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Dowager Empress Takes Over the Reins of Power— One Report is That the Emperor is Dead, Another That He Has Resigned—Li Hung Chang May Be Reinstated and Russian Influence Increases.

Shanghai, Sept. 22.—A local rumor is current here to the effect that the Emperor of China is dead. No details are obtainable, but it is said the gates of Peking are closed.

Resigned His Power.
Peking, Sept. 22.—An Imperial edict just issued definitely announces that the Emperor of China has resigned his power to the Dowager Empress, who has ordered the Ministers to deliver to her, in future, their official reports.

EMPEROR WAS TOO PROGRESSIVE
Therefore His Wings Were Clipped—His Adviser Had to Fly.
Peking, Sept. 22.—It is difficult to obtain reliable information at the Palace in regard to the proceeding, but the recent reformatory edicts probably caused the change. While the Emperor was subversive, and a mere figurehead, the Dowager Empress permitted him to remain in power, but so soon as he attempted to act on his own initiative his practical deposition was the result. His principal adviser, Kang Yumel, the Cantonese reformer, fled in spite of the vigorous attempts made to arrest him, and it is said he is now on his way to Shanghai.

The effect of the change must be great and in all probability Li Hung Chang will be reinstated in power and Russian influence will increase. The hopes of reform so ardently cherished by the intelligent factions of the Chinese are now impossible of fulfillment. The suddenness of the coup is said to be due to the desire of the Dowager Empress to prevent the mission of the Marquis Ito from being successful. The Japanese statesman recently came to Peking with the object of trying to bring about an alliance offensive and defensive between Japan and China.

Will Prejudice British Interests.
The new order of things will undoubtedly prejudice British interests in China. It is reported to-day that the next edict will give the full reasons for the change. The wording of the present edict is not yet obtainable, but it is in effect that the Emperor requested the Dowager Empress to assume power, this being the third time the request has been made.

The Marquis Ito, in an interview before the edict was issued, said the Emperor received him yesterday in the most cordial manner, and said he would have the advantage of the advice of the Marquis in the reforms which His Majesty intended to undertake. The Marquis even then feared that the inaction and conservatism of the Chinese officials would nullify the reforms, although he believed the Emperor was acting in good faith.

Wild Rumors Afloat.
London, Sept. 22.—The Daily Mail's Peking correspondent, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "The Dowager Empress is greatly incensed over Russia's passivity over Li Hung Chang's degradation and Sir Claude Mac-

donald's attitude since Li Hung Chang's fall. She has granted to M. Pavlov, the Russian Charge d'Affaires, several lengthy audiences. Probably Li Hung Chang will return to power, but not to office. The wildest rumors are afloat. It is reported that the Emperor has had interviews with the Tsung-Li-Yamen and the Dowager Empress."

Ceded to the Russians.
London, Sept. 22.—A despatch to The Globe from Hong Kong, published this afternoon, purports to give details of the secret convention signed at Peking on March 27. It appears that Hai-Ying-Kiong of the Chinese Foreign Office thereby concluded an agreement with St. Petersburg by which China ceded Port Arthur and Ta-Lien-Wan, stipulating that only Russian and Chinese warships enter or dock at Port Arthur.

Russia, it also appears, gets the exclusive use of the inner harbor of the ceded territories, and a tract of land north of Ta-Lien-Wan is designated as a buffer-belt.

Must Accept in Five Days.
Buenos Aires, Sept. 22.—El Tiempo says Chile has given Argentina five days in which to accept unrestricted arbitration of the boundary dispute between the two countries.

MATTERS IN CRETE.
Admiral Noel Gives the Mussulmans More Time—Germany Keeps Out of the Shark.

Candia, Crete, Sept. 22.—Realizing the difficulties attending compliance with his demand for the surrender of the arms of the Mussulmans, Admiral Noel has extended the time for turning over of their arms to him.

The Christians have kept the letter of their promise not to attack the Moslems, but they have begun to devastate the olive groves owned by Mussulmans. Admiral Noel has warned them to desist.

The Russian admiral has suggested the disarmament of all the Cretans throughout the island.

Germany Remains Out of It.
Berlin, Sept. 22.—The Cologne Gazette emphatically denies the statements made by certain newspapers to the effect that Germany is preparing to take an active part in the settlement of affairs in Crete.

"Germany," upon referring from Crete," the Gazette says, "left all responsibility to the Great Powers. We cannot interfere with their action, neither can we advise the Sultan whether or not to recall the Turkish troops from the island. That is a matter for the powers to settle among themselves with the Sultan."

