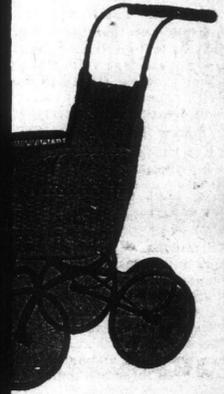


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FIFTIETH YEAR

Many Wounded in Riot as Troops Leave Madrid for War With Moors

CANADA TEAM WONDER OF BISLEY WAR TOCCSIN HEARD WITH JOY

All Dominion Rifleman Qualify As King's Prize Candidates—A Solid Team of Sixteen

RICHARDSON LEADS FOR ST. GEORGE'S VASE

Of the Crack Shots of Empire England Supplies Eight, Canada Seven and Australia One

Bisley, July 22.—All the Canadians except Sergeant Bayles of Toronto, who shot off today, have qualified to shoot in the second stage of the King's prize tomorrow at 800 and 600 yards, ten shots at each range, making a team of sixteen Canadians, including Corporal A. Sprinks, Toronto; Freeborn, Higgins, Mitchell, Morris, Russell, Jones, Macdonald, McVittie, Campbell, Spinks, Molnais, Kelly, Sgt. Smith, Gougeon and Blackburn. In the shoot-off for first place in the first stage of the King's prize between Corporal A. Sprinks of Toronto, and Private McCle of the 9th Highlanders, the latter won by ten points in the Imperial Tobacco Co. Cup (a grand competition, at 800 yards, in which each Canadian other than Sgt. Blackburn, who put on respectively scores of 44, 45 and 41, did poorly. The prize in this competition is a silver trophy valued at \$23.10, given by the Imperial Tobacco Co. The other scorers: Gougeon, 32; Creighton, 33; Forrester, 25; Freeborn, 38; Gougeon, 34; Jones, 33; Molnais, 31; McVittie, 31; Macdonald, 30; Mortimer, 31; Richardson, 28; Spinks, 7; Smith, 34; and Sgt. Blackburn, in tenth place, won three points each; and Sgt. Mitchell and Sgt. Kelly, in thirty-second and forty-second places, respectively, each won two points.

The Canadians qualified to shoot in the second stage of the St. George's Challenge Vase Saturday and Sgt. Richardson, 67; Mortimer, 67; McVittie, 6; Morris, 66; Lieut. Smith, 65; Freeborn, 67.

The first stage of the St. George's Challenge Vase, a squadded competition at 500 and 600 yards, was fired today. The second stage at 800 yards, open only to the one hundred competitors taking highest places in the first stage, will be fired Saturday. The 500 yards range four of the Canadians each made five consecutive bull's-eyes, namely, Lieut. Neil Smith and Lieut. Mortimer.

Sgt. Bayles in 23rd place in the first stage of the King's Prize, won 23. Several Canadians competed in the first stage of the Barlow snapp-shooting and rapid-firing competition, but all failed to get a place, except Sgt. Blackburn, who in 7th place, won 21.

Out of sixteen competitions in which the colonials have taken part the

THE NEWS OF TODAY

Mayor and Council will decide on date for voting on by-laws tonight.

Galveston, Tex., almost annihilated in 1900 by a tidal wave, has passed through another great storm with comparative impunity owing to her new sea wall.

Spanish troops riot on eve of departure for Morocco, alleging private ends of the Government are responsible for the fighting on the Riff coast.

Motor boat owners complain that logs in upper harbor make navigation some times impossible and always dangerous.

Argentine citizens joyfully prepare for war with Bolivia. A pronouncement is expected today.

M. Briand is expected to head the new French ministry, the Clemenceau Program being continued.

Tenders are invited for the final and most costly section of the Albernai link of the C. P. R.

Provincial Government appoints an expert commission to investigate the construction of Lamson street school.

Outbuildings of New Westminster penitentiary burned last night, the prisoners being much alarmed.

