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CUBANS TO STOP PANDO

Three Thousand Natives Under Garcia Detached From Shafter's Army for This Purpose.

Attack on Santiago Being Hurried But Difficulties Beset the Invading Forces.

Siege Guns Five Miles Behind and Roads Must Be Prepared for Their Passage.

Playa del Este, June 29.—(Delayed in transmission).—It is believed that General Calixto Garcia, whose forces were taken to the east in order to co-operate with the United States army in the capture of Santiago de Cuba, will be sent back with 3,000 of his men to stop the advance of General Pando, the Spanish commander, who, with 7,400 troops, many pack horses and a quantity of cattle, has arrived at a point 71 miles from Manzanillo going towards Santiago. According to information which reached the flagship New York to-day from Col. Rios, in command of the Cuban army, Gen. Pando started from Manzanillo on June 22, and is travelling at the rate of 12 miles a day. The distance to Santiago de Cuba is 127 miles and the roads leading there are rough and difficult to travel. The Cubans now opposing General Pando only number about two hundred men.

On board the Associated Press despatch boat Dandy, off province of Santiago de Cuba, June 29, 6 p.m., via Kingston, Jamaica, June 30.—The forces of the American army are being mobilized as rapidly as possible in the vicinity of Aguadores, four miles from Santiago de Cuba. The moment the mobilization is completed the attack on Spain's last ditch in Eastern Cuba will be begun. When that will be, General Shafter himself cannot say. The troops can be moved without serious delay and are pushing forward rapidly, but the movement of the pack trains, wagons, ambulances and artillery as taxing the skill and endurance of the officers and men to the utmost. From Baiquiri, where the artillery landed, to the present point of concentration the road runs through a tangle of undergrowth and down steep hillsides and over the treacherous swamp streams. For a distance of twelve miles through continuous thicket the head of the army is cutting its way. Engineers are at work levelling the track and filling pits, while a large force of regulars and volunteers with axes, aided by Cubans with matchetes, are hacking down trees and clearing out the brush. A few light guns have already reached this point, but the siege guns are not within five miles of the vanguard. Shafter left his ship to-day and took up his quarters with General Wheeler at the front. His appearance there gave rise to the rumor that an attack on Santiago would occur to-morrow, but the staff officers say to-night it is impossible to get the army in shape to strike a blow for several days.

About 2,000 troops are camped four miles east of the besieged city and the remainder of the forces are stretched along the road from there to Juragua and Baiquiri. The advance forces are in semi-circle, the left flank resting about two miles from the sea under command of General Chaffee, with the extreme right, under the command of Col. Miles, about a mile to the northwest. Beginning with the 12th Infantry at the extreme left, the 7th, 17th, 4th, 25th and 10th Infantry extend to the right in the order named. Beyond them picket lines are established three-quarters of a mile nearer Santiago city, being in plain sight of General Chaffee and Colonel Miles' troops.

Much amusement has been caused among officers by the large number of red-cross flags flying from buildings in Santiago. Several flags can be counted to-day and it is reported that two more were hoisted to-night. They are all flying from the largest and most prominent buildings and our officers say the Spanish soldiers evidently intend to protect every place in the city offering a good mark for the American artillery.

SENTENCED TO HANG.

Stikine Murderer Will Pay the Penalty at Nanaimo in August.

Nanaimo, June 30.—(Special.)—Claus, the murderer of Hendrickson and Burns, who has been on trial at the special assizes here, having been found guilty, was to-day sentenced to be hanged on August 2nd at Nanaimo. The prisoner, after sentence said, with tears rolling down his cheeks and bowed head, in a trembling voice: "I don't understand well, I don't know what to say. I am very sorry I put the bodies under the slee. I did not know what I was doing."

The plea put forward by the defence was Hendrickson killed Burns and that in self-defence Claus shot Hendrickson. The court was disturbed by the wife of the prisoner, who occupied a seat in the gallery. When the verdict of guilty was announced it was necessary for the police to watch her, and several other ladies were weeping.

ORDERED TO MOVE ON.

Spanish Warships Notified to Leave Port Said and Not Allowed to Take Coal.

