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FRANCE AND SIAM.

Trouble has been brewing between

France and Siam for months and

active hostilities date back to the early

part of the present year. They grew

out of the disputes between Siam and

Annam, which latter country is under

French protection. At one of the

border towns in the spring a force of

Annamites and Frenchmen was at-

tacked and routed by Siamese troops.

For this France demanded reparation,

as well as a settlement of the bound-

ary difficulty, and sent a gunboat to

Bangkok. The Siamese government

immediately began to act on the de-

fensive, and sank a number of scows

on the Menan river to prevent the

near approach of French vessels to

Bangkok, the capital of Siam. Siam

has a population of about 7,000,000,

which in lower Siam is clustered about

the river and canals. The Portuguese

were the first Europeans to establish

any intercourse with Siam. This was

in 1511. English traders were in

Siam early in the 17th century. The

treaty of 1826 with England practically

gave Europeans free admittance

to Siam, and the English, owing to

the nearness of their Indian depen-

dencies have had a strong diplomatic

influence in the affairs of the country.

So strong has this been that many

believe that a war with France will

ultimately result in an English pro-

tection. England has a large trade

with Siam while France's trade is in-

significant. Bad feeling exists be-

tween France and England. The

majority of the Paris newspapers de-

voted as muchspace to the denunciations

of England as to the dispute between

France and Siam. England is re-

proached by them with supporting the

Siamese in opposition to France's

just demands and with planning to

give the Siamese secret aid. The En-

glish papers accuse France of open

robbery and declare the attack is

aimed at England. The terms of the

ultimatum sent to Siam by France

were as follows:

First. A recognition of the right of

Annam and Cambodia on the left or eastern

bank of the Mekong river.

Second. The evacuation of the forts held

there by the Siamese within a month.

Third. Full satisfaction for various ag-

gressions against French ships and French

sailors on the Menan river.

Fourth. The punishment of the culprits

and provisions for the pecuniary indemnity

of the victims.

Fifth. An indemnity of 2,000,000 francs

for various damages sustained by French

subjects.

Sixth. The immediate deposit of 3,000,-

000 francs to guarantee the payment of the

fourth and fifth claims, or the assignment

of the taxes in certain districts in lieu of

the deposit of 3,000,000 francs.

Siam accepted these only in a

modified form which was displeasing

to France and M. Paul Deschamps,

minister resident at Bangkok, lowered

the flag over his office and notified

the Siamese government that he was

about to leave the city. The

blockade of the Siamese coast will be

declared at once.

The Siamese navy is insignificant.

The French navy is the east coast

in all of ten vessels, all of which are

more or less immediately available for

operations against Siam. England's

fleet in that neighborhood could

easily block the French coast of the

water, but England has decided not

to interfere except in protection of

her own territory. It is rumored,

however, that China, who has a fleet

by no means to be despised, com-

manded and organized as it is by

German officers, will take a hand at

the instigation of Britain.

Russian newspapers which are

under government censorship, have

come out strongly for France. The

general opinion is that Siam will be

obliged to accept France's terms, al-

though it is not probable that the French

demands which are largely aimed

at England, to gain the favor

of the multitude for the government

in the coming election, will, when

the election is over be made much less ex-

orbitant, and that matters will be

amicably arranged.

Personal and Political

—Princess Amelia aunt of the

Princess Mary died at Graz, Austria

on Friday.

—Hon. Edward Blake will return

to Canada on or before September 1st.

—Canada has been invited to par-

ticipate in the international exposition

to be held at Antwerp next year.

—Hon John Gossigan who was pre-

sent at the opening of the Tobique

Valley Railway has returned to Ot-

tawa.

—W. W. Campbell, poet of the

lake, has been appointed to a perma-

nent position in the Department of the

Militia. He will arrange the records

of the war of 1812 and the rebellion

of 1837.

—The fact that Mr. Lewis Morris

has written a royal marriage ode, "My

dearest" is regarded as signifying the

Queen's intention to make him Poet

Laureate.

—The Earl of Aberdeen, the new

Governor General of Canada, has con-

tributed \$1000 to the Young Colonists

Aid, a new philanthropic institution.

—Assistant Surgeon Young stationed

at Naples, Italy reports cholera con-

tinuing there and averaging three

cases daily.

—The name of Judge King is men-

tioned as successor to Judge Patterson.

This would give the meeting in that

city, says: "Would to God there

were among our leading public men,

French and English, Catholic and

Protestant, more possessed of the same

spirit. This Canada would then be

an easier country to govern."

A PROSPEROUS BUSINESS.

Sackville, N. B., July 25th. — J.

R. Ayer of Sackville, employs 145

hands in his shops and has an income

of \$150,000. Adding what he re-

ceives from his large mercantile busi-

ness his income extends to every

town and village in the Maritime

Provinces and many towns and cities

in Quebec and Ontario. Two or three

men are kept on the road all the time

and the books show more orders to

run through 100 sides per day than

is 50 hides complete. Nearly all the

leather manufactured is used by the

establishment. A little is exported

chiefly through the Maritime prov-

inces. Machinery of all kinds is of the

most modern and improved make and

steam heating apparatus is establish-

ed throughout. Large beam wheels

for cleaning and oiling the hides are

used. Much of Mr. Ayer's business

success is no doubt due to the econo-

mical system which reigns in all the de-

partments and to the care and pains

taking with which the best leather is

chosen for important parts of the work.

