

China Objects

To Any Further Concessions to France by Siam.

Residents of India Want Lord Lansdowne to Remain.

A Plague of Wasps in England, France and Germany.

Mrs. Gladstone Discovered Making Tea for Her Husband—No Telephone Monopoly—Hardships at Aldershot.

An Election Protest.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—A petition has been lodged against the return of Mr. Cooke, who defeated Mr. Pulley (Gladstonian) in the recent election in Hereford.

World's Fair—1900.

PARIS, Sept. 11.—An official decree has been issued announcing that an international exposition will be held in France in 1900. Alfred Picard is named as commander general.

Cholera in Constantinople.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—A dispatch to the Times from Constantinople says: "Cholera has broken out in the Central Prison here in the French municipality and in Pera, and in the lunatic asylum in Scutari. About 25 cases are reported daily. The mortality is about 50 per cent. Business is much killed."

Big Crop of Cotton.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—According to the Alexandria correspondent of the Times the Egyptian cotton crop is steadily increasing. The crop reached 5,250,000 cantars (a cantar is a little over 99 pounds) in the year ended Sept. 1, as against 4,750,000 cantars in the year ended Sept. 1, 1892.

Progress of Cholera.

BUDAPEST, Sept. 11.—The Catholic Congress fixed to open in Theresopolis today has been prohibited by the Hungarian Minister of the Interior owing to the prevalence of cholera.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Isolated cases of cholera continue to be reported in the Netherlands.

A Smashing Mob.

MADRID, Sept. 11.—A riot broke out in San Sebastian on Saturday during a fire in a popular quarter. A mob forcibly entered the municipal building and after destroying the furniture threw everything out of the windows. The residences of the mayor and the leading councillors were treated in the same way. The mob was finally dispersed by troops.

Rioting in England.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—There was serious rioting in Whitechapel, Cumberland, Saturday evening. A mob went through the streets smashing the windows of houses and electric street lamps. The mob was finally scattered by the police. Soldiers were sent to the police's assistance from Carlisle. The police are now armed with batons and are not of fighting a small riot.

Increase in German Taxes.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—The Standard's Berlin correspondent says: "The German government calculates that the imperial revenue will be increased 100,000,000 marks by the proposed wine, tobacco and house taxes. This correspondent also says that the elevation of Herr Schorlemer to be a cavalry captain in the reserve has caused a sensation in German Catholic circles. The Emperor invited him to a gala dinner in Cologne last week and conversed with him long and cordially."

India's Finances.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—The Calcutta correspondent of the Times says: "Bitter complaints are heard on all sides against Lord Kimberley's action in regard to council drafts. It is asserted that he ignores all suggestions from India, and appears to be callous to the financial troubles of the country. The mercantile public are now afraid to do business, and the banks are afraid to tender bids for drafts. The opinion grows that the management of home remittances ought to be removed from his hands, and intrusted to an appointee of India."

Gone Back to Work.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—The miners of North Staffordshire have gone back to work at old wages.

More Cholera in England.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—A death from Asiatic cholera was reported today from Retford, county of Nottingham.

A River Calamity.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 11.—The steamer Shermokha has been burned on the river Volga. Fifteen of the crew and twelve passengers were burned or drowned.

China on Her Dignity.

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—The Foreign Office is informed that the Chinese Government is preparing a protest against France's new aggression in Siam, and has given orders that the Chinese squadron of ironclads be made ready to sail at a moment's notice.

Big Compensation.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—The enormous increase in the sums paid for compensation for loss of and damage to goods by the railway companies is attracting attention. While in the past half year the London and North-Western Railway paid £3,248 as compensation to passengers injured, it paid £30,475 for loss of and damage to goods. The Midland Railway in the same period paid £18,335 for damage and loss of goods—nearly three times what it paid for personal injury to passengers.

Bad Provisions for Troops.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—A letter has been received from a volunteer who was engaged in the recent maneuvers at Aldershot, in which some extraordinary statements are made. The heat had a serious effect upon the men who were exposed to it. The men

"fought like wild beasts for a bucket of dirty water," and "fell down by ranks" on the return to camp after spending several hours in hard work under scorching sun. The writer of the letter says that several deaths from sunstroke occurred. His statements will no doubt be investigated.

No Telephonic Monopoly.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—The Postmaster-General has yielded to the public clamor caused by the suspicion that he had conceded too much in the negotiations with the National Telephone Company. He has promised the House of Commons that the agreement with the company would be laid on the table before being signed, and in all probability that will be equivalent to its rejection. A good deal of the credit of this victory over the combined forces of the tape and monopoly belongs to the corporation of Glasgow, which first raised the cry that local rights and privileges all over the country were threatened by the projected arrangement, and then proceeded to organize all the municipal bodies into a sort of anti-monopoly league. This movement is not now likely to stop short of municipalization or nationalization of the telephone system.

