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BRITAIN WOULD NOT REPLY TO CHINESE EMPEROR'S APPEAL

As There Was No Evidence as to the Source From Which It Came—Advance Move Towards Pekin Will Be Made Sooner Than Expected.

Further Stories Regarding the Massacre of Christians and Missionaries—The Awful Massacre at Mukden—People Were at Worship When the Church Was Fired, and 200 Worshippers Were Put to the Sword—No Definite News Yet.

London, July 27.—(4.30 a.m.)—With the report that the allies will begin the advance upon Pekin in a fortnight, and in view of Admiral Seymour's visit of inspection to the Yangtsekiang, the feeling is that no great time will elapse before matters assume a more definite shape.

Sixty Missionaries Massacred.

There is an unconfirmed Chinese report that 60 Protestant and Catholic missionaries have been massacred in Kiyuan Fu and the vicinity.

The Massacres at Mukden.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail, describing the massacres at Mukden, says:

"The Bishop had armed 200 converts to defend the cathedral, and a body of Chinese troops had been sent to defend the converts, but the soldiers were leagued with the Boxers. While the Christians were holding a service, believing themselves safe under the protection of the troops, the signal was given, and soldiers and Boxers surrounded and set fire to the church, putting the escaping worshippers to the sword. The Bishop was captured and taken to the Viceroy's Yamen, where he was diabolically tortured and decapitated. His head now hangs in front of the Yamen."

Foreigners Had Not Met Death on July 6.

The Daily Mail explains that the Chinese employes of the British Legation, who, according to its advices yesterday, escaped from Pekin to Niuchwang, and reported there that when he left Pekin most of the members of the legations were dead, and the condition of the others was hopeless, did not actually leave Pekin until July 8, and this goes to show, if his statement is to be relied upon, that a general massacre had not occurred on July 6, as had been reported.

Russians Fighting Again.

The Russians inflicted another serious defeat upon the Chinese at Fort Echo on July 23. From Kobe comes a report that eight battalions of Russians have been compelled to leave Vladivostock and Tien Tsin on account of the Manchuria troubles.

Li Says Legationists Are Alive.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Express, telegraphing yesterday, says:

"Li Hung Chang now states that some of the members of the legations have already left Pekin, and may be expected shortly. He is becoming angry at the scepticism of the consuls.

"The impression is gaining ground here that the Ministers of the powers, to whom China has appealed for mediation, may still be alive. The representatives of France, Japan, Russia and the United States have visited Li Hung Chang, but the others still keep aloof.

U. S. Working With Li.

"The Americans here are indignant over the fact that United States Consul Goodnow has entered into relations with Earl Li, but Mr. Goodnow defends his action on the ground that he is following the instructions of his Government.

"Trade in Shanghai is so paralyzed that the customs revenue will not suffice to secure the payment of the next instalment of the foreign loan.

Preparations for War.

"Meanwhile active preparations in the Yangtse region for war are now in progress, not for war against the rebels, but against foreign powers. Junk loads of Chinese soldiers and Boxers disguised as coolies are arriving here daily. The arsenal is full of arms, and supplies are constantly coming in. The Nankin and Wuchang garrisons are being constantly reinforced; and the Viceroys admit that they cannot much longer withstand the pressure brought to bear by Sheng and Li Hung Chang upon them to join the forces with Prince Tuan.

"It is hoped that the arrival of Admiral Seymour here may stiffen the backs of the southern Viceroys and restore the security of the port.

English Missionaries Murdered.

"Two English missionaries, Miss Whitchurch and Miss Searell, have been murdered at Hsiaoi, in the Province of Shansi. Massacres are also reported from Tai Yuan and Pao Ting Fu."

Britain Did Not Reply.

Last Saturday the Chinese Minister, Sir Chih Chen Lo Feng Luh, handed the Foreign Office a long telegram purporting to come from Emperor Kwang Su soliciting Great Britain's good offices to bring about peace in terms similar to the appeals addressed to President McKinley and President Loubet. Thus far the Government has not replied, as it is felt that, in the present anomalous circumstances, the precise origin of the telegram is doubtful.

Seymour at Shanghai.

Shanghai, July 26.—Admiral Seymour has arrived here, and has been in consultation with the British Consul regarding the situation.

THE TRIADS NOW AT WORK.

Boxers Are an Offshoot of the Triads—An Important Arrest at Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, July 26.—The signs of menacing activity on the part of the secret society known as the Triads are causing alarm. The Boxers are believed to be an offshoot of the Triads, whose ramifications are widespread thruout the southern provinces of China. The organization is distinctly foreign, and numbers of Canton troops are enrolled in its ranks.

