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A BLOODY BATTLE IN THE PHILIPPINES; SIX HUNDRED NATIVES ANNIHILATED

United States Troops at Terrible Cost Wipe Out Gallant Band of Moros After Fierce Two Days' Combat on Volcano Cone.

Manila, March 9. — An important action between American forces and hostile Moros has taken place near Jolo. Fifty enlisted men were killed, a commissioned officer was wounded, four enlisted men were wounded, and a naval contingent operating with the military sustained 52 casualties. The Moros lost 600 men killed.

Battle Raged Two Days.

Major-General Leonard Wood, commander of the division of the Philippines, reports as follows from Jolo, capital of the Sulu Islands:

"A severe action between troops of the naval detachment and constabulary and hostile Moros, has taken place at Mount Dajo near Jolo. The engagement opened during the afternoon of March 6 and ended in the morning of March 8. The action involved the capture of Mount Dajo, a lava cone 2,100 feet high, with a crater at its summit, and extremely steep. The last 400 feet were at an angle of 60 degrees, and there were 50 perpendicular ridges covered with a growth of timber and strongly fortified and defended by an invisible force of Moros.

"The army casualties were 50 enlisted men, a commissioned officer, wounded, and four enlisted men wounded. The naval casualties numbered 52. Ensign H. D. Cooke, jun., of the United States, steamer Pampanaga, commanding the Pampanaga fort, was severely wounded, and Coxswain Gilmore was severely wounded.

"The constabulary casualties were Captain John R. White, wounded in the thigh severely; three enlisted men killed and thirteen wounded. Captain Tyler Rivers sustained a slight flesh wound in the thigh; Lieut. Gordon was slightly wounded in the right hand; Lieut. Wyle T. Conway, of the Sixth Infantry, was slightly wounded in the left eye. All the wounded are doing well.

Defenders Wiped Out.

"Col. Joseph W. Duncan, of the Sixth Infantry, directed the operations. All the defenders of the Moro stronghold were killed. Six hundred bodies were on the field.

"The action resulted in the extinction of a band of outlaws, who, recognizing no chief, had been raiding friendly Moros, and who, owing to their defiance of American authorities, had stirred up a dangerous condition of affairs."

Chinese Emperor Ill.

Peking, March 8. — The Emperor of China, T'ai Tien, is ill. Telegrams have been dispatched to all the viceroys asking them to send their best physician to Peking. The physicians at the palace here say that the Emperor's illness is serious, but not dangerous.

Afraid the Government Will "Cut in Too Deep"

Hotelmen Say Londoners Can't Stand a License Fee of More Than \$400.

Local license holders are taking a keen interest in the bill which it is expected will be introduced shortly by Hon. Mr. Hanna, the Provincial Secretary.

So far London hotelmen have sent no deputation to Toronto to interview the minister on the subject, but it is expected that a representative of the local association will attend to this matter on Monday next.

While high license was for a time heralded by the hotelmen as a good thing, and one which would tend to put a stop to the habit of cutting off licenses, because of the revenue which would thus be lost to the municipality, the license holders now fear that the Government will "cut in too deep," as one of them puts it, and increase the license to such an extent that but few men will be able to pay it, and make money.

"What do you think would be a reasonable fee?" an Advertiser reporter asked a prominent hotelman today. "Four hundred dollars is all London can stand," was the reply.

"But it has been hinted that cities the size of London will be allowed to fix their license fees up to any amount not exceeding \$500."

"I do not think this will be possible."

Corbin Blames Missionaries

San Francisco, March 9. — "There will be no war between the United States and China," said Major-General Henry C. Corbin, upon his arrival from the Orient on the steamer Korea yesterday. "So far as I have been able to observe, the reported disturbances in China have been grossly exaggerated, and conditions are not nearly so alarming as one would be led to suppose from reports that have been published abroad, throughout the western world."

That there have been disturbances is quite true, but I do not think they will break the peace of China and the United States, or any other nation.

"Aside from this chief source of anti-foreign feeling, the troubles in China are due to the presence of missionaries. I was assured by a very prominent Chinese that the Chinese are not at all friendly to the presence of foreign missionaries."

