, and thus change the whole aspect of affairs in the Far East."

The Novo Vremya supposes now that the Vladivostock squadron is temporarily out of commission, contraband trade will resume full swing: "Especially since the Smolensk, which has proved to be the "Flying Dutchman" to English traders on the South African route, is now definitely held off."

***Sunk His Ship.***

St. Petersburg, Aug. 26. — The Emperor has received from Viceroy Alexieff the report of the commander of the cruiser Novik, which was sunk at Korsakovsk, Island of Sakhalien, after a fight with the Japanese protected cruisers, Chitose and Tsushima. It shows that the Novik put to sea from Korsakovsk to engage one of the cruisers.

By the end of the engagement only six of the Novik's boilers were in good order and this fact added to the damage to her steering gear, compelled her commander to return to Korsakovsk to examine the vessel's condition.

In doing this, he intended to put to sea again at night, but finding it impossible to repair the rudder and the enemy's vessels approaching he decided to sink the cruiser in shallow water. The officers and stores were conveyed on shore.

The casualties on the Novik were two sailors killed and 15 slightly wounded.

## JAPAN WILL NOT LACK FOR FUNDS

### With Industries Booming and Bank Balances Increasing, War Can Be Kept Up.

Tokio, Aug. 26.—The Asahi, summing up a series of articles on the condition of the Japanese business interests since the war began, finds that the business of the ministering luxuries, such as entertainments, theaters and the tea houses, have suffered severely. So also the business of the life, fire and marine insurance. Lately there has been a decline in the printing business and coal mining. On the other hand, the paper mills, breweries, shipyards, electric and gas plants, hemp and woolen mills, shoe shops and warehouses have been prosperous, on account of the demands made by the war.

The country in general is in a healthy economic condition, and it is significant that the savings, private and government banks show a steady increase in balances. The cotton mills, which were weak at the beginning of the war, have latterly had a revival of activity, owing to the decline in the price of raw material.

The Asahi is sanguine that Japan will be able to continue the war, regardless of the length of its duration.

## LORD MINTO'S HOLIDAY

### Will Take a 500-Mile Horseback Ride Across Prairies.

Ottawa, Aug 26. — The retiring Governor-General, Lord Minto, evidently means to have a good holiday on his coming farewell trip to the Northwest. The great feature of the journey will be a ride on horseback across the prairie from Edmonton to Qu'Appelle, a distance of between four and five hundred miles. This task would be an arduous one for any but an experienced horseman. To Lord Minto it is quite an ordinary affair. Nevertheless, he is looking forward to it with zest. Two mounts will be provided for his excellency, and guns will be brought for the purpose of duck and partridge shooting. Lord Minto's escort will be limited to a few troopers in charge of Inspector Gilpin Brown. At the Governor-General's request there will be as little ceremony as possible about the ride. Each night he and his escort will camp out in the prairie.

## JAPS EXHAUSTED; STOP SHELLING

### General Stoessel Declares Bombardment of Port Arthur Has Been Suspended.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 26.—The war office was much elated this morning at the receipt of a dispatch from General Stoessel dated from Port Arthur, Aug. 22, reporting that the attacks of the Japanese had at last exhausted them, and that the bombardment had been suspended. Full details regarding the dispatch are not avilable, but it probably refers to the Che Foo dispatch of yesterday announcing the repluse of the Japanese with heavy loss in the attacks upon Fort No. 1 and Fort Eleshan.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 26.—4:35 p.m.—The advices of the war office from the front are very meager. In fact they are confined to a report dated Aug. 24, giving an account of the advance of the Japanese column of 30,000 men along the main road toward Liao Yang, which began at daybreak Aug. 24. The Japanese drove in the Russian outposts, and when the column reached a point a couple of miles west of Lian the Japanese attempted to install batteries, but were met with a fire and only succeeded in placing one battery, which was soon compelled to change its position. At the moment of sending the dispatch the Japanese had suspended operations.

The war office has no news of the reported attack of Anshanshan and the general staff is by no means satisfied that the eastern movement of the Japanese is more than a feint.

General Ivanoff is in command of General Kellar's corps at Lian Diansian.

## BURGLARS AT TILBURY

### They Carry Off Jewelry, Perfumery and Gents' Furnishings.

Tilbury, Ont., Aug. 26. — M. H. Smith's, jewelry store and V. Campbell's gents' furnishing store were burglarized here last night. Entrance to each building was gained by prying open a window in the rear. About $25 worth of perfumery and $200 worth of rings, chains, spoons, etc., were taken from Smith's. Three suits of clothes, three hats, three sweaters, three pairs of shoes and three shirts are missing from Campbell's.

