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Victoria Times.

Twice-a-Week.

A Steamer on Fire

Burned to the Water's Edge While on a Trip to Boston.

The Crew of Thirty-Seven Men Saved by a Passing Vessel.

(Associated Press.)
New York, June 27.—The City of Macon arrived from Savannah this morning and reports she passed the steamer Pawnee on fire forty miles from Cape Henry at eight o'clock yesterday morning.

The Pawnee was a wreck. The fate of the crew is unknown. Captain Savage of the City of Macon says there was no sign of life on board the Pawnee, nor any evidence as to what had become of the ship's company.

At the office of Clyde & Co., agents of the line, all that could be told when the first news of the disaster was received, was that the Pawnee, in command of Captain Ingraham, left Brunswick on Friday and was on Saturday morning for Boston, loaded with lumber and a general cargo.

The Pawnee was a freight steamer and had a crew of about 34 men, no passengers. Captain Savage said two or three hours earlier in the morning he passed the Cromwell liner Knickerbocker bound for New Orleans, also another south-bound Clyde liner, but he was unable to make out the name. As there was no fog and the smoke of the burning steamer was blown far out to sea, Captain Savage thinks possibly the crew were picked up by one or other of the south-bound steamers. The City of Macon went close to the Pawnee. Her stern lights were burning, indicating the fire started in the night. There was a quiet sea on at the time.

Another Report.
Philadelphia, June 27.—The British steamer Aldborough, which left Cardenas this morning, reported the destruction by fire of the Clyde built steamer Pawnee, which trades between New York and Philadelphia. The vessel was burned to the water's edge and there was no sign of life aboard. The Aldborough passed the steamer yesterday 15 miles off Cape Charles.

The Crew Safe.
New York, June 27.—The following telegram was received at the office of the Clyde line this afternoon from its agent: "Pawnee destroyed by fire at midnight on Sunday. The crew was picked up by the George W. Clyde, and arrived here at 11 a.m. All hands saved."

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

(Associated Press.)
Montreal, June 27.—Stock exchange, morning board: War Eagle, 372; 379; Payne (new basis), 145, 144; Montreal and London, 51, 50; Republic, 120 1/2, 120 1/2; Sales War Eagle, 100 at 308; Payne, 1220 at 14, 50 at 145; Montreal and London, 500 at 51, 500 at 51.

MURDERS IN CUBA.

Peasants Are Moving to Havana in Order to Escape From Bands of Brigands—Many Arrests.

(Associated Press.)
Havana, June 27.—Owing to murders, robberies and depredations in the vicinity of Guanajay, peasants are sending their families to town. The mayor, having decided it would be impossible to reach the culprits through the ordinary process of law, has issued an order for the arrest on suspicion of a Cuban major named Sans, suspected of complicity in recent robberies.

Last night the police captured three supposed bandits. Pedro Nunez, said to be the ringleader, was taken but escaped, threatening to shoot an unarmed inspector of police if he followed. Many dangerous men are leaving town and the citizens feel better satisfied now that the authorities are taking action.

Orders have been issued for the arrest of ten Cuban officers and two Spanish former guerrillas, all believed to be guilty of serious offences.

Insurgents Shot.
Havana, June 27.—An unconfirmed report from Porto Prince says a mob of insurgents, after surrendering their arms, attempted to overpower the postmaster's guard and capture the money chest. American soldiers fired on the mob, killing one and wounding many. The members of the mob who escaped injury then fled.

HOW TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATES.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, June 27.—It has been discovered that two dies, similar to those used by United States and British officials in Hongkong in stamping certificates of identification given Chinese merchants and students so that they may enter into American ports, have been made in this city.

The order for their execution was given by the natives by two Chinese. It is presumed the dies are to be used in stamping certificates to be used by Chinese not of privileged classes. Collector Jackson says no action can be taken in the matter until forgery has been committed.

FRENCH PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

In the Chamber of Deputies—M. Waldeck Rousseau interrupted by Members.

Paris, June 26.—In the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon, M. Waldeck Rousseau, the new premier, replied to the various interpellations, explaining the motives animating the formation of a cabinet of somewhat divergent views, and the main object being to reunite all factions. He added that ministers had already assumed some responsibility, but he thought the backing of the chamber was necessary for certain steps and asked what ministry could for a moment tolerate acts seeming to show the belief that the army desired to constitute itself the judge of its own policy. He further expressed the hope that it would not be necessary to take more severe measures and said he thought it easy to demonstrate whence came the attacks upon the courts. Explaining the inclusion of General de Maquis de Gallifet in the cabinet, as minister of war, he said it was because no other general had so spontaneously upheld the constitution, and it was thought the necessary punishment of certain military men could be somewhat relaxed if emanating from such a trusted authority as General Gallifet. In conclusion, the Premier said: "Our task is heavy. Whatever course the Chamber may pursue, I have done my duty."

