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LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Honorary Major and Paymaster Patrick, Hayden, 63rd Battalion of Rifles, for three months from 29th July, to proceed to Europe on private affairs.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY BRIGADE.

3rd Battalion Rifles.

To be Captain, provisionally :

William Todd, Esquire, *vice* Edward Hardman, left limits.

To be Lieutenant :

Ensign Robert Frank Evans, V B, *vice* James E. Fenton, left limits.

To be Ensign :

Is Lieutenant James Barker, V.B, from 2nd Brigade, *vice* Evans promoted.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor General.

P. ROBERTSON-ROSS, Colonel,

Commanding the Militia of the Dominion, and Adjutant General.

The naval review of Monday was a splendid affair. The Shah reached Portsmouth by royal train about ten o'clock, the carriages running right on to the dockyard jetty. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Dukes of Edinburgh and Cambridge, and a host of other princes and notable alighted with him and waited while he received an address from the Corporation of Portsmouth. Then giving his arm to the Princess, he walked in his usual slow and stately, indeed, almost sauntering style, down to the Royal yacht, conversing a little in French the Princess looking back and smiling every moment at her husband, who, with the other princes, was enjoying a quite laugh at the Shah's exquisite nonchalance—which, by the way, has done more than anything else to make him a favorite. That royal embarkation was one of the prettiest ceremonials I ever saw, the decorations of the jitty, the stands full of lilies, and the background of huge war ships, more or less dismantled, forming an exceedingly striking scene. Looking at the royal party, one could understand the Shah's evident notorious preference for our own royal family over the other august personage he as visited in Europe. When once an Oriental gets over the idea that everyone ought to address him at full length on the ground, he is much more likely to "rub along" with grandees who have the simple and natural manner which distinguish our court than with those who exact the iron etiquette of Berlin and St. Petersburg. The Prince and Princess of Wales, in particular, are noted for their unostentations and natural manner, and it is clear they are prime favorites with the Shah. To return however to the review. The iron-clads were anchored at Spithead, the magnificent roadstead between the eastern part of the Isle of Wight and the mainland, in two lines, upwards of three miles long, the broadside rigged ships parallel (and the masted turret ship *Monarch*, which conveyed Mr. Peabody's remains to America), forming the western part of

line, and the mastless turret ships the eastern part. The royal yacht *Victoria* and *Albert*, with the Shah and the other fleet with manned yards and a royal salute, the echoes of which had hardly died away when the yacht entered between the lines at the eastern end, and very slowly steamed through them. The flashing of the Shah's diamonds was distinctly seen from the ships as he stood on the "bridge" of the *Victoria* and *Albert*. Emerging from the western end the yacht remained stationary, the Shah wishing to enjoy the superb view of the lines, and to hear another salute fired, for which he made special request. The ships were signalled to salute, but the signals, of course, were to be understood by the myriads of at yacht, and other small craft which crowded round the fleet (they were not allowed between the lines) and some accidents were the result. The huge guns of the more recent ironclads, even when fired without shot and with mere saluting charges of powder, are dangerous neighbors to everything within 200 yards of them, and many a yacht cruising close by in fancied security, to give the ladies a near view of their muzzles, had barely time to sheer off even as far as safety to lie required, when the roar of the 12, 18, 25 and even 35 ton guns shivered the gay cabin mirrors to fragments. One yacht at least had her bulwarks blown in, and a lady injured. The Shah then visited two of the largest broadside ships, and was to have inspected the *Decastation*, the new but famous turret ship, but for this he had not time. His ascent and descent of the "accommodation ladders" of the iron clads (he passed of course, from vessel to vessel in a boat) showed his want of acquaintance with stairs in his own country, and caused some amusement, while the Princess of Wales tripped up and down just like a sailor lad. Another grand salute as the *Victoria* and *Albert*, with her fleet of attendant yachts and despatch vessels, headed again for the harbour, brought the inspection to a conclusion. The day was perfect, and as the sea was literally swarming with craft of all kinds the sight was one never to be forgotten, and the Shah made no secret of the impression it produced upon him. He lunched afterwards with the Commander in chief ashore and returned to town.—*Montreal Gazette Correspondent*.

The officers of the Austrian army are to be furnished with the Gasser revolver.

In a short time it is expected the Russian plated ship *Nevgorod* will be launched from the port of Nicolaieff. A crowd of people interested in the ship has been already attracted to witness the launch of the first vessel of the Black Sea fleet. It will be armed with two enormous guns, and supplied with torpedoes. The *Nevgorod* will, it is said, by its size and the perfection of its construction, bear comparison with any ships of the same kind belonging to foreign fleets.

It has been found necessary to limit the employment of shipwrights etc. in the double bottoms of English ironclads to three days a week, owing to the injury caused to their health by the vitiated atmosphere, charged with poisonous exhalations from the red lead etc. in which they have to work. Some shipwrights have suffered severe salivation and unpleasant effects.

In order to show the estimate in which the British Admiralty hold the conduct of the naval officers at Spithead, on Monday, on the occasion of the Shah's visit to the fleet several promotions will take place.

In 1869, 3,341 men deserted from the British service, in 1870, 3,171; in 1871, 4,553, and in 1872 5,861; that in the year 1869 there were 1,500 trials for desertion, out of which number 191 men had previously deserted; in 1870 there were 1,276 trials and 190 previous desertions; in 1871 there were 1,276 trials and 190 previous desertions; in 1871 there were 1,916 trials, and 287 previous desertions; in 1872 there were 2,231 trials, and 423 previous desertions.

The reform of international maritime rights proposed by Holland, Germany, Austria, Russia, and Italy, refers to the introduction of the principles of the inviolability of private property at sea during war, and to a precise definition as to what comprises contraband of war.

The Prussian War Ministry has, in consideration of great amount of excellent bronze which has fallen into its hands by the capture of French war stores, decided that bronze, and not cast steel, is to be the staple material henceforth used in Germany for fortress guns.

The construction of five forts in the outskirts of Strasburg is now so far advanced that their exterior ramparts can already be in a state of defence. The construction of the forts on the right bank of the Rhine will be commenced in the autumn.

Yokohama (Japan) advices to the 7th have been received. An insurrection had broken out on the Island of Kinsin and troops had been sent to quell it.

It is reported that as soon as the Embassy to Europe returns, all Japan will be thrown open to foreigners.

The German Government disavows the responsibility for the seizure of the Spanish steamer *Vigilant*, and call upon Captain Werner, commanding the German man-of-war which effected the capture, to account for his proceedings. His report of the affair has not yet been received.

In the suburbs of Vienna there have been in one day as many as 200 cases of cholera, and thirty deaths. The ravages of the disease have become so extensive that the Government has been compelled to order the removal of the troops to Bruck, a small town 23 miles south east of Vienna.

There is a doubt that any of the highest prizes for goods exhibited at the Vienna exposition will be awarded to Americans.

The authorities of Loja, Province of Navarre, have expelled 110 members of the International society from that town.

A Havana says the insurgents recently entered Nusvitas, and while the Governor shut himself up in the fort, they sacked the town, not lesing a man.

In the Province of Foo Koo Tooken, 20,000 farmers rebelled on account of the land tax. They destroyed the houses of officials and raided through their section generally. A man of war and troops have been sent against the rebels.

Official despatches from General Kaufmann report that tranquillity prevails in Khive. The health of the troops is good. The transportation of the enfranchised slaves has begun.

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