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A MOST REVOLTING TALE.

ALLEGED CANNIBALISM AMONG THE GREELY SURVIVORS.

"Don't let them kill and eat me as they did Henry" - The Story Disclosed - Interviews With Prominent Officials.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.-The Times says: Documents in the possession of the navy department add to the record of the miser-

able man suffering already published in connection with the finding of the Greely relief expedition most shocking stories of inhumanity and cannibalism. For the sake of humanity and the American people and army, the authorities are endeavoring to keep the matter hushed, but in the investigation which is almost sure to come, the facts will undoubtedly come out. The object in shipping the bodies in iron caskets was to prevent exposure. It has been stated that after game gave out in February the members of the party lived principally on sealkins, lichins and shrimps. As a matter of fact, they were kept alive on human flesh. When the rescuing party discovered the half-starved survivors the first duty was to look to the two men who were insensible from cold and privation. One of them shrieked as the sailors took hold of him:

"Don't let them shoot me as they did poor Henry. Must I be killed an' eat me, Henry was?" Don't let them do it. Don't, don't."

A brief investigation, Schley felt that the man was speaking the truth, and that some of the men who perished had been stripped of their flesh to keep their comrades alive. Schley instructed two or three gentlemen, among them doctors and surgeons, to make a careful examination and put their conclusions in writing. This was done, the bodies were dug from the graves behind the permanent camp established in October, 1883, but it was found that most of the blankets contained nothing but scraps of white bones, many of them picked clean.

Schley discovered that many of the seventeen men who were said to have perished from starvation were eaten by their famishing comrades. It is reported that the only men who escaped the life were three or four who died of scurvy. The amputated limbs of the men who afterwards perished were eagerly devoured as food. Charles B. Hays was shot for stealing rations. When the body was found the hands and face, though shrunken, were intact, but nearly everywhere the skin had been dug from him and the flesh picked from the bones. Fragments of human flesh were used as bait for shrimps and other food.

Some of the officers of the relief ships scout the idea of cannibalism. Others admit that the bodies were shocking to look upon. The eating story they believed to be a sailor's yarn. Schley refuses to say anything until an official enquiry is made.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.-Admiral Nichol says there are no records at the navy department which give a shadow of coloring for the story about cannibalism among the members of the Greely party. He does not believe there is any truth in it.

Commander Schley distinctly denied the whole story, said that he had no foundation for it whatever. The Times man called upon me with the story, and would not take a denial. He said of whole cloth, consequently I ordered him off the Theta.

Third officer Colville states that he, with one or two others, dug up the bodies. He refused to state whether they showed signs of cannibalism.

Commodore Walker, chief of the bureau of navigation, is of the decided opinion that the story is made out of whole cloth. Gen. Hazen in an interview with a Star reporter, while endeavoring to avoid the subject, practically admitted the same. He said: "There are certain facts connected with this matter that I am not at liberty to mention. It is made out of whole cloth. I do not say so officially, that they will be made the subject of congressional investigation next winter, and that in which reference is made to devouring amputation occurred, and that they were found, while the party was on the way home."

Being asked what truth there was in the statement that Henry had been skinned and his body devoured, Hazen replied: "That is a subject upon which I must decline to be interviewed."

FOURTH OFFICER, Aug. 12.-Chandler returned here today. He appeared considerably agitated. He said: "You may say the navy department has received no such reports of the shooting of Henry and cannibalism. Is the story true or not? I decline to say. I refuse to say anything further about this matter."

There is a curious reticence among the officers and crew. The survivors are closely guarded night and day, and the secretary refused to permit any one to see them.

France and China. PARIS, Aug. 12.-The government will make a declaration to the deputies concerning the Chinese question Saturday and will ask for a further credit to prosecute the campaign actively and force China to submit.

It is asserted that the English minister at Peking is intriguing to annul the trading concessions made to France by China. M. Patenotre will insist upon the special rights of France under the Peking convention.

LONDON, Aug. 12.-The British embassy at Peking advises Earl Grosvenor that the Chinese government is disposed to grant to England equal trading concessions with France in the southern provinces, but not to enter into negotiations until peace with France is assured.

The Kidnapped Englishman. LONDON, Aug. 12.-The case of Sheldon, the Englishman alleged to have been kidnapped in Kansas, and held for ransom was brought up in the commons today. Arthur Arnold is the chief witness. The prisoner was brought up by an address from McCulloch of Washington, Geo. Hague of Montreal and others.

Arrival of Sexton. NEW YORK, Aug. 12.-Thos. Sexton, Irish nationalist, accompanied by the Redmond brothers, arrived in the Nevada tonight and will go to Boston to-morrow.

