Renewed Hostilities

Russia Has Been Actively Operating Against Chinese in Manchuria.

And Another Advance This Spring Is Declared to be Necessary.

London, April 23.—According to a despatch from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail, official information is received that renewed military activity is beginning in Manchuria. Chinese troops are strongly entrenched at three points around Mukden. They are armed with good rifles and have 30 Krupp guns.

To the eastward of Mukden near Turchausen there are 12,000 men under the chief Boxer general, Lu Tanse.

To the northwest, near Kulo, there are 6,000 Chinese under the former governor of Mukden.

To the eastward in Mongolia and near the Inshan mountain, there are 9,000 more, under the Chinese General Schu.

Admiral Alexieff has accordingly organized an expedition under Gen. Zerpinsky consisting of two regiments and five sotnias of Cossacks, 16 guns and a body of volunteers, to operate against the three points mentioned.

The first movement was successfully carried out in the beginning of April. Kulo, which is two hundred and fifty kilometres from Mukden, was stormed, and the ex-governor of Mukden was taken prisoner. In this action the Russians had 13 men killed and four officers and 13 men wounded.

The advance towards the Turchausen position was then begun. Owing to the departure of most of the Russian troops from Mukden, the latter city has become very unsafe. Almost nightly Russians are found shot in the back. The situation in Southern Manchuria is disquieting and another advance of Russian troops will be necessary in the early spring.

According to Russian advices, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times, Prince Tuan has failed to produce a rising among the inhabitants of Mongolia, who are kept quiet by a wholesome respect for Russia. It is therefore declared to be untrue that an insurrection has broken out in Mongolia.

NEW BRIDGE AT MONTREAL.

With Terminals It Will Cost Ten Million Dollars.

Montreal, April 22.—The river St. Lawrence is to be spanned by a third bridge opposite this city. The New York Central has obtained a controlling interest in the Montreal Bridge Company, and the announcement is made that the work of construction will begin at once. The new board of directors elected is as follows: Henry Hogan, Montreal, President; Percival Clement, of the Rutland railway, vice-president; Seward Webb and Judge Hiram Steele, New York; Hon. J. R. Thibaudeau, Hon. T. Berthiaume, Mayor Prefontaine, Robert Bickerdike, Montreal; and a representative of the Vanderbilt interest, to be elected shortly. The Dominion government will be asked for the usual subsidy of 15 per cent. of the cost. The subsidy is already informally promised. The estimated cost of the bridge is $6,000,000, and terminals $4,000,000 more. The New York Central now enters Montreal over the C.P.R. The new bridge, it is expected, will accommodate several other lines.

JAKE GAUDAUR

Wants Another Race to Be Rowed at Rat Portage

Winnipeg, April 22.—Jake Gaudaur, of Rat Portage, issues a challenge today to Toms or any man in the world for a three-mile race, with a turn, to be pulled off at Rat Portage in August for $2,500 a side and the world's championship.

E. G. Conklin, one of Winnipeg's pioneer citizens, died suddenly on Saturday evening, aged 55. He was father of Dr. Scott Conklin, of Trail, B. C.

Daniel O'Conner, a Winnipeg barber, found guilty of assault on little girls, was sentenced to-day by Judge Richards to 20 years' imprisonment at Stoney Mountain.

Oliver's repair shop at Lethbridge was burned yesterday; loss, $3,000.

MURDERED FOUR CHILDREN.

Tramps Commit a Shocking Crime in France.

Chartres, Department of Eure, France, April 22.—This town has been horrified by the brutal murder of five children and attempted murder of their father, a farmer named Briere, residing in the neighborhood of Chartres. Two tramps entered the farm in the absence of Briere yesterday evening, killed four girls, aged 14, 11, 5 and 4, and a boy 7 years old, with knives and cudgels while they were in bed and apparently asleep. Briere returned while the murderers were robbing the house. They heard him enter the courtyard, attacked him, and after a desperate struggle left him with four stab wounds in the head. The murderers then escaped with the sum of 1,600 francs and a number of objects of value.