"The Chinese have perhaps a more firmly fixed religious belief than any other people in the world, and they look upon the religions of the western world with scant favor."

DIED IN COREAN MISSION FIELD

Rev. Robert A. Sharp, Former Londoner, Succumbs to Attack of Typhoid.

Rev. Robert A. Sharp, a former Londoner, but for four years past a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Seoul, capital of Korea, died at that place recently from typhoid fever.

Word to this effect was received here today by Mr. John Friend, the Dundas street confectioner, and it came from Mr. Wm. Sharp, of New York, a brother of the dead missionary. Rev. Mr. Sharp was for several years a resident of this city, leaving less than a decade ago for Oberlin, Ohio, where he entered a college and prepared for the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in foreign fields.

After completing his course at Oberlin, he was sent to Korea, where he continued until his death, which is supposed to have occurred a month or six weeks ago. Mr. Sharp is survived by a wife, a member of the mission at Seoul, whom he married three years ago.

The deceased was a son of Mrs. Sharp, a resident of Calverton, near Hamilton. He is survived by a number of brothers and sisters, two of whom are being engaged in the Methodist ministry in Canada. Mr. Wm. Sharp, one of the brothers, was for several years prior to his removal to New York, employed in the London offices of the American and Canadian Express companies.

DEATH OF GEO. A. SHERIFF

Was Noted Footballer and Son-in-Law of Late Mr. Fulford.

Brookville, March 9. — George A. Sheriff, son-in-law of the late Senator Fulford, died here today after undergoing an operation. He was 31 years of age and a native of this town. He was married on Jan. 10 this year to Martha Fulford, the late senator's youngest daughter. He was a member of the Brookville Intermediate football team in 1900, when they won every match played in the Quebec Rugby Union. He was auditor of the New York, Ontario and Western Railway.

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"I believe a move will be made here shortly to increase hotel rates," the liquor man answered. "But it will not be until after the 1st of May, and probably not until next fall. There is an overplus of hotel accommodation in London at present—so much so that some of the hotels give a walk-out to runners for every guest brought to these hostilities. So long as this condition of affairs exists there will be no danger of an increase in rates."

On Wednesday a deputation of Hamilton hotelmen waited on the Provincial Secretary, and laid their side of the case before him. After the interview, Mr. Robert Griffith, president of the hotelmen's association, gave the following interview to a reporter.

"We were unable to find out anything definite. The members themselves say they are not familiar with the contents of the proposed bill. It is expected that it will be given its first reading this week, and then we will have a chance to see what is likely to be done. We were advised that after the bill was introduced we (Continued on Page Three.)

TROPHY WAS WON BY THREE SHOTS

St. Thomas Curlers Beat Out Parkhill in the Colts' League Finals.

St. Thomas curlers won the trophy in the Western Ontario Colts' League this morning when they defeated Parkhill in the finals by three shots. The ice was very soft, and made fast curling impossible.

The surprise of the day was the downfall of Skip Magdalen, of Parkhill. He curled well yesterday, but Skip McDonald had it on him this morning.

The other St. Thomas rink went down seven shots to Skip Greve, of Parkhill. There were three novices on the St. Thomas second rink, this being the first season for them, but Skip Ponsford, a veteran, handled them well.

Our old friend, "Bob" Emslie, played second. His position as umpire in the National League furnishes all the excitement, necessary for the summer months, so he took up curling this winter. He plays this game like all the rest, right up to the handle. Although his rink was beaten, Bob never missed a stone. He's all to the mercy.

The Parkhill bunch are good and curl well. They bid fair to make good in the rare old curling game.

Curling is booming in St. Thomas since the new rink was built.

The scores were:
Geo. McColl, St. Thomas, 29
J. A. Sinclair, Parkhill, 10
J. N. Wheeler, E. A. Dickson, 10
A. McDonald, F. J. Hutchins, 10
C. McPherson, Thos. Magdalen, 10
R. Emslie, W. H. Mark, 10
W. Ross, T. Munro, 10
H. E. Ponsford, S. H. Allen, 16
Skip McDonald, Thos. Greve, 16

Majority for St. Thomas, three shots.