Cairo, June 30.—The following official announcement was made this afternoon: "The Spanish warships at Port Said began coaling from their own colliers which arrived from Spain. The Egyptian government notified them that they could not allow this, that it must be stopped forthwith, and that they must also leave Port Said, as the 24 hours' limit had been greatly exceeded. The Spaniards then stated that their ships wanted repairs and began discharging coal and other material in order to repair."

LE ROI DEAL IN SUSPENSE.

Senator Turner Predicts That It Will Never Be Completed.

Rossland, June 27.—The adjourned meeting of the Le Roi company called for the purpose of confirming the sale of the mine to the British America Corporation was held at the offices of the company to-night, but nothing was done and an adjournment was taken until 10 to-morrow morning. A large delegation of shareholders was in town who came by special engines, extra trains and ordinary every day passenger service, but it was anticipated in advance of the meeting that nothing would be done at the meeting so that only a half dozen stockholders were present when it convened in the Le Roi offices on the hill. Roll call disclosed the fact that there was nothing like a quorum present, as only a few scattering blocks of stock were represented. The pooled stock which formed a majority of the capitalization was not voted, as Senator Turner, one of the trustees, has no wish to bring matters to a focus just now, while Colonel W. W. D. Turner, another of the trustees, has been restrained by an injunction from voting the stock in the pool.

On the discovery that the meeting was destitute of a quorum, W. B. Heyburn, solicitor for the B. A. C., who was present, moved that an adjournment be taken until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock and the motion carried. Accordingly the company will make an effort again to-morrow morning to settle the complications which are now growing more and more intricate.

Senator Turner, the head and front of the opposition to the sale, declined to discuss the meeting on the ground that he was not present. He likewise declined to say anything about the effect of injunctions secured by him against the company and members of it.

"Are you still confident that the deal will not go through?" he was asked.

"I am satisfied that the property of the Le Roi company will not be sold," the senator replied emphatically.

"In case that the sale is not confirmed would you object to having the B.A.C. remain in charge of the property as at present?"

"I am not aware that the B.A.C. is now in charge of the property, and I certainly should object to having the corporation operate the mine if it does not own it."

"Do your injunctions restrain shareholders of the Le Roi from selling their stock?"

"Shareholders of the company are at perfect liberty to sell their stock at any time."

"Then what is the use of injunctions?"

"As to that I must refer you to our attorney, Frank Graves. I should prefer to remain in the position of client."

"It is doubtful what the result of the present complications will be," said D. W. Henley, the vice-president of the company. "I am not certain that the sale will go through."

Colonel W. W. D. Turner, the president of the company, discussed the situation fully, but he would express no opinion as to the outcome of the negotiations now pending.

"I voted for the sale of the property on Saturday last at the directors' meeting in Spokane," said he, "but there were reasons for that, and I am now thoroughly opposed to selling the property at any such figure as $6 per share. Why, some of my stock cost me in actual cash $7 per share, and you may be sure I will not favor selling at any such price as that now offered. If I had wished to avoid being served with the injunction Sunday restraining me from voting the pooled stock of which I am one of the trustees, I could easily have done so, for I was out riding near Liberty lake and could have crossed over the Idaho line, but I had no desire to do so, for I want these injunction proceedings settled upon their merits and not by default through trickery and avoidance. I do not know what will be done at the meeting to-morrow. The injunction served against me and issued but not served aaginst the other officers of the company is returnable before Judge Richardson of Spokane on Saturday next, while I understand that the other injunction brought against the stockholders in the now famous pool restraining them from breaking it was originally returnable to-morrow (Tuesday), but I understand that it has been adjourned for a few days in order to permit of the representatives of all interests being present."

"I do not think that the deal will go through," said Col. I. N. Peyton, who has been foremost in conducting the negotiations. "It is a matter of regret to me that my labors in London in putting the sale through have been unsuccessful, but it seems that the company does not want to sell and the British America Corporation does not want any complications."

TRAP-SHOOTING TOURNEY.

Spokane Competitor Wins the Globe Trophy—Scores of the Match.