LAND FOR VETERANS.

Many Applications Already Received by Ontario Government.

Toronto, April 22.—Five hundred applications for land in new Ontario, under the Land Grant Act passed last session, have already been made by veterans of the Fenian raid and South African war.

ASHORE.

Collier on Way to Quebec Runs on Rocks.

Montreal, April 22.—A telegram received this morning announces that the Elder-Dempster steamship Ashanti, from the Tyne for Montreal with 3,000 tons of coal aboard, was aground 100 miles below Quebec. A rock pierced the ship's bottom, and No. 1 tank is flooded. The ship is not making water elsewhere. Assistance will be sent from Quebec.

BRITISH LOAN.

New York Financial Houses Eager to Get It.

New York, April 22.—The evening Post says $50,000,000 of Great Britain's new loan has been placed in the United States. The National City Bank, J. P. Morgan & Co., Baring, Magoun & Co., and the New York Life Insurance Company comprise the syndicate that has taken the loan. United States subscriptions will aggregate in excess of the $50,000,000 arranged for, as the interest yield of the new consols places the loan in the front rank of high-class government investments. It was announced this afternoon that most of the loan had been placed by the syndicate.

A DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

Pitiful Case of Unfortunate Man and Wife in New York.

New York, April 22.—On the night of April 15 last, Mrs. Alma Douglass was shot by her husband, Axela, in the flat house at 633 Lexington avenue, one shot entering her body and the other the head, resulting in death. This afternoon a jury sitting with Coroner Zucca fixed the responsibility upon Douglass, who has been in Flower hospital since the crime, owing to an attempt to shoot himself after killing his wife, and he was sent to the Tombs for confinement. Subsequent to the shooting Policeman Cunningham, of the 21st police station, proceeded to Flower hospital and had a talk with Douglass. At that time, so he testified to-day, the man told him the following story: "My wife was working at Harlam at the time, and I was the janitor of a place on Lexington avenue. She had come down to see me and was lying on the bed, crying. I told her to come back and live with me, but she said we had not enough money, and said to wait until fall. 'I can't wait,' I answered her. I was walking up and down the room, and I told her the best thing was for us both to die. She said yes, but wanted to know what we would do about the baby. I said, 'I have a home for the baby.' Then I took my pistol from the shelf, and I said, "Good-by, Alma." She did not answer or move. Then I pointed the revolver at her. She was holding her hands in front of her face. Then I placed it close to her and fired twice; afterwards standing up straight and firing at my own breast. I wanted to die, and so did she."

Watching For The Anarchists

Berlin Police Reticent About Reported Plots on the Emperor's Life.

But Are Energetically Trying to Catch Romagnoldo and His Associates.

Berlin, April 22.—With reference to the statements cabled from the United States of a plot said to have been concocted against Emperor William and other European rulers by anarchists in Argentina and New Jersey, extreme reticence is observed in official circles in Berlin.

After careful investigation, however, a representative of the Associated Press ascertained in a reliable quarter that the Berlin police presidency issued an order April 6 for the arrest, whenever or wherever caught, of the alleged anarchist, Rodolfo Romagnoli, alias Romanisso, alias Langkwick Mueller. The order requested all inland and foreign authorities to assist in apprehending Romagnoli. Photographs of the alleged anarchist, with a minute description by the Bertillon method, were furnished for identification.

The information received by the Berlin authorities was that Romagnoli had been formally chosen by the alleged conspirators in Paterson, N. J., to murder Emperor William. They were furthermore informed that he left Buenos Ayres March 28 aboard the German Lloyd steamer Halle for Bremen. Whether this information is correct they have no means of knowing, but since a portion of it is official, they are inclined to give it credence.

Emperor William has been advised as to the situation, and has issued strict orders to the president of the Berlin police, Baron von Windheim, to keep him informed as to all similar news, but that under no conditions is the matter to be brought to the attention of the Empress.