ONSLOW WANTS TO KNOW

If British Policyholders in U. S. Companies Are Well Protected.

London, March 9. — Earl Onslow, Conservative, gave notice in the House of Lords today of his intention to question the Government as to whether, in view of the disclosures made regarding certain American insurance companies, it proposes to compel foreign companies doing business in Great Britain to keep in this country a sufficient proportion of their securities to cover the claims of British policyholders. The matter will come up in the House next week.

DEFICIT WIPED OUT

Good News from Presbyterian Home Mission Field.

Winnipeg, March 8. — Today 43 cars of settlers' effects arrived over the Canadian Pacific from Eastern Canada. Rev. Dr. McLaughlin, general secretary of the home mission board of the Presbyterian Church, before leaving for the east today, announced that the subscriptions had been received which would wipe out the home missions deficit of their church.

REFUSED TO SAY

Three Rivers, Que., March 9. — In the Selater murder case, Mrs. Selater, widow of the dead man, who was called to the witness stand, positively refused to say a word. Before she could be examined, McCraw's counsel demanded to know whether she believed in God, to see whether she was fit for a witness. She simply declined to answer, replying that she could not answer, and was promptly sent down by Judge Cannon for contempt of court, to stay in jail until she should become more communicative. The woman was terrified, and trembled violently.

It is apparent that the defense will take the line of suicide.



PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT.
Who Will Tour Canada on His Way Home From Japan.

AFTER WILDCAT SCHEMES

Pratt (South Norfolk) Says That the People Are Being Robbed.

Toronto, March 9. — A. C. Pratt, of South Norfolk, speaking about his charges in the House against the Cramp Steel Company, said he intended to move for a commission to investigate and report upon some of the wildcat schemes by which the people of the country had been robbed.

BILL RE THE WESTERN

North Middlesex Member Introduces One in the Legislature.

Toronto, March 8. — In the Legislature today Mr. Hodgins (N. Middlesex), introduced three bills, which were given their first readings. One was an act respecting the Western University, the second an act to amend the constitution of Huron College, and the third was an act respecting the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company.

CHECKS MUST BE THERE

G. T. P. Tenderers Must Inclose Certified Paper for Big Sum.

Montreal, March 9. — It is announced here that the time for receiving tenders for the construction of 300 miles of the Government section of the Grand Trunk Pacific will close next Monday, and that, owing to the fact that qualifications for tendering will have to be of the highest order, only the strongest contracting firms will be considered.

Tenders for the section between Winnipeg and Lake Superior Junction will have to be accompanied with a certified check for \$400,000 on a Canadian bank, and for the 150 miles of road immediately west of Quebec City, \$250,000.

OPERATORS SPLIT

Some for Concessions to the Miners, While Others Oppose.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 9. — Today's meeting of the coal operators of the Pittsburg district, which was called by Francis L. Robbins for the purpose of uniting on some definite policy for presentation at the Interstate convention at Indianapolis on March 19, is regarded as the most important conference held since the question of wages for the miners has come before the public, as it is expected to not only settle the strike question in this district, but to largely influence the result in the States of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Previous to the opening of the meeting the general sentiment was that the conference would be divided, some of the operators siding with the Pittsburg Coal Company interests in endeavoring to grant concessions to the miners, and a number of others strongly opposing the granting of any advance in wages at all.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Colder.

London, Friday, March 9. Sun rises, 6:40 a.m.; sets, 5:58 p.m. Moon sets, 6:35 p.m. Moon rises, 8:38 a.m. Light local showers have occurred today.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42-62; Vancouver, 38-52; Calgary, 42-62; Qu'Appelle, 32-38; Port Arthur, 30-54; Parry Sound, 28-36; Toronto, 25-38; Ottawa, 24-34; Montreal, 18-36; Quebec, 18-34; St. Jean, 22-38; Halifax, 20-36.

FORECASTS.

Friday, March 9. 8 a.m. Today—West to northwest winds; light snowfalls; turning colder during the night. Saturday—Mostly fair and colder.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary, 22 12 Cloudy. Winnipeg, 16 16 Clear. Parry Sound, 28 36 Cloudy. Montreal, 18 36 Cloudy. Quebec, 18 34 Cloudy. Father Point, 22 36 Cloudy.