Nothing is wasted. The smallest

pieces are used in one part or another

of the work. The liquor from the tan-

nery is kept in continual circulation

by a pumping apparatus. Mr. Ayer's

bell lacing is justly celebrated

throughout the Maritime Provinces.

Great care is exercised in the prepara-

tion and no other house in the Lower

Provinces manufactures so much. It

is tanned by chemical process, no bark

is used. All kinds of furs are also

dressed and prepared for coats, etc.

Mr. James McInnis who has been

with Mr. Ayer for thirty years and

seen the business grow up from im-

mense proportions to its present state

in charge of this department.

The shoe shop is under the efficient

management of Mr. John Hilson.

Many different styles of shoes are

made and 30 hands employed. Mr.

Ayer's mania for improvement has

won considerable praise from all quar-

ters. In their manufacture 25 hands

are employed. In the harness shop

from 40 to 50 hands are employed

and 80 to 100 sets per week turned

out. About 30 different kinds of

driving harnesses are manufactured.

Several men are employed exclusively

on collars and from 80 to 100 per

cent of all kinds are finished. Mr.

Albert Wry presiding over this depart-

ment. An interesting feature though

not a small one, is the manufacture

of the taxidermy department. Here are

manufactured many kinds of wallets,

purses, school-bags and other con-

veniences. Mr. Ayer dips to a greater

or less extent into farming. He has

at present over fifty pigs, rare speci-

mens of their kind in excellent con-

dition. His large mercantile busi-

ness has already been noted. He does

a rushing general business employing

five clerks who are never idle. It is

said that plans are being formed for

the place of the present one, which is

already too small for its purpose. In

the offices Mr. John M. Baird, a

gentleman of tried business ability

and integrity, sits enthroned. Dur-

ing the last season Mr. Ayer has

supplied material for two rotary mills

situated far back on the densely cul-

tivated hills of Aboussang. Everything

which he touches his hand prospers

He carries on operations in tanning,

boot-making, harness-making, store-

keeping, farming, etc., with equal

energy and carefulness and in every

case he comes out "on top." Sack-

ville in comparison with other places

possesses her full share of men of

such character but the market cannot

be overlooked and it is fitting that

such good will of the citizens for

such is the backbone of Sackville.

K.

—The J. C. R. bridge between

Halifax and Lunenburg mysteriously

collapsed at 2 o'clock on Sunday

morning. There was no wind and

the tide was not at its highest. A

train had passed over it at 8.30 the

previous evening.

Joggins.

—Mr. William Hall of Spring Hill, so

longly and successfully in charge of

the Joggins mines on Monday in place

of Mr. James Baird, previously resigned.

The Corporation is operating a new pit

about half a mile east of the present

one and will be in working order in

about a month.

—The church people will have a fes-

tival in their new church edifice on the

7th August.

—Mr. S. E. Freeman of Macan has

leased the Paul's store and will com-

mence a general country business here.

The Atlantic Club will hold a mas-

querade in the Hall this evening.

—The miners are very busy shipping

coal.

—Com. Hotel has been greatly im-

proved of late. Painting, papering, re-

furnishing and refitting have added

much to its attractiveness. The house is

a popular one with travellers and min-

ers and host Com is most attentive. His

team makes all trains.

River Hebert.

Shipping, Arrived: 21st, sch. Jessie

D. B. H. from St. John, bal. 21.

Sch. Robert Mow, Lindsay, from

Portsmouth, bal. 22, sch. Silver Spray,

White, from Machias, bal. 22, sch.

Maryville, Moffat, from St. John, bal.

22, sch. Almada, Best, from St. John,

bal. 24, sch. Lizzie B., Howard, from

Boston, bal. 24, sch. Alba, Walter, from

Boston, bal. 24, sch. George D. Long,

Beal, from Jonesport, bal. 24, sch. Lex-

ington, Thompson, from Portsmouth,

bal. 24, sch. Florence R. Hewson,

Patterson, from Halifax, bal.

Cleared: 21st, sch. Tacoma, Buller-

well, for Sandy Point, Me., with coal,

from Canada Coals and Ry. Co. (Tid.)

22, sch. B. E. Rogers, D. Bell, for

N. Y., 22, sch. Vineyard Cummings,

Pilling for N. Y., 26, sch. Jessie D.

Hatherly, Sawed Lumber for Boston.

DAMAGES.—Logan & Casoy, soli-

citors, at the instance of Mrs. W. B.

Huestis of Amherst who on Sunday

week last fell and dislocated her

shoulder over a broken sidewalk plank,

have put in claim against the town for

\$1,000 damages.

DR. LOV'S WORM SYRUP removes

worms of all kinds in children or adults.

Children cry for it.

Maritime Matters.

—Prince Edward Island will have

a light ray crop this year.

—Mrs. Owen of Halifax was