It is a fact that for some months the Berlin police have kept a very close watch upon known anarchists in this city, and an unusually careful surveillance of arrivals known or suspected to be of anarchistic affiliations.

Antonio Porporello, who was here until a few days ago, fled to Bentheim, where he was arrested. The Berlin authorities seem to know nothing about the alleged plots against Emperor Nicholas and King Victor Emanuel.

ROYAL VISIT TO CANADA

Senator MacDonald Asks if Parliament Will be Specially Summoned.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 22.—In the Senate today, Senator Macdonald asked if it was the intention to call parliament together during the visit of the Duke of Cornwall, as was done on the occasion of the King's (then Prince of Wales) visit, in 1860.

Mr. Mills said the point had not yet received consideration. It was understood that the visit of their Royal Highnesses would be a very short one, and it might not be desirable to call parliament together. Should other arrangements be made, the house might be called.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier presented the message received by the Governor-General from the King, in answer to resolutions passed by parliament on the occasion of the death of Queen Victoria.

HOWARD KENT SUICIDE.

Vancouver Man Jumps from Launch Into Burrard Inlet.

Vancouver, April 22.—(Special)—A well known engineer named Howard Kent committed suicide to-day. Kent was seated in a steam launch, which was travelling towards Barnet, when he suddenly rose, parted the curtains of the launch and jumped into the inlet. His body has not been recovered.

No reason can be assigned as a cause for the act, beyond a hint of unhappy domestic relations. Kent begged permission of H. Hayden to accompany him on his gasoline launch, the Penny, to Barnet. He was in his usual spirits outward bound, and was talking rationally on ordinary subjects until the launch was opposite Hastings. Suddenly he stepped to the side of the launch, parted the curtains and threw himself into the water. The launch steamed around in a circle for some time, but the desperate suicide seemed to have sunk like a stone, not appearing on the surface after he first went down.

SURRENDERED.

Commandant Boskburg's Men Give Themselves Up.

Pretoria, April 22.—The force under Commandant Broskburg, composed of 106 men, with wagons and rifles, have surrendered near Middelburg, Transvaal Colony.

Waters Are Subsiding

In Ohio and Pennsylvania Worst Dangers of the Flood Are Passed.

Though in Kentucky There Seems Reason for Some Anxiety Yet.

Cincinnati, O., April 22.—The stage of the river here at 8 o'clock to-night was 51 feet, and rising at the rate of two inches an hour. This will mean 53 feet at 6 o'clock to-morrow, when trains will be all shut out of the Grand Central station. All of the railways have made arrangements for receiving and delivering freights at higher stations, so there will be no interruption here either to passengers or freights.

Owing to the inability of steamers to go under the bridges, navigation on the river is suspended, but it also can be resumed on Thursday, so far as the present rise is concerned. The residents of the tenement houses along the Ohio river front were driven from the first stories when the river reached a stage of 45 feet last night. The most hopeful fact is that the flood is unobstructed in the lower Ohio, and there is less backwater than usual, and that the trouble will be of short duration. It is settled now if a second rise from the Alleghany region shall come, that it will not overtake the present flow.

So far the damage here has been limited to the lumbermen and others located along the river front. The entire line of shanty boats and other craft along the river front has been swept away, but so far without loss of life. The baseball park is located in Mill Creek valley, and will be under water when the stage of 50 feet is reached. The country along the Little Miami river is flooded east of this city.

At Newport and Dayton, Ky., very many people have been driven from their homes. It is now believed that the Newport race-track will not be flooded, although the races are proceeding under very sloppy conditions.

At Maysville, Ky., the river reached 50 feet at 2 o'clock to-night, and was rising two and a half inches per hour. The great rise will reach here to-morrow morning, when a stage of 52 feet will be registered.

Pittsburg, April 22.—The flood is over. Notwithstanding the fact that early in the day there was every evidence of a renewal of the high water, the announcement can be made to-night that there is not the least danger of another rise at this point nor above for the present, but towns on the Ohio river below here are not yet out of danger, because of heavy rains in the valley last night and to-day. All up-river points reported the rain and snow having ceased and the rivers falling.

