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STILL POUNDING AT KABYLE CAMPS

Spanish Guns Keep up a Ceaseless Bombardment of the Camps of the Rebel Tribesmen Near Melilla...

Melilla, July 28.—The Spanish batteries today are ceaselessly bombarding the camps of the Kabyle tribesmen at the foot of Mount Guruga...

Oran, Algeria, July 28.—Reports received here from Melilla are constantly threatened. To accomplish this object it is estimated that 25,000 men will be required.

Madrid, via Hendaye, France, July 28.—Fighting between the Spanish forces and the Moors was resumed outside Melilla yesterday. General Pintos and several officers were killed.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

St. John River Commission at the Capital This Morning—That Shoe Factory Strike—Weddings.

Fredricton, N. B., July 28th.—(Special) The members of the St. John River Commission, accompanied by their counsel, arrived here this morning...

E. W. A. Odeon, of Hamilton, organizer for the Canadian Federation of Labor, and John F. Tobin, of Montreal, president of the Boer, arrived here today in connection with the strike at the shoe factory...

Robert Gardner, of Hopedale, N. B., and Miss Florence G. S. Clancy, of St. John, were here last night in the automobile enroute home from a trip up river.

OLD RED HEN SCRATCHES UP \$11,000 IN JEWELS

Valuable Stolen in April, Had Been Hidden Under Skinner's Porch—Fowl Will be Pensioned

New York, July 27.—The goose that laid the golden egg will have to give way to a New Jersey hen, a common ordinary everyday fowl, the property of William M. Skinner, which yesterday with many a cluck and cackle scratched up \$11,000 worth of jewels and plate from under the front porch of the Skinner home at Lakewood...

Mr. Skinner will pension the bird for life. Last April Mr. Skinner's home was robbed of every trinket the family owned. There seemed to be no trace of the thief. The police were without clues. None of it turned up at paravahope, and the officers were non-plussed. Mr. Skinner offered a reward of \$1,000 but the gems were not returned. Yesterday little Charlie Goldstein, son of a neighbor ran in with a ring—one of the stolen articles—and said the old red hen was making a terrible fuss over a hole she was digging. When Skinner went out the hen was clucking with pride over a mass of glittering gems—the Skinner jewels.

TWO DROWNED

Littleton, N. H., July 27.—Walter Northing, 18 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Northing, of Littleton, and a relative, Miss Walker, of Taunton, Mass., were drowned while boating on Partridge Lake, a summer resort six miles from Littleton, last today.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Que., July 28th.—(Special) Lake of the Woods was the only feature today. Common had an advance to 133 1/2, but later reacted a point. The dividers declare a dividend this afternoon.

RUSSIAN CITY IS A PLAGUE SPOT

Cholera Raging in Potolsk and Physicians Are Utterly Unable to Cope With It—Forty Cases Reported Daily—People Fleeing from the City.

St. Petersburg, July 28.—Despatches received here today from Potolsk, in the government of Bismek, the only city in Russia, aside from St. Petersburg, where the cholera has made headway, say that the city is full of panic, owing to the inefficiency of the sanitary administration and the shortage of physicians. Forty cases of the disease are reported daily and to cope with this situation there are only five doctors, who are so overwhelmed with work that they are obliged to refuse their services. At night heart-breaking scenes are witnessed at the physicians' offices where relatives of the stricken fairly fight to secure attention. Many stores have been closed and the wealthy persons are fleeing from the city.

PRESENTATION TO STANLEY K. SMITH

Well Known Newspaper Man Given Dinner and Gold Fob on Leaving Chatham for St. John.

Stanley K. Smith, lately editor of the Chatham Commercial, who has lately joined the Standard writing staff, was tendered a dinner at Chatham last night, at which he was presented with a handsome gold fob. President H. Prout, of the Chatham Y. M. C. A., presided, and made the presentation on behalf of the members of the association and others of the town. He referred to the excellent work done by Mr. Smith as general secretary and said that the work under his guidance was in better condition than ever before.

MAY SHOOT AT AUTOS IF THEY WON'T STOP

Providence Police Commissioner Determined to Put Stop to Speeding at All Costs.

Providence, R. I., July 28.—The members of the police automobile squad are to use any means to make automobilists who are in fault in breaking the speed laws stop their cars. Police Commissioner William H. Luther, who has announced that the police commission had completely reorganized the motorcycle officer Lewis H. Hall on charge of shooting at the tire of an automobile driven by Joseph P. Bowles, of Pawtucket. Chairman Luther said that the man was simply doing his duty. He said the police of Providence are determined to put a stop to automobile speeding.

RUSSIA NOW FACING JAPANESE INVASION

But it is an Influx of Race Horses and Bookmakers Driven from Japanese Tracks by Anti-gambling Crusade.

