

AN AWFUL STORY OF DEATH!

Hundreds Bound Overland From Ashcroft and Edmonton Reported Perishing Miserably in Trackless North.

ONLY ONE GOT THROUGH.

Starting Story of a Survivor of the Trail From Edmonton to Despair.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Vancouver, Sept. 26.—W. Sandstrom, one of the passengers on the steamer Horsa, which arrived to-day from the North, left Edmonton on Dawson August 13, reaching Dawson August 24. He claims to have travelled 3,000 miles through trackless forests, and to be the only one of 2,000 people who started via Edmonton to reach the Klondike. The scenes along the trail, he says, were terrible. The thermometer often went 50 below zero, and the suffering was awful. Hundreds threw themselves on the snow and wept, many threatening to blow their brains out. Seventy-five per cent. of all the horses taken were frozen to death. "There must be an awful reckoning," he says, "awaiting some of those who enticed people to attempt this route. Death stalks on the Edmonton trail. Can the Dominion government do nothing?"

PROSPECT OF RELIEF.

Provincial Government Consider the Situation, but Need Some Further Information.

At a meeting of the provincial executive held yesterday, the question of sending a party to the relief of the hundreds of men who are stranded on the Ashcroft trail to the Yukon, was under consideration. Nothing was decided upon, however, Premier Smith wishing more information, which he hopes will be forthcoming this morning.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Another Minister Coming to the Coast—Fast Atlantic Service Again Before Council.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, Sept. 26.—Mr. Collingwood Schreiber, deputy minister and chief engineer of railways and canals, leaves in the morning for the Pacific coast on a tour of railway inspection. He will inspect the Crow's Nest road, the end of the line, returning in about three weeks. Accompanying him are Hon. R. R. Dobbell and Miss Dobbell.

Messrs. Fielding and Borden left tonight for Quebec, and Mr. Blair has been sent off, to arrive to-morrow, when an important cabinet council will be held to deal with the question of the fast Atlantic line.

To-day Prof. Robertson received a cablegram from Liverpool, announcing the arrival in England in first-class condition of the first shipment of peaches and pears sent across this year from Grimsby.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S TROUBLES.

French Treaty Commissioners Find Evidence of Distress From Failure of Fishery.

St. John's, Nfld., Sept. 26.—The British commissioners, Sir John Bramston, Sir James Esbriane, and Lord Westmount, in investigating the French treaty rights in Newfoundland, have completed their inquiry into the operation of the French treaties on the northwest coasts of the island and arrived at Bonne Bay yesterday on their cruiser, the Feina. At Bonne Bay they will begin an investigation of the trouble arising in connection with the lobster and herring fisheries. They report that extreme distress exists among the fishermen on the northeast coast owing to the failure of the fishery.

VANCOUVER'S BUDGET.

Cement Works to Supply Whole Pacific Coast—Attempt at Goal Breaking.

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Vancouver, Sept. 26.—Judge Dugas, from Montreal, arrived to-day en route to Dawson as successor to Judge McGuire. Judge Dugas says his position is for life on good behavior. Eight miles up the coast are working with machinery. J. J. Böttger, the horse owner, of Salem, is coming to reside here. Jack Sheppard, of Boston, went home to-day, taking the train from the steamer Horsa. He was one of the earliest on Pine creek, clearing up \$7,000 and holding his claim. Orlanhoum, a burglar, attempted to escape from goal at Westminster yesterday, having bored holes in his cell door with an auger made from an old lock, the holes being filled with soap and dirt in the day time. His irons also have been tampered with. A Seymour creek copper proposition was sold by Vancouver men to-day to Col. Smith for \$25,000 cash. A. A. Davidson and W. Dier arrived from Fairview to-day. They have a \$750 gold brick part of the result of the clean up of 200 tons of Stenwidner ore, which ran \$750 to the ton on the "Black." The O. P. R. company's tent works here, it is reported, are to be increased by the installation of a plant, at an enormous expense, capable of turning out one million barrels per year. At present the works manufacture twelve thousand barrels of which 7,000 are used in construction work on the O. P. R. The idea in increasing the plant is to capture the entire market of the coast in British Columbia and the cement manufactured is equal in quality to Portland cement and placed on the market at a cheaper, the only difficulty heretofore experienced in selling the British Columbia article being an inadequate supply.

Horses and Equipment of Prospectors Litter the Barren Waste.

Two Survivors Relate Terrible Experience of Six Weeks in the Wilderness.

Life Barely Sustained by Eating Flesh of Their Already Starving Animals.

A Thousand Miles of Desolation With Fresh Horror for Every Mile.