Vancouver, June 30.—(Special.)—The most important event of the opening day of the Northwest shooting tournament here to-day was the match for the Globe trophy, valued at $350. The scores were as follows: W. A. Ebertey, 41; F. S. McClure, 39; Dr. Smith, 35; R. V. Rowe, 37; A. H. Nelson, 30; H. T. Denham, 43; R. L. Pierce, 34; J. W. Considine, 36; W. F. Sheard, 37; J. F. Cowan, 37; E. A. Kimball, 28; B. H. John, 30; R. Featherstone, 25; A. Christenson, 38; C. H. Smith, 40; M. B. Brownlee, 35; D. Cooper, 38; J. A. Forbes, 34; A. Williamson, 41; F. McBroom, 38; Mr. Flint, 39; T. W. Ware, 39; P. Holohan, 30; C. W. Whitlow, 34; R. C. Stephens, 37; —. Hood, 37; E. E. Ellis, 38; P. V. Caesar, 30; E. E. Young, 40; H. F. Norton, 35; J. C. McClure, 32; F. N. Thomson, 33; J. J. Lang, 36; E. G. White, 31; O. Weiler, 38.

H. T. Denham, of Spokane, won with a score of 43. The trophy was held last year by E. A. Kimball, of Tacoma. All the events to-day were closely contested. A large programme of events is on for to-morrow.

CANNOT SAVE THE CARGO.

An American Cruiser Continuously Firing Upon the Stranded Spanish Steamer.

Madrid, June 30.—The Governor-General of Porto Rico cables that it will be difficult to save the cargo of the Spanish steamer Antonio Lopez which was run ashore at Salinac, near the entrance of the harbor of San Juan de Porto Rico to escape the United States auxiliary cruisers St. Louis and St. Paul which prevented her from landing a cargo of provisions and war material. He explains his inability to save the steamer's cargo by the fact, as alleged, that an American cruiser is continuously firing upon the stranded vessel.

A cabinet council, over which the Queen Regent presided, was held to-day. The ministers declined to furnish any information beyond saying that they discussed the war.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Quarantine Officer Superannuated to Make an Office for a Liberal Member.

Rifle Corps Authorized for Several Mainland Towns—Mr. Yeo to Be Senator.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, June 30.—Sir Charles Tupper will make a political tour through a portion of Ontario this summer. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will visit the Northwest in the autumn, Mr. Gibson, M.P., accompanying him. Hon. David Mills speaks of visiting British Columbia this summer.

The appointment of Mr. Yeo, M.P., to the senate is only awaiting the Governor's signature.

A militia general order issued to-day defines the duties of the principal medical officers for military districts.

Thos. O'Connor, of this city, is suing the C. P. R. for wages earned as a laborer on the Crow's Nest Pass road. He returned from the West disgusted with his treatment.

The township council of Osgoode, Russell county, has passed a by-law prohibiting cycling within the precincts of the township. President Beament, of the C. W. A., says the by-law is clearly ultra vires and will take steps to quash it.

General Gascoigne severed his connection with the militia service to-day and sails for England on the 16th.

Dr. Guay, M.P. for Levis, has been appointed general superintendent of quarantines, in succession to Dr. Montizambert, superannuated. Dr. Montizambert had $4,000 a year and is still in the prime of life.

The formation of independent rifle companies of forty men each is authorized by the department for Kaslo, Kamloops, Nelson, Revelstoke and Rossland. A mounted rifle company will be established at Vernon.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Icelandic College for Winnipeg—Escaping Prisoner Captured—Land Sales.

Winnipeg, June 30.—(Special)—D. D. Mann, of Mackenzie & Mann, arrived in the city this morning and will inspect the progress of the work on the Southeastern and Dauphin railways. In addition to these roads the firm are constructing the Boundary Creek railway, a wagon road to Teslin Lake, and two C. P. R. branch lines in Manitoba.

The Lutherian Icelandic synod concluded its session here to-day. It was decided to locate an Icelandic college in Winnipeg provided certain financial guarantees were fulfilled by local Icelandic residents.

A turtle weighing 83 pounds was caught on the highway near St. Agatha by a farmer. It is said to be about 75 years of age.