Nelson priest rides thrilling race with death.

The lives of a thousand Baptist young people are imperilled by Texas floods.

Methodist mission steamer Udal lost in Portland Canal.

John Hall, of Esquimalt road, attempts suicide while dependent.

Historic steamer Zafaro to ply between Prince Rupert and Vancouver.

People of Argentine Enthusiastic Over Immediate Prospect of Clash With Bolivia in the Field.

MINISTERS ARE BOTH RECALLED

American Legation Overlooks Bolivian Interests Until Return of Peace—Pronouncement Expected

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, July 22.—After confining the interests of his country to the care of the American legation, the Bolivian Minister to the Argentine, Senor Escalante, called from here this morning for Montevideo, his departure being witnessed by throngs who crowded the principal streets and squares, cheering with wild enthusiasm whenever the flag of Argentina was displayed or soldiers of the Republic appeared on the streets. Little information has been given out by the Government today as to the precise position of the dispute with Bolivia, but it is freely conceded that the Government today is in a position to make a formal declaration of war will be made tomorrow. The Bolivian representative took his departure amid impressively silent crowds, which had the instant before been madly cheering at the passage of several bodies of volunteer infantry, passing to their barracks to receive service equipment.

Argentine Minister Withdraws

La Paz, Bolivia, July 21.—The Argentine Minister left here this evening for Antofagasta in accordance with instructions from his Government recalling him. Senor Pons was accompanied by his wife, two secretaries and General Pando.

In consequence of the rupture of diplomatic relations between Argentina and Bolivia, following the decision handed down by President Alcorca of Argentina, the Minister of Foreign Affairs has notified the Paraguayan charge d'affaires here that the president of Argentina has declined to act as arbitrator in the question determining the boundary of Bolivia and Paraguay, which he agreed to do in 1907.

JOHN HALL TURNED GUN AGAINST HIMSELF

Early this morning, John Hall, a young and well-known Victorian, attempted suicide. He had ridden from the city to his home on Esquimalt road in an automobile when, stepping out of the car, he strode towards the front door and, stopping suddenly, drew a small revolver from his pocket, placed it against his right temple and fired. The chauffeur excitedly rushed towards the wounded man, and with the assistance of the occupants of the house, carried him inside.

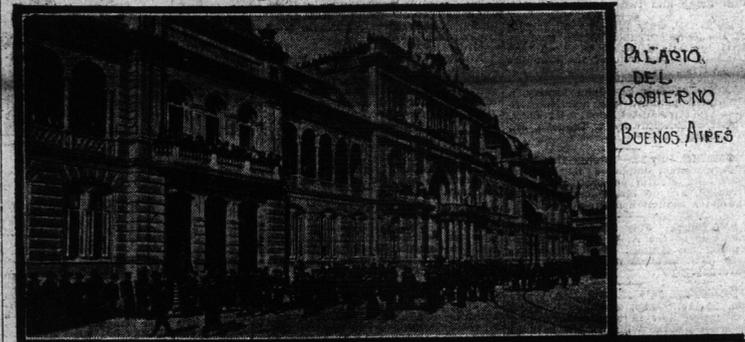
As soon as possible medical attendance was secured. Doctor Robertson hurriedly examined the scene, in company with a police officer, immediately the news was communicated. On his orders the man was removed to the St. Joseph's Hospital. There investigation proved that the young man had used a shot which was about the size of a small pea, had not penetrated the skull. An operation was performed about a month ago, which was undoubtedly successful and Hall is expected to be out and around in a few days.

Hall's friends believe that despondency, brought on as a result of a condition of nervous prostration, of which he has been a victim ever since undergoing an operation for appendicitis about a month ago, was what induced this effort to take his own life.