Apprehension at Canton.

A report is current in Canton that the Triads are preparing for a night attack on the Shamseen and that the first sign will be the absconding of native servants. The greatest apprehension prevails, altho at present Canton is quiet.

Triads Arrested at Hong Kong.

Many Triads have been arrested in Hong Kong during the last few months. A Chinaman who was arrested on July 8, on a charge of carrying arms, was to-day committed for trial, on the charge of being a member of the Triads. The evidence showed that he has held the rank of second in command in the organization in the two Kwangs, with headquarters at Saikung, a new territory, where he had been active in enrolling members. His arrest, therefore, is of the greatest importance. The insignia upon his person include the highest degrees.

NO LEADER FOR THE ALLIES,

And This Means Delay in Making the Advance on Pekin—Li Lives in an Arsenal.

London, July 26.—While the latest impression derived from the array of conflicting telegrams from the far east is that a portion of the foreign colony at Pekin may have escaped slaughter until a recent date, the general consensus of the best informed opinion of Europe seems to continue to favor the acceptance of the worst news, and prompt action thereon, the contention being that the only possibility of definitely ascertaining the truth is by the allied commanders inquiring at Pekin.

No Leader for the Allies.

Judging from the news from Tien Tsin, however, recording divisions among the admirals there, the prospects for a speedy advance seem to be endangered unless the Governments speedily agree upon a supreme leader.

Li Abides in an Arsenal.

Telegrams from Shanghai report that Li Hung Chang has taken up his abode at the arsenal as a measure of precaution. It is not stated whether he feared attack by Chinese or attempts of the powers to curtail his liberties. Apparently the foreign consuls at Shanghai have informed the Viceroy that unless he should obtain definite despatches from Pekin within five days they would conclude the Ministers had been murdered and act accordingly.

Canadian Missionaries Ill-Used.

Reports are recurrent that a number of missionaries, either American or English, have been murdered in Shansi.

One of the despatches from Shanghai, published here to-day, says: "The Canadian missionaries who escaped from Honan had a terrible experience en route here. The natives everywhere were hostile. The rabble attacked the refugees, beat them and tore the clothes from their backs. The ladies suffered cruel indignities."

Do British Intend to Take Canton?

The despatch continues: "Canton remains comparatively quiet. The natives, however, are beginning to fear that the reinforcements arriving at Hong Kong intend to attack the Bogue forts and occupy the city. The military Mandarin has asked the Colonial Secretary at Hong Kong for assurances that Great Britain does not intend to take Canton."

The Japanese Force.

A despatch received here to-day from Yokohama states that the Japanese division will all be landed at Taku by July 31, and will reach Tien Tsin Aug. 3.

N. S. W. Will Send a Contingent.

The Legislature of New South Wales has resolved to despatch a military contingent to join the imperial forces in China.

LOADING UP THE JAPS.

And Official of the Tsung li Yamen Petitions the Emperor to Supply Legations With Food.

Tokio, Tuesday, July 24.—A message received here from Shanghai yesterday makes the following assertions:

"Yuan Shi Kai, Governor of Shantung, has received a letter from Pekin, dated July 18, declaring that a legation courier was captured by the Chinese guards on July 13, and that thereupon Gen. Yung Lu petitions the throne to employ the courier as a messenger to communicate with the Ministers.

"This was carried out, and a reply was received that all the Ministers were well and were unanimous in favoring the restoration of peace.

"An official of the Tsung li Yamen afterwards visited the legation and interviewed a Minister, and it was subsequently decided to petition the Emperor to supply the legation with food and send them to Tien Tsin.

"Yung Lu is said to have great difficulty in intervening between the foreign soldiers guarding the South Gioka bridge and the Tongo troops on the north side. Fighting has now ceased, however."

POWERS HOLD LI HUNG CHANG.

The Wily Mandarin is Detained at Shanghai Because of His Craftiness.

Shanghai, July 26.—It is understood that the powers have insisted that Li Hung Chang shall remain here for the present. The report is received with general satisfaction, for the Viceroy's shifty attempts to speak reassuringly regarding the condition of the Pekin Ministers, regardless of the absence of facts on which to base optimism, have weakened confidence in his intentions. Some of the Governments having ordered their Consuls to interrogate Li Hung Chang regarding the Pekin situation, the Viceroy promised that definite news would be forthcoming within ten days.

