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THE PREFERENTIAL TRADE QUESTION

ANOTHER DISCUSSION IN IMPERIAL COMMONS

Mr. Chamberlain Says Talk of Altering Policy Has Changed Tone of German Press.

London, June 18.—The whole evening session of the House of Commons was occupied with the discussion of a motion to adjourn, made by the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bennerman, in order to obtain further light regarding the government's position on the preferential tariff question. The motion was finally rejected by 252 votes to 132, while the opposition was sarcely more successful than heretofore.

Premier Balfour and Colonial Secretary Chamberlain both emphatically declared that the government of New South Wales was under no misapprehension regarding the attitude of the home government, and in fact the cabinet as a whole thoroughly agreed with the sentiment of Vice-Admiral Rawson, governor of New South Wales, whose dispatch concerning the attitude of the New South Wales government was the cause of to-day's debate.

The results of to-day's debate were recognized as a great personal triumph for Mr. Chamberlain. The intention of the Liberals was to drive a wedge between the colonial secretary and the premier, who has throughout endeavored to maintain a non-committal attitude towards the preferential tariff proposals. Instead of attaining this aim, the effect of the debate was to draw Mr. Balfour into the colonial secretary's arms and practically committed the government to a policy of retaliation. A feature of the situation was the changed attitude of the Conservatives towards Mr. Chamberlain. In previous debates on the same subject Mr. Chamberlain was treated with a certain amount of coolness. To-night, on the contrary, he was greeted with ringing cheers throughout his speech.

Mr. Balfour said that with regard to preferential trade the cabinet was at one with the government of New South Wales in desiring a thorough investigation. He denied emphatically that the government had raised any false hopes in the colonies. The only chance whereby the colonies might regard their hopes as futile would be if the opposition assumed power and carried out their implied intention to abandon the colonies to the trade discrimination of the whole world.

Sir Charles Dilke having referred to the premier's statement committing the government to a policy of retaliation which was a direct step towards a void protection, Mr. Balfour retorted that he had not said a word about retaliation, but he would not shrink from retaliation if he were satisfied that there was no other method.

Mr. Chamberlain then rose and referred to Germany's action towards Canada, as a proof that there was a hostile discrimination, and against the colonies. He did not alone blame Germany so long as the British policy was to lie down under the treatment. The colonial secretary expressed his confidence that Germany would not compel Great Britain to consider retaliatory measures, but if it did not, he could say with Mr. Balfour that it was the government's duty to find a remedy.

Except as being an attack upon Germany, Mr. Chamberlain's speech was a repetition in more convinced and forcible terms of his previous speech. He made a great point in showing that the mere talk of a change in Great Britain's fiscal policy had already produced a change of tone in the German papers which no longer talked of retaliation, the object of which he said "was less to punish Canada than to read a lesson to any British colony daring to discriminate in favor of the Mother Country."

Mr. Chamberlain added that the feeling on the subject in the colonies was so strong that he would have neglected his office had he failed to bring up the matter before the British electorate.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's motion was then rejected.

BRITISH PRISONERS.

Three Officers Are Held in the Camp of the Mad Mullah.

Aden, Arabia, June 17.—The British lines of communication between Berbera and Bohotle, Somaliland, East Africa, are threatened by the forces of the Mad Mullah. Three companies of the Hampshire regiment and 3,000 native troops have been ordered to proceed from here to Somaliland on June 20th. Further confirmation has been received of the reports that three British officers are prisoners in the camp of the Mullah. About 14,000 Abyssinians are now cooperating with the British against the Mullah's forces.

REGISTER YOUR VOTE.

DOMINION DISPATCHES.

Reward Offered For Capture of Murderer of Glory Whalen—Fire at Keewatin.

Winnipeg, June 18.—Several residences at Keewatin were burned early this morning. The losses include a large boarding house, owned by the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, and occupied by Mrs. J. W. Demorest. It next spread to a house owned by L. R. MacKay, and occupied by D. Allan as a dwelling, and to another dwelling house owned by J. Millard and Mrs. D. Beaton, and occupied by J. Belanger and Capt. Richmond. The old court house was also destroyed. The insurance held on the different houses is: Court house, $450 in the Commercial Union; J. Milliard's dwelling, $250 in the Phoenix; L. R. MacKay's dwelling, $450 in the Liverpool and London & Globe; Mrs. Beaton's dwelling, $400 in the Liverpool and London & Globe.

Got Two Years.