Atlanta, Ga., April 22.—Low temperature in some sections is causing injury to cotton and other growing crops over the Southern States to-day. Weather reports show light frost in the vicinity of Jacksonville, Fla., Meridian, Miss., and Charleston, S. C. Albany, in Southern Georgia, reports the estimated damage to cotton at 50 per cent, and watermelons and cantelops have been injured 25 per cent.

EASILY PACIFIED.

Aguinaldo Now Acting as Decoy Duck for Uncle Sam.

Manila, April 22.—An Associated Press representative visited Emilio Aguinaldo this afternoon. Aguinaldo, whose bearing was courteous and dignified, was dressed in white, looked well and altogether made an excellent impression. He was rather reluctant to talk for publication, and considered every question before answering. He said he was doing all he could to assist in the pacification of the Philippines, and expressed himself as surprised at what the Americans had accomplished. When he was first captured, he went on to say, he was astonished to find that a majority of the Filipinos entertained the opinion that American sovereignty was preferably to independence, but now he was inclined to believe that way himself. He explained that since the dissolution of the insurgent congress and the declaration of guerilla warfare, the chiefs had operated to all intents and purposes independently. They recognized him as commander-in-chief, sending him reports occasionally, and he issued some orders, but for the last seven months communication had been difficult. "I am now urging in the strongest possible manner," said he, "that all insurgents should surrender and swear allegiance to the United States." He expressed the opinion that Tinio, Lucban, Malvar and other representative insurgents will surrender as soon as they come to understand the nature of the amnesty offered them. He said he hoped that when the work of pacification was complete and conditions were settled, the prisoners at Guam would be released. After referring in grateful terms to the courteous treatment accorded him by the military authorities, he declared his conviction that the civil government which would follow pacification, would raise the highest hopes of the Filipino people.

ATTEMPTED TRAIN WRECK.

Vancouver Boy Arrested on a Serious Charge.

Vancouver, April 22.—(Special)—A boy named Nathan Young, 16 years old, has been arrested in attempting to wreck a train on the C. P. R. track. Young is said to have placed railway ties on the track near Barnet.

MAY QUEEN.

Miss Alden Chosen For Westminster's May Day.

Westminster, April 22.—(Special)—Miss Alden has been selected as May Queen for New Westminster for 1901.

MORE CAPTURES.

Kitchener Reports Further Boer Losses.

London, April 22.—Lord Kitchener, in a despatch to the war office, under the date of Pretoria, April 21, says:

"Since my last report the British columns have captured 242 prisoners, 248 rifles, some ammunition and wagons and carts. A few men also have surrendered."

Capetown, April 22.—Lord Kitchener has issued a proclamation to the effect that any resident in the martial law districts of Cape Colony found in arms, inciting to fight, aiding enemy, or endangering, by overt act, the British forces, will be tried by court-martial and be liable to the most severe penalties. Such persons may be shot.

Mr. Albert Cartwright, editor of the South African News, who was arrested in February on a charge of seditious and defamatory libel, in having published in his paper a statement that Lord Kitchener had secretly instructed his troops to take no prisoners, has been convicted and sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

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WOES OF THE BANK CLERK

An Insight Into Their Life in English Financial Institutions.

From Daily Mail.

The man in the street does not know it, but it is the fact all the same, that banks are the heart and soul of the whole vast living machinery of this great world—social, comercial, and administrative.

Yet it has long been a sort of fashion to speak humorousy of the bank clerk, as if he were the worm of finance. But the truth is that if his grievances were removed (and they could be removed with ease), a bank clerkship would be far and away the best form of clerkship known to the commerce of this great country. Given this amount of reform, it would rank next to the clerkships of government. But the reform must come first.

