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THEY AWAIT ORDERS.

Three U. S. Cruisers in European Waters—A Ridiculous Story Scouted.

Not the best Idea of an Attempt to Force the Dardanelles.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The closest inquiry fails to disclose any change in the policy of the state department toward the Turkish question, and particularly respecting the movements of the little dispatch boat Bancroft. No orders have gone forward since the original instructions of Admiral Selfridge, nor are any on the way touching the future movements of the Bancroft. The vessel, upon arrival at Gibraltar, was ordered by Admiral Selfridge to proceed to Smyrna, and is due there in a day or two. The Cincinnati is also on her way to the same port. At Smyrna are now assembled the flagship San Francisco, the Minneapolis and the Marblehead. The purpose of the gathering is to meet the Cincinnati and Bancroft, which bring out drafts of new men to take the places of the sailors whose terms of enlistment are about to expire.

Naval officers ridicule the idea that the Bancroft will undertake to force the passage of the Dardanelles, for this would be absolutely impossible. Probably she has been sent to Turkey to serve whatever useful purpose she can, either as a dispatch boat to communicate between the larger vessels of the United States squadron, or to accommodate Minister Terrell. The state department has preferred a request for her admission to the Dardanelles, and in view of the semi-official announcement of the Porte that such permission would not be granted, it is not likely the department will subject itself to the snub that might be expected if the demand were made.

It is regarded as probable, in the event of real disturbances in Constantinople, the only case in which the Bancroft could be of the slightest use, that Minister Terrell would be able to bring the ship through without any serious objection, but in the present aspect of Turkish affairs there is no reason to look for trouble. That part of the Bancroft story alleging that the French fleet would cooperate in securing the passage of the Bancroft through the Dardanelles is absolutely without foundation. It can be stated on unquestioned diplomatic authority that no such intention to send her ever existed.

The essential features of the story are discredited in diplomatic circles, which believe the published report originated in the fact that the emperor's admission to the Bosphorus is desired, and Minister Terrell will use his influence on the Porte to bring it about by peaceful methods, but will not persist, if decided objection is made. There was there the slightest intention of undertaking to force a passage of the Dardanelles, least of all at present, when almost daily cables bring the assurance of the Porte to some one of the powers party to the treaty of Paris that reforms will be initiated at once in the disturbed provinces, and that the Turkish officials shall be held to a rigid responsibility for the maintenance of order and the protection of life and property in the respective provinces.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—The morning papers discredit the report set afloat in the United States that the Bancroft was to proceed through the Dardanelles, with regard to any protest offered by Turkey, and was to be protected in so doing, if necessary, by the United States squadron at Smyrna.

The Chronicle suggests, in commenting upon the report, that the even of the United States doing for Europe what Europe dare not do for herself, the United States with three cruisers might seize the customs at Smyrna. The Graphic and Post concur in the opinion that such action as the passage of the Dardanelles by the Bancroft would fail to settle the Eastern problem. The Post thinks, perhaps, there is a kernel of truth in the report that Russia's good offices had been invoked to induce the Sultan to permit an American man-of-war to proceed to Constantinople.

ALMOST STARVING.

New York, Oct. 15.—A special to the Herald from Guayaquil, Ecuador, says: A committee has been formed to collect funds and distribute relief to the thousands who are without homes, food or clothing. The committee is sanctioned by the government and is made up of well known citizens. Great confidence in its ability to relieve the distress caused by the fire has been publicly expressed. The president of the committee is Luis Dillon; vice-president, Martin Aviles; treasurer, J. A. Wheeler.

It is believed that 25,000 persons are without even the necessaries of life. They sleep in the fields and depend entirely for food on what is sent them by the relief corps. The thousands of persons have already left the city, fearing that pestilence will follow the fire. The farmers in adjacent districts are sending in bananas and rice, and subscriptions are now coming in from other points in South America. One of the chief evils is the scarcity of money with which to start business. The Bank of Ecuador will open on Monday in temporary quarters, and it is hoped that this will aid the merchants. All are resigned to the fate which has befallen the town and order prevails. The expression of sympathy and the help which has already come from New York have touched the people. The sum sent by the Central Cable Company has done much good.

GRAND TRUNK R.R.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—More than usual interest attached to the meeting of Grand Trunk shareholders to-day. The changes of policy by the new general manager, Mr. Hayes, particularly his favoritism for American railroad men, had excited much adverse comment and it was evident that Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson would be compelled to answer many inquiries why the reform policy had not been productive of more profit to owners of the road. The attendance was large. Sir Charles said it was charged that he was Americanizing the system, while, as a matter of fact, very few American officials, considering the large staff, had been appointed. Three important undertakings by the company were in progress, viz., the grain elevator at Portland, Maine, the new Niagara bridge works, and the contract for the new wharves at London. These had been placed on very advantageous terms. Mr. Jeffrey spoke in condemnation of the dismissal of numerous servants of the company to make room for Americans.