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Vancouver, Sept. 26.—"Half a mile to Hades, either way!" Such is the message to be found on a tree where two trails fork, a ten days' tramp from Hazelton on the Ashcroft trail. J. A. Grey, of New York city, and J. Atwood, of Boston, two passengers by the Horsa to to-day, tell a story which confirms former reports of the horrors of the Ashcroft trail, but it is more comprehensive. They left Ashcroft April 28. From Ashcroft to Quesnelle is 220 miles of good road. At Quesnelle they were told it was 30 days to Hazelton. They took 30 days' provisions, and as a consequence nearly starved to death, for the trail was very bad, but not a circumstance to the awful experience from Hazelton to Glenora. "We were told again it was 30 days' travel, but found it 45. Instead of 350 miles we were 450. Advertisements said it was 370 miles from Ashcroft to Glenora, instead it is 1,400. Our sufferings between Hazelton and Glenora were almost beyond endurance. It was the valley of the shadow of death. "For ten days we lived on a few ounces of porridge daily, and for five, when the pangs of hunger drove us to desperation, we shot a horse and lived on horse-flesh, and no meat ever tasted so good. In one place for five miles I counted 100 dead horses, and Indians told me who had laid down and died, starved to death rather than eat the half-famished beasts of burden who had helped them patiently to wallow forever through mud and mire until

DEATH WAS LONGED FOR.

As a release from their trials. In one case we passed through a forest of soggy moss, with not a vestige of underbrush. We had no feed, and tied the horses to trees, where they choked down great wads of moss and dirt and small tree branches. "The 30 miles of moss was the scene of a thousand horrors. Coming out of the soggy forest, we struck poison plains, so named on account of devil weed covering the ground. The stench is awful, for horses lie heaped in hundreds who have died from eating the poisonous vegetable here growing in rank profusion. The weed contains a thorn which sticks in the horses' stomachs and kills them. "Further on we arrived at quicksands with dense forests on each side, that we could not penetrate. Then there were quagmires with horses in rows dead with the packs still on their backs. It is the solemn truth that our party of 20 led our horses over the backs of the poor buried brutes. Beyond this we came to a tree on which was blazed: "Eat here and turn back; just beyond is 'THE SLOUGH OF DESPOND.' "For two awful, weary miles we trudged wearily on, our horses actually at times up to their backs in mud, with their noses stuck in the awful omnipresent ooze. One after the other, we dragged them out and put a bullet through their heads. To make matters worse, it rained for 10 days and nights. Along the road were strewn hardware, blankets, rifles, cartridges—every conceivable part of the outfit thrown aside by heart-broken, half-distracted wanderers. We came to another blazed tree, and on it was a sad story, and beneath a mound of earth, whether the grave of the writer or not, we do not know. The story read: "Here is another fool who left home to seek fortune over this god-forsaken trail, after borrowing all the money he could scrape out of his friends and poor relations. God help you, poor fellow pilgrims." "The story of the two men who committed suicide after reaching Teatin over the Ashcroft trail is well known.

ONLY LIFE REMAINED.

We camped here. At 3 in the morning we heard great noise. Indians had stamped the remnant of our horses, which had gone to join a thousand others stollen that way by the treacherous natives. Weary, footsore and weak unto death, we reached Glenora. There every thing was flat, and we were told the jig was up. We sold our outfits, each one

for some \$3 on the \$100, horses going for \$10, saddles and all, that men gave \$150 for in Ashcroft.

On reaching the coast, we were guaranteed that the steamer Horsa would get us to Vancouver in time to secure the low rates over the C. P. R. We were seven days, instead of four, and missed these rates. Not having enough money to get home after our fearful experience, we applied to the American consul for aid from the United States government. Hard luck from first to last, and now stranded in Vancouver. "Cannot some one be punished for the vicious lies told about the Ashcroft route?" said Grey.

SIR ARTHUR CURTIS.

Mr. Atwood states that the story now believed on the trail regarding the death of Sir Arthur Curtis is that he quarrelled with one of his party and, going off in the forest, drowned himself in a mountain river. His hat and coat have been found by the brink of a deep stream.

LORD BEREFOURD'S MISSION.

He Urges Commercial Treaties Between Powers Most Interested in the Orient.

Singapore, Sept. 26.—Rear Admiral Lord Charles Bereford, who is en route to China as representative of the British Associated Chambers of Commerce, has arrived here. In a speech made by him yesterday before the chamber of commerce and the Straits Settlements association, he urged that commercial treaties between Great Britain, Germany, the United States and Japan would insure peace. He declared that the water ways of China should be developed under the protection of military force, and then the railroads would follow. In conclusion Lord Charles urged Great Britain to take a firm and more definite attitude in regard to China.