A Clergyman shoots His Wife and Himself. CHICAGO, Aug. 12.-Rev. H. M. Collins, pastor of the Fullerton avenue Presbyterian church, shot his wife and then himself this afternoon. Both are dead.

THREW HIMSELF BEFORE A TRAIN.

A Young Montreal Business Man's Rash Act at the Summit.

Yesterday morning as the 7 o'clock passenger train from Hamilton on the Great Western was nearing the fire-house at Grenadier pond a young man was observed walking on the track. The engine man whistled, thinking the young man would go to the side. However, instead he deliberately threw himself in front of the cow-catcher, and was, of course, shockingly mangled. The train was stopped and the unfortunate man taken on board. Before Parkdale was reached he died. At the morgue he was identified as William Now, well known in Montreal, Hamilton and Toronto. He was in the commission business in Montreal and was a brother of J. H. Now of Colborne street in this city.

Lately deceased developed symptoms of meningitis, and he left Montreal for Hamilton, where he remained with his friends till Monday morning, when he came to Toronto. Monday night he stopped with his brother at 161 University street and left the house at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, not apparently bent on his mission of self-destruction. He walked out of the house with a bundle of papers and a hat, and met the train which he had just boarded. He was seen to get into the train and was last seen at the summit.

The coroner's jury held an inquest at the morgue last night, but there was no evidence to show that any blame attached to any person.

The woman will be sent to Montreal today where deceased has a wife and child. It is said that latterly he brooded considerably over his business affairs.

LORD RANDOLPH BAMPANT.

He Charges the Government with Extravagance and Inactivity.

LONDON, Aug. 12.-In the commons this evening the appropriation bill was passed. Lord Randolph Churchill denounced the enormous growth of the outlay, and attacked the management of Childers, chancellor of the exchequer. The grants under the consolidated fund during 1884 were 25,000,000 over the last year, the conservatives were in office. The present session had been scandalous. The government had introduced bills with no intention of passing them, but to embarrass the merchant shipping bill, the introduction of which was a low, miserable election device, emanating from an ill-famed caucus. The government was extracting two members of Baring Bros., Lord Northbrook and Sir Evelyn Baring, about unlimited control of England's financial and financial interests in Egypt. The government steps for the relief of Gordon were obviously imaginary, and another transparent election device. He warned the government they were mistaken if they expected to retain the attention of the parliament during the autumn session on the financial question.

High Childers replied. He said Lord Randolph's charge was an insupportable and libelous charge. He said he had inherited Darnley's mantle. He advised him to adopt a just criticism and abandon violent epithets and vulgar abuse. If the hon. member supported a policy of economy the government were only too willing to retrench. Earl Northbrook had no connection with Baring.

CROPS OF THE OTHER SIDE.

Reports From New York, Vermont and Massachusetts-Fruit a Failure.

TROY, N. Y., Aug. 12.-Reports of the condition of harvested and growing crops throughout the largest part of northern, eastern and central New York, and in Vermont and western Massachusetts, show hay from half to two-thirds average, and oats, which short in straw, have in most places headed fairly well; corn is backward, but applied to cold weather, but gives good promise of earing well if early frosts do not interfere; early potatoes are plentiful, but the late varieties are doing poorly; buckwheat promises well; fruit never recovered from the blasting frost of spring; grapes, plums and peaches are failures, but apples and peaches very poor in counties immediately south and southwest of Rensselaer, promise better in other sections; hops will be twenty to thirty per cent short of last year.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Hart Allan, a landowner, had his brains knocked out yesterday by John Taylor in a quarrel about rent at Macon, Ga.

A despatch from Richmond, Va., says John Butler, a farmer, killed his wife because she interfered with him in beating one of their children.

At South Perry, Ohio, yesterday three children, Robert Wood, Louis Wood and Kate Shaw, flew into the woods and were burned to death.

The president of the Wall street bank says additional investigation has satisfied him that the loss will fall short of the capital of the bank, and that depositors will be specially paid in full.

At McKeesport, Pa., during the absence of their mother, two young Swedish children attempted to pass a can of carbon oil on a fire. Both were fatally burned.

A Terrible Family Tragedy. EAGLE, KS., Aug. 12.-Jan. Daniels got up and dressed, took a revolver, went to bed, where his wife was sleeping, and deliberately blew her brains out. Turning to a bed in the same room occupied by two of his daughters, he shot the eldest. He then blew his brains out.

Mormons Murdered. NASHVILLE, Aug. 12.-A party of masked men attacked a Mormon meeting in Lewis county Sunday. Two elders were killed and a third taken into the woods and probably slain. One of the masked men, who proved to be David Hinson, a well-known farmer, was fatally wounded.