## THE MARSEILLES STRIKE

### Mediterranean Lines Are Withdrawing Merchant Ships.

Marseilles, Aug. 25.—The strike of sailors and dock laborers here, which has continued intermittently for two years, has now become acute. It is estimated that 18,000 workers of all grades refuse to load, unload, or operate ships. The 16 companies carrying on the principal commerce of the Mediterranean today began the withdrawal of all merchant ships. The Government has ordered a number of gunboats and torpedo boats to take up the Mediterranean mail routes. Thus far there has been no disorder, but a large force of troops is ready to meet eventualities. The strikers are seeking to extend the movement to Havre and other ports of departure for America.

## LIVE CHILD IN A WELL

### Two-Year-Old Youngster Found Sitting on a Board 22 Feet Down.

Marlboro, Mass., Aug. 26. — The adventures of Fred McDonald, the 2-year-old son of David McDonald, yesterday, are a source of wonderment to this place. About noon the youngster was missed, and after some inquiries his parents began to search for him. The party of searchers constantly increased. Some one glanced into an old, unused well on what is known as the Connors estate, but the youngster could not be seen. No one had seen him since about 10 o'clock in the morning.

At 3 p.m. some boys determined to more thoroughly examine the well on the Connors estate. A long pole was procured and dropped into the well. Loud cries came from the depths. One of the boys climbed down and 22 feet from the top came upon the missing youngster sitting upon a board which stretched across the well and held the youngster from falling into eight feet of water. The child appeared none the worst for his five hours sojourn.

### Crushed to Death.

Walkerville, Ont., Aug. 26. — Alexander A. Parrot, a laborer, was standing on the wharf yesterday, when a heavy gangway on the steamer United Empire fell on him crushing him to the ground and rendering him unconscious. He was sent to the Hotel Dieu, Windsor, where he died last evening. Parrot was about forty years of age, and leaves a widow and several children.

## *Marlborough's Name Again For the Gov.-Generalship*

Ottawa, Aug. 26. — The report is revived here that the Duke of Marlborough may be appointed Governor-General of Canada. When first mentioned some months ago the report was received with incredulity, but since then, it is said, developments have occurred which render the rumor more probable. One of them is that the duke has lately been in training at the colonial office. There is also the fact that he stands in high favor with the present administration at Westminster. A leading Government official, to whom the report was mentioned, stated that, although he had heard nothing of the matter, he would not be surprised if the duke were appointed. Earl Grey, according to gossip here, could have had the governorship had he so desired, but was not in a position to accept it. On the other hand, Mr. Grenfell, M. P., it is believed, would readily become Governor-General if the offer were made to him.

## "BLACK HAND" GANG IN TORONTO

### Rossoti, New York Murderer, Said to Have Established a Branch There.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 28.—From inquiries which were made yesterday it transpired that Carlo Rossati, the Italian who murdered Salvatore Bosito in New York on Tuesday, formed a branch of the "Black Hand" Society during his stay in Toronto, and initiated quite a number of Italians, two of whom, Michael Tomasso and Antonio Dominico, went to New York with him.

When Rossati first came to Toronto he stayed with Lucca Bush at 322 Adelaide street west, and held a meeting there, where he outlined his plan of action. The second meeting was held at 163 Center avenue, when the organization scheme was explained to the large crowd present. The third and last meeting was held at 114 Chestnut street, when there were over 150 Italians present. Rossati, as usual, did most of the talking, and was assisted by Bush.

It was stated at the last meeting that after joining the "Black Hand" the members would need to do no more work. Rossati's followers expressed their sympathy for him.

## KING'S HEALTH IS GOOD

### The Royal Physician Denies Recent Pessimistic Rumors.

Marienbad, Aug. 25.—Dr. Ott, King Edward's physician, absolutely contradicts pessimistic rumors published recently in London regarding the health of his majesty. Dr. Ott says King Edward is deriving the greatest benefit from the cure here, and that he is in the best of health. The physician declares that the King has one of the best of constitutions, and that his appetite digestion and sleep are excellent and that his majesty is stronger than ever. The rumors referred to stated that the condition of King Edward's health was about the same as it was just before the coronation, when it became necessary for him to undergo an operation.