Mr. Barker, of Bristol, expressed his disappointment with the report, with the statement of accounts and with the chairman's speech. The policy of the old board, he said, had been indorsed by its successors, while the expenses had been increased. He moved the omission of the proposal to construct an elevator at Portland, Maine, the actual cost of which, he alleged, would be double the amount estimated.

Sir Charles Wilson replied that the elevator would recoup the company for its cost, and would be a valuable addition to the company's property.

Mr. Barker's motion was only supported by three of the shareholders and was rejected.

Vice-President Price, replying to the criticisms made by Mr. Barker, of Bristol, said that an assessment of the stockholders is impossible. The main difficulties of the company are due to the duplication of the line by the Canadian Pacific and the concurrent increase in fixed charges. The most encouraging feature was the very large proportion of the company's local earnings.

SATOLI'S FAREWELL.

New York, Oct. 15.—The reception and dinner given by the Catholic clubs of New York to Cardinal Satoli on the eve of his departure for Rome, was held at the club house last evening. Large numbers of prominent Catholic clergymen and laymen were present. An address was presented to the cardinal. In his reply, read by the Rev. George Daugherty, of Washington city, he said: "Organizations such as this are most important for the prosperity and high progress of the church in this country. What is more, I shall venture to say that the greatness and splendor of the Catholic church of New York, under the wise and firm administration of his grace, your beloved archbishop, is due in no small measure to the active co-operation of the members of the Catholic clubs.

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"Finally, gentlemen, accept the expression of the profound admiration with which your devotion to the holy church has filled me. May still greater prosperity and progress be the lot of the church in America, of the church in this great diocese of New York, and of the members of the clubs. These, gentlemen, are the feelings which animate me and which I have given expression before pronouncing that word which is always hardest between friends—farewell."

OYSTER CROP RUINED.

New York, Oct. 14.—A special to the Evening Post from New Haven, Conn., says Engineer Sanford, of the State Fish commission, received reports this morning that the oyster crop on the public natural oyster beds off Bridgeport and Stratford had been ruined by the drift of sand during the recent storm. The beds cover about 3,700 acres. They have at times been worked by as many as 700 fishermen and last autumn's catch of oysters there was worth \$50,000.

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STEAMER "UMATILLA."

PORT TOWNSEND, Oct. 14.—The wrecked steamship Umatilla was raised yesterday morning, and the success in getting her out of the water shows that she can be ultimately saved. For fear that the leaks have not been fixed up, the Umatilla was shoved further up on the beach. The holes will be closed as far as possible and the Umatilla taken to Port Townsend and beached for more thorough repairs. She will then be taken to Quartermaster harbor to go on the drydock.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Burglaries at Vancouver—Synod of the Church of England—Perjury.

Drowning Accident at Westminster—Maple Ridge Dykes to Be Raised.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Oct. 15.—The smelter returns from the fourth shipment of ore by the Phillip's Arm Mining Co., consisting of 21 1/2 tons, are to hand, the average per ton being \$95.13 in gold. In an interview with one of the promoters of the project, the COLONIST correspondent was informed that, in all probability, the factory would be established in New Westminster, owing to the restrictions placed upon the company by the Vancouver city council, the most objectionable being those restrictions being that they should not employ Chinese under any circumstances. While they may not find it necessary to engage Chinese labor, they do not wish to be held down by any cast iron regulations, and as the cheapness of land and the proximity of the canneries are features in favor of the Westminster location, the company, it is thought, will accede to the wishes of the Vancouver directors in desiring to locate in Vancouver.

For the third time the agency of the Standard Oil Company in Vancouver has been burglarized, and the same Welsh Nightingale's grocery store at Mount Pleasant was entered by crooks, this being the fourth visit to the premises, which indicates that the burglars have been communicating with each other from time to time during the last six months, the same gang of cracksmen have been operating for that time and successfully evading the police. While the Standard Oil Co. have only lost something like \$12 in money, the Nightingale store has been providing the gang from time to time with about \$200 worth of provisions.

Mr. and Mrs. Traeger, who were recently married at Victoria, were serenaded by some of the city boys last evening, and the happy couple though taken completely by surprise were equal to the occasion and a very enjoyable evening was spent by serenaders and serenaded at the Traeger residence.

Another robbery is this morning added to the already too long list. The identity of the victims and the locality under the wise and firm administration of his grace, your beloved archbishop, is due in no small measure to the active co-operation of the members of the Catholic clubs.