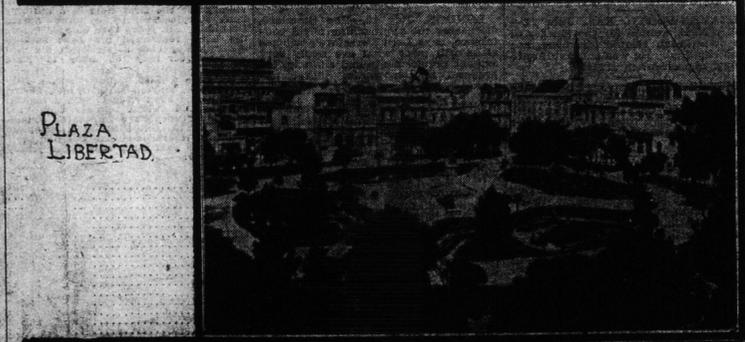
Yesterday he was seen about the city all day long throughout the evening by different parties. Some asserted that he threatened to suicide, declaring

All space in exhibition's principal building already rented. Prospects bright.

Capital of Argentine Republic Rings With Shouts for War



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THIS BIGAMIST THE MEANEST YET

Court Stenographer Gardner Deceives the Girl Who Trusted Implicitly, and Is Now Fugitive

Lethbridge, July 22.—James E. McGregor Gardner, formerly court stenographer here, is face to face with a charge of bigamy. He came here about a year ago from Strathcona, where he met a Miss Nina Burke, formerly of Winnipeg. In a short time it was known that McGregor Gardner was engaged to Miss Burke, and about this time Chief Gillespie had information from England to the effect that McGregor was already married. Friends of the girl, told her of this but she chose to believe McGregor, who said he was single. Preparations for the

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EXPLORER RETURNS FROM ARCTIC WASTES

Had Been Given Up for Dead—In Quest of World's Richest Gold Field—On His Way South

Ottawa, July 22.—George Caldwell, Arctic explorer, who was supposed to have perished three years ago when searching for gold north of the Arctic circle, is alive and is pushing south from the Hudson Bay regions on his way to this city. With him are his two Eskimo guides, whose wives have been mourning them as dead for the last two years. The first news from Caldwell was received here about a week ago in the form of a telegram briefly giving information of his early return. It is not known if he has realized his hope of discovering the richest gold field in the world. He left the police post at Cape Fullerton, Hudson Bay, in June, 1906, with the two Eskimo

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BIDS ASKED TROOPS RIOT FOR FINAL SECTION ON EVE OF LEAVING

C. P. R. Hopes to Have Line Completed to Albernai and in Operation Within Ensuing Twelvemonth

TENDERS INVITED FOR HEAVIEST CONTRACT

Portions of Mountain Section Will Cost \$60,000 Per Mile—Rapid Progress in Construction

That no time is to be lost by the C. P. R. in bringing the new seaport of Albernai in direct touch with all the world by means of a railway connection, the Wellington-Albernai section of the pioneer transcontinental line, being rushed to completion as quickly as possible, is evidenced by the announcement today that, under instructions from Vice-President Richard Marpole, tenders are now invited for all the grading and bridging on the final section required to complete the line, this being twenty-seven miles from Cameron Lake to Albernai, which involves the heaviest work on the entire line, where the crossing is made on the mountain backbone of the island.

It is improbable that any further grading of the works in the hills, on this particular section, can be done for less than \$10,000 a mile, and there is considerable work to be done in order to tempt some of the largest railway builders to enter the lists of tenderers.

Grading is now so well under way that it may be said to be virtually completed on the first section of one hundred miles, from Wellington to French Creek, which stretch of roadbed is now ready for the metals.

For the next eight miles from French Creek to Cameron Lake, which is destined to be one of the most popular and delightful resorts in Western America, because of its proximity to Mount Arrowsmith—the grading and bridging contract has just been let to Messrs. Moore Dixon.

And now Superintendent Beasley is instituting bids for the last section, which will couple up the Albernai line as the westernmost section of the national highway across the continent. The distance is twenty-seven miles approximately, and much heavy rockwork cutting and high bridge building will be required.