## NOT WATCHING SMOLENSK

### Although She Is Believed To Be After Uncle Sam's Ships.

Cape Town, Aug. 26.—There is no foundation for the report circulated by a news agency that the American South Atlantic squadron, Rear-Admiral Chadwick commanding, now in these waters, had been ordered to leave here and watch the Russian volunteer fleet steamer Smolensk, which, it was added, was believed to be waiting for an American ship.

The British warships Crescent, Odin, Pearl and Forte, Rear-Admiral Durnford commanding, are at the Seychelles Islands in the vicinity of Zanzibar. It is understood that the admiralty has sent to the admiral, directing him to communicate with the Smolensk and St. Petersburg.

## A NEW C. P. R. STOCK ISSUE?

### Reported That Company Is to Issue $20,000,000 of Common.

Toronto, Aug. 25. — An evening paper gives currency to a report that the Canadian Pacific Railway has decided to issue the $20,000,000 of new common stock talked of some time ago. According to the story which the paper says comes from an official source, the new issue is to be brought out immediately. The common stock of the company at present amounts to $84,500,000, and it is therefore probable that if the new issue is made it will be offered to old shareholders in the proportion of about one share in four.

## GREAT OIL FIRE NEAR ANTWERP

### Plants and Tanks of Standard and Russian Oil Companies Are Ablaze.

Antwerp, Aug. 26. — The oil tanks at Hoboken, three miles from here, containing about 28,500,000 gallons of petroleum, are ablaze, together with all the sheds, wagons and paraphernalia. The fire started at the Russian Company's tanks, through the ignition of escaping gas, and the flames quickly spread to the Standard Oil Company's tanks. A high wind fanned the fire. The troops are assisting the firemen to localize the conflagration.

The firemen say nothing can be done except to allow the fire to burn itself out. The estimates of the losses run into millions of francs.

## RAN FROM RUNAWAY TRAIN

### Engineer of a Passenger Prevents a Wreck by Hasty Flight.

Mahanoy City, Aug. 26. — A crowded Lehigh Valley passenger train had an exciting race with a runaway freight train today. While the passenger train was standing at the Delano station, about five miles from here, the shrieking of a whistle was heard, and looking back the engineer saw a freight train running away down the steep grade toward him. He threw open the throttle and started on a race for the safety of his train and the lives of his passengers.

The people in the car, hearing the whistle of the runaway train, swarmed to the platforms, and several of them, becoming terror-stricken, jumped from the train. They were all injured, but none seriously, with the exception of Mrs. John Monhean, of this place, who had her leg broken and was injured internally.

The passenger engineer crowded on every bit of speed he could, and when the runaway freight train was almost up to the rear coach he began to pull away and soon had his train out of danger. The failure of the airbrakes to work caused the freight train to run away.

### Planing Mill Burned.

Bayfield, Ont., Aug. 26. — The saw and planing mill and a large amount of lumber belonging to Wm. Mustard was burned here this morning. Loss heavy. No insurance.

## WEATHER BULLETIN.

### Tomorrow--Fair and Warmer.

London, Friday, Aug. 26.

Sun rises..5:24 a.m. Moon rises..7:21 p.m.
Sun sets...7:05 p.m. Moon sets...6:05 a.m.

Toronto, Aug 25—8 p.m.

A storm which passed over Ontario today and is centered in Quebec this evening, has been accompanied by moderate winds and thunderstorms in both Provinces. In the Maritime Provinces, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, fine weather has prevailed.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Port Simpson, 50—58; Victoria, 50—70; Calgary, 38—78; Qu'Appelle, 40—72; Winnipeg, 48—70; Parry Sound, 58—76; Toronto, 56—80; Ottawa, 56—80; Montreal, 60—78; Quebec, 54—74; St. John, 54—62; Halifax, 48—74.

FORECASTS.

Friday, Aug. 26—8 a.m.

Today—Fine and comparatively cool.

Saturday—Moderate to fresh south to southwest winds; fine and a little warmer.

TEMPERATURES.

| Stations. | 8 a.m. | Min. | Weather. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Calgary | 50 | 46 | Fair |
| Winnipeg | 52 | 48 | Clear |
| Parry Sound | 56 | 44 | Fair |
| Toronto | 54 | 48 | Clear |
| Ottawa | 52 | 50 | Fair |
| Montreal | 56 | 52 | Clear |
| Quebec | 54 | 52 | Cloudy |
| Father Point | 50 | 48 | Clear |

WEATHER NOTES.