G. W. Waggoner, who has been in jail for several months awaiting trial upon a charge of obtaining goods from Winnipeg wholesale dealers with intent to defraud, was brought before a judge this morning, and on pleading guilty was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

To Purchase Park.

A by-law to raise $50,000 for the purchase of an outside park will be submitted to Winnipeg ratepayers on July 29th.

Importer Assigns.

Quebec, June 18.—George Elie Amyot, importer, lower town, assigned with liabilities of $45,000, assets $30,000.

Boy Drowned.

Niagara Falls, June 18.—Donald Cowier, a lad fifteen years old, was drowned in the river.

Alleged Assault.

Windsor, June 18.—James Smyth, principal of the public school of Essex, was brutally beaten, it is alleged, by Samual Smith, blacksmith of that town.

Senator's Will.

Hamilton, June 18.—The will of the late Senator A. T. Wood, of this city, was filed for probate to-day. The estate is valued at $705,545.81. His sons George and William, get $100,000, and a quarter share of the Wood, Vallance Co.'s business. The widow gets $50,000 income and an interest in the homestead. Each of the daughters gets $50,000, and there are several bequests to Baptist church funds.

Vaccination.

Montreal, June 18.—Recorder Weir today gave judgment in the case of the city of Montreal vs. Garon, for having permitted a man named Archambault to remain in his employ without said employee furnishing a certificate of vaccination. The recorder declared the city had not the right to take action against employers for the failure of their employees to produce certificates of vaccination.

Ex-M. P.'s Death.

Owen Sound, June 18.—T. H. Macpherson, wholesale grocer, and ex-M. P., of Hamilton, died suddenly during the night on the steamer Manitoba, running between Sault Ste. Marie and Owen Sound. He was returning to Hamilton from the coast, accompanied by his brother, from Australia. Mr. Macpherson was found dead in his berth. He appeared to be in good health when he retired.

Imperial Bank.

Toronto, June 18.—The net annual statement of the Imperial Bank of Canada shows profits for the past year of $482,935.

Presentation to Pastor.

Rev. Dr. Thomas, who is retiring from the pastorate of Jarvis Street Baptist church, was presented with a purse of $2,000 by the congregation. Mrs. Thomas was given a handsome gold watch.

Wm. Watt Dead.

William Watt, og Brantford, died today, aged 85 years. He was a prominent business man, connected with several important enterprises. He leaves eight children, including Sheriff Watt, of Brantford, and an aged widow.

Offer of Reward.

The provincial government has decided to offer $600 reward for the murderer of little Glory Whalen, of Collingwood.

IRON DEPOSITS.

Number of Claims Bonded by Syndicate Backed by J. J. Hill.

Grand Forks, June 18.—A syndicate backed by J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, after purchasing iron deposits in various parts of the state of Washington, has turned its operations to the Colville reservation. R. W. Hunner, of Republic, representing this syndicate, this week bonded the Combination and Golden Zone claims in Wolf's camp, half a mile from Curlew lake. These properties are owned by George L. Wolf, a pioneer prospector. The deposit of iron, where the lime capping has been crowded, is shown in places to be over 1,200 feet wide. The ore is a typical hematite, running 82 per cent. in iron, and is said to be admirably adapted for manufacturing steel, an industry the Hill company propose to establish. The same syndicate purpose purchasing claims from Simon Shaw, the price being $3,700 cash.

SERVIA UNANIMOUS FOR KING PETER

NO OPPOSITION HAS SO FAR BEEN RAISED

Parliamentary Deputation Has Gone to Geneva and Will Escort Sovereign to Belgrade.

London, June 19.—The Belgrade correspondent of the Times says it is evident that the country has declared for the Karageorge dynasty with surprising unanimity. Not even at Nish, the former Obrenovitch stronghold where King Milan used to reside when Belgrade was dangerous, has the dissentient voice been raised. No more arrests have been made, the press censorship is apparently in abeyance, and all former officials have been allowed to retain their positions.

To Meet the King.

Belgrade, June 19.—A deputation to meet King Peter started this morning for Geneva. Three sisters of the late Queen Draga also departed from Belgrade for Vienna.

It was officially announced last evening at Belgrade that the parliamentary deputation, which left Belgrade to-day, will meet King Peter at Geneva and escort him to the Servian capital, where the new sovereign is expected to arrive not later than June 25th.

In Mourning.

St. Petersburg, June 19.—The Russian court has gone into mourning for twenty-four days for the late King Alexander and Queen Draga.

