

RUSSIANS AGGRIEVED

Extension of Railways Gives Offense

Impressions Gained at the Manoeuvres—The German Army.

London, Sept. 10.—Russian newspapers are extremely wroth at Lord Curzon's approval of the extension of the Indian railway system to Nushki, on the eastern boundary of Beluchistan. They foresee uninterrupted railway communication between India and Europe. Russia means to have an outlet in the Indian Ocean, and this great railway, which would be in British and German hands, would stop the progress of Russia towards the south. An evening journal in St. Petersburg says Russia must at once build a line through Persia right down to the Indian Ocean, and thus paralyze the ambition of Great Britain.

FRIENDLY FEELING TOWARDS RUSSIA

There is a very general desire in this country for some sort of understanding with Russia about Persia, in spite of Captain Mahan's warning that any concession of Britain's part will imperil her naval situation in the far east, her political position in India, her commercial interests in both, and the Imperial tie between herself and Australia.

GERMANY AND HAYITI.

The sinking of the Haytian liner, Creole, at Port-au-Prince, has caused more comment in London than in Berlin. The press there has made little of it. It is evident that the Washington and Berlin governments have a full understanding of the matter, precisely as they had six months ago over Venezuela.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN GENERALS.

Most cordial relations have been established between the British and American generals attending the manoeuvres of 90,000 German troops near Frankfurt-on-Oder. Generals French and Young naturally interest each other as cavalry leaders, and Lord Roberts and General Corbin are good companions, although not well matched in stature. General Ian Hamilton, being outspoken and a ready talker, also pleases the Americans. Generals Kelly-Kenny and Wood are both practical men of fine ability as organizers. The British generals, being a Field Marshal and Lieutenant-General, outrank the two American Major-Generals and Brigadier-General Wood, and have precedence in presentations and court functions.

IMPRESSIONS OF GERMAN ARMY.

The visitors were particularly impressed with the ability and brightness of mind of Count Waldersee. The manoeuvres will probably confirm the impressions formed at the preliminary parades, namely, that the superiority of German cavalry is due to systematic arrangements for breeding horses for military purposes, and that the German regimental method of artillery organization is workmanlike and tends to concentrate the fire of guns with overwhelming effect.

BRITISH RAILWAY METHODS.

The controversy concerning the administration of British railways goes merrily on. It is stated that the North-eastern Company is preparing a reply to the indictment which was published in the Times.

A REPORT CORRECTED.

The report cabled here from New York that Mr. George Hale of Kansas City has been invited to resign the London fire brigade is dismissed as inaccurate. Probably he has received an invitation to be present at the Congress of the National Fire Brigade Union in London next year.

Just received, a large shipment of

Gooderham & Worts 7-year-old rye whiskey. Geo. Butler, Pioneer saloon. At Auditorium—Sweet Lavender.

Great Steel Combine.

London, Sept. 10.—The Daily Mail says it is understood that an association of eight British steel rail manufacturers has been successfully formed for the purpose of controlling prices and regulating the output. The share capital of these eight firms may be taken roughly as £12,000,000, but, in addition, several of them have large debenture issues.

LARGE ORDERS FROM AMERICA.

As showing the present activity in the steel world, a representative of a prominent New York engineering firm who has just returned from the continent states that his house since February has placed orders for 500,000 tons of steel rails, etc., for United States, Canadian and Mexican roads. Of these orders 50,000 tons were placed in Germany, 800,000 tons in Germany and 150,000 tons in Belgium. The greater part of these orders, he said, would have been placed in England, but British mills could not accept any more. Unless England wakes from her present lethargy she will never recover her position, which Germany is rapidly wresting from her.

U. S. TO MEXICANS.

According to the Hague correspondent of the Daily Mail, the expected result of the international arbitration case now pending is that the United States will agree to pay the Mexican Jesuits' claim.

ENGLISH WHEAT CROP SPOILED.

One of the largest dealers in Mark Lane states that half the English wheat crop has been spoiled.

FEW TROOPS AT ALDERSHOT.

The arrival of Sir John French at Aldershot would be an impressive event if there had been an army corps on the ground instead of a skeleton organization on paper. Only five battalions of infantry are now stationed at Aldershot, and one of these is under orders to embark for Nova Scotia, and the cavalry and artillery supports are equally weak. Eighteen sets of infantry barracks are now vacant, and even when the brigade of Guards arrives, there will be only eight battalions out of the twenty-five required for an army corps. There will barely be one division out of the three included in the organization of a full corps. Mr. Brodrick's artificial scheme of army reorganization seems essentially unreal after the manoeuvres in eastern Prussia of two corps complete in every detail, and in full strength on a peace footing.

WAR TAUGHT LEADERS.

