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THE CIRCUIT COURT.

The June circuit court opened on the 21st instant, Judge Hamilton presiding. The grand jurors were: E. B. Macaulay, foreman; Andrew Malcolm, Patrick Gleason, John Hopkins, R. O'Brien, H. B. White, M. A. Finn, J. H. Duddy, Thomas Finley, T. L. Oughlin, James Manson, Fred A. Peters, F. O. Allison, G. A. Kawah, George L. Barbour, Wm. Bannister, W. Tremaine Gard, Miss E. Agar and Wilfrid M. Barlow.

In charging the jury, his honor referred in emphatic terms to the necessity of the crown's evidence. He did not say who was to blame, but it was not right that grand jurors should be called together and told to come back again at some other day to attend to the business which should be ready for them at the opening of the court.

On motion of J. E. Cowan, who represented the crown, Percy Lewis, charged with attempted murder, was discharged from custody, he having been dealt with by Judge Forbes under the Speedy Trials Act for the same matter out of which this offence was charged.

The case of Mrs. Ida J. Kelly against the city for injuries sustained by a defective plank sidewalk on the Foltok road and breaking her leg, was settled, the city paying \$300 and the physician's expenses. Oliver B. Stockford for plaintiff, Recorder Skinner for the city.

At the circuit court Thursday morning the grand jury was in attendance. His honor said that he would not be able to discharge them, as the case against Taylor for forgery might require their consideration. He briefly charged in the three cases of William London, charged with uttering counterfeit money; that of Charles Duplessis, charged with stealing a watch and chain from Isaac Komienky, and that of Felix O'Neill, charged with attempted rape. He said the attorney general had explained that he was away from home when Mr. Willett's letter as to the criminal business arrived. His honor felt that the attorney general was always prompt in the discharge of his duties, but he did not wish to lessen the effect of what he had said as to the necessity of business being ready.

John L. Carleton, who appeared for the attorney general, said that in the case of David H. Anderson there

would be no prosecution so far as the crown was concerned. His honor approved of this course, saying that it had always been the rule that the crown should not prosecute where the matter was really one of a private grievance. He had read the depositions through, and without prejudicing the case, could not see that there was sufficient evidence upon which to return a bill if the matter went to the grand jury. If a private prosecutor wished to press the matter he would have to give a bond for the costs.

The grand jury found true bills against London and Duplessis. In O'Neill's case they only found a true bill for common assault. The prisoners all pleaded not guilty.

The grand jury will meet again on Tuesday afternoon next. J. E. Cowan also appeared for the crown with Mr. Carleton.

STYLISH YARMOUTH WEDDING.

(Yarmouth News.)

Seldom has the beautiful Holy Trinity church held a larger or more handsomely attired congregation than that which filled it Wednesday morning to witness the marriage of A. V. F. Vibert of Montreal to Miss Dora, daughter of N. J. B. Tooker.

The decorations were largely of white lilacs, which blanketed the pulpit, and bunches ornamented the pews. There was a splendid arch of white lilacs at the entrance to the chancel. The altar was decorated with white lilacs, while potted plants lined the chairs.

The bridesmaids were Miss Marian Murray, in pink liberty silk; Miss Susan Gow, in green organza over white silk, with sash of lavender satin; Miss Beatrice Tooker, in pink silk, trimmed with lace. The bridesmaids wore picture hats to match their costumes, and carried handsome bouquets of roses.

The groom was attended by A. T. Thorne of St. John. The ushers were Wm. Sprinney and Mr. Vibert, brother of the groom.

The ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. R. D. Barnetick, and the choir, under the leadership of R. G. Allison, sang appropriate hymns.

The church was crowded to the doors and the most excellent management prevailed. At the close of the ceremony the party were entertained at breakfast at the home of the bride's parents, and left on the morning train for Rimouski, whence they leave for London, Paris and other places on the continent.