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NANAIMO, Oct. 15.—The road to the Alberni mine on Mineral Hill, China

Creek, is being pushed ahead as rapidly as possible. Steam was turned on at the stamp mill on Saturday and the machinery found to work smoothly and well and ready to crush ore as soon as it can be brought from the mine. The boiler is large enough for a fifty stamp mill and stamps will be added as required.

WESTMINSTER, Oct. 15.—The Maple Ridge dyking commission has decided to call for tenders to raise the dykes in their district two feet above high water mark.

Frank Scott, a well known and popular fisherman of Westminster, was drowned in the river yesterday. He was fishing opposite Woodward's slough when the Dunsmuir steamed close to his boat. Captain Rogers of the Dunsmuir tried his utmost to steer clear of the steamer, but in the vicinity, but Scott and the captain of the steamer misunderstood each other's movements, with the result that when poor Scott thought the Dunsmuir would back water he went ahead and cut his boat clean in two. Scott and his father-in-law were in the fishing boat. Scott sank like a stone, being stunned by the bow of the Dunsmuir; his father-in-law was picked up by the Dunsmuir. Scott leaves a wife and five children.

J. H. Cross wants to locate Northwest farmers in Westminster district. It is said several families are on their way here now for the purpose of permanent location.

Still another cannery is going up in New Westminster—the fifth to be built in the city this winter—which will make seven canneries in all within the city limits.

The young woman who was thrown from a carriage when being drawn from the agricultural grounds recently has since died from her injuries. The case is a particularly sad one as she was of the unfortunate sisterhood.

KASLO, (From the Kootenian.)

A. W. McCune, the well known wealthy mine owner of Salt Lake City, was in the city on Thursday evening, accompanied by his son and George W. Hughes. Mr. McCune has recently purchased the entire interest of S. S. Bailey in the Payne group of mines, consisting of the Mountain Chief No. 2, Maid of the Mountains, and two other mines, paying therefor a substantial sum in cash. The amount of which has not been authoritatively stated. The deal is said to be one of the largest cash transactions made in the Slovan district.

Mr. McCune has other large interests in South Kootenay. He is part owner of the Mountain Chief No. 1, Idaho and Best in the Slovan, and holds twenty-three crown grants claims in the Hot Springs camp, Anaworth, including the well-known Skyline upon which a large sum was expended before any returns accrued. His recent purchase makes him probably the largest individual owner of mining property in the district. Development work on the Payne group will be actively continued, and a wagon road or tramway built to the railway in the early future.

George W. Hughes has resumed work on the Mountain Chief No. 2. This property will be again on the list of shipping mines. From this time onward Mr. Hughes expects to ship about one hundred tons each month, which will realize a net profit of little less than one hundred dollars per ton.

Major Montgomery returned on Thursday from the Whitewater mine. He reports an equivalent of four feet of solid high grade galena in the upper tunnel and three feet of similar ore on the same level in the lower tunnel.

Building operations are being actively prosecuted in the city and many substantial structures for business and residential purposes are being erected.

The new sewerage works is complete. All the machinery is being put into position with all possible speed.

NELSON, NELSON, Oct. 15.—Stipendiary Magistrate Fitzstubs has formally committed James Woods to stand his trial at the next assizes for the murder of S. M. Woods, the blacksmith, on the night of October 12. It is thought that the General will order a special court to try the case.

REVELSTOCK, Oct. 12.—Ore shipments through Revelstock for the week ending to-day are as follows:

Mine.	Tons.	Value.	Destination.
Slocan Star.	420	\$2,936.54	Omahara.
Idaho	280	\$6,756.40	Omahara.
Wonderful	60	4,824.00	Omahara.
E. J. Mathews	18	2,324.22	Omahara.
Ruth	60	4,824.00	Omahara.
Queen Beess	60	5,290.00	Omahara.
Total	896	\$26,786.61	

CUBANS STILL CONFIDENT.

TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 14.—The family of General Collazo have received a letter from him in which he notes considerable improvement in the artillery work of the Cubans. "Another expedition has arrived," he says, "and our situation is improving day by day. We have arms and ammunition should the Spaniards attempt a winter campaign, they will find us strong and with the moral conviction of a brief struggle and sure triumph."

INDIAN SHOOTING.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 13.—(Special)—A McLeod, N. W. T., despatch to the Free Press at midnight, states that a serious shooting affray has taken place on the Blood Indian reserve, twelve miles from McLeod. One Indian shot another dead while in a jealous rage, and Farm Instructor McNeill, who interfered, was struck through the body, and is seriously injured. The Indian murderer is still at large with a posse of mounted police in pursuit.