The report that an outbreak is imminent among the Chinese troops in the Yangtse region is presumed here to be a canard.

NEWS VIA ST. PETERSBURG

Says the Russians Killed 200 Chinese and Three Magazines Were Exploded.

St. Petersburg, July 26.—The Russian agent at Hankow telegraphs under date of July 22 as follows:

"Foreigners are in a constant state of panic, owing to the hostility of the natives, who are affected by the events in the northern provinces. The American and British Consuls have recommended their respective people to send their families to Shanghai. Nevertheless there are no symptoms that serious disturbances are impending. The Viceroy has taken all necessary measures to protect foreigners and reassure Chinese."

Russians Fought Them.

The Russian Minister at Seoul, M. Pavloff, reports that the Russian detachment, which left Port Arthur en route to Pyong Yang, reaching Jiju Sunday, July 22, has arrived at Pyong Yang with the loss of 15 killed and many wounded. They fought their way thru opposing natives at the point of the bayonet.

Chinese Troops Raiding.

Gen. Grodekoff, in a despatch dated at Chabarovsk Tuesday, July 24, states that Chinese troops are raiding and looting in the Yalu Valley.

Russia Bombarded Chinese Posts.

Another steamer with Russian troops aboard was bombarded by Chinese from the river bank July 24. Securing reinforcements, the Russian commander returned to the scene and attacked the Chinese posts in the face of a heavy fire. Three magazines were set on fire and exploded. The Chinese lost 300 killed, while the Russians loss was only seven.

A desultory bombardment of Blagovestchensk continues.

The town of Algun has been set on fire by the Russians.

The Chinese at Saghalien have been compelled to retreat and take a fresh entrenched position.

Cossacks have destroyed the Chinese pickets at Nikolsk, Kuprianovsk and Starvlihevsk.

Missionaries Are Safe.

Word has been received by the Local Baptist Mission Board that the American Baptist Missionary Society's headquarters at Swatow have been undisturbed, owing to the heroic efforts of Li Hung Chang. English Baptists in Northern China, with quarters at Wei Hai Wei, complain of continuous attacks.

Blames the Government.

G. Litton of the British Consular service at Chengtu, China, was in town yesterday, and expressed the opinion that the revolution is due to lack of firmness on the part of the Government. The Empire is honeycombed by secret societies, which are a menace to the Government, and can only be suppressed by a strong arm. Li Hung Chang, he says, is the only official who is respected by foreigners, as he always keeps his word. The great danger in the present crisis is that the revolutionists, who are largely recruited from the army and police force, will turn banditti and overrun the Empire, pillaging and murdering without respect to creed or person.

Russia Borrows Money.

London, July 26.—It is reported here that Russia has borrowed nearly ten millions sterling from the Imperial Bank of Russia since the commencement of the troubles in China.

A Cable From Shanghai.

The headquarters of the China Inland Mission in this city received the following cable from the Shanghai station yesterday:

"Shanghai, July 26.—C. H. S. Green wired 14th inst. from Tai Yuen Lu, the capital of Shensi: 'Rioted; no details; Shuen Teh Lu and Wuai Lu rioted; all destroyed; friends safe; escaped to country, but there is danger; officials refuse to do anything; foreign officials powerless to act.'

"Tai Yuen Lu, the capital of the Province of Shensi, is occupied by English and American Baptist missionaries. There are no Canadian missionaries there, the nearest being about 15 miles to the south.

"Shuen Teh Lu and Wuai Lu, the other places mentioned, are in the Province of Chili, of which Pekin is the capital, and are within four days' journey of the capital. A significant fact is to be noted here, that telegraphic communication was open between Shanghai and these places on the 14th inst. If the massacre at Pekin really took place a week before it would almost certainly have been mentioned in this cable.

No Boxers in Corea.

Washington, July 26.—Mr. Ye, the Corean Charge here, took to the State Department this morning a despatch from his Government, denying positively the published stories that the Boxer movement had extended to Corea, or that any Chinese Boxers had crossed the Corean frontier.

More Rioting, More Missions Destroyed.

London, July 26.—A despatch from missionary sources, dated Shanghai, July 26, says:

"Rioting has broken out in Ai Yuen Fu, the capital of the Province of Shan Si. There are no details. Rioting has also occurred at Huai Luh, south of Chili. All the missions have been destroyed. Our friends safely escaped to the country, but are still in danger."

Don't Want Russian Refugees.