CROFTON SMELTER

Will Probably Be Blown in Again in About a Week.

Crofton, June 18.—The barge Georgian arrived to-day with nine large cars of coke and some Lone Pine ore. Shipments of coke are shortly expected from Comox, and it is expected that the smelter will blow in again in a week or so.

Mike Conlin, who has been in Chemainus hospital with a broken leg, has now had it put in plaster and is expected home in a day or two.

A very heavy storm a few nights ago covered the Mount Sicker railroad track with wind falls just above Sicker siding, and a large gang of men is at work clearing the right of way.

The ore shipments have been discontinued from the Lenora pending the arrival of coal, which has reached here after a long passage on the steamship Oscar from Tacoma. The train is now running to the siding, and shipments will be resumed as soon as the track has been cleared beyond that point.

SENSATIONAL REPORT

Of Revolt in Constantinopel and Abdication of the Sultan—No Confirmation.

New York, June 19.—A news agency reported to-day that there had been a revolt in Constantinople and that the Sultan had audicated.

No News in London.

London, June 19.—The foreign office has heard nothing of any trouble at Constantinople. Numerous telegrams have been received in London to-day from Constantinople, but none of them make mention of any unusual occurrence in the Turkish capital.

Excitement in Belgrade.

Belgrade, June 19.—Messages hinting in mysterious language at a political crisis at Constantinople and the abdication of the Sultan have been received. The source of the reports is not given, and well informed circles discredit them. The rumors have created much excitement in Belgrade.

"MALICIOUS INVENTION."

Vienna, June 20.—The Turkish embassy here, through the semi-official Fremdenblatt, declares that the rumor of the Sultan's intention to abdicate is a "malicious invention."

Rumors of Trouble.

Berlin, June 20.—Apparently referring to the same rumors, which were published by the Tageblatt recently and which were subsequently denied, a letter from Constantinople published by the Cologne Gazette mentions reports that forty wounded soldiers were removed from the palace in one night, says troops were employed to suppress disturbance at a certain school resulting in a number of students being killed or wounded, and asserts that Bulgarian vessels are being closely watched.

CANADIAN FOOD PRODUCTS

Will Be Exhibited at the Crystal Palace, London.

Montreal, June 19.—A special cable from London to-day says: "During the summer and beginning of autumn a permanent exhibit of Canadian food products and industries will be opened at the Crystal Palace."

SERVIAN AFFAIRS.

Possibility of Rising Is Regarded as Over—New King to Reach Belgrade on Wednesday.

Belgrade, June 18.—The uneasiness heretofore prevailing in intelligent circles has been greatly minimized by the smooth working of the provisional government and the feeling of security has been increased by the favorable attitude of the powers. It is generally believed now that a serious crisis has been averted, and there is reasonable hope of the inauguration of a peaceful era.

The recipts of the Czar's telegrams to King Peter, finishes, in the opinion of the best informed persons, all possibility of an internal rising against the provisional government of Servia. The dispatch has so strengthened the hands of the conspirators that there is no chance whatever of opposition to them.

The army regards the Czar's telegrams as putting the seal of approval of the heads of their officers.

The Austrian government has promised King Peter the free use of its railroads for his journey here.

The municipality of Belgrade has voted a large sum towards the reception of King Peter, which promises to be elaborate.

Russia has instructed its representative to resume diplomatic relations with the Servian government.

King Peter has already assumed the reins of government, by directing that all important matters should be referred to him at Geneva. An unfounded rumor that King Peter had been assassinated, caused great consternation here to-day.

It was officially stated this evening that the parliamentary deputation, which is to meet the King, will leave here for Geneva to-morrow, and return with His Majesty not later than June 25th. The skupschtina will then be dissolved, and a new one will be elected under the modified constitution.

Arrives on Wednesday.

Geneva, June 18.—King Peter's departure for Belgrade has been definitely fixed for next Monday evening. He will arrive in Belgrade on Wednesday.

Says Murderers Were Drunk.

Vienna, June 18.—A Bohemian named Joseph Kraus, who was for several years the late Queen Draga's valet, has returned to Pilsen from Belgrade. He hid with the other Royal servants during the assassination in the palace, and thus escaped. He asserts that many more were killed than have been reported, and says the assassins were drunk.

HON. MR. STRATTON'S OFFER.

Will Resign If Hammond Says He Withheld Evidence at His Request.