Conditions naturally differ a little in different banks, but the bank clerk usually begins his sober career at the age of seventeen on the magnificent salary of £40 per annum. From this amount he has to deduct the £5 premium he is compelled to pay for his guarantee to the bank of £500, and in most banks there is 10 per cent. deduction he is obliged to contribute to the Provident Fund. Thus his commencing salary of £40 is whittled down to £31 per annum.

The salary is low, but then it goes up at a fairly steady rate, until, say, he is 22 years of age and in receipt of £90 to £100 a year. Morever, during this time he is a "junior" clerk with small responsibility, and duties which are almost entirely of routine. So if the pay is low, the work is not difficult.

By the age of twent-two our friend is probably promoted to be a "ledger" clerk, with somewhat more responsibility; and with luck, by twenty-five or twenty-six he may become a second cashier in a small branch. By this time, if he has made no mistakes, and has proved of average capacity, his salary will have risen to £120, and his serious responsibilities begin. He may fairly expect in the average run of branches, to become a chief cashier with £150 per annum at thirty years of age and here he may remain (with a salary slowly increasing to £200) for the next fifteen or twenty years.

Now, this question of promotion needs a word or two. The modern tendency of the banking system is to multiply exceedingly the number of branches, and consequently in the case of an expanding bank the opportunities of promotion are numerous. But there is another factor which determines promotion and it centres round personal responsibility.

This is the secret of the thoroughness of banking practice. From the youngest clerk in the smallest branch to that great personage the general manager at head office you will find the principle of personal responsibility strictly applied.

Now, how does this work? An order comes in to stop a cheque for, say, £70. The manager fills out a "stop-order," and shows it to the cashiers. Nor is he content with that; he further requires each cashier to attach his initials to the stop-order form, so as to preclude all possibility of doubt. Now, if in the rush and press of business one of these cashiers pays that cheque, he will be held personally accountable for it, and have to pay back the amount to the bank to the uttermost farthing, at the rate perhaps of £2 a month! Similarly, if he should have paid away £5 too much by accident—and he may be shovelling thousands of pounds in notes and gold over the counters in the course of a few hours—his personal responsibility comes in, and that £5 he has to make good.

And personal responsibility take another and even more unpleasant form. Mistakes however accidental, are never passed over but are faithfully recorded and remembered: and a cashier has only to make enough mistakes to find himself perhaps at the age of thirty-five reduced to the ledger-clerkship he may have left ten years before, and there he may remain, with but the smallest increase of salary, until he is grey. Even managers are not exempt. They are often reduced to cashiers—and second cashiers at that—for an unhappy mistake in negotiating a loan or being too lenient with the overdrafts.

And this brings us to the bank clerk's temptations. For when he rises to be a cashier his real temptations begin.

There he stands behind the counter, a man with say £150 a year, on which to keep himself and his family—and money, money, money, is ringing round him all the time. Nay, more, he may have, under his own charge, lying in his own till £5,000 or £6,000—all solid hard cash. And, further, "customers" are constantly paying in "credits"—tens, hundreds, and thousands of pounds pouring into his hands and for the time into his sole charge. There's the rub: for if he should himself be in difficulties, how temptation thickens and deepens and consolidates about him.

The greatest temptation, perhaps, is that which comes to hundreds when "customers" pay in. A hundred pounds in notes and gold is pushed, with a credit slip, across the counter. This particular customer may not use a "paying-in-book" in which the amount would be entered and which the cashier would initial. How easy in one fatal moment not to credit that amount! For the customer has no receipt or acknowledgement from the bank, and so there is nothing to incriminate the cashier. The customer would not find it out until he sees his pass-book. And many men only ask for their pass-books at long intervals. Then, when the murder is out, it simply becomes a question of one man's word against another's—and it would be a bold man who would accuse another of theft when no evidence exists.

So the suppression of credits is a standing temptation to the cashier.

And there are others—the alteration of cheques, the forging of signatures, the stealing from another cashier's till, are among the most obvious. And all the time if a cashier means to steal outright and then make a bolt for it, there is really nothing to prevent him from taking four or five thousand pounds in notes and gold out of his own till and walking off for his dinner-hour—and many other hours to come.