The speech of M. Waldeck Rousseau was much interrupted. The noise at times was deafening and several members were called to order.

Perished in Siberia

Terrible Fate of a Party of Twenty-Six Californian Miners.

They Died From Privation and Cold—Sent Out by a New York Company.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, June 27.—A special to the call from Nevada City, California, says: "Mrs. Norval Douglas, of San Francisco, has received a letter saying her son, Harry Douglas, with 25 picked miners from California, who left on June 23rd last year for Siberia, have perished from privation and cold."

The party went to Siberia under the contract of a New York company, and intended to be gone three years.

TRANSCONTINENTAL LINES.

The New York Central May Be Extended to the Pacific Coast.

(Associated Press.)
New York, June 27.—The Tribune says: "The report that the New York Central had come to an agreement with the Boston and Albany railroad, by which the Central lease the Boston and Albany for a term of 999 years and guarantee eight per cent. on stock, was not a surprise to either railroad circles or Wall Street. That the lease is practically closed was confirmed from a trustworthy source yesterday."

"For more than two years Wm. K. Vanderbilt and friends have been working to get control of that line, as it is the Central's natural outlet to Boston for its western traffic."

"The general opinion on Wall Street, however, although no official confirmation of the transaction could be obtained, is in line with information that the lease has virtually been effected and the view taken is that this New England arrangement will before long be followed by the long talked extension of the New York Central system to the Pacific Coast from its present Western terminus, Chicago, by consolidation with the Chicago line."

RIOTING IN SPAIN.

A General Wounded in a Fight at Saragossa.

(Associated Press.)
Madrid, June 27.—At Valencia riots occurred throughout the entire day yesterday. General D'Armes charged the mob and two rioters were wounded. Disturbances also took place at Murcia.

At Saragossa the riots continued after a state of siege had been declared, and General Bordon was wounded. The general fired, revolvers and tried to stab me. Several policemen were wounded. I learned the rioters invaded the Jesuit college and burned its doors, and I then declared a state of siege. Tranquillity has now been restored."

Many Persons Injured.
Saragossa, Spain, June 27.—Many people were injured during the rioting here yesterday. Seventeen persons received serious wounds. The troops were obliged to fire on the people.

Martial law has been declared at Valencia and fighting has occurred at Granada, where troops charged and wounded several people. Anti-budged demonstrations have also occurred at Burgos, Toledo and Logrono.

PREPARING FOR NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

(Associated Press.)
Chatham, Eng., June 27.—An order has been received at the dockyard here for the fleet to mobilize on July 1st. It is believed this step is taken preparatory to the annual naval manoeuvres. Ten battleships and thirty-two cruisers will take part.

That Line to Dawson

Extracts From Hansard of Speeches on Yukon Telegraphic Communication.

Prior Tried to Thwart All Canadian Route for Private Reasons.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, June 28.—The following is an extract from Hansard in regard to Col. Prior's conduct in championing the cause of Roche, his English friend, and in obstructing the passage of the government proposition to build an all-Canadian route connecting with the British Columbia telegraph system.

Sir Louis Davies, as reported in Hansard, addressed himself to Col. Prior and said: "The Minister of Public Works at that time hoped that the work would be done by private enterprise, and the government favored that; and it was not until it became apparent that private enterprise was not going to carry out the work, and that the people of the Yukon were to be left without telegraphic communication for another year, that the government determined to grapple with this question and put it through; and the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. Prior) will take the responsibility of attempting to defeat this enterprise. The hon. member for Victoria is more responsible, and his constituents will know it, than any other man in the Dominion for this attempt to thwart the carrying out of that telegraphic communication."

What Sir Louis Davies said is quoted in its entirety.

In the same debate, Premier Laurier, after referring to Col. Prior as "the friend and client" of Roche, said: "What we wanted and what parliament would sanction was a line, established this year, which would connect Skagway with Dawson City, with a spur from Bennett, to Atlin Lake and then down towards Queenfish. That is the scheme that we have in our minds, and that will be carried into operation next year. Again, I place myself in judgment of this House, whether in deciding to have a communication with the Yukon by an overland line instead of a cable, we did not serve the best interests of Canada."

The foregoing is also an extract from Hansard.

In the House to-day Col. Prior read an article in the Victoria Times and made a lame excuse that his extraordinary conduct was merely actuated to secure delay so that Roche and his friends might get some compensation out of the government.

In other words personal and private interests were of more consequence than public demands.