A prisoner, Costello by name, escaped from the Winnipeg gaol to-day and was recaptured by the guardians while attempting to swim the Assiniboine river.

C. P. R. land sales for the month just closed were 49,000 acres, realizing $160,000.

The Anglican synod closed to-day.

LEAGUE SHOOTING.

Scores Made at Clover Point Yesterday—Ball Team to Visit Angeles.

League firing was held at Clover Point yesterday afternoon, and the No. 1 Lee-Enfield team completed their scores as follows:

No. 1 Team—Lee-Enfield.

Sgt. W. H. Bailey	92
Sgt. E. McDougall	92
Sgt. W. H. Lettice	86
Bomb. S. W. Bodley	88
Gr. R. J. Butler	85
Gr. R. Harris	78
Gr. W. Duncan	94
Corp. F. Richardson	93
Corpl. M. G. Blanchard	92
Gr. J. L. Beckwith	88
Total	884

The following scores of No. 4 Lee-Enfield team were completed:

Sgt.-Major Russell	73
Corp. T. N. Hibben	64
Bomb. W. N. Winsby	63
Gr. Allan Ruck	53

The remaining six members of this team will compete, it is hoped, to-day.

No. 5 Martini-Henri team completed four scores as follows, and the remainder will shoot to-day:

Gr. R. Leeman	61
Gr. M. Fletcher Reed	66
Sgt.-Major Mulcahy	47
Gr. H. Fox	30
Mr. Ashby	65
Gr. J. M. Barker	40

Firing will commence at 6 a. m. sharp this morning, and continue under Major Williams as range officer until 9 a. m. Gunner Bodley will be in charge of the range during the afternoon from 2 till dark, by which time it is expected all scores will be completed, so that all returns may be posted by the evening's mail.

A WISE MOTHER.

Will always have a well-tried and reliable remedy in the house for scalds and burns, as accidents are liable to occur at any time without warning. Griffith's Magic Liniment stops the burning sensation instantly and produces that soothing and cooling sensation, a virtue possessed only by this remedy. No home should be without it. All druggists, 25 cents.

A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

Numerous Picnics Take Crowds Out of the City to the Seaside.

Victoria's streets were deserted yesterday, the business houses were closed and the city took on a lonely appearance. Thousands spent the day at the seaside, at Oak Bay at Sidney and at Kanaka beach. Others went out on little private excursions by water or rail. The Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society celebrated their annual picnics and each attracted large numbers. The Victoria & Sidney train made several trips during the day and was crowded on nearly every occasion. The Methodist picnic at Bazan Park, Sidney, is always a big event, and yesterday it seemed larger than ever. At Oak Bay the Presbyterians held forth and the Fort street tram cars were crammed during the day. Kanaka beach, where the Baptists picnicked, is another charming spot, which proved a delightful recreation ground.

JUST BEFORE BATTLE.

Washington Anxiously Awaits News From Santiago and Hurries the Reinforcements.

Attempt to Be Made to Enter the Harbor Simultaneously With Land Attack.

Washington, June 30.—The situation at the close of the day was described by Secretary Alger as being such as to warant him in entertaining the expectation of important news at any moment. There being two parties to a battle and it might be precipitated by either side and no one here knows what the Spanish disposition is. Nor is much known respecting Gen. Shafter's plan of attack, although in his messages of yesterday he indicated a purpose to move early on the enemy as shown by his declaration that reinforcements could not reach him before he offered battle, and Secretary Alger was very much gratified when he learned to-day that direct telegraphic communication now existed between Washington and Gen. Shafter's headquarters at Siboney.

The opinion is held here that the navy will co-operate in the attack at Santiago and to that end part of Shafter's force is to move immediately upon Morro Castle to capture the forts and enable the naval launches to open the gateway into the harbor by removing the mines. The experience of the vessels while in Guantanamo harbor in pulling up the mines there is expected to very much facilitate the work at Santiago. No telegram came to the war department to-day from General Shafter and the understanding here is that he is employing the time to the best advantage in forwarding artillery and making ready for the final struggle and assault upon Santiago.