Yokohama, July 26.—According to Seoul report, the Corean Government has protested against the presence of Russian refugees at Wiju, but after an audience the Russian representatives agreed to remove them to Port Arthur without delay.

STREET RAILWAY MEN PICNIC.

Results of a Good Program of Sports for Good Prizes at St. Catharines.

About 500 friends and members of the Toronto Railway Electrical and Mechanical Benefit Association went to St. Catharines yesterday on the Lincoln and returned in the evening on the Lakeside.

A thoroly enjoyable day was spent, and the following is the result of the sports:

100 yards dash, members of the society only—Frank Reynolds 1, Pete Shea 2, Joseph Hughes 3.

Running hop, step and jump, open to excursionists—T Boylan, 35 ft. 11 in., 1; C Bedgood, 34 ft. 3 in., 2; J Stewart, 32 ft. 9 in., 3.

Young ladies' egg and spoon race, 25 yards, open to excursionists—Lily Turner 1, Hilda Clark 2.

Throwing baseball, employes only—Strathdee 270 feet, McGowman 245 feet.

Mile race, employes of E. and M. Departments only—W Sinclair 1, J Hughes 2, W Corby 3.

Sack race, employes only—Harry Boylan 1, George Kyle 2, H Cowan 3.

Married ladies' race, wives of Mechanical Department, employes only—Mrs Kyle 1, Mrs Graham 2, Mrs Phillips 3.

Fat men's race, over 200 lbs., employes only—P Coffee 1, J Bird 2, A Manning 3.

Committeemen's race—P Shea 1, F Reynolds 2, G Young 3, A Smith 4, J McGinn 5.

Tug of war, 3 minute pulls, five a side, electrical and mechanical and track and shop men—Won by track and shop men.

Standing long jump, members of society only—Bedgood 1, Sinclair 2, Corby 3.

The prizes consisted of all sorts of useful articles, except for the tug of war, for which $10 cash was given the winners.

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A UNIQUE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

City Commissioner Coatsworth is a Wonderful Man at 75 Years of Age.

City Commissioner Coatsworth celebrated his 75th birthday yesterday, at the Balmy Beach summer cottages of his two sons, Charles E. Coatsworth and Emerson Coatsworth, jr. Only the immediate relatives of the Commissioner in the city were present, but they numbered over 75 persons. A very pleasant afternoon and evening was spent, outdoor amusements of all kinds being indulged in. The grounds and cottages were prettily decorated for the occasion with flags, bunting and Chinese lanterns. The latter, when lighted in the evening, made the place quite picturesque.

Gilonna's orchestra furnished popular music. Substantial refreshments in the form of a supper in the boat house was one of the interesting features of the evening. Mr. Lyonde photographed the family group just at sundown.

Altogether a very happy and joyous time was spent. Commissioner Coatsworth is never more at home than when surrounded by some of his 25 grandchildren. He was the recipient of many congratulations on attaining 75 years, and his hale, hearty manner indicative of good health and spirits is a source of great gratification to his many friends.

Before the party broke up reference was made to the Commissioner's long life in Toronto, where he has spent nearly 50 years, and during the greater number of them has occupied with much honor and usefulness various public positions of importance.

Had the Commissioner's relatives outside of Toronto attended, there would have been several hundred persons present. The affair, while most successful, was really impromptu. District Fire Chief Smedley, who was so seriously injured at the fire last Sunday, is the Commissioner's nephew by marriage, and until he was pronounced practically out of danger all preparations for the gathering were suspended.

COL. HERCHMER IN KINGSTON.

Feels That He Was Badly Treated by Gen. Hutton—Gunner Cummings Tired of Soldiering.

Kingston, Ont., July 26.—Lieut.-Col. Herchmer, formerly inspector of the Northwest Mounted Police, and latterly in command of the second battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles, in South Africa, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Herchmer, Earl-street. The colonel had nothing to say for publication. Colonel Herchmer feels that he was most unjustly treated by General Hutton.

Gunner Cummings of A Battery has applied for his discharge. He has served in the battery four years. He says he is leaving because he is not satisfied with barracks life.

The war in China will not have any effect at present on the Kingston cotton mill, the product of which is almost entirely for local consumption.

COAL IS WAR MATERIAL,

According to the View of Mr. Balfour, British First Lord of the Treasury.

London, July 26.—In connection with the scare created by the immense quantities of steam coal leaving Great Britain for France, admittedly for the use of the French navy, Mr. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, significantly pointed out in the House to-day that the bill before Parliament to prohibit the exportation of war munitions applied to coal as well as to other military stores.