The presents were exceedingly handsome, including a magnificent silver service from the firm of A. S. Campbell & Co., Montreal, with which the groom is connected. The bridesmaids were presented with diamond rings and the bride with a gold watch and chain by the groom.

AWAITING QUEEN'S APPROVAL.

LONDON, June 22.—The newspapers today announce the probable engagement of Princess Victoria of Wales to John Baring, Baron Revelstoke. The formal betrothal is awaiting the approval of Queen Victoria.

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FIGHTING HAS BEGUN

United States Troops Engaged in a Cuban Battle. It is Rumored that General Miles Will Command Porto Rico Expedition.

How to Reward Lieut. Hobson of the Merrimac is Now an Important Question.

HAVANA, June 22, 10.40 a. m.—There is absolutely no foundation for the report published in the United States of an attempt to assassinate Captain-General Blanco by a member of the volunteers whose brother had been shot for complicity in a plot against the government. Gen. Blanco enjoys the esteem of all classes in Havana, including the volunteers, and is regarded with the utmost confidence as the representative of Spanish severities. The Cubans admit that they are under obligations to Gen. Blanco for the establishment of autonomy in the island. The palace guards are from the volunteers, and several officers of that body are aides on the general's staff.

General Blanco's public appearances are frequently the occasion for patriotic demonstrations, and that he has no fear of assassination is shown by the fact that he often rides all night on horseback through the city.

Complete tranquility reigns in Havana. The greatest confidence is felt that the Spanish forces will successfully repulse with the American soldiers who were reported to have arrived on board transports off the harbor of Santiago de Cuba. There is great enthusiasm among the troops and volunteers, who are all anxious to fight against the invaders.

Captain-General Blanco denies that he has decided that there shall be no exchange of prisoners with the United States. At the same time, the captain-general says that he cannot allow the remaining brigades of the army who sailed the Merrimac into the mouth of the harbor at Santiago, for the reason that the lieutenant and his companions have had opportunity to secure the harbor and its defenses. The most common opinion, however, is that the captain-general says, would forbid that these men be now given their liberty as proposed by the United States.

Captain-General Blanco stated that he had not forbidden the capture of vessels bearing flags of truce, but had only ordered that no vessel be permitted to approach within six miles of the shore, so that it be made possible for officers of the United States to make drawings or to inspect fortresses.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Secretary Alger and Gen. Miles were in conference at 4 o'clock this afternoon, when the secretary read a report that fighting had begun, announcing that the fighting had begun, and that the secretary read it aloud and both expressed themselves gratified with this favorable report, coming, as it did, from the enemy. There was no surprise that the fighting had begun so soon. It was suggested by the reporter that the troops had completed their landing only this morning.

"Yes, but they have gone there to fight, and are ready to begin at once," replied Gen. Miles.

Secretary said no word had been received up to that hour indicating that fighting was in progress. He had no reason to doubt, however, that the troops had encountered the Spanish forces and had given a good account of themselves. He commented on Admiral Cervera's cable, that the situation was critical and that the Spaniards had been obliged to retire, in strong contrast with the Madrid's claim of a "Spanish victory."

Gen. Miles said that the American troops would push forward aggressively, driving in the Spanish and forcing them to fight. There was not a suggestion of apprehension or doubt either with Secretary Alger or General Miles as to what the outcome would be. They were confident that General Shafter and his troops would be hampering at the gates of Santiago before long.

The impression here is that the Spaniards will make their strongest stand close to Santiago and the inner harbor within the range and protection of the guns of the big Spanish battleships. There is no doubt that small steamships, as removed from the field of operations the campaign against Santiago will be conducted against odds. The guns of the ships command the hills overlooking the town and reach the bay, but the United States will soon bring its own artillery into play.

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the soldiers and fleet, these obstructions can be easily removed. The only positive news coming to the war department up to the close of office hours was a despatch to Gen. Miles from one of his staff officers, Gen. Shafter, and also a brigadier, Col. Allen. Gen. Miles' despatch stated in substance that the landing of troops had been completed without any casualties, save to one Cuban soldier, who has his arm injured by a bullet from a shell. The troops of Garcia and Rabl, about 5,700 in number, had met the American forces with enthusiastic greetings.