A Boating Nuisance.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Some time ago the managers of a public library at Aston, finding their institution blocked and turned into a beer garden every day by crowds of ill-mannered boaters who used the place simply to study the betting lists and learn the results of the horse racing, decided to abate the nuisance by blocking out such news as la Russa. The plan, it is asserted, has succeeded pretty well, and at the annual congress of the Librarians' Association, held at Aberdeen this week, the Aston librarian proposed its general adoption. The proposal did not meet with much approval and it was not pressed to a vote. Several librarians expressed the opinion that boating men were "a nasty set of ruffians" and ought to be excluded from public reading rooms, but the majority decided that the blocking-out system saved too much of Russian methods.

Plague of Wasps.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—The wasp plague in Cambridgeshire increases in intensity. E. T. Manton, county councillor, of Peterborough, was driving between Mepal and Ely, when both he and his horse were attacked by a swarm of red hornets. Mr. Manton leaped from his dog cart and fled. The horse was stung so severely that it dashed its head against the ground in its vain endeavors to beat off its assailants. It was placed under a veterinary surgeon. In the same district a swarm of wasps made an onslaught on a man and horse at Queney Farm. The man was so badly stung that medical aid had to be obtained and the tortured horse plunged into a dyke.

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—The farmers of the Rhein-Hessen and the Lower Rhine are suffering from a plague of wasps. These insects swoop down in clouds upon the fruit trees and play havoc with the fruit.

PARIS, Sept. 11.—The fruit on the Champs-Élysées du Roi at Fontainebleau was valued at July at 2,200 francs, but it has been sold for only 1,600 francs. This fall in value is owing to the injury wrought by wasps on the grapes.

Mrs. Gladstone Makes Tea.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—It must have been a pretty sight, Mrs. Gladstone preparing her husband's afternoon tea at Croydon on his way down to Dorchester. The couple were in a special saloon carriage, and the young lady was sitting in the front of the train, and boiling a little kettle. By that mysterious process by which news travels and is propagated it had become known that the Prime Minister and his wife were on the way by train, and the platform was soon filled with admirers of the old statesman. Their presence was quite unlooked for, and on the train drawing up at Croydon Mrs. Gladstone was surprised to find a crowd of preparing tea. It is one of the incidents which will live in history, and historians of later generations will delight to dwell upon it for its human interest, and the fact that the old statesman and his wife were on the way by train, and the platform was soon filled with admirers of the old statesman. Their presence was quite unlooked for, and on the train drawing up at Croydon Mrs. Gladstone was surprised to find a crowd of preparing tea. It is one of the incidents which will live in history, and historians of later generations will delight to dwell upon it for its human interest, and the fact that the old statesman and his wife were on the way by train, and the platform was soon filled with admirers of the old statesman.

Fire Record.

SPRINGFIELD, Wash., Sept. 11.—The Spokane exhibition building, which cost \$100,000 was burned last night. No insurance.

MOUNT VERNON, Ind., Sept. 11.—The elevator of the W. C. Fisher Mining Co. was burned last night. The mine was closed for several days.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Sept. 11.—The Empire State Knitting Mills resumed work today after a suspension of one month.

JOHN VEDERHOF & CO., manufacturers of women's underwear, also resumed operations today.

ERIE, Pa., Sept. 11.—The Erie Forge Works resumed this morning.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—In the trial cup yacht race today the Vigilant won, with the Colonia second, Jubilee third, and the Philomel fourth. The Vigilant will defend America's cup against the Valkyrie.

The steamer Flora will make her last trip for the season on Thursday morning, 14th inst., going from Port Stanley to Detroit, where she will be taken to the States and transferred to the Port of Michigan.

Such a novelty as the entertainment presented in Victoria Hall last evening by the Orphan Hand-Bell Ringers of Dr. Bernard's home deserved a large audience. The musical part of the programme consisted of harmonies delightfully rendered on the bells, music on the bagpipes, dulcimer and xylophone, and singing by the boys. Some of the rescue work and around the homes were shown by stereopticon views and explained by Mr. James B. Wooley. The unique entertainment will be repeated this evening, with variations.

Judge Elliot's Bicycle Decision.

Stratford Herald (Conservative). The decision of Judge Elliot, of London, in the suit of a bicyclist who was run into by a cart driven by an alderman should not be allowed to stand unchallenged. In the case in point the driver of the wagon was on the wrong side of the road, with the cyclist on the right, and the cart was destroyed. According to the newspaper reports the learned judge in giving his decision said that bicyclists were entitled to "no sympathy." Wheelmen do not want sympathy, but they must have justice. The bicycle has ceased to be a plaything and occupies the same place in the lives of a small army of men as does the horse, and it is as much a means of individual rapid transit as is the horse. It is constantly becoming more general, and if there is not now a law to protect riders of the silent steed means of protection should be found at once. Bicyclists should have the same rights as any other vehicle. Judge Elliot's decision "must go."