Since yesterday morning strong breezes and moderate gales have prevailed from the lakes to the Maritime Provinces, attended by showers and thunderstorms, while in the Territories and Manitoba the weather has been very fine and for the most part quite warm.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 80°; lowest, 56.5°.

## PANIC IN CHICAGO BETTING RING

### Dynamite Caps Had Been Scattered on Floor.

### PLOT TO ROB THE BOOKMAKERS

### A Rush Was Made for the Cash Boxes, But the Daring Thieves Were Driven Off.

Chicago, Aug. 25. — By the explosion or some dynamite caps and in the panic that followed it, three persons were injured this afternoon at the Hawthorne race track. It is supposed that the caps were thrown on the floor of the betting ring with the idea of creating a panic, during which the cash boxes of the bookmakers might be robbed. An attempt was made to rob one bookmaker, but it failed.

The injured are: Frank Williams, left foot lacerated; Mitchell Bruno, right foot lacerated; A. M. McGill, received a severe scalp wound, and badly bruised in the panic in the ring.

None of the injured is seriously hurt.

The first explosion was caused by Williams, who, while walking through the east side of the ring, stepped on a cap. It exploded, tearing off his shoe and lacerating his foot severely. He fell to the floor with a cry, and instantly there was a shout that an insane man was discharging his revolver at random. Immediately three was a wild panic, and while the bookmakers, seizing their cash boxes, bent low in their booths, the crowds rushed across to the south side of the ring in the effort to escape. Just as the thick of the throng reached this side of the ring, somebody trod on another cap, and the crowd tore back to the place where it had started on the first run. McGill was knocked down during this rush and was trampled upon.

A third explosion took place some minutes after the panic had been allayed. It occurred just beneath a chair on which Bruno was sitting, threw him to the floor, and a portion of the cap striking his foot tore it badly.

While the excitement was at its height a man made an effort to grab the cash box of a bookmaker doing business under the name of the Chicago club. He was knocked down by a clerk and ran away before he could be arrested.

A search of the betting ring made after the injured had been removed revealed a number of caps lying about the floor.

There is no clue to the identity of the persons who placed them there.

## A THRILLING EXPERIENCE

### Submarine Goes to Bottom With Crew Sinking 120 Feet.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 26.—Lieut. Charles P. C. Nelson and the crew of nine men of the submarine boat Porpoise had a thrilling escape from being stranded at the bottom of the sea during some manoeuvers on Monday.

The Porpoise was trimmed for a dive of twenty feet, but she continued to drop until she had touched bottom at a depth said to have been 120 feet. It was not long before the men noted the effects of the extra water pressure upon the valves and seams of the boat. Moisture soon showed and the water dropped steadily.

How to raise the boat seemed a problem, especially as they were below the depth where the hand pumps are supposed to work effectively. Lieut. Nelson at once ordered that the tanks be blown out, but owing to the leaky condition of the valves that could not be done in the usual manner and the Porpoise failed to rise. The leaking about the valves began to increase, and Lieut. Nelson ordered the hand pumps manned. The men labored for nearly twenty minutes before they were rewarded by feeling a slight buoyancy about the boat. Suddenly it began to rise rapidly, making the ascent of 120 feet, it is said, in fifteen seconds.

Capt. Frank F. Fletcher, commandant of the United States torpedo station, said the accident was due to the fact that the valves of the Porpoise leaked.

## OIL TANKS AFIRE

### Great Destruction of Fluid in the Louisiana Oil Fields.

Crowley, La., Aug. 26. — The biggest fire in the history of the mammoth old fields is raging. Yesterday Morse well, No. 8, a boiling gusher, pouring out a volume of oil at the rate of 10,000 barrels a day, took fire.

The fire caught from a spark emanating from friction and rapidly spread to other wells. Four oil tanks, each of which had a capacity of 1,200 barrels, caught, and burned. Two were full of oil and two were empty. Four standard rigs, the property of the Morse Company, were also destroyed.

During the afternoon the fire was confined to the Morse wells, Nos. 7 and 8. Large lakes of oil, which had formed when the Morse No. 8 came in, caught fire.

Eight lines of steam pipes have been laid to the burning well and more are being prepared.

The loss is now placed at more than $100,000.

## SENTENCED TO DIE

### Fate of Von Plehve's Murderer Now in Hands of the Czar.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 26. — It is reported that Samsonoff, the assassin of M. Von Plehve, has been sentenced to death, and that the sentence is now before the Emperor.

The reports which have been circulated about Samsonoff having escaped and also that he was dead are declared to be false.