Prior Irreconcilable.
During the debate on the telegraph line to Dawson, Hon. W. Paterson asked Prior if he was in favor of it and Prior said: "The following is from Hansard: 'The Minister of Customs—Are you in favor of it?' 'Mr. Prior—No, I am not.'"

DREYFUS COURT MARTIAL.

List of Artillery Officers Who Will Try the Prisoner at Rennes—Movements of the Staff.

Rennes, June 28.—The official list of the composition of the Dreyfus court martial, which is to assemble in the army service building for the trial of the prisoner is as follows: Colonel Jannet, president; Major Bronghiat, artillery; Major De Breen, artillery; Major Profitt, artillery; Major Merle, artillery; Captain Farfaut, artillery; Captain Beauvais, artillery. All members of the court martial have passed through the Polytechnic School.

The Staff.
Paris, June 28.—A despatch from Fayal, Azores, says the Staff passed that point without stopping to coal.

AN AERONAUT'S LEAP.

(Associated Press.)
Vienna, June 28.—Signor Merighi, an Italian aeronaut, ascended yesterday at Oras, Serbia, to a height of 10,000 feet, when his balloon burst and fell. When about forty feet from the ground he ascended leaped from the car and was picked up unconscious with a broken leg. In the car was found a paper containing the words: "I am dying contentedly, having reached my term." This led to the belief that Merighi intended to commit suicide. He, however, is well, and says he wrote the sentence while the balloon was falling.

BRITISH CRUISER ASHORE.

(Associated Press.)
Sydney, N. S. W., June 28.—The British third-class cruiser Flyades is ashore on the Northwest reef. An attempt made to float her by a tug was unsuccessful.

THE FRASER.

(Associated Press.)
Quebec, B. C., June 28.—The river is about at a standstill again. The weather is cloudy.

Lillooet, June 28.—S. a.m.—The river has risen somewhat since last evening. The weather is warmer.

STORMY SCENES.

In the French Chamber of Deputies—The Session Suspended.

(Associated Press.)
Paris, June 27.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, M. Paul Deroulede, founder of the so-called League of Patriots and member for Angoulême, introduced a proposal for the revision of the constitution with a view of substituting "a popular" for a parliamentary republicanism, and demanded urgency for his motion.

Premier M. Waldeck Rousseau opposed the proposal and asked that the motion be referred to a committee. Mr. Deroulede requested permission to speak but the president of the chamber, M. Deschanel, refused to allow him to do so.

M. Lesies, an anti-Semite member, accused the premier of having recourse to subterfuges and violent sounds ensued. Several deputies tried to speak, but their voices were drowned, and the president was compelled to suspend the session.

When it was resumed urgency was proposed for Deroulede's motion, and it was defeated by a vote of 307 to 70.

The Staff Nearing West.

Plymouth, Eng., June 27.—The British steamer Bruxellesville, which arrived here to-day from African ports, reported having sighted at noon yesterday a French cruiser, believed to be the Staff, having Dreyfus on board, going in the direction of Brazil.

To Support the Boers

Members of the Clan-na-Gael Are Trying to Enlist Men.

Orange Free State Suggests a Compromise Between Britain and Transvaal.

(Associated Press.)
London, June 28.—The Pall Mall Gazette says: It has discovered in London two members of the Clan-na-Gael from the United States, who are en route to the Transvaal, trying to enlist men and men in support of the Boers, and in support of the Boers.

Another Conference.
Pretoria, June 28.—The conference between President Kruger and Mr. Fickens, a member of the executive council of the Orange Free State, who was the bearer of the compromise suggestions from the Free State in the matter of the disputes between the Transvaal and Great Britain, has been concluded.

The general impression is that Fickens' mission has been successful. He afterwards had a conference with Mr. Conaghan, Green, British diplomatic agent here.

Britain and Delagoa Bay.

London, June 28.—It is persistently rumored here, says a dispatch from Johannesburg to the Standard, that Great Britain has acquired possession of Inyanga island, in the mouth of Delagoa Bay.

COLORED GIRL'S CRIME.

She Set Fire to a Baby's Clothing and It Was Burned to Death—Tried of Attempting to Kill the Child.

(Associated Press.)
Dover, Dela., June 28.—Nora Barrett, colored, aged 18 years, was arrested last night charged with having burned to death the 18 months' old son of James W. Lafferty, of Leipsic, about a week ago.

The girl admitted she had set fire to the child's dress, and said the reason for the act was that she was tired of attending to the little one. She says after she set fire to the baby's dress, she left the room and closed the door to make it appear accidental. Then when the flames gained headway she summoned the family, but too late to save the child.

THE CHICAGO STRIKE.