It is not known how far the Spanish reinforcements have advanced since yesterday, but Gen. Shafter has full knowledge of their movements and it is believed he is not likely to delay his attack until they have strengthened the garrisons at Santiago by uniting with Linares.

The second expedition from Tampa to reinforce Shafter apears to have encountered almost as many difficulties as the original expedition in getting away. It was confidently expected that a start would be made from Tampa last Monday, but one difficulty after another has arisen to retard the movement, so it was with a feeling of relief that the news came from Tampa that the flagship of the expedition, the Hudson, had swung out into the stream and was ready to lead the procession of transports, which it is believed by this time are under way for Santiago. It is calculated that the second instalment of reinforcements dispatched to Shafter from Camp Alger via steamer from Newport News, Va., reached him to-day in the Harvard, and the Yale is expected at Newport News the day after to-morrow, returning from her first trip with Duffield's soldiers, to take more reinforcements. The steamers will be further availed of in pursuance of Secretary Alger's intention to continue the despatch of reinforcements to Shafter until he has an overpowering army at his command.

Major-General Coppinger will probably command the Porto Rican expedition.

The advices from the Suez Canal only hasten the preparations making for the departure of Commodore Watson's eastern squadron. The Commodore has reported to the navy department his arrival off Santiago and is in consultation with Admiral Sampson respecting the details of the cruise which it is expected will occupy fully four months provided the war endures that length of time. The delays to which the Spaniards are subject at Port Said will redound very greatly to the advantage of Admiral Dewey is Camara is still in reality bound for the Philippines, for it ensures the arrival of almost the whole of General Merritt's military forces and almost certainly of the cruiser Charleston and the monitors Monterey and Monadnock before the Spanish squadron could reach Manila harbor.

Word was received by Rear Admiral Sampson to-day that the Spanish supply boat Purisma Concepcion which escaped from Jamaica recently has arrived safely at Tunas, the port of Sancti Spiritus, on the southern coast of the province of Santiago. The naval officers here are much chagrined over the fact that the steamer got away.

Playa del Este, Guantanamo, June 30.—Intercepted despatches from Admiral Cervera show a critical state of affairs at Santiago. Both food and ammunition are reported to be getting very scarce and the latter will be exhausted soon. For some days the fleet has been unable to draw a shot from the batteries off the harbor entrance, even though going close in shore. The cruiser New Orleans has left for Key West.

Col. Allen succeeded last night in connecting Siboney beach, General Shafter's headquarters, with Guantanamo.

London, June 30.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "After a cabinet council of several hours to-day (Thursday) the ministers decided to postpone the crisis and to await the results at Santiago. The flying squadron under Lieut. Zobral is intended to signal the approach of the Americans.

Madrid, June 30 (midnight).—It is rumored here that a great battle has been fought at Santiago resulting favorably for the Spaniards. The report is unconfirmed.

LAWS FOR THE POOR.

France to Put Heavier Tax on Incomes and Pay Pensions to Aged Work-People.

Paris, June 30.—In the chamber of deputies to-day, after announcing the cabinet's firm intention to carry out the democratic desires that the people had expressed at the recent elections, M. Brisson said the government proposed two principal reforms, fiscal and social, the first through a special bill replacing the taxes on personalty and realty by a graduated income tax, the second by means of a retiring pension to working people. The government, the premier continued, also proposes to settle the question of the succession duties, reform the liquor laws, create chambers of agriculture and loyally carry out the economic system established by the chamber in the industry and agriculture. It will attempt to curb the speculation which is so injurious to the agricultural and industrial production, will expedite preparations for national defence and will settle the question of the formation of a colonial army and emigration to the colonies.

In conclusion the premier eulogized the Russian alliance, promised freedom of discussion in the chamber, the energetic defence of the law and society against attempted encroachments, and promised to uphold the supremacy of the civil power. A vote of confidence in the government was passed by 316 ayes to 230 nays.

M. Tassre moved an amendment to exclude the graduated income tax from the government's programme, but the premier refused to accept the amendment which was rejected by 314 to 271.

STORMS IN HUNGARY.

Great Destruction of Crops and Herds and Many Persons Killed.

