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ABOUT TRAIL CREEK.

Customs Inspector Wanted on the Steamboats—Heavy Demand for Lumber

Yankee to the Backbone—Track-laying into Roseland—Important Mining Deal.

Trail, Oct. 16.—(Special)—On Tuesday, while making the trip from Northport to this place, I inquired if there was a customs inspector on board the steamer whose duty it was to examine the passengers' luggage? The answer was in the negative. The boat was so densely crowded with passengers that the legend, "Standing room only," after the fashion of theatres when a popular player is on the boards, might have been displayed before the steamer left Northport. The trip lasted three and a half hours, and there were three and a half hours of jostling and discomfort. One allowance, however, must be made for the increase in the traffic, which from a very small beginning has assumed in less than twelve months proportions that tax to their utmost the facilities at the command of the navigation company. The company do all in their power to meet the unexpected demand on their resources, but like the hotels and business houses in this marvelous country, the steamboat men have been taken by surprise and nearly overwhelmed by the suddenness and magnitude of the strain. But no such excuse can be urged in extension of the neglect of the government to place on the steamboats plying between foreign and British ports a customs officer whose duty it shall be to open and examine baggage while the boats are en route, and so prevent confusion, delay and discomfort before the arrival of the vessels at Trail. There were 200 passengers on board, and while the duty of inspection could have been performed with ease before we reached Trail, we were lined up and forced to open our boxes and grip-sacks and rummage on their contents, while the railway train, snorting and shrieking and so added to the confusion and excitement. It is due to the officers of the customs to say that they performed their duties in a courteous manner, but the department is too short-handed to admit of efficiency and dispatch. Will not the Yolo-Cariboo member exert himself to bring about a change which will allow a customs officer to board?

A sawmill is in active operation on the trail. Rough lumber sells at \$12 per thousand, dressed at \$18. Rafts of timber arrive almost daily from above. And here arises a question: Is this timber cut on government land? and if so, is there any check upon the loggers? reports reach me that the lumbermen are given a free hand, and that, even in the special act have not been complied with, a wholesale denudation of the best wealth is in progress. This is a matter that should be investigated. After the best timber shall have disappeared will scarcely be the time to institute an inquiry.

The harmony which exists between the natives of the various countries gathered in the camps of Kootenay is most commendable. The American element is still largely in the ascendancy, but Canadians and English are pouring into the country and quietly possessing themselves of such mining claims as may strike their fancy, either by pre-emption or purchase. Many Americans who have decided to remain in the province have either become, or are preparing to become, British subjects, and valuable and loyal citizens they will make. But that foolish prejudice against Britons and insinuations exists in the minds of some persons the following incident will show: On the train from Spokane an old lady rode to Northport. She was at least 80 years of age—probably 90 would be nearer the mark. As she was very feeble her fellow passengers assisted her from the train to the steamer, carrying her wraps and hand-baggage. In the steamer's saloon she was given an easy chair and a cup of tea. The tea seemed to make her garrulous, for she presently opened her verbal battery and discharged a volley of uncomplimentary epithets against the men Britishers. "I never did like 'em, and to think that in my old age I've got to come and live among 'em! It's too bad. My father fit in the last war agin them Britishers, and I ain't got over the fighin' feelin' yet and I never shall."

A bright little Canadian matron who sat near bridled up instantly and with flashing eye exclaimed, "Madam, I don't know who you are, but if you were not so old I would tell you that in British Columbia you will enjoy in your old age that peace and security which is denied you in your own country, and I would add that your remarks are in bad taste considering that you are surrounded by them Britishers' and are now under their flag."

Someone in the crowd cried "Hear, hear!" The old lady said no more, and I observed when the time came for leaving the boat that the officers who had been assiduous in helping her on board stood aloof, and upon the others who had devoted the task of assisting her ashore with her traps.

Mr. Corbin is pushing his road into Roseland in a proceeding which is proceeding with commendable rapidity. By the tenth of next month a passenger car will embark in a parlor car at Roseland and reach Spokane early the same evening. A ferry will be established at Northport until a bridge can be built. The C.P.R. is badly handicapped for want of direct daily communication with Trail Creek. Sir William must get a move on him or the American lines will capture and forever hold the trade of this magnificent country.

I have before remarked upon the cheapness of goods here and at Roseland. Articles are so low-priced that I fail to see where any profit is realized by the shop keeper.

Among the on dit-to-day are the sale of the Sovereign mine on Lookout mountain for \$100,000 to a London syndicate, and the purchase of fifty or more lots at Roseland by the C.P.R. for railway terminus purposes.