It was pointed out that the Spaniards were well armed and well drilled. Gen. Garcia was confident that his forces would be swelled to ten thousand men as soon as Santiago fell. About the only news among the Cubans was shoes and quilts. The despatch to Gen. Greely merely stated that progress was being made in connecting the military forces, steadily with the war department.

During the day orders were issued to the spirits division comprising the new-arrived command of Brig. Gen. Henry for its speedy departure to reinforce Gen. Shafter at Santiago. Already the 32nd Michigan regiment and the battalions of the 3rd Michigan have started on the mission.

Today's orders cover the balance of Gen. Henry's command. It includes the remaining battalions of the 3rd Michigan and the 8th Massachusetts regiment. These will complete the general's command. The orders also include the 1st and 2nd Michigan, the 4th and 5th Ohio regiments. The plan is to move all of Gen. Henry's division on the Harvard and Yale, these ships to make two round trips.

Reports were current at the war department again today that Gen. Miles, commanding the army, would leave the city within the next two days. It was asserted also that he had asked to get into the actual fighting by going to Cuba, and there assuming command of the troops. This was contradicted by reports that Gen. Miles will command the Porto Rico expedition. Gen. Miles declined to discuss the conflicting reports. His long conference with Secretary Alger and some members of the cabinet, and the general's future movements were under consideration.

The details of the accident on the Yankee of Decoration day have just reached the navy department. While the ship was at sea a trial was made of the guns. One of a six-pounder, used by the English, caught fire. The fire after the trigger was pulled. The gunner, without waiting, threw open the breech just as the charge exploded. The rear blast killed Corp. J. J. Murray, and severely but not fatally wounded Private Jesse Fisher, both of the United States marine corps. The powder is believed to be defective, as other hang-fires have been had with it.

ON BOARD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DESPATCH BOAT DAUNTLESS, of Balquid, Santiago de Cuba, Wednesday, June 22, 1 p. m.—

The landing of the United States troops from the transports began at Balquid iron pier, twelve miles east of the city of Santiago de Cuba at ten o'clock this morning. Simultaneously the American fleet made a diversion toward Morro Castle and westward. However secret the plans were kept, the Spaniards, seemingly, had full warning of the hour and place for the landing of the troops. The transports and their convoys assembled on shore during the night, but before dawn the houses of the village were fired, proving that Capt. Gen. Blanco's standing orders, always to burn a place before deserting it, were being faithfully executed. With wonderful facility they burst into the village, house and factory of the iron company, but left its pier, vital to the United States authorities directing the landing.

At dawn the New Orleans, St. Louis, Detroit, Washington, Teumash and Suranese steamed within fifteen miles of the shore, but they were not molested. During the conflagration ashore there were several small explosions, either from dynamite or ammunition left behind by the Spaniards.

Daylight showed the Spanish flag hoisted down and gathered in a circle of about six miles, were thirty American transports, wallowing in the heavy swell.

MADRID, June 23.—In the chamber of deputies today Captain Aunon, minister of marine, read the following official despatch from Havana: "The Spanish auxiliary cruiser Maria Christina has succeeded in running the blockade, and has entered Cienfuegos with a large cargo of provisions and war stores."

A despatch to El Imparcial from Havana says: "The cruiser Reina Christina escaped from Santiago, and after running the gauntlet of the entire American fleet safely reached Havana. Three fast American cruisers pursued her near Havana. It was an exciting chase, but the Americans did not venture within the range of the Havana forts."

MADRID, June 23, 4.30 p. m.—Cable despatches received here from Admiral Cervera say that the crews of the Spanish warships at Santiago have joined the land forces in order to take part in the defence of the city. He adds that the situation is critical, but a later despatch affirms that the Spaniards "have victoriously repulsed the enemy."