The Gazette concludes by saying that the same opinion seems to prevail in Austria-Hungary, where also it is felt that there is no need to intervene in a situation which, for well-weighted reasons, has been abandoned by the Government.

means easy. I think I have done my duty as a soldier and a Spaniard."

SPAIN LIVED IN A DREAM
And Now Has to Face Reality—Statement of Admiral Cervera.

Madrid, Sept. 22.—In an interview before to-day Admiral Cervera said he had a clear conscience regarding Santiago, "but," he added, "nations grow great by their victories and not by their defeats, however glorious they might be. Spain," he concluded, had lived in a dream, and she now had to face reality. The Spanish Admiral added that his warships were not destroyed in battle, but were destroyed by fire. General Tiral, the Spanish Commander, who surrendered his forces at Santiago de Cuba, has also arrived here. He did so without attracting any attention and is now sick in bed.

The maned coolness of Admiral Cervera and his officers towards the Minister of Marine, Senor Anson, is much commended upon here. Senor Anson and his staff, in uniform, met Admiral Cervera and his party at the railroad depot.

The Admiral halted before the Minister, saluted and said: "I am at the orders of Your Excellency. I shall present myself to the Ministry to-day, as is my duty."

The Admiral then started to leave, after embracing Capt. Enlarte, the former commander of the Vizcaya, and his other comrades.

The Minister of Marine offered the use of his carriage to Admiral Cervera, but the latter declined to accept it, and entered another carriage.

In the Nick of Time—at Dineneas.
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NEARLY PLAYED OUT.



GEORGIE FOSTER: Ain't you goin' to use the old swimmin' blocks, Willy? If he got inter a deep hole? WILLY: Dunno. Do you think they'd support a feller yet?

ROSSLAND SPECIAL.

Virginia is Developing Well—Good Showing on Commander—Heavy Stock Transactions.
Rossland, B.C., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—Virginia is looking well, particularly in the east drift at the 300-foot level. Sinking will be resumed, and the shaft driven to the 500-foot level without delay.

When work was suspended on Commander, the vein was broken up at 150 feet, with no particular showing. The shaft is now down 200 feet, and in the bottom there is a foot and a half of high-grade copper ore, which is the best copper ore in the camp. The shaft will be sunk to 400 feet before drifting.

Stocks are firm, quotations unchanged. The transactions to-day were the largest for two weeks.

BRITAIN TO HOLD THE KHYZER.

The Principal Pass From Afghanistan to India Will Shortly be in John Bull's Hands.
London, Sept. 22.—(Telegram Cable.)—There is a growing belief in Indian circles here that the Khyber Pass, the principal northern pass from Afghanistan into India, will shortly be taken possession of by Great Britain.

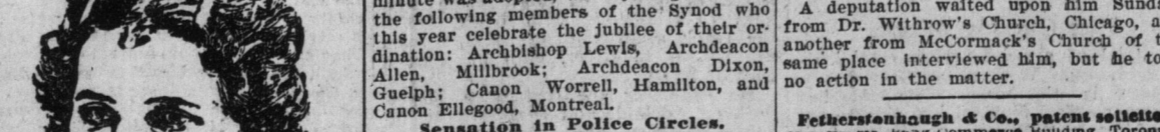
It is doubtful whether Mrs. Curzon, wife of the newly appointed Viceroy of India, will be able to accompany her husband to India, the delicate state of her health making it desirable for her to remain in England for the present.

Alfred James Dyer, the first workingman to hold the office of magistrate in England, died at Southampton yesterday. He was formerly editor of The Hampshire Independent and the intimate friend of Charles Dickens.

Thirty-Six Frenchmen Drowned.
Paris, Sept. 22.—The French vessel Ville de France foundered to-day off Fecamp, and her crew of 36 were drowned.

The Identity Established.
Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 22.—At the inquest held this afternoon by Coroner Dolan it was fully established by relatives of Miss Emma Gill of Southington that the body found in the water, feared to be that of a young girl, was that of the missing girl.

EMMA GILL.



Victim of the Bridgeport Tragedy.

A great sensation has been created in police circles by the confession of a prisoner in the jail named William Larocque to the effect that another prisoner named Ferras had boasted when he entered the jail that he had tried to assault and eventually killed a girl named Groux some time ago. His story is corroborated by three others in the jail, and the evidence was sworn to before the coroner's jury. Detectives have been working on the Groux mystery for some time without success.