MURDERER AT LARGE.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 19.—(Special)—Bad Young Man, the Indian murderer, is still at large. He was tracked by the police and Indians to the head of Belly river, sixty miles from Macleod on Saturday, and surrounded in about five hundred acres of thick brush. His house, tent, square and four horses were captured by the police. During Saturday he kept up a heavy fire on the police, one bullet going through Inspector Jarvis' hair. During the night he escaped from the brush. On Sunday afternoon he appeared at Le Grand ranch, twelve miles from Macleod, riding a police horse, and held up the riding Old Man's man, riding on to the Piegans river, riding on to the Piegans Agent Nash and the head chief of the Piegans and wipe out the whole sixteen police went out there last night. Application to strike out the Macleod and Macdonald election petitions was dismissed this morning with costs. The trials are expected to take place shortly.

CONTRABAND SEIZURE.

Important Capture of Cuban Supplies and Correspondence—Brisk Fighting.

Silver Bank Bills to Be Issued in Cuba—Serious Insurgent Defeats.

HAVANA, Oct. 19.—The quantity and quality of the contraband of war captured by the Spaniards from the Dauntless expedition is much larger and more important than was at first supposed. It is now stated that there will be 1,054 rifles, 56 machetes, a large number of medicine chests and medicine bags, a magnificent cache of Russian leather with silver buttons and massive silver stirrups; a silver banner, some important correspondence, some boxes and packages marked in a manner showing that the expedition left Jacksonville on September 26, some labels of the Federacion de la Torre Club of Florida, and had landed 43 filibusters in the river San Juan, where it is reported that 20 Cuban ladies are assisting the wounded. The flag of the Spanish gunboat Ardidilla, which, with the Contramaestre took part in the capture, had nine bullet holes, and there were eleven shells and the Ardidilla fired thirteen shells and 2,500 rounds of rifle ammunition during the engagement. The Contramaestre fired fifteen grenades and 1,100 rounds of rifle ammunition. The capture is said to be a serious loss to the insurgents. Admiral Garcia Navarra will send the captured flag, together with some of the insurgent arms and some of the insurgent postage stamps, etc., to the Queen Regent.

The minister of the colonies is to take into consideration the plan of the board of trade for issuing another lot of silver bank bills, which step is considered necessary in order to maintain their compulsory circulation. This news is looked upon in certain circles as being likely to improve the financial situation.

A detachment of about 275 Spanish troops has been engaged for five hours with an insurgent force, estimated to number 2,500 men. The Spaniards captured the insurgent positions at Tumbaco, Cuato, Soledad, San Juan and Blanquizar, but having exhausted its supply of ammunition, the column was compelled to return to Campo Florida. The insurgent people in the vicinity of the scene of the engagement say that the insurgents retreated with over 20 men killed. The troops had 51 or less wounded.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—The lumbermen of San Francisco who do business on a commission basis are making a quiet, steady fight to prevent a renewal of the pooling in which practically all of the big mills on the Coast have been interested for the past year. If they succeed it will predict a bitter war will result among mill-owners and middlemen, which will prove most disastrous to the lumber business on the Pacific coast. That was the situation last night, when after two weeks of committee work and two days of general conference the lumbermen of the Central Lumber Company of California adjourned.

DYNAMITE IN CUBA.

HAVANA, Oct. 17.—The police of this city have arrested two white men and a mulatto, said to be delegates from the insurgent Junta in New York. They are also charged with conspiring to blow up a building with dynamite in order to create a panic and plunder the city. One of their accomplices is said to be implicated in the explosion at the Government's place in April last.

Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry cures Diarrhea, Dysentery, Cholera, Cholera Infantum, and all looseness of the bowels. Never travel without it. Price 50c.

HARCOURT - ROSEBERY.

Sir William Denies That He Ever Wrote of His Lordship's Retirement.

Salisbury Silent—Dardanelles Treaty—Prospective Release of Transvaal Raiders.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—In its issue yesterday the Sunday Times asserted that Sir William Harcourt, whose name has been foremost among those mentioned as likely to succeed Lord Rosebery as leader of the Liberal party, had written a letter to an inquirer in which he said that he shared the general regret at Lord Rosebery's retirement. To-day Sir William declares the letter a forgery. He has never written on the subject to anybody.

The Marquis of Salisbury, replying to a correspondent who had expressed the hope that the government would know its actual position on the Armenian question, says he regrets that he is not in a position to speak freely on the subject, as if he could he might remove some of the misapprehensions. But he continues, as Great Britain is not taking isolated action at Constantinople there are obvious objections to his speaking freely, which would not exist if the government were acting independently of the European powers.

A Berlin dispatch to the Standard reports that the Frankfurter Zeitung has said that negotiations are on foot between the powers and the Porte for the abrogation of certain portions of the Dardanelles treaty. The Sultan is not averse to the project, says this dispatch. The powers will guarantee protection to the Sultan and the integrity of the Turkish Empire if there are no fresh atrocities.