### Three Drowned.

New York, Aug. 26. — Three persons have lost their lives by drowning near Edinburgh in the Adirondacks. They were: Adele Sturveant, of Brooklyn, daughter of a well-known resident, Harris Sturveant, a well-known resident of Rome, N. Y., and James A. Sturveant. The men were Miss Sturveant's uncles. All went into the water when their sailboat capsized, and their bodies have not yet been recovered.

## BIG FACTORY FIRE AT WATERLOO; PLANT COMPLETELY DESTROYED

### The Loss Will Approach $125,000 and Many Are Thrown Out of Work.

Waterloo, Ont., Aug. 26. — The large four-story brick furniture factory, controlled by the Canada Furniture Syndicate, was completely destroyed by fire this morning. The building was situated on the corner of King and Allen streets, and was Waterloo's largest factory. The factory fireman, Fred Bucheltz, was oiling the elevator machinery with the aid of a lighted candle, when in some manner some waste was ignited, and the draught carried the flames up the elevator shaft. Within a very short space of time the interior of the huge factory was in flames. Because of dense smoke and intense heat the firemen could do very little except to save the surrounding buildings.

The Berlin brigade was telephoned for, and arrived in time to prevent the fire spreading south to Bauer's shoddy mill and warehouse. The near-by Upsheltzer factory, also controlled by the Canada Furniture Company, suffered some damage. The roofs of the buildings for two blocks on the south side were repeatedly covered by sparks, carried by a high wind, but bucket brigades prevented any property loss. The burned factory was formerly known as the Schaefer, Keller & Co., and for 30 years or more furniture had been manufactured on the premises. Eighty-five men are thrown out of employment by the fire. The loss on building, machinery, and stock probably will reach $125,000, insured in about 20 American and Canadian companies.

## A SHOCK FOR A SHOWER

### Sprinkling Cart Man Had His Fun, and Edison Men Their Laugh.

New York, Aug. 26.—Patrick Connelly, who drives a sprinkling cart, had a lot of fun yesterday. Some Edison Electric Company men were laying wires in a conduit at Thirty-seventh Street and Fifth avenue. Connelly passed them several times, and each time they got sprinkled.

Connelly considered this a pleasant variation in his monotonous job. On the fourth trip he was smiling over how funny it was to see the others try to get away from the shower in their narrow trench, when he suddenly rose from his seat, leaped to the ground with a shriek and ran up Fifth avenue.

Mounted Policeman Fitzgerald caught him after three blocks and led him back to his wagon, talking gently to him to soothe his mind, thinking he was insane.

Then one of the Edison men explained: "We saw he was having all the fun, so we used our scientific minds to scheme. Water will conduct electricity. That wagon has got metal on it from one end to the other. We thought maybe if we put a good live wire (we wear rubber gloves to handle such), under the water, the current might be conducted up to Connelly's seat. Anyway it was worth trying."

## NO CHANGE IN RATES

### C. M. B. A. Decides Not to Modify Them at Present.

Toronto, Aug. 26. — The C. M. B. A. has decided to leave its rates as they are for three years more. Meantime, the question of increasing the rates will be referred to local lodges, so that the next convention delegates may come fully instructed. The association today discussed the use of secret signs, but decided against it. Judge Landry and George Lynch-Staunton, will probably retire from the contest for the presidency to allow Hon. M. F. Hackett to be re-elected by acclamation.

## WHITECAPS KILL A MAN

### Virginia Farmer Who Quarreled With His Wife Dies of a Beating.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 26.—G. D. Reece is dead in Lunenburg as the result of a beating administered at midnight by a whitecap band, and six alleged members of the gang, five white and one colored, are in jail awaiting indictment action by the grand jury.

Mr. Reece, who was a farmer living in the lower part of Lunenburg, was dragged from his bed one dark night by masked men. He was carried some distance from the house and flogged unmercifully with tough hickory sticks.

Then the leader of the gang ordered the half-clad and suffering man to leave without going back to the house for his clothes. Bewildered and frightened almost to death, he obeyed, walking nearly all night to reach the home of friends. Soon after he was dead. A physician found that his death was directly due to the beating he had received and the arrests followed.

At a preliminary hearing it was testified that Reece and his wife had quarreled as to who should handle the wages received by two minor sons who were at work. Finally the woman appealed to her friends and they decided to flog the husband to bring him to terms.