The real significance of General French's assumption of the command of the first army corps lies in the complete disappearance of the Aldershot garrison, which was tried and found wanting in South Africa. Generals Buller, Methuen, Clery and Gatacre, with all the brigade commanders originally chosen for the promenade to Pretoria, have lost their prestige, and by the survival of the fittest, veterans like Generals French, Paget and Bruce Hamilton, and Colonels Plumer and Elliott are placed in command of the first army corps. There is no lack of experienced officers whose tactics are not drawn from books nor from the back of a smoking room, but from the skirmish line and battlefield. No revolution in the training of the British army can be effected until men are obtained for the army corps, and this is not likely to happen before the end of next year, but society has ceased to exercise a decisive influence at Aldershot.

TO SEND GOLD TO NEW YORK.

The monetary stringency in New York is temporarily unsettling the market for American securities here, and may involve an increase in the bank rate. Gold exports from London are looked for, and these will be followed by a change in the bank rate, if there be a strong outward movement. The monetary situation here has been remarkably easy, at low rates for long periods. Considerable borrowing operations are expected shortly for promoting South African settlement.

PROSPECT OF AN EARLY ELECTION.

Lord Londonderry has caused a flutter in political dovecots by a reference to the possibility of an early general election. Lord Londonderry is not a man of much importance in the political world, but as a cabinet minister he should know something about Mr. Balfour's intentions, and after all he has only said what for weeks has been only quietly whispered. Even before the adjournment of the

house of commons members of parliament were discussing the chances of a dissolution before Christmas. The autumn session is certain to be a lively one, and Mr. Balfour will have to place special reliance upon the discipline and devotion of his parliamentary supporters. Some unexpected incident may, however, precipitate a crisis, which would surprise only those official optimists who are out of touch with popular feeling.

Sure of a Smelter.

Skagway, Sept. 28.—The Skagway smelter proposition is assuming tangible proportions. The indications are that before another summer season shall have passed into history there will be big furnaces for the reduction of the ores of Alaska on Skagway bay in full operation. The managers of the Alaska Gold Miners' Development & Guaranty Company have completed all the preliminary arrangements to secure the money for the construction of the plant, and that there will be sufficient ore available to keep the plant in operation is already assured. The copper mine owners of Whitehorse can alone supply a good smelter with sufficient business to keep it in operation the year round. Then there are two mining properties on Taku and Windy arms that are prepared to ship ore to Tacoma. Both of these have promised to give their ore to the proposed Skagway smelter for treatment. The smelter people also expect to get ore from the Alaskan coast. In fact, they are already promised ore from Valdez until such time as a smelter shall have been built at that place.

The bonds upon which the money is to be raised for the smelter have been placed on the market in such a way that investors are already speaking for the entire issuance. The reason why investors are after the bonds will be apparent when their nature is fully understood. The Pacific Underwriting & Trust Company of San Francisco, a company composed of some of the leading bankers of California, after investigating the matter, has placed its own bonds on the market with a view to get the funds for the construction of the concern. The purchasers of these bonds are guaranteed 3 per cent. interest and a proportionate share in the profits of the company when it shall be organized. The Pacific Underwriting & Trust Company takes as their security the certificates of the stockholders, guaranteeing to them that the bondholders shall have the profits referred to.

While the Pacific Underwriting & Trust Company is itself one of the strongest concerns on the Pacific coast and one that is doing a tremendous business, the investor in the bonds "places" and guarantees on the market has an additional guaranty from the Germania Trust Company of San Francisco.

Thus it will be seen that those who have started the work of building the first smelter in Alaska have the very best backing obtainable. Two things worked to assist the Alaska Gold Miners' Development & Guaranty Company in getting the San Francisco companies to take hold of the proposition as they have, and thus assure its success. The first was the showing that was made as to the strategic position of Skagway as the center of one of the greatest mining regions in the world. The city has the Whitehorse, Big Horn, Taku and Atlin countries to the north of it and all the mineral bearing coast of Alaska to the south and west. And the other strong asset of the company was the strong personnel of its officers and stockholders. These were carefully looked into by the San Francisco bankers before they would look at the matter at all. They had the reports of Portland and other experts as to the glass and volume of the ore tributary to Skagway, and they also made a careful examination into the standing of the officers of the company.

The officers of the company are as follows:

W. F. Matlock, president; W. W. Boughton, vice president; C. E. Kern, secretary; and P. L. A. Kern, treasurer. John G. Price is attorney.

It is the intention of the company first to get a smelter in operation in Skagway and then to investigate Valdez, and if that point shall show the resources that it is believed it has, a second smelter will be built there.

The Skagway smelter will be enlarged as fast as the business offering and secure will permit. It will have a capacity of 250 tons per day from the start—Skagway Alaska.