St. Petersburg, July 28.—A despatch from Vladivostok describes the situation in the closing of the betting totalisator in Japan, many Japanese race flocks have arrived to conduct betting on the Vladivostok track. Eighteen Japanese horses also have arrived here. The anti-gambling crusade which swept over Japan late last year, and resulted in the closing of sixteen tracks and left hundreds of high class horses stranded. A tremendous effort was made by the race track element to induce the Japanese government to retract and permit betting upon the tracks, but Premier Kataura held firm and the horse owners decided to ship their horses to Vladivostok, where betting is allowed.

PULPWOOD SHIPMENTS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK

(Portland Argus, July 27) The Norwegian steamer St. Andrews, Capt. Nansen, arrived yesterday afternoon from Dalhousie, N. B., with a cargo of 2100 cords of pulpwood for the International Paper Co., and was taken at once to the Maine Central wharf No. 3 where she will discharge. The arrivals of pulpwood here this week will be the largest since the starting of this industry. The Hermod being expected here this evening with 2000 cords, to be followed later in the week by the steamers Mills and Bazarrook. Over 7,000 cords of pulpwood will be brought in by these four steamers, and the discharging of the cargoes will give employment to quite a crowd of workmen. All of the wood will be shipped to the different paper mills in Maine and New Hampshire.

IN A BALLOON

Rutland, Vt., July 27.—The balloon, Massachusetts, which ascended from here at 5 o'clock with William Van Fleet of Pittsfield, Mass., as pilot, landed safely at 6:30 tonight in Barnard, eighteen miles northeast of here. The highest elevation reached was 4,800 feet. The passengers were H. C. Carpenter, F. M. Wilson and C. H. West, local business men.

LAYING THE CABLE

New York, July 27.—A message received this afternoon from the Commercial Cable steamer Colonia, which is engaged in laying a new cable from St. John's, N. F., to New York, says that up to noon today the steamer had paid out 1,000 miles of cable. When the message was sent the Colonia was in lat. 36.44 N., lon. 69.24 W., and experiencing good weather.

WALLACE ELECTS FOR SPEEDY TRIALS

Man Charged With Attempting to Pass a Raised Check is Committed for Trial by Magistrate Ritchie in the Police Court Today.

The case of Frank Wallace, arrested for attempting to pass a raised check, was resumed this morning in the police court. Detective Killen took the stand and gave evidence similar to what has already been published. He testified that the jury that began his duel with District Attorney Jerome. His first statement made a sensation in the headlines-courthouse.

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HARRY K. THAW IN THE WITNESS CHAIR

He Commenced His Duel With District Attorney Jerome This Morning in a Crowded New York Court Room.

White Plains, N. Y., July 28.—Harry K. Thaw turned to kiss his aged mother today as he strode firmly to the stand to prove by his own words that he is sane and deserving of release from Matteawan asylum. Then he settled back in the witness chair and in a low but steady voice began his duel with District Attorney Jerome. His first statement made a sensation in the headlines-courthouse.

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Serious Rioting at Barcelona Which May Yet Have Wide-spread Consequences—Much Property Destroyed and Troops Fired on.

Barcelona, July 27.—(Delayed in transmission)—The Almansa Regiments arrived from Tarragona at four o'clock this afternoon to reinforce the garrison here. The military authorities have closed the "House of the People," which was the headquarters of the rioters. No newspapers were published here today. The city is a quater, but the people are intensely excited.

Madrid, July 28.—Much apprehension is felt here over the situation in the province of Catalonia, Tarragona and Gerona, where the constitutional guarantees have been suspended. The latest official reports from Barcelona, which were considerably delayed, indicate that the city is almost at the mercy of the mob. The notorious anarchists Cardenal and Here are reported as being the leaders in the rioting, which was most violent and accompanied by the destruction of property and incendiarism. The convent of Marasata was taken by assault and the Church of St. Paul and the Conventual school of St. Antonio were burned. The captain general and his staff were fired upon as they were riding through the Boulevard Paredes.

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B. C. MINING TOWN LIKE ARMED CAMP

Threatening Letters Received by Business Men of Michael, B. C., from Alleged Black Hand Society Excited the Town.

Michael, B. C., July 28.—(Special)—This, one of the larger coal mining towns of the Crow's Nest district, is an armed camp, and especially as regards its foreign population because of the activity of the Black Hand Society. Great excitement has prevailed since Sunday when five leaders among the foreign miners and business men were threatened by letter with instant death by the Black Hand unless they paid \$200 each. The threatened men turned over the letters to the police and provincial constables Stevenson and Bulger immediately made an investigation. Several men were posted at designated places and fake parcels were placed in hiding places by the recipients of the letters, but no attempt was made by the Black Hand gang to claim the bounty.

Three hundred and fifty armed Italians held a meeting yesterday afternoon and discussed the situation. The police force is being doubled by the swearing in of constables. Last night at Humphrey's Mills, near the city, Humphrey's clothing factory was broken into and clothes to the value of \$100 stolen. A quiet wedding was solemnized this morning in St. Bernard's church by Rev. Father Savage in the presence of only immediate relatives, the contracting party being Frank S. McKinnon and the bride being Miss McManus. The ceremony was held at 10 o'clock. The bride and groom will be Mr. and Mrs. William Hopper, of Humphrey's Mills.