Passed the Lords.

In the House of Lords the bill prohibiting the exportation of arms and munitions of war passed its third reading.

REGIS BLAMED THE JEWS.

The Notorious Ex-Mayor of Algiers Secured an Acquittal Along With His Friends.

Draguignan, France, July 26.—The trial of Max Regis and 11 of his friends terminated to-day with the acquittal of the accused. Regis is the notorious Jew-baiter and ex-Mayor of Algiers, who barricaded his house and held it against the police of Paris for several weeks, soon after M. Guerin had done a similar thing during the Dreyfus affair.

Regis dropped his heroic character in the dock and pleaded that the affair had been exaggerated, and that no shots were fired at the police. He threw the whole blame upon the Jews.

YOUNG ENGLISHMAN MISSING.

Henry Alford of Good Address and Habits Has Disappeared From London, Ont.

London, Ont., July 26.—A young Englishman named Henry Alfred, who has recently been employed at Gorman & Eckert's spice mills, has mysteriously disappeared, nothing having been seen of him for over a week. He owes nothing in the city, not even his boarding-house keeper, and was a young man of good address and habits, who came to Canada some time ago to learn farming, but being unsuited to the work came to the city and secured employment with the firm named above. He constantly received allowances from the Old Country, receiving a remittance July 10. Since then nothing has been heard of him.

A VICTORY IN ASHANTEE.

Col. Morland's Force Attacked a Large War Camp, Carried It and Razed the Town.

Bekwai, Ashantee, July 26.—Col. Morland, under instructions from Col. Willcocks, with a force of infantry and five guns, attacked a large war camp at Kokotu. With a brilliant charge the stockades were rushed before the enemy had time to occupy them, and therefore they were forced to evacuate the town. A large amount of ammunition and arms were captured. The town was then razed, thus removing an important obstacle on Col. Willcocks' flank.

WINNIPEG FAIR BOOMING

Notwithstanding Poor Crops the Attendance Has Been the Largest on Record.

Winnipeg, July 26.—To-day was citizens' day at the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition. The Canadian Pacific brought enormous crowds to the city, and as the day was a half holiday in Winnipeg the grounds were crowded. It is estimated over 35,000 people passed the turnstiles during the day. Despite the partial crop failure this year, the attendance at the Exhibition is the largest on record.

LITTLE DAUGHTER KILLED.

Lightning Struck the House of Mr. C. H. McNash, Near Lyn, Ont., Yesterday.

Brockville, Ont., July 26.—A severe thunderstorm passed over this section this afternoon, during which lightning struck a house near Lyn, occupied by C. H. McNash. His little daughter was instantly killed, and his wife received a bad shock, but is recovering.

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Miss Minnie McConvey of Dundas-street has gone on a visit to Chatsworth.

MANITOBA LICENSE HOLDERS ARE AFTER THE GOVERNMENT

They Point Out the Hardships That Will Be Imposed on Them by the Prohibitory Law and Ask a Stay—Provincial Labor Party Proposed—Quick Death.

Winnipeg, July 26.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Liquor License Association today, over 60 members from all parts of the province were in attendance. Representatives of the press were excluded. A large number of resolutions were passed protesting against the prohibition action of the Government, the concluding one being:

"Resolved, that the action of the Government in refusing to meet the requests of members of this association is much regretted by this meeting; and, resolved, that this meeting do impress on the Government the fact that great financial loss will be occasioned, not only to the members of this association, but to the trade and business interests generally, thruout the province, thru the action of the Government in fixing the date of the coming into effect of the bill at a time before the result of the reference to the courts can be known, and that the Government be respectfully urged to at once give such assurance in this respect as will allay the distrust occasioned by the coming into effect of the act on the date fixed, and to assure those interested a reasonable time after the bill has been declared 'intra vires' in case that should be the result of the reference within which to dispose of their assets, and to avoid needless disasters which will otherwise be occasioned by the legislation, should the courts decline the act in question beyond the jurisdiction of the Legislature."

A Provincial Labor Party.

At a public meeting last night, addressed by Mr. Puttee, M.P., and others, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"In view of the unanimity of both the Liberal and the Conservative parties in bonusing and protecting private corporations, and granting large subsidies of public moneys to railway corporations; and in view of the fact that the general policy of both parties tends to increase the power and add to the already dominating influence of the financial and vested interests established in this country, to the detriment and injury of the mass of its workers and producers. Be it

"Resolved, that this meeting deems it advisable, and proceeds to organize a party thruout this province, with a constitution and platform of principles similar to that of the Winnipeg labor party, and affiliated with them."