Bankers' Convention at Saratoga. SARATOGA, Aug. 12.-The American bankers' association meets to-morrow. Many representatives from the west and south are present here. The matter discussed will be opened by an address from McCulloch of Washington, Geo. Hague of Montreal and others.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

LAYING WITH THE SENIOR SINGLES SOCIETY AT WATKINS.

Arguments and Tosses Told a Host, Sent the Latter to Bed - Scandal Falls at Saratoga - Maple Leaf's Beat the Toronto.

WATKINS, N. Y., Aug. 12.-The result of the regatta to-day is as follows: Junior single: First heat, J. F. Cummins of the Cosmos, Boston; time 11.15. Second heat, E. Mulcahy, Mutual, Albany; time 11.03. Third heat, Daniel P. Howland; time 10.56. Fourth heat, G. A. Strickland, not given.

Senior fours: First heat, Argonauts, Toronto; time 9.52. Second heat, Toronto of Toronto came in first but the heat was given to the Columbus because of a foul. Third heat, Wahwahsaw, won in 9.07. Fourth heat, Watkins won in 9.11.

Senior single, W. E. Connell, Second heat, John Buckley. Final heat, Joseph Laing, Montreal, won in 9.58.

Final Practice in the Police Force. The annual pistol practice for prizes in the Toronto police force was begun yesterday afternoon on Garrison common. The police commissioners give \$50 worth of medals and cups. Mr. Hooper gives a prize this year and Deputy Chief Macpherson gives a prize this year to the third-class constables. Some twelve prizes in all will be awarded. They will be presented at the annual parade of the force next month. The shooting yesterday was good, although the weather was not very favorable for pistol shooting. Police Commissioner Johnston of No. 3 division made the top score, 14 at 30 and 11 at 50 yards.

Each contestant was allowed five rounds each at 30 yards and 50 yards respectively. The scores were:

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THE CHOLERA IN THE ALPS.

THIRTY-ONE DEATHS AT A VILLAGE IN ONE DAY.

Orangeburg Will Support Conservatives - The French Congress - Other European News.

MARSEILLES, Aug. 12.-In the day ending 8.30 this evening, 11 deaths. One at Toulon. More persons have been attacked than in any day recently, but the disease is much milder than formerly. Nine cases admitted to the hospitals to-day. At Montfort death is reported, 2 at La Garde. At Gigen to-day there were two deaths.

Cholera is raging in the department of Basses Alps. At one village where there was no doctor twenty-one deaths occurred yesterday. A family of thirteen in the village died. Their bodies remained three hours unburied. The mayor is inactive and a panic exists. A doctor and nurse have been sent.

PARIS, Aug. 12.-Dr. Burg delivered a lecture on cholera to-night. He showed the persons engaged in copper and bronze actors were never attacked. Dr. Burg recommended the curio treatment of wearing flannel treated with copper salts.

There were several fatal cholera cases at Ceite. Two deaths at Bouillargue, one at Robiac, one at Toulouse. Many other cases occurred at various places. At Garagagnone, Italy, there were three deaths to-day.

Activity at Assauze. ASSAUZE, Aug. 12.-Orders have been issued for the preparation of a camp for a British regiment at Wady Halfa. Forage for 700 horses has been sent there. Everything indicates the early advance from Cairo. Major-General Barle, who has been in London on a furlough, had his leave shortened, and will return immediately.

It is believed he will be assigned the command of the Gordon relief expedition.

Orangeburg for the Conservatives. LONDON, Aug. 12.-At a meeting of 6000 orangeburg to-day at Finsbury resolutions were adopted to support the franchise bill and to support conservatives only in the general election.

The French Congress. PARIS, Aug. 12.-The Versailles congress by 483 to 212 rejected the amendment abolishing the senate and the amendment forbidding princes of former dynasties from residing on French territory and conducting their property.

A Frigate in Progress. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 12.-Prince Boriatinsky, a leading member of society here, has been dismissed from the command of the czar's guard because he squandered a fortune in gambling.

CABLE NOTES. Thunderstorms are general in the north of England and Scotland, great damage reported.

Abraham's hat shop, London, was burned last night. The proprietor and three members of the family perished.

The project of an exhibition of American products, arts and manufactures in London two years hence is received with great favor in England.

The Hamilton Hospital Irregularities. HAMILTON, Aug. 12.-The hospital committee met to-night to investigate the charges of irregularities in the management of the Hamilton Hospital. Nothing of importance was done. Mr. and Mrs. McMichael, steward and matron of the hospital, have resigned.

Date of the West Ontario Election. NEWMARKET, Aug. 12.-The proclamation of the Ontario election was issued here to-day. The nomination takes place at Stonyville Friday the 22nd and the election on the 29th.