Toronto, June 18.—After dealing with several other phases of the evidence, in continuing his speech to-day in the legislature, Hon. Mr. Stratton took what he called the one crumb of comfort, the opposition had "the statement of Hammond, the Globe reporter." Mr. Stratton said: "I'll resign my seat to-morrow if Hammond will say that I asked him to withhold one iota of his evidence that had any bearing on the Gamey case."

"Not withhold, forget," said Mr. Whitney.

"Or forget," said Stratton. "Or I will resign to-morrow if Hammond withheld a single scrap of his evidence by reason of anything I said to him."

Mr. Stratton concluded with a pretentious peroration which contained frequent references to his own innocence, and to judgment which was sure to overtake the makers of falsehoods. Liberals greeted him with generous applause through this portion of his address, and at the conclusion.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Engineers Differ Regarding Past Results and Future Outlook.

Montreal, June 18.—The London correspondent of the Star says:

"Signor Marconi's invention is being severely handled at the engineering conference here in connection with the institution of civil engineers. Sir William Preece declares that Marconi's methods have never succeeded practically in communication overland to any distance whatever. They work for 10, even 15 miles, but sooner or later were disturbed by something which scientists could not understand. At the present moment there was no single wireless commercial telegraph in work.

"Nevil Setory Maskelyne agreed with Sir William Preece, and declared that the whole subject was becoming shrouded in mystery, and was passing beyond the electrician and getting into the hands of sensational novelists. On the other hand, Alexander Siemens was perfectly certain that there was a great future for wireless telegraphy. It was admirably adapted for some things, and ought to be worked out, and the extent and range of signals should be gradually extended."

GOING BACK TO WORK.

Operators in Shirt Factory Resume on Conditions in Force Before Strike.

Glensfalls, N. Y., June 18.—The strike of the operators of the Well Haskell shirt factory, which has lasted for nearly ten weeks, has been settled. The agreement provides for a return to work under conditions prevailing before ethe strike. The company had made preparations to move out of the city.

HIGHLANDERS AND CANADIAN RIFLES

A MEMENTO FROM THE GAY GORDONS

Trophy for Presentation to the Dominion Association—L. O. David, of Montreal, Appointed to Senate.

Ottawa, June 18.—Sir Frederick Borden has received through Lord Minto from the 1st Battalion, Gordon Highlander, as a memento of their service with the Canadian Royal Rifles in South Africa, a trophy for presentation to the Dominion Rifle Association. The trophy represents a Gordon Highlander giving a drink of water to a Canadian rifleman over the bivouac fire. It is silver with ebony pedestal, and the inscription reads as follows:

"Presented to the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association by the 1st Battalion, Gordon Highlanders, in commemoration of their friendship and comradeship with the Royal Canadian Rifles and other Canadian contingents during their service together in the 19th Brigade and other occasions in South Africa, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902."

Col. McBean, of the 1st Battalion, Gordon Highlanders, in his letter to the minister, speaks of the comradeship that existed between them and the Canadians.

New Senator.

L. O. David, city clerk of Montreal, has been appointed to the Senate in the place of Senator Masson, whose seat was recently declared vacant. Hon. Mr. David was born at Sault au Racollet, Quebec, on March 24th, 1840, was educated at the College of Ste. Therese, and was called to the bar in 1864. He was afterwards connected with several newspapers, and was for some time translator to the House of Commons. Hon. Mr. David unsuccessfully contested Hochelaga for the legislature at the general election of 1867 and 1875, and for the Commons at the general election 1878. He also stood for the Commons in Montreal East in 1891. He was elected to the legislature for the last named constituency in 1886, and sat throughout the parliament. He declined nominated in 1890. In May, 1892, he was elected city clerk of Montreal. He is the author of a number of works.

To Deal With Agitators.

At the Senate banking and commerce committee to-day, Sir Mackenzie Bowell presented the report of the sub-committee on Senator's Lougheed's bill to prevent foreign agitators coming to Canada to incite strikes. The re draft of the bill made it criminal and subject to two years' imprisonment for anyone not a British subject or not domiciled in Canada to incite any strike or lockout, but does not apply to those who may come here for the purpose of settling a dispute. The "alien" was changed to "Not a British subject." Section 2 provided for any person who was the duly accredited officer of any international organization coming into Canada to bring about a settlement of any strike or lockout. The bill also affects employees by making provision to prosecute the agent of any international organization counselling a lockout. The bill was adopted.

TEN PEOPLE KILLED.

Collision Between Passenger and Freight Trains on the Illinois Central Railway.