Lineman Instantly Killed.

A sad and fatal accident happened at the Exhibition grounds, when William Clark, a lineman in the employ of the Electric Street Railway Company, received the full current of 2000 volts, and fell to the ground a dead man.

BOERS STRONGER THAN BRITISH IN HILLS SOUTH OF BETHLEHEM

The British Were Compelled to Retire From Some of Their Positions With About Fifty Casualties, Lord Roberts Reports.

London, July 26.—Lord Roberts reports to the War Office to-day that General Archibald Hunter's command was heavily engaged July 24 and 25, in the hills south of Bethlehem. The Boers compelled the British to retire from some of their positions, with about 50 casualties. At last accounts Gen. Hunter had worked around behind the federals, while Gen. Hector MacDonald and Gen. Bruce Hamilton were in front.

BOERS BROKE AND FLED.

They Have No Show Against the Different Divisions of Roberts' Great Army.

London, July 26.—Lord Roberts reports to the War Office, under date of Balmoral, July 25, as follows:

"We marched here yesterday without seeing the enemy.

"The Boers on July 24 engaged French and Hutton, six miles south of Balmoral. While Alderson's mounted infantry attacked the Boers' right, French made a turning movement around their left. Seeing their retreat threatened, the Boers broke and fled. French and Hutton followed, and proposed to cross Olphant's River today, at Nauwpoort. Our casualties were one wounded."

Lieut. Stevenson Invalided.

London, July 26.—Veterinary-Lieut. Stevenson was invalided home on the 20th inst.

RALLY IN SOUTH WATERLOO

Big Meeting of Conservatives in the Interests of Mr. Geo. Clare, the Standard-Bearer.

MR. N. F. DAVIN THE CHIEF SPEAKER

He Shows Up the Extravagance of Messrs. Tarte and Sifton—The Liberal Boast Refuted.

Hespeler, Ont., July 26.—(Special.)—The cause of Conservatism in South Waterloo received a decided impetus by the gigantic rally that was held here this evening in Glick's Hall. From all over the riding came people, and the interest that was manifested was intense, and augurs well for the success of Mr. George Clare, the party's candidate, in whose interests the meeting was held. The hall was packed with an attentive and intelligent audience, and one thing noticeable was the large number of ladies present, who seemed to take just as much interest as anybody.

Mr. Davin the Chief Speaker.

The feature of the evening was the address of Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin, M.P. For over two hours and a half he enthralled his hearers, and until the meeting broke up, which was nearly midnight, hardly a person left his seat. It was a great Conservative gathering, and prominent workers say that the party was never so closely united or in better condition for a struggle than now.

On the Platform.

The chair was occupied by Thomas Shaw, president of the local association, and among those on the platform were: Nicholas Flood Davin, M.P.; A. W. Brodie, George Pattinson, Preston; A. W. Wright, Conservative organizer; R. O. McCulloch, Galt, president South Waterloo Conservative Association; William A. Kribs, M.L.A.; Dr. McIntyre, William Cowan, Galt; Harry Howell, Galt; Dr. Vardon, Galt.

Mr. Kribs' Speech.

The chairman, in his opening remarks, was brief, and made way for Mr. William A. Kribs, M.L.A. That gentleman was pleased, he said, to see such a large number of ladies present. It showed that they were interested in the country's affairs. The speaker did not, he explained, intend to make a lengthy speech, but promised to appear before his constituents at another time, when he would endeavor to show why the people of South Waterloo should unite and maintain the National Policy.

The Standard-Bearer.

Mr. George Clare, the standard-bearer for South Waterloo, was cordially welcomed on rising to speak. He, too, was pleased, he said, at seeing such a large number of ladies

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To-Day's Program.

Sergeants' Mess, 48th Highlanders, Moonlight Excursion, on steamer Chippewa, 8.30 p.m.

Labor Day Committee meets in Richmond Hall at 8 p.m.

City Travelers' Association regular meeting, 8 p.m.

License Commissioners meet at 3 p.m.

Special meeting of Collegiate Institute Board at 8 p.m.

Hanlan's Point, illuminated balloon ascension, evening.

Munro Park, vaudeville, afternoon and evening.

Baseball, Worcester v. Toronto, Hanlan's Point, 3.40 p.m.

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THE INDIAN BUDGET DOWN.

Lord George Hamilton Commends the Patience of the Famine-Stricken People.