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MONTREAL, June 21.—The Star's London correspondent cables: "The idea that the Duke of Connaught will succeed Lord Aberdeen as governor-general of Canada is quite discredited in official circles. If he accepted viceregal honors it would be at Dublin. Wolsey's name still remains the favorite for the Canadian position."

German newspaper comments continue to characterize Canada's refusal to accept the terms of the provisional Anglo-German commercial treaty as proof of Canada's unfriendliness towards Germany. It is anticipated that German exports to Canada will cease entirely, the most important item being refined sugar. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement made last week that Canada was quite prepared for a German boycott, has stopped English protests against Canada's exclusion from the treaty. It is not now supposed that Chamberlain will take any action in the matter.

QUEBEC, June 21.—Senator De Blais died this morning at his residence in Beauport. He was called to the senate in 1883 and was 80 years of age. He was an uncle of the Hon. Sir A. P. Caron.

OTTAWA, June 22.—Although only the representatives of the dominion, Ontario and Quebec were present at the conference today, the conclusions reached based on the recent judgment of the judicial committee, are of far-reaching importance to all the provinces. The decision largely disintegrates the fisheries department muddle question of jurisdiction. It was conceded at the meeting, all that hereafter the provinces had a right to issue licenses for fishing in definite locations as, for instance, with pond nets. The fees will be collected and retainable by the provinces, but in addition the Dominion has the right to impose a tax on the provinces which will charge \$500 license for pond nets and then the dominion impose a tax of \$10 on each license. How some of the provinces will collect the fee is a puzzle. Ontario has no marine fisheries. Quebec has, as Sir Louis contemplates, all the fishery officers on the inland waters are given their cone, the local governments will have to employ a small army of officials to carry out the law. The protection of the fisheries on the great lakes and seaboards will be continued by the federal government. The dominion government will also continue the control of the salmon fisheries of British Columbia, the deep sea fisheries of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and of the lobster fishing, but the maritime provinces will have absolute control of the system fishery, with power to issue lease and licenses, this class of fishery being defined as a fixed location.

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New Brunswick Militia Changes Announced—The Successor to the Late Bishop Cleary.

OTTAWA, June 21.—Deputy Minister Newcombe left for England today on departmental matters. He will discuss the copyright question with the imperial government.

General Gascoigne leaves for England within the next ten days. No information has been received at the department regarding the appointment of Col. Hutton as his successor. It is known, however, that Col. Hutton is an applicant.

The strike at the Rockland mills of Mr. Edwards, M. P., is over, Mr. Edwards having conceded to the men's demands, which include ten hours a day and cash wages, paid fortnightly. The truck system will be abolished.

The minister of customs was interviewed today by representatives of tea importers, who wished a thorough understanding regarding the new standards. The tea men strongly protested against the proposed chemical test as unfair for an examination of higher grade of teas, and urged that time should be given for the consideration of the proposed new standards. The upshot of the interview was a decision to postpone the operation of the standards until January 1st next. Another conference is to be held in November.

Lord Aberdeen is to receive the degree of LL. D. at Harvard on the 29th.

The grip M. P.'s are hot after the supreme court registrarship, but Hon. Mr. Mills decided upon his man, E. R. Cameron, a London lawyer and strong supporter of the minister of justice, is to get the position. The salary is \$5,000.

The speedy delivery service goes into effect in July 1st. It provides that special delivery stamps of the value of ten cents in addition to the ordinary postage will secure the delivery of a letter as soon after posted as possible. The limits of the service are placed at the following post offices in Canada: Halifax, St. John, Fredericton, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Brantford, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, Victoria and Vancouver. The speedy delivery system will cover all letters, drop or letters received at any of the places named. Special delivery stamps will be sold at all money order offices in Canada, but will not be recognized in payment of postage and are not redeemable. Postmasters are authorized to employ persons for this special delivery and to pay eight cents for each letter, two cents going to the department. The regular letter carriers will not be used in this new ser-