The St. James Gazette says the immediate release of Dr. L. S. Jameson and Major Sir John Willoughby, the Transvaal raiders, and Major R. Gray, Col. H. F. White, Major P. White and Hon. Henry E. Coventry, were convicted of violating the foreign enlistment act and were sentenced to fifteen years and several months respectively, the paper says, upon a medical report declaring that the state of their health is such that further imprisonment would be dangerous to them.

The officials of the Bank of Ecuador succeeded at 8 o'clock this morning in opening for the first time since the great fire the vaults of that institution. To the astonishment of the public, the papers, money, documents and books in perfect condition. This will tend to restore confidence and will lead to an earlier resumption of business than was anticipated.

The steamer which arrived at Colon, Colombia, to-day reported encountering a heavy gale during the night of October 10, the bad weather lasting until the evening of the 13th, and a second gale sprung up during the night of the 13th, and lasted throughout the 14th of October. From that time on she experienced terrible head winds.

The Standard's Berlin correspondent says that Dr. Hegar of Zurich has discovered the unpublished concert overture by Wagner.

The Daily Telegraph's financial article expresses the belief that the Bank of Florence has manifested a willingness to sell the eventing of the market for London market for so distant as to react seriously upon Paris. The article says that it is probable that this consideration prevailed with the Bank of England not to raise the rate of discount.

In view of the fact that the families of the former and present Duchess of Marlborough are shortly to be divorced, the Duchess of Beresford and Churchill household are ardently hoping that in each case the expected heir will prove to be a boy. In the case of the death of the present Duke of Marlborough, the Duke of Devonshire, without a male heir, there would be available material for highly interesting and most expensive law suits. The dispute would probably lie between the present Duke's eldest sister, Lady Florence, and the Duke's second son, the Duke of Devonshire, the latter being the eldest son of the late Randolph Churchill. It is a matter of uncertainty whether the marriage of Blenheim and the Duke of Marlborough would go to the Duke of Devonshire, or to a female who comes nearer to the last holder of the title in genealogical descent. For instance, the present Duke has inherited through the female line, as a descendant of the second daughter of the great Duke of Marlborough. That lady married Lord Sunderland and his son became Duke of Marlborough on the death of his aunt, the Countess of Godolphin. Both the patent granting Blenheim to the first duke and the patent creating the dukedom are said to be extremely obscure.

Emperor William of Germany arrived at Darmstadt this afternoon on a visit to the Czar. The Emperor remained two hours at the palace, after which he returned to Wiesbaden. His Majesty's visit is declared to be one of purely private character.

Prof. Bering and Herr Knorr, a private lecturer, announce the discovery of a tetanus anti-toxin which is expected to greatly reduce the number of deaths from traumatic tetanus.

The Crown Prince of Naples and Princess Helen of Mece of Naples and Prince of Salerno, accompanied by prominent members of the Montenegro family, who will be present at their marriage. The party to the station was lined by soldiers.

Prof. Burr and Dr. Kautz, experts of the United States Venezuelan commission, who have been in Europe some time past studying the archives of London, Madrid and the Hague for the purpose of assisting the commission in its investigations of the boundary dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain, have completed their work.

IRISH POLITICS.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Irish politics are in the usual disrupted state, with little or no prospect of a united parliamentary party for the coming session. It is the old story over again of personal jealousies and rival ambitions keeping the party the reverse of what it should be to prove effective—a compact body of men under the able leadership of John Howard Parnell, member for South Meath, an elder brother of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, and for a long time a resident of the state of Alabama. Mr. Asquith has declared that while he was Home Secretary the recently released Irish prisoners were not suffering in their health. Sir Matthew Ridley, in the act of release, declared that the health was giving way, and that the day when the Associated Press as follows: "I regret I have not been able to reply to your communication earlier. I have seen the statement offered, and so far as I am concerned it is without foundation. Mr. Asquith must be well aware that my health broke down in September, 1894, or thereabouts, that Dr. Lalley had me in the padded cell for nearly two weeks, and the circumstances of which it is not at all necessary for me to go into now, as I trust it is one of the things that will form the subject of a parliamentary inquiry as soon as the house meets. However, I may say that the extent of my breakdown may be judged from the fact that the medical officer of the prison had me executed from all orderly work, the lifting of heavy weights, scrubbing the landing floors, etc. After that time this work was continued throughout Mr. Asquith's home office. I cannot say when Gallagher and Devany broke down, but this I can say, that if Gallagher and Devany are now insane they were insane all the time of my breakdown, my veracity against even Mr. Asquith's on this subject, and on the conduct of the medical experts and prison doctors, in that these men were shamming, before an honest parliamentary inquiry. There was no change in our treatment after Sir Matthew Ridley came into office, as that I think was quite impossible while Harris was governor."