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Advantages of the Canadian Soo Lock—Stone for the Soulages Canal.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Oct. 15.—Only one-fourth of the railway companies of the Dominion have sent in their annual returns of traffic, etc., which are due October 1. The department may take radical measures to compel delinquents to comply with the statute.

The Postmaster-General is investigating charges of partisanship in the last elections against Mr. Farrow, ex-M.P., who is postmaster of Brussels.

Owing to the recent death of Sir Richard Cartwright's son, the family of the Minister of Trade and Commerce will not come to Ottawa this winter as intended.

Joseph Hobson, the well known engineer, reports that the stone preferred by Contractor Stewart for the Soulages canal complies with the departmental requirements.

American vessel owners testify that they can get through the Canadian "Soo" lock in half the time they can get through the new American locks.

The new gas mains put down by the local company this year have been assessed at \$50,000. The company has appealed.

PIKE COUNTY'S DEFAULTER.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 14.—(Special)—Manly, alias Legg, the Pike County, Ohio, defaulter, who embezzled \$10,000 of the county funds and confessed his guilt to the Vancouver police, has been interviewed in his cell by the COLONIST correspondent. Manly is a wreck mentally and physically from an excessive use of alcohol and morphine. His confinement has reduced him to such a condition that his memory has almost left him, and from his original weight, which according to his own statement was 215 pounds, he has fallen to 165. He could not answer plain questions owing to his mind wandering, and the following story was only obtained from him by suggesting a train of thought:

"I remember nothing distinctly in my life except the day I commenced to take morphine, which with alcohol is the cause of all my troubles. I indulged on the 17th, adding the other vice, the morphia habit, in 1892. I have been told by my intimate friends who alone knew of my excesses that I was the most dangerous kind of victim to such a curse, as I hid my morphine and alcohol and everything was done on the sly. I left Waverley I don't know when nor how. I was in a dazed condition from a heavy dose of morphine. I recollect nothing until I reached Windermere, where I made directly for the Canadian side. I recollect I could not get shaved so it must have been Sunday."

"I had money with me, I do not know how much, besides diamonds and jewelry, but I cannot think the shortage amounts to much as \$10,000, but I cannot recollect the circumstances. My brain will be clearer by the time I arrive home, when I will do the square thing and tell everything. I remember seeing a white man leaving Windsor the afternoon of my arrival until I reached Winnipeg. I have been robbed. My one and only desire now is to get home, I don't care under what conditions."

SENSATIONAL TRAGEDY.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 15.—A special to the American from Columbus, Ga., says: "Three men are dead and two severely wounded, as a result of a sensational tragedy which shook Columbus yesterday. One of the dead is J. A. White, who was the cause of the whole trouble. White and his nine-year-old boy murdered in cold blood two policemen and wounded two other men in the party, which was attempting to arrest them. The murdered officers are Richard Adams and William Jackson. White was formerly a policeman, but for several years he has been in the shoe business. He has been considered eccentric but not crazy. Yesterday he became involved in a quarrel in a barroom, and Adams and Jackson served him with summons to answer the charge of disorderly conduct. This maddened White, who made threats against the officers. He went home, got a Winchester rifle, bought a supply of cartridges and, joined by his son, also armed, went to the bar-room and going out from there encountered the officers. "I told you to get ready, and if you are not ready you ought to be," White called out as he opened fire on the officers, Adams and Jackson. Adams fell at the first shot. Then Jackson fell, begging White to stop firing. The father stood over him firing into the prostrate body. The news of the affair created intense excitement. Policemen Roberts went to White's house and knocked. As he

SEAL PROTECTION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—Baron Nicholas A. Grebunitzky, governor of the Russian seal islands, is here on his way to Washington, D. C., where he intends to present, through the Russian ambassador, the form of a new treaty governing the seal trade between his country and the United States. He said: "I am sorry to say our seal rookeries are falling off very noticeably. Every year the seal life of the islands is diminishing. This is principally owing to the work of poachers, who encroach on our limits continually. With the small force at my disposal, and only occasional assistance from two Russian warships, I do the best I can to prevent these incursions. All our work seems ineffectual. Next year I intend to establish a complete patrol. We have a thirty-mile treaty limit with Great Britain. One of the objects of my visit to this country is to bring about some agreement to the same kind with the United States. Sealing schooners of the United States and Canada bother us more than any other."

BANK SUSPENSION.

BUFFALO, Oct. 15.—Withdrawals from the Bank of Commerce have been recently quite large, and at a meeting of the board of directors this morning, it was deemed expedient to place the bank in the hands of the banking department for an examination, which will be made at once. Pending this examination the directors have decided to suspend business. The directors expect that the bank may be able to resume in a short time.

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