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance which was in Florida is now off the coast of Connecticut as a severe storm, indicating heavy gales from the Maritime Provinces. Snowfalls have occurred in Manitoba and colder weather prevails generally in the Northwest Province.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 34.5°; lowest, 22° above.

The Empire Grows

London, March 9. — As the outcome of a suggestion by Chamberlain when he held the post of colonial secretary, a unique blue-book was published yesterday, recording forty years' growth of the British Empire, as revealed by the census of 1901. The blue-book shows that since 1861 the area of the empire has increased from eight and a half million to near twelve million square miles, and the population from 250,000,000 to 400,000,000, of which only 54,000,000 are whites, and 58,000,000 Christians.

ASKS EDWARD TO VISIT CANADA

Parliament Will Send Invitation to His Majesty.

Ottawa, March 8. — Business following the opening of the Commons today was of the briefest, the principal feature being an announcement by the Premier as to the tariff revision. In reply to a question of Mr. R. L. Borden, Sir Wilfrid said that there would be no revision of the tariff until next November, when the Parliament will meet for that purpose.

TARIFF REVISION NEXT FALL

Premier Tells House Changes Will Not Be Discussed This Session Which Will Be Brief.

Hereafter the Dominion's fiscal year will begin April 1, instead of July 1. The Commons and Senate will take up the speech from the throne on Monday.

Invitation to Royalty.

Hon. H. A. Belcourt gives notice of the following address to the King: We, the members of the House of Commons of Canada, in parliament assembled, beg to humbly convey to your majesty, with the assurance of our loyalty and devotion to your royal person, the expression of the desire and hope, long and fervently cherished, by all British subjects inhabiting British North America, that your majesty will be graciously pleased to honor them with your majesty's presence, and thereby enable them to offer the personal tribute of their unwavering attachment to the crown and the government of the Empire, of their deep affection for your majesty's person, and their profound admiration for those kindly virtues and truly humanitarian deeds which have earned for your majesty first place among the great sovereigns of the world.

Nearly fifty years ago your majesty, then the heir apparent to the throne, which your majesty now adorn, honored Canada with your presence, on the occasion of the inauguration of the Victoria bridge. A visit from you on the approaching completion of the Quebec bridge, the initial step and one of the links of the Trans-continental Railway of Canada, whilst affording your majesty a fitting opportunity to witness the progress and development accomplished in your majesty's possessions on this continent, would enable the inhabitants to indulge in the manifestation of their loyalty and devotion to their beloved King and Queen.

We, therefore, most humbly pray that your majesty and her most gracious majesty, the queen, will lend their august presence on the occasion of the inauguration of the Quebec bridge.

WILL ABOLISH SURTAX?

Conference To Be Held Between German Consul and Mr. Fielding.

Montreal, March 8. — Negotiations for closer commercial relations between Canada and Germany will be opened up at once as a result of the announcement made by the Dresden Bank of Berlin that it will invest many millions in Canada through the Sovereign Bank of Canada.

Herr Frankenstein, the Imperial German consul, left for Ottawa today, and it is understood that preliminary conference will be had with Hon. Mr. Fielding.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

March 8. Reported at. From. Baltic, New York, Liverpool. Kronprinz, New York, Genoa. Menominee, Boston, Antwerp. Sunnidan, Montreal, Halifax. La Touraine, Havre, New York. Graf Waldersee, Hamburg, New York. America, Plymouth, New York.

Young Men Going West.

Toronto, March 9. — That the young Paisley and Owen Sound, in the Sabbath school interests. The farmers are letting their farms go for grazing, owing to the difficulty of getting men, for the young men seem nearly all to be going west. A carload or two left the day before Mr. Robertson was there. Many of the farms are being sold to Germans.

GRAND TRUNK IMPROVEMENTS WILL AFFECT SPRINGBANK LINE

Will Necessitate Shifting the Trolley Tracks Further South, Just West of the Wharnclyffe Road.