LATEST REPORTS NOT CHEERING

While a Credit Balance is Shown, Remissions Will Turn It Into a Deficit.

London, July 26.—In introducing the Indian budget in the House of Commons today, the Secretary for India, Lord George Hamilton, commended the patience, resignation, courage and abstention from crime with which 52,000,000 of people in the stricken area have faced famine. The latest reports from India, His Lordship said, were anything but satisfactory. On the other hand, there were certain compensating advantages in the shape in which the revenue year closed. There was, he said, a substantial credit balance of £2,870,000, but the famine expenditure and remission of taxation would turn this into a deficit of £626,000. The Government proposed to apply the unexpended balance of £3,000,000 of the former loan towards relief. This would, he hoped, meet all demands. If the resources of India did not suffice to save the lives of the famine stricken, then an appeal would be made to the Imperial exchequer.

In the last two years, Lord George Hamilton said, £13,000,000 had been expended in famine relief.

BIRMINGHAM AND SUTHERLAND

Had a Four-Hours' Conference at Ottawa—Col. Stone's Resignation to be Accepted.

Ottawa, July 26.—(Special.)—On Thursday, July 19, Mr. Robert Birmingham was in Ottawa, and held a long midnight conference with Hon. James Sutherland. The secrets of that more than four hours' confab between the once rival organizers are wrapt in their own bosoms, as it was held by night, instead of by daylight, Mr. Birmingham did not register at any of his customary haunts.

Col. Stone's Resignation.

It is stated that the Minister of Militia has decided to accept Lieut.-Col. Stone's resignation. Military circles express no half-tone opinions of the gallant colonel's conduct in trying to force the hands of the authorities by writing to Lord Minto direct. His Excellency, it is stated, merely forwarded the correspondence, and informed Col. Stone he had done so. The feeling against giving the best paid positions in the Canadian militia to drawing-room officers of the Imperial army is growing much stron ger here than it was.

To Welcome the Boys Home.

The 43rd Regiment is arranging to meet the first contingent at Quebec, on their return home.

Mr. Scott's Holiday.

Hon. R. W. Scott leaves for Charlottetown, P.E.I., to attend his son's wedding. Afterwards he will take a long and much-needed holiday at one of the Atlantic bathing places.

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LOCAL TOPICS.

Silver-mounted walking sticks reduced to forty-five cents each. Alive Bollard.

The Toronto Horticultural Society's flower show will be held at St. George's Hall, Aug. 7 and 8.

Hamilton members of the Sons of England will hold a demonstration at Munro Park on Saturday, Aug. 4. Toronto brethren will join and a grand patriotic gathering is expected.

GERALD SIFTON IS NOW IN CUSTODY AT LONDON

Startling Developments Have Come to the Front in the Case of the Death of Joseph Sifton of Arva.

Walter Herbert, Aged 18, the Hired Man, Is Also Under Arrest, and Is Alleged to Have Confessed That He and Gerald Killed the Latter's Father.

London, July 26.—As a result of the investigation into the cause of the death of the late Joseph Sifton, Arva, the son, Gerald Sifton, and Walter Herbert, the hired man, were placed under arrest at 2 o'clock this morning to await the result of the preliminary trial before Squire Smyth.

An Alleged Confession.

Since the arrest of the young men rumors have been rife that a confession had been made by the boy Herbert. The alleged confession made by the boy, according to the statement of a crown authority, was not one made to the officials before or since his arrest, but consists of statements made to witnesses, who will be produced.

These statements were to the effect that Sifton and the boy discussed and arranged the details of the crime on the morning of Sifton's death, while they were milking cows in the shed. When the elder Sifton was called to the barn he came up the ladder in the hay mow. Herbert struck him the first blow with the side of the axe, but his heart failed him, and he dropped the axe and grabbed the old man's arm to keep him from falling. Young Sifton then grabbed the axe and struck two or three blows, then drew the old man up thru the ladder hole and struck a couple of more blows as he lay on the floor. The two then carried the unconscious man across the floor, and threw him thru the hole in the gable to the ground below. They then went down and placed the axe and some bricks under the head. Sifton then told the boy to run and tell the neighbors, while he got a doctor.

Say They Can Prove an Alibi.

Barrister T. W. Scandrett, who was this morning called in by Sifton and Herbert, says he asked the boy if he had made any incriminating statements, and this the boy denied doing. Mr. Scandrett had a long conversation with the prisoners, and says that Sifton tells a straightforward story of his movements and actions on the night preceding, and the morning of Sifton's death. This he claims to be able to substantiate by evidence, and is confident of clearing himself of the dreadful charge.