The specifications are on view at the chief engineer's office at Vancouver, and at the district engineer's office here, particulars being obtainable by intending tenderers at either place. Bids are receivable from the 7th proximo until the 6th September, and it is confidently expected that the work in contemplation will be completed and the entire line extension ready for traffic before the coming of autumn in 1910.

Experts are to investigate fully

Searching investigation into all matters in connection with the structural weaknesses of the Lamson street school building, and responsibility therefor, will be initiated by the Provincial government as soon as the Provincial architect, Mr. Everett Cridle, and Mr. E. C. Gamble, chief engineer of the Public Works branch, return to the city, it being intended to have these expert officials, together with City Building Inspector W. W. Northcott, make a comprehensive examination of the plans and also of the building, so that it may be disclosed with positiveness whether the plans were deviated from, and just where responsibility should be placed.

The satisfactory assurances of the government's intentions, as disclosed at the recent interview had with the Premier and the Minister of Education, were duly reported to a special meeting of the residents of the school district yesterday evening, the report being presented by Mr. John Jardine, M.P.P., and received with great satisfaction.

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SPAIN CALLS OUT HER FIRST RESERVES

Parliament Will Be Asked to Reinforcements Reach Melilla and Moors Suffer

Threaten Officers at Barcelona in Revolt Against Orders to Go to Morocco and Are Disarmed

Barcelona, July 22.—A riot broke out today among the troops who were about to be embarked for Melilla.

An entire battalion revolted and threatened the colonial and garrison officers with their bayonets. Other troops were hastily summoned and the mutineers were disarmed.

Madrid, July 22.—King Alfonso has cancelled all his engagements, an account of the serious situation that has developed in Morocco. Heavy fighting has been going on for the past ten days between the Spanish troops under General Marina, and Moorish tribesmen at Melilla, and the losses on both sides have been considerable. Today the first line of reserves was summoned to the colors.

Parliament will be asked to vote further credits so that more reinforcements can be sent to Melilla. It is possible that General Weyler, formerly Spanish captain general of Cuba will be placed in supreme command of the Spanish forces in Morocco.

The Liberal press is joining in the popular protest against sacrificing soldiers to the Riff Coast, alleging that the war is solely for the purpose of protecting the mining interests. The newspapers demand the convening of the cortes and a frank statement of the Government's intentions.

Melilla, Morocco, July 22.—The Spanish positions here were reinforced today by fresh troops from Spain. During the fighting yesterday the Moors, within 800 yards of Melilla, when they retired they left 104 dead on the field.

Families Riot. Madrid, July 22.—During the night while the Spanish troops which are to reinforce the Spanish garrison at Melilla were being embarked, a riot broke out among the families of the troops.

THE REMNANT COUNTER. A true optimist is a man who has faith in the Victoria lacrosse team beating Westminster some day.

It's a poor alibi that can't break some kind of a record these days.

They hustle even after death in Chicago. Here's the driver of an automobile arrested for exceeding the speed limit while en route to the cemetery.

There was a young lady named Banker who slept while the ship was at anchor, but she woke in dismay when she heard the mate say: "Let us pull down the top sheet and spantoo."

The New Westminster News is too cruelly suggestive when it says that "Hon. Dr. Fugaley's speech was punctuated with ciphers."

Poetic justice still lives after all, as witness the fact that the "Demon Driver," Barney Oldfield, has been brought low by being bumped by a humble little runabout.

Leon Ling at last reports was at Buda-Pesth, in Hungary Tomorrow he will probably be heard from at Cape-town, S.A., or Invercargill, N.Z.

All the fascinations of public life in England just now appear to be divided between the sufferers and the suffragettes.

Before the papers began printing their pictures, the average man in America was inclined to sympathize surreptitiously with the British suffragettes. The idyll was shattered when the cruel camera proved that a suffragette is nothing at all like a soubrette.

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