SUPREME LODGE I. O. O. F.

No More Licenses to Insurance Concerns—Patriarchs Militant Parade Order.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 24.—At the closing session of the Supreme lodge I. O. O. F. to-day it was voted to publish the decision of the Grand Jury hereafter between the sessions of the grand lodge. It was voted that the patriarchs militant be denied the right to parade unless they are in good standing. It was voted not to grant any licenses for insurance companies to do business in the name of the order.

DEATH OF MRS. S. MOORE.

A Former Coast Missionary Teacher Dies at Her Home in Surrey Centre.

Surrey Centre, Sept. 22.—Mrs. S. Moore (Kate Heena Ross) died suddenly at her home in Surrey Centre, B.C., on the 22nd inst. in her 41st year. She was born in England, and spent her early years in that country. She was a missionary teacher for the past 13 years, seven years in British Columbia. On the 4th of October, 1897, she married Dr. Wilson, of Ladner, and resided with him at Ladner. She was a devoted wife and mother, and was highly respected by all who knew her. She was a member of the Wesleyan church, and was a zealous worker in the same. She was a kind and generous hearted woman, and was a great blessing to all who came in contact with her. She was a devoted mother, and was a great blessing to her children. She was a devoted wife, and was a great blessing to her husband. She was a devoted worker in the church, and was a great blessing to her congregation. She was a devoted friend, and was a great blessing to all who knew her. She was a devoted Christian, and was a great blessing to her country. She was a devoted patriot, and was a great blessing to her nation. She was a devoted citizen, and was a great blessing to her community. She was a devoted neighbor, and was a great blessing to her neighborhood. She was a devoted friend, and was a great blessing to all who knew her. She was a devoted Christian, and was a great blessing to her country. She was a devoted patriot, and was a great blessing to her nation. She was a devoted citizen, and was a great blessing to her community. She was a devoted neighbor, and was a great blessing to her neighborhood. She was a devoted friend, and was a great blessing to all who knew her.

ORDERS FOR THE SULTAN.

Four Great Powers Notify the Turks to Evacuate Crete Forthwith.

London, Sept. 24.—The Cretan question has taken a step toward final solution, by the acceptance by the four great powers of Italy's proposals, which include the dismissal of all the Turkish troops and functionaries. The admirals of the powers in Crete waters have decided to refuse to relinquish the island, and the four powers will send an ultimatum to the Sultan of Turkey, summoning him to accept the project, and informing him that unless he does so, measures will be taken to enforce his compliance. The powers have irrevocably decided to settle the question immediately, and will not hesitate to send their fleets to the Dardanelles, and beyond, if necessary. Berlin, Sept. 24.—A despatch to the Cologne Gazette from St. Petersburg says it is regarded as possible, in the light of the information received by the French expedition under Major Marchand, but a force of Abyssinian troops at Fasboda. It is expected that King Mendaki will refuse to relinquish his claim to the Nile border of his empire, and accordingly may plant his flag and assemble a considerable force of troops opposite Fasboda.

MONDAY'S BALL GAMES.

At New York—First game, New York 8; Philadelphia 1. Second game, New York 8; Philadelphia 1. At Chicago—Chicago 8; Philadelphia 1. At Baltimore—Baltimore 8; Philadelphia 1. At St. Louis—St. Louis 8; Philadelphia 1. At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 8; Philadelphia 1.

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MUST HASTEN FROM CUBA.

President McKinley Says Spaniards Are Too Slow—Who Own Christopher Columbus.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The officials here are watching with interest the progress being made by the military commission at Havana in securing the evacuation of the island of Cuba. The commission has been very slow in making reports to the war department, but the latest received it appears that that body would like to have more definite instructions as to procedure. It seems that the Spanish side have asked that they could begin the evacuation of the island until the 1st of November, and that it could not be completed before the 28th of February next. In view of the alarming state of the Cubans, who are suffering from hunger and inability under the present conditions, the war department has decided that he could not assent to the consumption of so much time. Therefore, the military commission has been instructed to demand that evacuation by the Spaniards begin not later than the 15th of October, and be completed by the 21st of December. What the result of this demand will be is not yet known, but it is said the administration is determined to insist on it. The island, although disposed to permit a reasonable time.

ALL EYES ON FRANCE.

Europe Interested in the Revolution for Which the Military Element Are Waking.

President Faure Has Much to Gain by Preventing Revision of Dreyfus Case.

Estrenha's Excuse for Forgeries—Ordered by a Superior, and Dreyfus Guilty, Anyhow.