Chicago, June 27.—The demands of the unskilled stockyard workers in several departments has been met and the men returned to work to-day, but workmen in other departments went out this forenoon to enforce their demands.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair. DR. RICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER. A Pure Cream of Tartar Powder. 10 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Sir Hibbert's Speech

He Intends to Speak For Seven Hours in the House To-Day.

Will Ask for a Committee to Investigate Affairs in the Yukon.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Ont., June 27.—The public accounts committee had to suspend business to-day because Sir Hibbert Tupper was not present.

Mr. Foster said that Sir Hibbert was preparing a speech on the Yukon, which he was going to deliver in the House to-day, and could not be in attendance.

It is understood Sir Hibbert Tupper is to make charges against officials and ask for a committee of investigation. He told a friend he would speak for seven hours.

Tupper Talking.
Later—On the motion to into supply in the House to-day Sir Hibbert Tupper rose to move an amendment with a view of continuing the administration of the Yukon. He said that on this occasion he was not going to use his privilege as a member of the House, but was going to assume the responsibility for what he was going to say, inasmuch as he would in the course of his speech have to allude to the personal character in the House in connection with public matters and for being attacked for having previously done so. Sir Hibbert gave the House a long list of precedents to justify his course. He gave quotations to show that a member of the House had attacked the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, that Hon. Wm. Mulock had attacked Judge Travers and that the present Minister of Justice attacked Mr. Ross and other government officials in connection with Bremer furs. He also quoted many precedents to show that both in England and Canada the practice had been to conduct investigations, when public suspicion was aroused, not by way of indictment and formal charges, but commissioners were given full inquisitorial powers and directed to use them. In this connection he mentioned that Commissioner Archer Martin and men in support of the Boers, commissioners to investigate charges against crown timber agent Higginson, of New Westminster. There were only two suspicious in the case of Higginson. He finally came down to the issue of the Ogilvie of bullying and bullying one of the petitioners and pointed to the case of Martin's enquiry into the crown timber office of British Columbia, which was conducted in the manner it should have been done, that was in the search of something wrong while in Ogilvie's case it was the very reverse.

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FATAL FIGHT.

Calverton, June 28.—Two men named Johnson and Boyd quarrelled in a saloon here last night and went into the street to settle their differences. They began firing at each other with revolvers and when the smoke cleared away it was seen that four men had been shot. Johnson died on the way to the hospital, while Boyd was shot through the left leg and right arm. George Lovick and W. H. Gorman, who were returning on their way from the government fortifications, where they are employed, were hit by stray bullets. Lovick is shot through the right kidney and is dying. Gorman is shot over the right lung, though not fatally.

Disarmament Negated

Russian Proposals Submitted to a Committee of Peace Delegates.

(Associated Press.)
London, June 28.—The correspondent of the Times at the Hague says: "As a result of protracted informal discussion in committee, it was reported yesterday that Russia's military disarmament proposals have been declared unacceptable."

ALASKAN BOUNDARY AGAIN.

London, June 28.—The United States commissioner, Mr. Joseph Choate, had another conference this afternoon with the Marquis of Salisbury at the foreign office on the subject of the Alaskan boundary dispute.

KNIGHTS IN A RAILWAY WRECK.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 27.—A special train on the Peoria and western division of the Big Four, carrying Knights of Pythias from Champagne, Ill., to Danville, Ill., to attend the celebration, was wrecked near Danville this morning. Three boys were seriously injured but no one was killed.

FATAL STRIKE RIOTS.

Three Men Killed and Many Wounded in Fight With Soldiers at Bochum, Westphalia.

(Associated Press.)
Berlin, June 28.—Serious strike riots have broken out in the Bochum coal mines. Troops, called to protect strikers, were attacked by the rioters and were compelled to use their side arms and fire arms. Many persons were injured. The rioters fired on the miners' houses and the gendarmes returned the fire.

Later—Three strikers were killed yesterday during the rioting at the Bochum coal mines. The number wounded is unknown, as many were spirited away to private houses. Thirty-six were arrested yesterday. Troops to protect the non-striking miners from the strikers will arrive at the scene of the disturbances today.

A SENSATIONAL STORY.

(Associated Press.)
London, June 27.—The St. James's Gazette, which has been remarkable for its utterances on the subject of the Transvaal, caps the climax to-day by earnestly appealing to the British Admiralty to take immediate steps to contract the plans of representatives of the Clan-na-Gael from the United States, who are now at Pretoria with a view of obtaining authority to start a fleet of privateers under the Transvaal flag with the object of looting Cape lines."

THE YUKON CLEAN-UP.

Returned Miners Say It Will Be Fairly Good This Year.

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