And the first grievance is the smallness of the salary. It is argued that in fixing the salaries small consideration is paid to the high degree of efficiency demanded. For in addition to the intelligence, care and absolute accuracy required, one accidental oversight may entirely mar a clerk's future. And little credit is given for the knowledge of commercial law necessary for cashiers, or for that command of the law of real estate, trusts, mortgages, bankruptcy and other mercantile matters which must be possessed by managers—with a salary of often no more than £200 a year.

Again, the question of the salary rests on a wrong principle in lying with the personal discretion of the directors. For the directors are invariably large shareholders and are naturally more interested in large dividends for the company and small salaries for the clerks than in fair dividends and fair salaries.

Another grievance is the liability in these days of clerks with remote branches to be removed from one part of the country to another at a day's notice at a minutes notice. Seeing that no allowance is made for removal expenses, it is a distinct hardship for a married man. Yet another grievance is the dismissal of a clerk after twenty years' service for "lack of ability." It is contended that lack of ability should have been discovered many years before the twentieth of service. In most banks, after such service a clerk becomes entitled to draw a small pension if incapacitated by ill-health, and it is sometimes asked if this may not have something to do with it.

Shortness of holidays—a fortnight a year for twenty years, and after that three weeks and no more—is another grievance. On the other hand, a further complaint arises from long hours usually and unnecessarily extended from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m., and it should be remembered that the work, which is carried on at high pressure, one form of work—the very arduous form of headwork—all the while.

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RAMONA DISASTER.

Another of the Victims of the Explosion Dies in Hospital.

Richard Power, purser of the Ramona, and who was injured in the disaster to the river steamer at Fort Langley, died on Saturday. The News-Advertiser says:

"Richard Power, who was aged about 35 years, was a son of Capt. Power, late harbormaster at New Westminster, but now a resident of Fairview in this city. He was a native of England, and came to British Columbia with his parents about 13 years ago. Since then he has seen considerable service on the Fraser river, having been for years purser on the steamer Gladys. When that steamer was burned, in October, 1898, he took up farming at Chilliwack, subsequently becoming purser on the Glenora and lately on the Ramona. All along the valley he was looked upon as one of the most popular of steamboatmen on the river. At the time of his death he held a mate's papers, but it is as purser that he was best known. He leaves a widow and two children, a girl and boy, aged respectively 2 years and 10 months. All along the water-front at New Westminster and on many vessels both at this port and in Vancouver, bunting was displayed at half-mast, as a token of respect to the memory of the deceased and of sympathy with his relatives."

A body, supposed to be that of Edwards, another of the victims, has been found.

A special to the Colonist last night states that the Indian patients are reported very low. J. D. Maynard, the mate, is in a critical condition, and Victor Knowles is also very seriously ill.

THE BELLISLE.

From Daily Mail.

At Portsmouth dockyard the hulk of H.M.S. Bellisle, or all that the Majestic's guns have left of it, is being got ready for use in further experiments. Right through the fore part of the vessel's hull a big hole has been cut extending from the water-line to the upper deck. In this an armored section twenty feet long is to be built up. One side of the section will be covered with 6-inch armored plates, representing the protective belts of our newest battleships; to the other side 4-inch armored plates are to be affixed, the latter representing the protective plating supplied to our new armored cruisers of the county class—i. e., such ships as the Kent, Essex, etc. Between these is to be placed a protective deck or turtle back of 2½ inch steel. When completed the Bellisle will afford a target which, as nearly as possible, resembles in resisting strength a battleship or an armored cruiser. By submitting this to the attack of guns of varying calibres the admiralty will gain valuable information as to the vulnerability of our various types of warships. During the experiments made on the Bellisle off Sesey her armor, though of an antiquated type, successfully resisted the attack made upon it. Nearly fourteen hundred projectiles were then fired at the ship, a large proportion of them being lyddite shell.

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