Another Old Timer

Skagway, Sept. 27.—J. A. Cameron, who succeeds Col. F. A. Mintie, deputy collector of internal revenue for the district of Alaska, is in the city and will be here for several days. Mr. Cameron is a pioneer of Skagway, having arrived in the city in the fall of 1879. He remained here until 1899, since which time he has resided in Seattle.

Mr. Cameron was appointed to the position he holds by Col. B. D. Crocker of Walla Walla, recently appointed collector of internal revenue for the newly created district of Washington and Alaska. These were formerly attached to the Oregon district. Mr. Cameron received his commission from Colonel Crocker, Sept. 1st, and he has already assumed the duties of his office.

French tobacco at Gandolfo's store.

HER FATE

Man's a stubborn brute at best. Put him in the wrong and he will go through brimstone and fire before he will admit it, if he can help it, and when he must, driven into a corner, he does it ungraciously, begrudgingly, surlily and with ire that he has been found out.

They say this is the day and hour of woman's emancipation: that she thinks as she pleases, does as she likes, acknowledges no master. These things may be. It is not for mere writers of tales, however true, to cast discredit on accepted tenets, but it is certain that two loving hearts which beat as one down on the banks of the Wabash met with trial and tribulation for many weary months and came together only the other day because a girl's mother insisted on dominating her pretty daughter's love affairs, and marrying "Pretty Nellie"—that's what all the likely young men therabouts persisted in calling her—to the wrong suitor. And pretty Nellie was ready, though weeping, to accept her fate, which is quite wrong, of course, and deeply humiliating to poor Don Cupid, who does the best he can, God bless him.

Old man Dietrich was a boss carpenter, in a rural sort of way. His cousin Fritz was a junior partner in his building affairs. Upon his own account Fritz did building for himself, his principal structure under contract being a rising house that when he could afford it he would take his cousin Nellie, Dietrich's daughter to be his dutiful and loving wife and gracious helpmate. Over and beyond certain dreams feminine, Miss Nellie was a bit of an heiress for the Wabash country—and held prospects of becoming some day sole legatee of many fat acres of black loam and a rotund bank account. These dual attractions had quite overmastered the sluggish nature of Cousin Fritz. He imagined himself desperately in love, having declared his passion to Nellie upon more than one occasion, and having been merrily laughed at for his pains; he had carried his suit to a higher court and laid siege to the heart of Mamma Dietrich. Here he prospered.

"Keep on after her," had said that astute lady. "Because she has refused you once or twice don't be discouraged. That is nothing. A girl likes a man who won't take a 'No.' Never say die, my dear Fritz. I'll promise you the little minx shall be yours yet."

And then they plotted, these two. All is fair in love and war, said pretty Nellie's mamma, which is a sentiment well enough for a proverb, but no less than atrocious when it comes to morality and ethical culture.

Jess Saunders, tall, handsome, broad-shouldered, honest-browed, was Dietrich's foreman. He and Nellie had plighted troth—and a most charming couple indeed they made; everybody not directly interested declared, and in this instance everybody was quite right, even the boss carpenter himself looking with complacency upon the prospect of having Jess for a son-in-law. The young man had no money, as yet, but he hoped to have some in the sweet by and by, and he was studying to become an architect, so he could design federal buildings and thus secure a life job. Neither he nor Nellie was quite content to wait, but as they really hadn't a penny, and as Nellie's mamma was so obstinately opposed to her daughter's match with anyone but Cousin Fritz, why, they waited perforce.

On the Saturday afternoon when the big, new barn on the Dietrich farm received its last nail, "the hands" of Papa Dietrich died up at nightfall to receive their weekly wage. The old man always paid off in hard cash, and promptly, too. He was an honest soul, and would as soon have had a note go to protest as "stand off" an employee for his due.

In making change, the paymaster called to Fritz to break a \$30 gold-piece for him. The latter had not enough money, but gave Dietrich what was in his pockets, took the \$20, placed it in an old note-book, put the book in the pocket of a coat on a peg in the woodshed, and went into the farmhouse kitchen to "wash up."

Jess Saunders was going home to town, three miles away. He drew his wages, said a few words to Nellie, and then stepped into the woodshed to get his saddle, for he rode to and from his work. The old barn had been torn down to make way for the new one, and his horse had been picked all the afternoon, grazing at ease, and saddled. When he took down his saddle he knocked Fritz's coat from its peg. As he picked it up Mother Dietrich and Nellie came together to the shed to call and feed the chickens. The young man hurriedly bade them good-bye, quickly saddled his horse and rode away. Mother Dietrich was his pet aversion.