Robert Seath, an old and highly re-

spected citizen of Montreal, died Monday morning. Deceased, who was a life-long Liberal and a prominent free trader, was born in Cupar county, town of Fyfe, Scotland, and came to Montreal 61 years ago. He was an ardent Scot'sman and one of the founders of the Celtic Society. The first steamer ship, the new Franco-Canadian line, the Orléans, has arrived in Montreal with 88 passengers, all but six bound for the Northwest. She is the largest boat that ever entered the Port of Montreal, being 347 feet long, 40 feet wide, and 3,000 tons. She contains accommodation for 1,500 people.

Mrs. E. B. Eddy, of Hull, wife of the celebrated match manufacturer, is dead. She was a member of the Methodist Church and was noted for her charitable works rather than for her devotion to society, although her home was one of the most luxurious in eastern Canada. She was a native of Bristol, Vermont, and her body will be sent on Tuesday afternoon for burial.

The two railways in Montreal are much dissatisfied with the refusal of the Dominion Government to ratify the agreement made between the American ship and the representative companies, and A. M. Burgess, Deputy-Minister of the Interior, to the effect that all immigrants landing on the side were to be inspected by an official rather than by the railway officials.

The United States Alien Contract Law.

The imports of gold at New York last week amounted to \$2,556,465.

Mrs. Halliday, the woman charged with the triple murder at Monticello, N. Y., is reported to have made a partial confession, implicating two men.

Charles Robinson, assistant editor of the North American Review, it is said, has been appointed Assistant-Secretary of State for the United States.

The executive committee of the Irish National League has issued a manifesto declaring its lack of faith in Mr. Gladstone and his Home Rule Bill, and urging a coalition to formulate a plan for united action.

The steamer Empress of China brings to San Francisco Chinese and Japanese advices as follows: The steamer Wago Maru was on her way to Amizima on Aug. 24, when her boiler exploded, causing the vessel to sink. Eighty passengers are missing.

The funeral of Hamilton Fish, American Secretary of State under General Grant, took place at Garrison, N. Y., on Monday.

MARRIED IN WRITING.

Singular Wedding Ceremony Performed on Paper.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 11.—Miss Nellie Bean and Mr. W. D. Dougherty are married. The ceremony was performed on paper, and the couple in the holy bonds of matrimony. The justice wrote the marriage down. When everything was in readiness for the ceremony he handed the paper to the young lady. As she read the questions she would answer "Yes" and designate with her finger the one she answered.

The paper was then given to Mr. Dougherty. Opposite the questions was left blank space enough for him to write the answer to each question, which was properly done. After the ceremony had been performed and Judge Orr had put on the little slip of paper these words: "I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above-named couple have been lawfully married according to the rites and ceremonies of the Gospel."

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At St. Thomas.

The Railroad City Warmly Greets Hon. Mr. Laurier.

An Immense Audience and Splendid Speeches.

The Young Liberal Fleet Captures the City—Hon. Mr. Laurier, M.P., Receives an Ovation—Hon. D. Mills, James Sutherland, M.P., Dr. Wilson and J. S. Willison Speak—The Leader's Eloquent Address.

Those who attended the mass meeting held in Laurier's honor at St. Thomas last evening were amply compensated. They had the pleasure of hearing two of the foremost exponents of Liberalism in the Canadian House of Commons. There was the popular eloquence, with his captivating manner, and there was the Hon. David Mills, possessing two of the principal requisites of the efficient parliamentarian, a firm grasp of public questions and a clear, incisive mode of delivery.

HON. WILFRED LAURIER.

Mr. Laurier's speech was in answer to a brace of addresses which had been presented—one by Mr. Hugh Williams on behalf of the St. Thomas Young Men's Liberal Club, and the other by Mr. A. St. Clair Leach, voicing the sentiments of the West Elgin Reform Association. He spoke throughout in that polished chastity of style so characteristic of him. He had a kind word to say for the platform—Wilson, Hyman and Mills. Dr. Wilson was a man of his own opinions, and a man who had such a large place in his heart, the member-elect for London. This observation provoked great enthusiasm. The audience cheered tumultuously a man of "encyclopedic mind."

Mr. Laurier dealt mainly with the trade issues before the country. The emigration of Canada's population in large numbers to the States is a fact of enormous importance. He could not understand emigration from Great Britain and other parts of Europe, where there is a surfeited population, but he could not comprehend an emigration from Canada. It was, he said, the duty of every friend and foe of the Liberal party, irrespective of political creed, to stand by the country and help raise it from the slough of retrogression into which it had fallen.

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