London, June 30.—The Vienna correspondent of the Standard says: "During the last few days there have been terrific thunder and hail storms with cloudbursts in Hungary and probably in the northwest districts. Property and crops have been damaged or destroyed to the value of 40,000,000 francs. Many persons and innumerable animals have been killed. There have been similar storms in Austria, where also there have been fatalities and serious crop losses.

AN OIL MONOPOLY.

Standard Company Secures Absolute Control of the Business in Canada.

Petrolea, June 30.—(Special)—The Standard Oil company during the past few years has spent between $300,000 and $400,000 in establishing refineries at Sarnia, and has now effected the purchase of the Imperial works and has leased every other oil refinery in Canada for five years. It has thus secured an absolute monopoly of oil refining in Canada. The possible effect on prices and on rates paid to producers is exciting a great deal of interest throughout Petrolea. There is no expectation that there will be an increase of prices to consumers, whatever may be the effect on profits realized throughout the country.

THURSDAY'S BALL GAMES.

At Pittsburg—Pittsburg, 5; Brooklyn, 8.

At Chicago—Chicago, 7; New York, 5.

At Louisville—Louisville, 9; Baltimore, 6.

At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 6; Philadelphia, 17.

At Cleveland—Cleveland, 5; Boston, 10.

At St. Louis—St. Louis, 3; Washington, 13.

DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Four Commercial Unionists on the Commission—Le Roi Deposit Reported Returned—Incendiarism.

The Toronto World has a special from Rossland saying that the Le Roi sale is off and the half million dollars' deposit has been returned to the British American Corporation. Efforts will be made to arrange the deal on a new basis.

A group of Ontario distillers, including Messrs. Walker, Corby, Seagram, Wiser and Whitney, have had a meeting to discuss a plan of action as to the approaching plebiscite.

The Toronto World says editorially it would have preferred Editor Willison of the Globe to Jno. Charlton as a member of the international commission, and points out that the Canadian members actually appointed—Laurier, Cartwright, Davies and Charlton—were all commercial unionists at one time. But, it adds cheerfully, "the Liberals are in, and we must await the result."

Fire in Watson's block at Mitchell, Ont., owned by John Parr, damaged the building on Wednesday. Incendiarism was suspected and Parr was arrested. He went before the magistrate and acknowledged having made arrangements for the fire, but denied having lighted it. He was remanded to gaol for trial. There was $20,000 insurance on the building.

An official announcement of the C.W.A. Dominion racing board transfers Walter Tubb, of Montreal, from the amateur to the professional class. The suspensions on Alex. Murray and John Stewart are raised.

Judge De Lorimier at Montreal gave judgment yesterday quashing the capias and seizure issued at the instance of Detective Kellert against Lieut. de Carranza and Senor Du Bosc. His honor held that not the slightest proof of any intent to defraud on the part of the Spanish visitors had been shown. Carranga has left Montreal and his whereabouts are not known.

A RASH ACT.

Arthur Campbell Through Folly Nearly Loses His Life in the Harbor.

A wild effort to recover a hat, a fall to the roof of a warehouse, then to the stringer of the E. & N. bridge and afterwards a drop into the water nearly cost Arthur Campbell his life yesterday afternoon. The affair took place at the railway bridge while the new steamer Reindeer was passing through on her trial trip. Campbell, according to witnesses, was under the influence of liquor. He was standing leaning over the railing of the bridge when Chief Michael Cooper, of the Songhees Indians, lost his hat. The headgear was carried by the wind to the steep roof of a warehouse immediately below. Campbell jumped after it but unable to keep his footing on the steep roof slid off striking heavily on the end of a stringer and thence fell into the water. He sank, but rising to the surface a third time appeared to support himself on a pile until E. G. Terrill and two other men came to his assistance. After a long delay on the wharf he was taken to the Jubilee hospital for treatment and it was found that several of his ribs were broken and that he was injured internally.

Campbell is probably 30 years of age and works in Norris' trunk factory.

DOMINION DAY SPORTS

Vancouver Enjoying Fine Weather and a Successful Celebration in Prospect.

A Military Spectacle and Lacrosse To-day—To-morrow the Championship Sculling.