The girl's body was found in a quarry off Papineau-road. Larocque says that Ferras boasted of having tried to assault Miss Groux, and when she resisted knocked her over the bank of the quarry. In the descent she struck the rocks, and falling into the water, floated to the top in a lifeless condition. Ferras will be brought before the magistrate. It is generally supposed that Arthur Ferras was uttering foolish boasts.

Armeda Ceylon Tea has the Flavor.

FESTIVITIES RETARD BUSINESS.

International Commissioners Sat for an Hour Yesterday—Delegations From Across the Line Are Waiting to Present Their Requests—There is a Diversity Amongst Them—Grand Ball at the Ancient Capital.

Quebec, Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The International Commission sat for an hour this morning. It is understood that the Atlantic fisheries was one of the subjects briefly considered. The festivities of the past two days have retarded business. The city is full of United States delegations, here to represent their various interests. Mr. Jones of Indiana and a delegate from New Hampshire, representing the growers, are here to protest against the free admission of agricultural products from Canada into the United States.

Col. Tawney of Minneapolis is representing the United States lumbermen. He wants the American duty of \$2 per thousand retained and wants Canadian logs free of export duty, and is pressing his views very strongly on the sympathetic American commissioners. Premier Hardy and Hon. G. W. Ross are also making their views known on the log and lumber questions and had an interview with the Canadian commissioners to-day.

Hon. Mr. Hamlin, ex-assistant treasurer of the United States, and Colonel Clarke of the Massachusetts State Legislature, who is also secretary-treasurer of the Home Market Association of the United States, had an interview to-day with the United States commissioners. They had two questions: First, to represent the interests of United States manufacturers, and secondly, to give their views on the bonding privileges, as between the two countries. Col. Walker is also here on the same errand, but representing different opinions. The former went to Canada as it is now, while Col. Walker, who speaks for the Central and Southern Railroads of the United States, wants it put under the sole control of the United States Inter-State Commission, and, it would be a constant menace

to the freedom of the railway traffic between the two countries. In short, Col. Walker represents those who want bonding privileges abolished in the interests of those who are rivals of the Canadian railways.

The Festivities.
The citizens' ball was a great success. All the dignitaries were present from Parliament, the army and the navy. The old citizens say there was nothing to equal it since the ball to the Prince of Wales in 1860.

At the home at Spencerwood, a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present, the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen and officers of the fleet being among the guests. This afternoon between the hours of 4 and 6.30 o'clock Madame Jette, wife of the Lieut.-Governor of the Province, was hostess to a very large number of ladies and gentlemen. The list of guests included the Governor-General, Lady Aberdeen and suite; the Admiral and officers of the British fleet, the commander and officers of the United States warship Marblehead, Lieut.-General Lord William Seymour, commander of the Imperial forces at Halifax; the members of the High International Commission and ladies, the Hon. N. Clarke Wallace, Premier Hardy and Mrs. Hardy, Hon. G. W. Ross and Mrs. Ross and leading citizens of Quebec. It was a most enjoyable function, and everyone present spent a pleasant and memorable afternoon. Light refreshments were served and the Lieut.-Governor, Madame and Mrs. Jette received their guests with great cordiality. All these were also present at the citizens' ball last night.

Mr. Wallace is preparing an elaborate statement with reference to Canadian manufactures, and will present it to the British Commissioners to-morrow.

PIQUART TRANSFERRED.

Zurinden Bided His Time and Then Took Matters Into His Own Hands.
Paris, Sept. 22.—Everything tends to confirm the opinion that General Zurinden, in ordering the military prosecution of Col. Piquart, acted entirely upon his own initiative.

The Temps declares that the Cabinet had previously refused to sanction General Zurinden's proposal to prosecute Col. Piquart, and that General Zurinden, therefore, waited until he had resigned the Military Governorship of Paris, when he acted upon his own authority.

Upon leaving the Lavantio Prison, Col. Piquart had a portmanteau and a portfolio. He looked pale and careworn. The blinds of the facade were drawn directly he entered it.

A mob, which had been howling outside the prison, rushed toward Piquart as he emerged, shaking their fists and shouting, some for and some against him. A similar detachment of military in both cases protected Piquart.

A majority of the papers denounce this military coup with varying degrees of severity. M. Clemenceau, in The Aurora, charges M. Brisson with cowardice or indifference, and couples President Faure's name with that of General Zurinden in the alleged plot to suppress the truth and defeat justice. M. Clemenceau dwells strongly on the unavailing chances of the Cherche Midi Prison and credits the ex-War Minister with the remark: "If General Marcier had not been so soft-hearted, he would have had Dreyfus murdered."