Waterloo, Ia., June 19.—An Illinois Central passenger train collided head-on with a freight train west of Raymond, Iowa, early to-day. Both engineers and firemen were killed.

Later information shows that R. Stickner, a passenger, and mail clerk, three unidentified tramps and one immigrant were also killed. The trains met on a curve. The passenger train, which had the right of way, was going at the rate of 50 miles an hour. The freight crew is said to have misunderstood the order.

DECISION NOT POPULAR.

Referee Declared Fight at Portland, Walcott and Jackson, a Draw.

Portland, Ore., June 19.—Joe Walcott, of Boston, and Young Peter Jackson, of Baltimore, both colored, fought a twenty-round draw at the Pastime Club here last night. When the referee declared the fight a draw at the end of the twentieth round, the crowd yelled for Jackson, as it was clearly his fight for the last five rounds. In the last two rounds Walcott clinched repeatedly and hung with his arms around Jackson's waist, the referee having to pull them apart.

CHICAGO STRIKE.

Work at Standstill on Post Office and New Bank Building.

Chicago, June 19.—All work on the new post office and the First National bank building has been stopped by a strike of the building laborers. Employees of all trades except the carpenters have stopped work on the buildings.

OFFER DECLINED.

B. T. Washington Was Asked to Investigate Conditions of the African Race.

Washington, June 19.—Booker T. Washington, president of the Tuskegee Institute, has been asked by Lord Grey, Cecil Rhodes's successor at the head of the British South Africa Co., to investigate conditions and recommend a system of industry and education for the African race, upon which that company draws for labor. The British government proposes to give its assistance to such a project. After talking with President Roosevelt, Mr. Washington has announced that he would decline the flattering offer.

"I will devote all my time and efforts to the work at Tuskegee," said Mr. Washington, "trusting that it will indirectly assist in the uplifting of the race in Africa. The work here is such that I do not feel I can leave it, even for the few months that would be required by the mission to South Africa. I was in correspondence with Lord Grey and Mr. W. T. Stead. It appears that the South African Co., which has a close relation to the government, faces some serious problems in South Africa now."

"Is one of these problems discontent among the negroes?" was asked. "No, lack of discontent is the trouble," Mr. Washington replied. "The Africander is too well content. Therefore he cannot see what use it is to work six days in the week when he can make enough to live on in three. That makes things difficult for the company. The problem is to awaken wants in the individual."

SHOOTING AND LYNCHING.

Two of the Men Who Escaped From Jail After Killing Guard Are Dead.

Glasgow, Mont., June 19.—William Hardee, the condemned murderer, who with three other prisoners, escaped from the city jail here two weeks ago, after killing one guard and beating two others almost to death, has been shot and killed in the Bad Lands, 75 miles from this city, after a desperate battle with the possee under Sheriff Cosner. Charles R. Hill, one of the posee, received wounds from which he died in a short time.

Fred. McKinney, Hardie's outlaw companion, escaped after the battle, but his recapture is believed to be certain.

When the news reached this city last night a mob was quickly formed. The guard at the jail was overpowered, and Jack Brown, one of Hardee's companions, who was recaptured, was taken from his cell and hanged from a window in the county court house.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

Chicago Mine Promoter Spent Last Nignt in Jail.

Chicago, June 19.—Charged with fraud in a $3,500,000 mining deal, in which his commissions are declared to have been $200,000, Theodore Gross, a mine promoter, spent last night in the county jail. The immediate cause of his imprisonment was his failure to secure bonds of $25,000, and his refusal to answer the questions of master in chancery, John J. Healy.

Richard Polsen, Chicago manager of Walter Bake & Co., is Gross's accuser. He declared that Gross fradulently withheld $125,000 due him as commission in the sale of the Camp Bird Mining Co., stocks from Thomas F. Walsh, the Colorado millionaire, now of Washington, D. C., to the Venture Company of London. Gross was arrested at the Chicago Athletic Club. He arrived in Chicago on Tuesday evening from London.

GERMAN ELECTION.

The Final Results of Polling For the Reichstag.

Berlin, June 18.—The final results of the recent Reichstag elections are as follows: Socialists, 54 elected and 122 re-ballots; Centre party, 87 elected and 36 re-ballots; Conservatives and Free Conservatives, 37 elected and 53 re-ballots; National Liberals, 5 elected and 65 re-ballots; Richter Radicals, 24 re-ballots; Barth Radicals, 11 re-ballots; South German Radicals, 8 re-ballots; Poles, 14 elected and 4 re-ballots; Alsatian, 6 elected and 4 re-ballots; Hanoverians, 8 re-ballots; Danes, 1 elected; Semites, 1 elected and 8 re-ballots.