Wire Cable of Steamship Tartar Snaps and Breaks a Sailor's Legs.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Vancouver, June 30.—The advent of fine midsummer weather is very welcome to Vancouver, in that it assures a very big success for the Dominion Day festivities which, beginning to-morrow, will occupy the whole of Saturday also. There will be a continuous round of varied amusement. There are billed for Friday a combined military and naval review, an intermediate lacrosse match between Vancouver and Nanaimo, and also the senior championship contest between Vancouver and Victoria, which is certainly to be keenly contested. There will also be continued through the day the shooting tournament of the Northwest Sportsmen's Association, whilst in the evening the vessels of the fleet and a large part of the city will be illuminated, a citizens' ball held in the Market hall and a military and naval ball at the Hotel Vancouver. There will in addition be a grand amateur performance of The Pantomime Rehearsal at the opera house.

On Saturday another attractive programme is on the bill, including the world's championship sculling race, which takes place at 6 p.m. sharp, and is certain to attract many thousand spectators. In the morning there will be a regatta on the inlet, including Indian races, and in the afternoon bicycle races and naval and other athletic sports at Brockton point. The shooting tournament will be continued through the day and the fleet and city again illuminated by night. On both days there will be a continuous round of open air concerts, in which the City band and the Naval and Artillery bands will participate. Willison's great Australian circus is also in the city and will give many performances on the Cambie street grounds on both days.

While the Tartar was being hauled up this evening the wire cable broke. Four men were standing near it. The cable snapped two feet astern and struck the two behind, smashing both legs of one of them, a sailor who had joined the Tartar to-day, and injuring the foot of the other.

General trade continues good and there is a decided improvement in northern outfitting, although there is no real rush to the Yukon. Big cattle shipments continue to be made to Dawson and other points through Vancouver, and large consignments are every week being sent North of liquors, food commodities and other necessaries. The heavy rain of about a week ago beat down the hay in the Lulu Island district to some extent and also did some harm to the oat crop of the district. The return of fine weather, however, has prevented any serious mischief and both the oat and hay crop of the district promise to be more than usually abundant. Mr. McLoughlin, who recently attempted to corner oats and hay in British Columbia, appears to have given up that undertaking.

Mr. Thos. Cunningham, provincial fruit inspector, is carefully supervising shipments from the States. He has already condemned several consignments of apples. The small fruit yield of the district around Vancouver will this year be very large, and as strawberries are concerned, a few days will probably see the beginning of the end of the local season, and raspberries are already coming in considerable quantities. Currants also are being marketed in Vancouver to growers in the neighborhood. The dairy market for imported articles is exceedingly dull and will be for another thirty days, owing to the large quantity of local farmers' stuff coming into market.

Many small holders in the Vancouver district will this year do well as a result mainly of their abundant small fruit crop.

SHORT DESPATCHES.

Free Fight on Toronto Lacrosse Club Field—Another Liberal Member Retiring.

The lacrosse match at Toronto yesterday ended in a free fight, the spectators crowding on the field and slugging several of the Shamrock team. The score stood with a few minutes to play 8 to 4 in favor of Toronto, but the Shamrocks will protest the match.

La Patrie of Montreal, Mr. Tarte's paper, says it is rumored that Mr. Beausoleil, the Liberal member for Berthier, will be appointed police magistrate of Montreal, Judge Douglas being sent to the Yukon.

John N. Baker, bursar of the Brockville asylum since its occupancy, has been discharged, being found short in his accounts.

A ten per cent. cut in the wages of shirt makers has gone into effect at Montreal.

Nowhere is the sentiment in favor of an Anglo-American alliance stronger than among the people living on Niagara frontier. Thousands of American citizens crossed to Niagara Falls, Ont., to celebrate the 24th of May and Canadians will reciprocate by going in thousands to Niagara, N.Y., to assist the celebration of the 4th.

General Greely has received the following despatch from Siboney: "Saw balloon up near Santiago last night from flagship of Admiral Sampson, where I was observing it. (Signed) Allen."

President McKinley yesterday signed the bankruptcy bill.

Postmaster Brown does not expect to be elected in New Westminster. He has found that things have changed during the four years that he has been attending to the duties of his position.