## CAPITAL IS IN PANIC

### Exciting Scenes at Asuncion—Foreigners Are Fleeing.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 26.—The panic at Asuncion is indescribable. Foreigners in all parts of Paraguay are leaving under the protection of the diplomatic corps.

Preparations for hostilities and negotiations looking to the settlement of the questions at issue between the revolutionists and the Government are proceeding simultaneously. The belief is growing that the Government must yield.

The rumors that a land engagement has been fought between the revolutionists and Government troops, resulting in the defeat of the latter and the capture of 400 men as announced in the dispatches yesterday, have not yet been confirmed.

## *Colonials at Westminster Would Be Made Welcome*

London, Aug. 26.—Mr. Chamberlain, replying to C. T. Grant, of the Royal Exchange, Glasgow, who suggested that some younger spirits from he colonies should be asked to come over and finds seats in the British House of Commons in order to hear their views from their own lips, said he would be glad to welcome colonial statesmen in the House of Commons. There is nothing to prevent any British subject being elected to that assembly.

Sir John Gorst, M.P. (Conservative), writing to the newly formed Cambridge University Free Trade Association, said that Mr. Chamberlain's scheme of a colonial preference would in his judgment exact a contribution they can ill afford from the British people, in the shape of an increased price for food for the benefit of certain classes of colonial producers.

He must doubt if such an expedient would promote imperial unity.

## A MYSTERIOUS DEATH

### Man Found With Bullet Wound in Burning House.

Toronto, Aug. 26. — James Parmenter, who lived on Hannah avenue, York township, just outside of Toronto Junction, came to his end under peculiar circumstances this morning. He lived alone, having been separated from his wife for a couple of years. Wm. King and John F. Kenslake, railway men, when going to work at 2:30 a.m., saw Parmenter's house on fire. The doors were locked, and, looking through the window, the two men saw Parmenter sitting on the bed. Supposing he was suffocating, they broke in, and found that Parmenter was dead, with a bullet wound in his temple. No revolver was found near the body. There is reason from his actions the past two or three days to believe that Parmenter took his own life.

### His Holiness Pleased.

Rome, Aug. 26. — Cardinal Satolli visited the Pope for the first time since his return from abroad. His holiness expressed satisfaction with the reception given Cardinal Satolli in America, which he considers was given to himself, adding:

"It is a consolation at this moment when others are causing me so much grief."

## RUST SCARE DUE TO "BULLS"

### Implement Men Expect a Splendid Yield of Manitoba Wheat.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 26. — The local managers of the five or six best known implement firms were interviewed in order to get their opinion with regard to the crop outlook. These firms all receive regular bulletins from their agents, and traveling representatives throughout the province, and these are kept very closely and correctly in touch with the crop conditions. Without exception the men interviewed were of the opinion that the reports of damage by rust have been exaggerated. That there is rust, and a good deal of it in some districts, was true, they said, but the whole damage to the western crop was much less than had been reported. In their opinion wheat will be a good average yield, and they regard much of the rust scare as a bull market sensation.

### To Settle Rate War.

London, Aug. 26. — A telegram from Liverpool says: Lord Inverclide, chairman of the Cunard Line, and Herr Ballin, director-general of the Hamburg-American Line, will meet at Frankfort, Germany, Aug. 29, to try to settle the rate war. Messrs. Ismay and Dawkins, representing the International Mercantile Marine Company, have been invited to attend the meeting.

## *Bleeding to Death, He Writes Story of Accident*

Montreal, Aug. 25. — A man at the point of death, as the result of a kick from a vicious horse, coolly writing an account of the accident while his life blood ebbed away, is the tragic story of John McDonnell, a farmer of Little Rideau, Que. McDonnell was yesterday kicked by a horse that he was feeding. The force of the blow knocked him against a hayfork, which was lying near by, and one of the prongs was driven through his throat. Although almost knocked senseless by the kick from the horse, McDonnell managed to pull the prong from his neck, and, bleeding profusely from the terrible wound, succeeded in dragging himself from the stable to the house, leaving a trail of blood after him.

Feeling that death was near, and wishing to save his neighbors from having even the breath of suspicion fastened upon them, McDonnell, though suffering intense agony, with the blood spurting from the hole in his throat, and bespattering the paper before him, wrote an account of how the accident occurred. He never finished the narrative, however, for nature again got the upper hand, and he fell in a faint while in the middle of a word. The dying man was placed on a Canadian Pacific Railway train and brought to the Royal Victoria Hospital. He died within 15 minutes of his admission to that institution.