THREE YACHTS OUT.

Constitution Crossed Line First But Reliance Soon Took Lead.

Greenwich, Conn., June 19.—The scene of the yacht racing in the Sound changed to-day a little further eastward, through the invitation of the Indian Harbor Yacht Club, for a race for the cup defenders off Great Captain's Island. The race was started about 12.45 in a light easterly breeze. Constitution crossed the line first, but Reliance took the lead within a minute, with Columbia third. The weather was clear.

FRASER RIVER REPORTS.

The following reports have been received at the meteorological office:

Yale, 5 p. m., Thursday. River has fallen 12 inches in 24 hours. Quesnel, 8 a. m., Friday. Water same as at 5 p. m. Thursday.

CAPABILITIES OF CUP CHALLENGER

THE OPINION OF A YACHTING EXPERT

John Hyslop Says Shamrock III. Does Not Show All the Power She Possesses.

New York, June 19.—If the opinion of an expert, acknowledged to be past master in judging the capabilities of sailing craft, counts for anything, the view taken by John Hyslop when he saw the lines of the cup challenger exposed in the dry dock in Erie basin possesses some significance. Mr. Hyslop was for many years the official measurer of the New York Yacht Club. His tape line has been stretched over more aquatic racers than of any other man employed in a similar capacity in the world. His judgment never has been challenged. Mr. Hyslop had this to say of the challenger:

"There is no question that she is an easy boat to drive, and does not show all the power she possesses. I am amazed at the difference between her midship section and the miship section of Reliance. She has tremendous strength forward, and is not at all likely to pound in a seaway. Nothing can kill her speed. Shamrock III. will heel very easily, but when she does she will sail on a long flow. She is a wonderfully modelled boat, absolutely fair and beautifully finished."

MANY BODIES RECOVERED.

Two Thousand Men Are at Work Among the Debris at Heppner.

Heppner, Or., June 18.—Two thousand men and hundreds of horses are at work this morning rushing the restoration of order out of chaos. Corpses continue coming at intervals to the morgue, while intermittently coffined bodies are hurried to swell the regiment already laid away in the Hillside cemetery. In the long rows of little mounds only a foot or two apart, all looking alike, there are said to be many mix-ups. Name-plates have been lost or changed, and some unidentified dead interred. As a result, some of the survivors will never know whether the grave on which they place flowers in the future is that of kin or stranger. Often two men have to lower the coffin without a single friend or relative present, so great is the confusion.

There is no fear of an epidemic, according to Health Officer Kisner. Prompt work in improving the sanitary conditions has undoubtedly saved the town from such a contingency. There is considerable sickness, but it is not of a serious nature. Physicians are kept busy looking after women especially, who are ill from the effects of fright.

Much sympathy is felt for the Ashbaugh family. In the three blood related families of Moses and Edward Ashbaugh and Pearl Jones, brother-in-law of the two, seventeen members were killed or drowned. Four children in one family are missing.

To-day there is a greater crowd of sad faced watchers hovering about the hall of the dead. Every hour or two arrivals of strangers from distant points swell the crowd on Main street. Parties of friends and relatives are organized and are searching the valley for miles for clues to the location of the bodies of their missing friends or relatives. Orphaned children, bereaved mothers and fathers pace the street in front of the hall of the dead, scarcely absenting themselves to eat, while watching for arrivals of recovered bodies.

EXPLORER'S FUNERAL.

New York, June 19.—The body of Paul B. Duchaillu, the explorer, who died in Russia from paralysis, has been brought here. The funeral will be held next Tuesday.

FIRE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, June 19.—Fire in the building at 321 Sansom did $125,000 damage last night. It started in the warehouse of Cunningham, Curtis & Welch.

DEMANDS ON CHINA.

Japanese and United States Ministers Ask That Cities Be Opened to Foreign Trade.

Yokohama, June 19.—The Japanese minister at Pekin yesterday filed a formal demand on the Chinese foreign office for the opening of Mukden and Tai Tung Chou to foreign trade. The Chinese officials replied that circumstances were not favorable to the opening of the cities mentioned. The British and American representatives are supporting Japan's demands. United States Minister Conger is also demanding the opening of Harbin, Manchuria.