Scarcely had the sounds of Saunders' horse's hoofs ceased ringing back from his gallop over the hill, than careful Cousin Fritz came hurrying in to find his coat, his pocket-book and its golden contents, which he had momentarily forgotten. Hastening to assure himself his money was safe, he opened the pocket-book and found—nothing. Then he uttered a cry and looked again, searching with trembling fingers for the invisible. Canay Cousin Fritz was a bit miserly, for a man so young. His loss smote him like a stab with a knife. Sweat bathed his face, and his hands shook, while his teeth chattered. Then he cried out again, and the two women came running to him. Nellie hoped and Mrs. Dietrich feared that Cousin Fritz had been suddenly stricken with ague, which grows profusely on the banks of the Wabash, and is easily gathered by the unwary.

"What is it, Fritz?" they panted, together.

"My money!" he gasped.

"Your money?"

"Yes; my \$20 gold-piece. It's gone. Somebody has stolen it. Who has been here in the last five minutes?"

Mrs. Dietrich looked pointedly at poor Nellie. Nellie flushed hotly and then turned very pale as she answered that look. Both of them knew very well who had been there. Only a moment before they had seen Jess in the shed, with that very coat in his girthy hands. The elder woman spoke first, and quickly:

"Why, Jess, he was here a minute ago, after his saddle. I suppose I saw him holding your coat. Perhaps he was brushing it off," she concluded, maliciously.

"O mother, the idea that Jess would steal!" cried Miss Nellie, impetuously. Then she began to cry. Even in her eyes, so strong a glimmer does circumstantial evidence cast, the facts were too strong for convincing denial.

Fritz hardly knew whether most to give his soul to joy or sorrow. On the one hand he would be rid of a hated rival. Upon the other his money was gone. Ah, but stay! Perhaps he could lose a rival and find his money too. He picked up the coat and empty pocket-book and grimly stalked away to tell old man Dietrich all about it.

Well, what could that good man and able boss carpenter do? He pooh-poohed the idea that Jess was a thief, but when that young man was accused by Fritz, openly, on the Monday following, when the carpenter's hands went to work, the foreman promptly knocked the junior partner down, and would have wiped treated him if Dietrich had not intervened. Jess was discharged. He narrowly missed indictment for larceny. Then he sued Fritz for slander and lost his case. Half the township believed Jess guilty. He was forbidden the Dietrich house, and even Nellie refused to meet him privately. It wasn't right to disobey her parents, she said.

Then Jess grew morose, and he started for the bad at a downhill gait, and to help the pace left the banks of the Wabash far away and went up to Chicago.

As for Nellie, between the urging of Fritz, and the importunities of her mother, and the acquiescence of her father, and the absence of Jess, she grew thin and pale, and was "pretty Nellie" no longer. And, at last, one day, she said she didn't care anyhow that Jess was worth something and that if Fritz really thought a poor girl like her was worth anything as a wife, he might take her, and be blessed! And Fritz, he was overjoyed. There might be some lack of bloom in Nellie's fair cheek, but the bank account waxed apace, and the black loam acres were still fattening.

So a wedding day was set, and the bells were hidden ready to ring. Poor Nellie.

When that notable housewife, Mamma Dietrich, finally determined that yellow-legged chicken pie should grace the board at the wedding dinner, Papa Dietrich went to select and he head the victims. He stopped at the woodshed to get his ax. Although a boss carpenter, he lost his hold of the handle as he seized it, and it fell glancingly, casting up dirt and chips from the earthen floor as its blade descended sharply. Then, where the ax had fallen and raised this woodshed commotion, Papa Dietrich saw something shining, which was not steel; something yellow which was not moonlight. He stooped and picked up—Fritz's lost \$20 gold-piece.

Then he shouted for Nellie.

Jess is back again. The downhill gait has been reversed. Another chicken-pie is proposed at the Dietrich homestead, and half the population along the banks of the Wabash, far away, has been hidden to partake.

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Stolen Sunday, June 5th, one handsome dog, very dark grey, white breast, light chops, light grey stripe running from point of nose up between eyes, front legs white, hind feet white, extreme tip of tail white, belly light color, always carries tail curled over back or left side, nose very small like a fox or coon. I will pay the above reward for any information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the thief and recovery of dog.

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Stop prating about ill luck.

Lift up your head,
Don't seem half dead,
Stop wearing a wrinkled face,
Give smiling hope
Sufficient scope,
And joys will come apace.

Out on the man
Whose little span
Is full of grief and gloom,
Always dreary,
Never cheery,
From trundle bed to tomb.

Give me the chap
Who, what'er may hap,
Looks up, and is cheerful still,
Who meets a brunt
With a smiling front,
And nerve, and vim, and will.

Takes Novel Stand

New York, Sept. 26.—Albert Pygot alias Alfred Pier, arrested here at the request of the San Francisco police, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, has been released by the police magistrate before whom the case was called. A formal complaint had been made against the prisoner, appended to which was a copy of an indictment warrant telegraphed from San Francisco, but this was the magistrate's decision:

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