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Imposing Demonstration of Protest in St. James' Hall, London.—Letter From Gladstone.

The Veteran Statesman Declares That the Sultan Has Recorded His Final Condemnation.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—St. James Hall was packed with an audience of 2,600 people to-night, a large proportion of whom were women, to take part in the demonstration of protest against the Armenian massacres. Nearly 8,000 people applied for admission to the hall. The Bishop of Rochester presided over the meeting instead of the Duke of Westminster, who wrote regretting that ill-health compelled him to be absent. The Earl of Portsmouth, the Earl of Meath, Baron Abinger, Baron Rendel, Viscount Oxenbridge, the Earl of Stamford, the Bishop of Hereford, the Bishop of Aberdeen, Right Hon. James Bryce, Rev. Harry S. Drew and Mrs. Drew (Mr. Gladstone's daughter), Canon Wilberforce, Canon MacColl, Sir Lewis Morris, Rev. Dr. John Clifford, Rev. J. Guinness, and a number of mayors wearing their insignia sat upon the platform. Ten peers, twenty-eight bishops and a number of deans and non-conformist ministers wrote expressing regret at their inability to attend the meeting. Intense enthusiasm was manifested by those present, especially over the reading of a letter from Mr. Gladstone. In this letter Mr. Gladstone expressed the hope that the meeting would do something to bring about a cessation of the last two months, which he said, were without a parallel during his political life. The great object, Mr. Gladstone further said, was to strengthen Lord Salisbury's hands and to stop the series of massacres, which was probably still unfinished, and to provide against their renewal. As he believed that Lord Salisbury would use his powerful position for the best, he personally objected to the strongest manner to abridging Lord Salisbury's discretion by laying down this or that things which he ought not to do. It was a wild paradox, without the support of reason or of history, to say that the endorsement of treaty rights to stop systematic massacres, together with effective security against Great Britain's abusing them for selfish purposes, would provoke the hostility of one or more of the powers. To advertise beforehand in the ears of the great assassin that Great Britain's action was cut down and she was made the most backward of the six Powers, would be the abandonment of duty and prudence and would doom the national movement to disappointment. The concert of Europe, Mr. Gladstone wrote, was valuable and important, but such an announcement would be certain to be followed by its failure.

Mr. Gladstone concluded as follows: "I have had special opportunities of knowing of what materials the Sultan, with all his seeming obstinacy, is made. From deplorable and disgraceful causes he triumphs for the moment, but for the moment only. In the face of civilized mankind he has recorded the final condemnation, first and foremost of himself, but next and no less effectually of those who have been his willing, brutal and sanguinary instruments. The meeting unanimously adopted resolutions expressing abhorrence of the Armenian massacres and support of the British government in its efforts to stop them, appealing to the powers to cooperate with that object and asking all nations and creeds to assist in the support of the helpless and starving Armenians."

New York, Oct. 18.—A committee appointed at a mass meeting in the Jersey City Tabernacle last night to protest against the Armenian massacres, sent in mass meeting assembled respectively to secure an indemnity of \$100,000 for the outrages committed against our fellow-citizens in Turkey, eleven months ago.

RIEL'S FAMILY.

MONTREAL, Oct. 19.—(Special)—H. Beaugrand, ex-mayor of Montreal and now proprietor of La Patrie, has written a letter to Madame Riel, mother of the rebel leader, in which he replies to her appeal for aid for the children of her son, by stating that the children of her only son—amount so small that he cannot offer it to her, and so he will refer it to the subscribers. He refers in searching terms to the ease with which Frenchmen have forgotten their enthusiasm of a few years ago. He offers to become personally responsible for the instruction and education of Louis Riel's son.

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THE FIRST SNOW.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—A heavy, wet snow fell in Chicago for about two hours to-day. This breaks all the records as far as an early snow storm is concerned, the 20 of last year, in the storm of October 20 of last year.

TORONTO, Oct. 17.—Toronto is having the first snow of the season to-night. Quite a heavy shower is falling.

FOODSTUFFS IN CAPE COLONY.

CAPETOWN, Oct. 17.—At a meeting of several thousand workmen to-day a resolution was passed praying the Governor of Cape Colony to summon parliament with a view to abolishing the duties on foodstuffs. Those who attended the meeting afterwards formed a procession and carried their resolution to the governor.

CHINESE AMBASSADOR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—It is stated at the Chinese consulate here that the Chinese minister at Washington is to be succeeded at the expiration of his term, eight months hence, by Lord Li Hung Chang, who accompanied the viceroy on his recent tour. He has been Chinese minister to Japan and secretary to the Chinese legation at London. He is 40 years old.

TROUBLE IN BULGARIA.

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