Superintendent Brownlee, of the Grand Trunk Railway, was in the city today, as was also Engineer Crowley, whose offices are in Toronto, but who just at present has much work to look after for the company in London. The former went west, and the latter east, after spending a short time at the depot here.

Mr. Brownlee had an interview with Mr. T. H. Smallman, vice-president of the London Street Railway Company, regarding the effect the improvements contemplated by the company will make to the Springbank line. It is understood that the Grand Trunk intends to raise the level of the Cove bridge by 24 feet, and this will necessitate the embankment being raised to this height. In such event the slope of the embankment will be extended quite a distance on either side, and it is thought that the south slope will run into the Springbank line, somewhere between the Wharnclyffe road and Johnston street.

This being the case, it will be necessary to move the street railway rails several feet further south for a distance of probably one-eighth of a mile. The Grand Trunk's plans also call for the raising of the tracks at the Wharnclyffe road by 21 feet. This will mean that the present cut under the overhead bridge will be filled in, and the cars will run many feet above the ordinary land level. Consequently, an overhead bridge will be an impossibility, so that some provision must be made for allowing the cars to run under the tracks.

Both of these matters, it is understood, were discussed with Mr. Brownlee by Mr. Smallman.

If it is decided to move the street

railway rails on the Springbank line further south at a point west of Wharnclyffe road, it will be necessary for the companies interested to purchase the necessary land from the city and the Taylor estate.

After the meeting of the board of works last night, Ald. Garratt and several of the aldermen met in the mayor's office and inspected the plans of the street intersections, so that they may be familiar with them when the Grand Trunk submits its schemes for passageways under the overhead tracks in the city.



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MILLION JAPS FACE STARVATION

Canada's Commercial Agent Writes That Conditions Are Appalling.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, March 9. — In a report to the trade and commerce department, Mr. Alexander MacLean, Canada's commercial agent in Japan, writes that famine conditions as described in official statements is appalling. Famine is doing its best to relieve the distress. It is said that there is a million or more Japanese of all classes affected by the famine. Imperial and provincial authorities are carrying on public works to give employment to relieve the distress.

BORDEN CALLS A CAUCUS

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 9. — There will be a Conservative caucus this evening. When the leader of the Opposition will outline his seasonal programme, and exchange views with his followers. Both political parties adhere to the idea that there is to be a short session. The Government will have no more legislation than is absolutely necessary.

Lively Time in Legislature;

Warm Exchanges in Debate

Reforestation and Consolidated Schools Under Discussion—Hot Shot Ruffles Premier's Temper.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 8. — The consideration of the estimates took up the whole time of the house this afternoon, and for the first time during the session a night sitting was held. Two interesting subjects were raised during the afternoon, one being that of reforestation on which both sides of the house seemed well in accord, while the other was the general financial position of the province as shown in the public accounts and the estimates.

Naturally enough, there was little unanimity on this question between the opposing parties, and there were some brisk passages at arms, in which the participants were the premier, the provincial secretary and the provincial treasurer for the Government, and Messrs. Ross, Harcourt and Graham for the Opposition. The premier at one point became so incensed at Mr. Harcourt that he threatened to call down upon the ex-minister the terrors of a reprimand from the speaker.

The house went into committee of

the whole on the estimates, with Mr. Little (Cardwell), in the chair. The items taken up were those in the Department of Agriculture and in miscellaneous.

Mr. Smith (Soo), protested against the practice of having all the factory inspectors residents in Toronto. One should be stationed at Sudbury or Sault Ste. Marie, so that he could quickly reach the scene of fatal accidents in factories or mines. At present there was not sufficient protection for workmen in New Ontario.

The minister of agriculture pointed out that it was necessary to have the inspectors meet frequently in Toronto to exchange views. New Ontario was being well covered by the inspectors.

Mr. Graham (Brockville) objected that in the department of agriculture new officials had been engaged at large salaries, while old and faithful employees had been given no increases. The premier replied that it was all a question of values. The new officials were worth to the province the amount that was being paid them. The older officials would receive their due later.

Reforestation Bonus.
Mr. Duff (Simcoe), speaking on the Continued on Page Nine.