London, Sept. 24.—The alarming situation in France rivets the attention of Europe. The excitement is increasing hourly. New revelations and developments are expected, and a military coup d'etat would not surprise anybody. The weakness of M. Brisson, the premier, who is now in secret confinement in prison Cherche Midi, placed there apparently without the knowledge of the government, and in spite of the fact that he was in the hands of a civil court, has disgusted even his own personal friends, who call him a coward and a doer, who is now in secret confinement in prison Cherche Midi, placed there apparently without the knowledge of the government, and in spite of the fact that he was in the hands of a civil court, has disgusted even his own personal friends, who call him a coward and a doer, who is now in secret confinement in prison Cherche Midi, placed there apparently without the knowledge of the government, and in spite of the fact that he was in the hands of a civil court, has disgusted even his own personal friends, who call him a coward and a doer.

A LITTLE WAR CLOUD.

It Hovers Over Chili and Argentine and Ruffles the English Investors.

London, Sept. 24.—The war cloud hovering over Chili and Argentine is being closely watched and has caused uneasiness here. The idea of an appeal to arms to settle the question, especially because, as the Spectator points out, "the English investors will have to contribute to pay the piper."

A POINT FOR DREYFUS.

Premier Brisson Writes From Cabinet Unwilling Consent to a Revision.

President Faure Hastily Returns But Too Late to Prevent the Announcement.

Paris, Sept. 26.—At a meeting of the cabinet this morning, all the ministers being present, a decision was taken in favor of a revision of the trial of former Captain Dreyfus, and the documents in the case will be sent to the court of cassation.

The cabinet meeting was prolonged and animated. The minister of agriculture is reported to have bitterly opposed a revision, and it is rumored he will resign. Instructions were issued to prosecute anyone attacking the army. The city is excited, and the bourse is in a disturbed condition. Conservative papers, however, counsel the people to remain calm.

ESTERHAZY'S CONFESSIONS.

London, Sept. 24.—Grant Richards, the publisher, has secured the publication of the Major Esterhazy's confession of his connection with the Dreyfus case. The statement will be contained in a book of the size of the ordinary sixpenny, and it is rumored he will resign. Instructions were issued to prosecute anyone attacking the army. The city is excited, and the bourse is in a disturbed condition. Conservative papers, however, counsel the people to remain calm.

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VENEZUELAN ARBITRATION.

Approaching Session of the Court Becomes Vigorous Assertion of Monroe Doctrine.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The approaching meeting at Paris of the British-Venezuelan court of arbitration, in which Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Brewer are arbitrators in behalf of the republic, will be hardly second in importance to the meeting at Paris of the permanent commission owing to the crisis which the Venezuelan question raised between the United States and Great Britain during the Cleveland administration and the extent to which the Monroe doctrine is involved. The present plans are for the court to hold a preliminary session in January at which time Justice Brewer will go to Paris. But Chief Justice Fuller is not likely to go to the first meeting. Justice Brewer will probably arrange for a postponement until May at which time both he and the Chief Justice will be free to join the other arbitrators and take up the serious business of the commission.

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Abdication of the Emperor Signifies Reverse for Great Britain's Policy.

Admiral Seymour Accordingly Makes a Demonstration With the British Fleet.

LI HUNG CHANG'S INFLUENCE AGAIN.

Text of Emperor's Parting Edict.

London, Sept. 24.—The recent dramatic developments in the Chinese palace came as a disagreeable shock to people of Great Britain. Not only in Great Britain but abroad the Queen Dowager's proclamation is interpreted as a fresh defeat for British policy and as a sign of revenge upon the part of the latter's arch enemy, Li Hung Chang. It is generally believed that the mission of the Marquis Ito, the Japanese statesman, to China for the purpose of attempting to bring about an offensive and defensive alliance between Japan and China, was the last straw which roused the Empress Dowager, and enabled the Russian party, led by Li Hung Chang, to regain its influence.

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H. M. S. Amphion Behring Sea—British Difficult.

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To which every seal out of the port autumn times, however, true, the Otto (Goo) upon one of these reception prefalls. She be at the present time to Victoria under seal Amphion, together with her deck. The warship herself quailed Sunday afternoon, and in regard to the matter, in fact that a seizure was not very odd when stress of world was in news.

THE OTTO, WHICH IS WITH AN ALL-WHITE HULL.

It has been sealed territory, neglecting the warship at the August 20, and having away at the second of the present month. Her excuse will probably weather, which even the extremely trying, and counts in great numbers, general average of the having been few days it could be lower, and with both scarce and water. To still further increase the political Amphion, found a seal here, the brand Professor Joking in conjunction with the means, having led from the islands (though the presence of the iron this summer.