SALVATION ARMY NEWS

A Hallelujah Wedding—Salvation Army Band Coming—A Big Congress.

Members of the Salvation Army in this city are looking forward with interest to a happy event which takes place here tomorrow night, namely the wedding of Ensign March, of Yarmouth, and Miss Williams, of Montreal. The ceremony will take place at 8 o'clock, and the bride and groom will be Capt. Spridgen, also of this city.

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MONCTON FAMILY IN LINE FOR A FORTUNE

Mrs. M. Jackson Steeves' Children May Have Claim to Portion of Wealth of R. D. Evans—Two Bold Burglars

Moncton, N. B., July 28.—(Special)—St. John, not alone in producing claimants to portions of the fortune left by the late Robert D. Evans, the wealthy mining and rubber man, who died lately, leaving twelve millions to be distributed among relatives, many of whom are in New Brunswick. Mrs. M. Jackson Steeves, of this city, has two children who may be in line for a portion of the wealth. Mrs. Steeves' first husband was Robert Baxter, of St. John, by whom she had two children. Robert Baxter was one of the descendants of the Evans branch of the family. Mrs. Steeves at one time taught school at West Beach, the homestead of the family.

An epidemic of burglaries is reported near this city. Saturday night or early Sunday morning the store of P. R. Goggin, at Cocagne, Kent county, was broken into, the till being rifled of \$10 in cash, and \$15 worth of goods stolen. A partition at the back of the store was being doubled by the swearing in of constables. Last night at Humphrey's Mills, near the city, Humphrey's clothing factory was broken into and clothes to the value of \$100 stolen. A quiet wedding was solemnized this morning in St. Bernard's church by Rev. Father Savage in the presence of only immediate relatives, the contracting party being Frank S. McKinnon and the bride being Miss McManus. The ceremony was held at 10 o'clock. The bride and groom will be Mr. and Mrs. William Hopper, of Humphrey's Mills.

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THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

SPORTING ITEM. A WARM DAY. Mr. Peter Binks stood in a shaded place this morning and got a friend to read to him the despatch in a morning paper about the icebergs off Cape Race.

"My!" said Mr. Binks, mopping his brow. "How I would like to run up close to an iceberg and see what it would do to me."

THINGS ARE MOVING. There is a general impression at city hall that the Connolly wharf is growing uneasy, and wants to move over toward Loch Lomond and the reinforced concrete pipe.

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam wishes to deny the rumor that he will give away a load of hay with every bushel of potatoes he sells off the farm this year.

"My petters is with the money," said Hiram, "an' I not a good sully. I ain't worryin'."

W. A. Lockart returned to the city today on the Maritime train.

W. Frank Hatheway, M. P. E., will leave this evening for Vancouver, Montreal and Seattle, and will sail for Australia August 12th, to attend the Seventh Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, in Sydney. James Pender will leave next week and join Mr. Hatheway in Vancouver.

In celebration of the approaching wedding of Rev. George F. Scovell, rector of St. Jude's church, west end, a number of the young ladies of the church called last evening upon Miss Edith Coster at her home, St. John West, and tendered her a kitchen shaver. A pleasant evening was spent, refreshments were served and the merry visitors departed after extending hearty congratulations to the bride-elect and leaving behind them many tangible evidences of their esteem.

H. C. Schofield, agent of The Robert Reford Company, who is at the scene of the wrecked British steamship Cairnraig at Smeeth's ledge, near Casco, N. S., sent a telegram to his office this morning stating that the steamer continues to break up, and may collapse at any moment and will be a total loss. The Cairnraig was built at Newcastle, Eng., in 1892 by R. & W. Hawthorne Leslie Company for Cairns, Young & Noble. Her gross tonnage was 3,022, net 1,961 tons. She was built of steel and was of 281 nominal horse power, length 322 feet, breadth 41 feet 7 inches, depth 21 feet 9 inches.

MONDAY EVENING'S SPORTS The entries for the Every Day Club sports on Monday evening close tonight with the secretary, A. W. Covey. A group of runners are on the track every evening. There will be handicap sports and the contests will be very keen.

Among the entries so far received in Harry Patterson's 500 yard race, who will appear here for the first time, and who defeated both Covey and Brewster in the sprints at Chatham last year.

Tickets for the United Baptist Young People's Provincial League, moonlight excursion to be held on August 3rd, can be procured at Chas. R. Watson's, 100 King street, or C. F. Francis & Co's, Charlottetown street.

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Pugilist Arrives in New York to Do Business With Jack Johnson

New York, July 28.—Ready to post a forfeit to bind a match with Jack Johnson for a fight for the heavyweight championship, Jas. J. Jeffries, retired champion of the world, reached here today from the west. The big fellow was accompanied by his wife and his sparring partner, Sam Berger, and was given a rousing welcome when he stepped from the West Shore Railroad ferry.

"I will make a statement this afternoon," said Jeffries on his arrival at his hotel, "and I will tell my plans. Of course I will fight and a few months will put me in the best of trim."

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