Another paper, The Droits de l'Homme, accuses M. Faure with the greatest violence and accuses him of employing M. Brisson to make a coup d'etat. It points out that President Faure's military friends hold all the strong posts.

AT THE HOSPITALS.

Mr. Bertram, M. P. Goes Home—City Hall Clerk Very Low—Small Accidents.
Mr. George Bertram, M.P., who has been ill with muscular rheumatism at Grace Hospital for the past two weeks, was able to leave that institution yesterday and go to his home.

William Clements, who is employed at the City Hall as a clerk, and who has been lying in Grace Hospital for the last month with typhoid fever, was in a very low condition early this morning, and hopes of his recovery are abandoned.

Last night about 10 o'clock James Cosgrove of 4 Ritchie-avenue went to the Emergency Hospital, and had the fingers of his right hand, which were badly lacerated, dressed by the surgeon. The injuries were received while operating a machine in Taylor & Scott's brush factory, when, by an accident, his hand was caught in the machinery.

John Watson, who lives at 27 Temperance-street, was driving a nail into a board yesterday, when a piece of the metal broke off and lodged in his left eye. He went to the Emergency Hospital and had the object removed.

George Willis, who resides at 280 Queen-street west, was riding on a wagon out of the Humber-road yesterday afternoon, and fell off the seat under the vehicle. The wheels passed over his left leg, breaking the bone above the ankle. He was taken to Grace Hospital, and his wound attended with typhoid fever, and his wound attended with typhoid fever, and his wound attended with typhoid fever.

Antiseptic Spruce Firewear protects its contents from decay and from contaminating surroundings; these small pills are very cheap and are now greatly used for packing butter, lard, mince and jellies. The E. B. Eddy Co., Limited, Toronto Branch 38 Front-street west.

Deaths.
COX—On Sept. 22, Enoch Butwell Cox of Port Sandfield, Muskoka, born at Stratford-on-Avon, England, Feb. 23, 1826. Funeral from the residence of his son-in-law, J. C. Gardiner, 93 Yorkville-ave., on Saturday at 3 p.m.

FOUR—Suddenly, on Thursday, Sept. 22, Alexander Ford, barrister, aged 45 years. Funeral private.

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Will He Leave Toronto.
Rev. W. J. McCaugham of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church has been asked to allow his name to go forward with others as a likely preacher for two American pulpits.

A deputation waited upon him Sunday from Dr. Withrow's Church, Chicago, and another from St. Andrew's Church of the same place interviewed him, but he took no action in the matter.

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AUGUSTI KNEW THE SITUATION WAS BAD.

Montejo's Fleet Was Composed of Old Wooden Ships.

Had Not a Ghost of a Chance Against Dewey's Squadron—The Ex-Captain-General Considers He Did His Duty as a Soldier and a Spaniard—Spain Lived in a Dream, Says Cervera.

Madrid, Sept. 22.—General Augusti, the former Captain-General of the Philippine Islands, who has just arrived at Victoria, Spain, from Manila, in an interview just published, is quoted as discussing the Philippine question in an interesting manner. He is alleged to have remarked: "Before I left Spain I knew the situation in the Philippine Islands was grave. Senor Moret, the Minister of the Colonies in the last Cabinet of Senor Sagasta, remarked to me that if war with the United States broke out there would be a terrible state of things."

Continuing, General Augusti described Admiral Montejo's fleet as "some old wooden ships," and said they came to Manila practically pursued by Dewey. He then said: "Our batteries fired at the Americans, but our guns were mounted on false plattens. At daybreak we were in the power of the Americans, and an hour afterwards the Spanish fleet had ceased to exist."

Dewey summoned me to surrender. I refused and he threatened to raze the town. I replied: 'Raze it, but so long as I live the Spanish flag will float on the ruins of Manila.'"

"Then began the terrible time of the siege and the anguish of the blockade. Pamme stared us in the face. In the meantime hostilities were conducted throughout the provinces, but, save in isolated cases, humanely."

"Dewey repeated his summons to surrender and I again refused. Dewey then bombarded the town and Manila surrendered."

"But the danger was not over. Considering my presence no longer necessary, I asked the Government for permission to go home, as my position had become by no

means easy. I think I have done my duty as a soldier and a Spaniard."

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