The prisoners will appear before Squire Smyth for preliminary examination next Thursday, Aug. 2.

What the Accused Looked Like.

Gerald Sifton is a tall, slimly built man of about 30 years of age. He has a prepossessing manner. Herbert, who has just reached man's estate, is short and rugged-looking. His home is in the 2nd con. of Biddulph, about 2½ miles beyond Lucan, where his father and stepmother live. He however spent much of his life with his grandmother, Mrs. Crawley of St. Johns. Both are of fair complexion. The arrests took place last night at 10 o'clock, the prisoners arriving here at 2 o'clock. Mr. T. W. Scandrett has been retained as counsel for the defence.

Murray is Mum.

Government Detective Murray refuses to discuss the case at all. He would neither deny nor admit that Herbert, the hired man, had made a confession. It seems to be the consensus of opinion, however, that a confession has been made.

HERBERT'S REPUTATION GOOD.

Since His Father's Second Marriage He Has Been Raving About the Country.

Lucan, July 26.—Walter Herbert, the 18-year-old boy, who, by his alleged confession, is implicated in the killing of old man Sifton at Arva on June 30, is a son of William Herbert, a respectable farmer living on the 2nd con. of Biddulph. His mother is dead, and, after his father's second marriage three years ago, the boy left home, and has been roving around the country working with the farmers. The boy's reputation was good, and his present trouble is a terrible shock to his father. The news of old man Sifton's expected marriage to the girl McFarlane was kept a secret, it being supposed she was engaged to marry a young man in the same neighborhood.

Gerald Not Disinherited.

The rumor that Sifton had made a will, in which he disinherited his son Gerald, turned out to be untrue. The matter was talked over the evening before the tragedy, but no alterations were made to the will, in which he left all to his son and brother.

BUILDING WILL BE RUSHED

North and South Railway From Sand Creek to Golden, B.C., to Be Hurried Along.

WAR MAY HAVE HAD AN EFFECT

In Causing the C. P. R. Co. to Reach the Decision to Push Forward the Work.

Montreal, July 26.—(Special.)—Mr. C. F. Hannington, C.E., has just made an important survey for the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is in connection with the building of the North and South Railway from Sand Creek, on the Crow's Nest line, to Golden, on the main line of the C.P.R. While the idea of building the road is not by any means new, still it was not generally expected that work would be completed for some time to come. There seems now, however, a prospect that the Chinese war may be partially responsible for much earlier action than originally intended. Should it be deemed advisable to put a large fleet in Pacific waters, there seems to be little doubt that the Crow's Nest line would be used. This idea has already been favorably commented upon by the Admiralty. It is also desirable to have a thru line to the coast, in order that the product of the mines may be laid down at Vancouver at a minimum cost. The building of this road will mean much to the mining industry, not only of Southeast Kootenay, but to the Windermere country.

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Grand & Toy's Snaps.

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Pember's Turkish Baths reopened after thorough renovation, 127-129 Yonge.

Peary Steamer Sets Sail.

St. John's, Nfld., July 26.—The Peary relief steamer Windward, which entered the harbor of Port Aux Basques Monday, July 23, to repair machinery that had been disabled, resumed her voyage to Greenland by way of the Straits of Belle Isle at daybreak to-day, the repairing of the machinery having been effected.

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A Baron From Russia.

A transient visitor in the city yesterday was Baron Rosen, Russian Consul to Japan, who arrived by C.P.R. express from Owen Sound and left for the Falls. The Baron declined to express an opinion on the situation in China, but expressed pleasure at what he had seen of the country since his arrival at Vancouver. He may return to this side before crossing the Atlantic.

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For Children.

Not many merchants make a specialty of children's goods. The W. & D. Dineen Company, however, always watch out for the youngster's needs. Have you seen their exhibit of new fall and mid-summer children's hats? If not it will pay you to call any day, and Saturday until 10 o'clock at night.

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DEATHS.

HAGARTY—At the House of Providence, on July 25, 1900, Abigail, relict of the late Dennis Hagarty of Arthur-street, Toronto.

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PREMIER IN MONTREAL.

Had a Good Many Callers, Including a Number Who Had Axes to Grind.

Montreal, July 26.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier spent the day in the city and was waited upon by a good many people who had axes to grind. The Premier also looked into the matter of the many claimants to the Lachine Canal superintendency.

A Chance to Get a Grey Fedora.