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## All Paris Is In Mourning

### Gay French Capital Shocked By Awful Extent of the Tunnel Horror.

### Work of Rescue Was Delayed By Lack of Promptitude By Employes.

### Majority of Victims Were From the Working Classes--A Public Funeral.

Paris, Aug. 11.—The cause of the awful tunnel accident was inattention of the officials. Several versions of the disaster are given, but the main facts which have been established are the following: The electrical motor on a train from Porte Dauphine failed to act properly, and the train waited at the station of Les Charonnes until the arrival of a second train, which pushed the crippled train forward, making a total of 16 coaches. The damaged dynamo set fire to the engine of the first train, raising quantities of smoke. The electric lights on the trains went out, and this impeded the progress of the trains towards Menilmontant.

The terror-stricken passengers tried to grope their way back to Les Charonnes, and it is believed many were shocked to death by the electric current. A third train crashed into the fiery mass and added another crowd of panic-stricken passengers to those seeking an outlet.

The officials were made aware of the disaster by the clouds of smoke rising from the tunnel. Those who got out were unable to give any information concerning those left behind, but told of stumbling over bodies all along the tracks.

Most of the trainmen escaped, but the conductor of the train causing the accident was seriously injured. The escape of the trainmen is attributed to their superior knowledge of the subterranean passage, which enabled them to hasten forward in spite of the obstructions.

At noon Colonel Meaux St. Marc, on behalf of President Loubet, visited the morgue, and Premier Combes went to the scene of the disaster. M. Hurteaux, procurier of the republic, and Judge Collet, of the Seine Tribunal, have proceeded to Les Charonnes station to open a judicial investigation of the affairs. The names of the victims are characteristic of the French working classses and occupations are given as painter, mason, plumber, tailor, seamstress, locksmith, etc.

Outside the workmen about every third name is that of a woman. Pitiful scenes were enacted at the morgue throughout the day as the relatives gathered seeking to identify the bodies.

Premier Combes descended into the tunnel and made a personal inspection. He asked the chief of police for a speedy report on the causes of the disaster and a list of the victims, and announced his intention of proposing at a council of ministers, measures for the relief of the poor families of the victims.

The flag over the Hotel De Ville has been lowered to half mast as a sign of the city's mourning. M. Gauthier, the magistrate of the district, says one of the main causes of the loss of life was that those escaping took the wrong exit, one passage letting out to the street, while the other was barred, as it was usually used for admitting passengers.

M. Benvenue, the chief engineer of the Metropolitan railroad, says, from a technical point of view, every precaution to avoid danger had been taken. The chief misfortune was that the employes did not organize assistance with sufficient rapidity to permit the passengers being quickly drawn out.

At the American consulate it was learned that there were no Americans among the victims. The prefecture of the police confirmed this.

### CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Arnold White Fined for Comment on Whitaker Wright Case.

London, Aug. 11.—Arnold White, the author, was fined $500 by the High Court today for contempt of court, in writing an article in a Saturday newspaper, just before the arrival in England from New York of Whitaker Wright, the director of the London & Globe Finance Corporation, calculated to prejudice the trial, and with the object of preventing the granting of bail.

### DECISION REVERSED.

London, Aug. 11.—The appeal court, by a majority of 2 to 1, has reversed the decision of Justice Bingham, who, on August 8th, 1902, in a case where the Welsh Coal Owners' Association sued the Miners' Federation for $500,000 damages for ordering work stopped without consulting the owners, decided in favor of the defendants on the ground that there was no malice in the action of the men, who believed that a reduction of the output would benefit both parties. The question was referred back to Justice Bingham.

### THE HUMBERT TRIAL.

Interest in Case Overshadowed by Awful Tunnel Disaster.

Paris, Aug. 11.—The Humbert trial was resumed today. M. Parmentier, the lawyer who represents the Crawford brothers in their suits, was examined, and said that Henry Crawford told him that one of his relatives died at Nice, leaving the bulk of his fortune to Madame Humbert, but a second was discovered, changing the disposition of the inheritance.

M. Parmentier maintained his belief that the Crawford brothers actually existed. Madame Therese frequently denied M. Parmentier's statements.

Little interest is taken in the trial today on account of the tunnel disaster.

### DISTRESS AND REGRET

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—The Russian ambassador at Constantinople telegraphed that, by command of the sultan, his son, Prince Ahmed Effendi, called at the embassy to express the deep distress and regret caused in the name of His Majesty by the murder of the Russian consul at Monastir, and requested the ambassador to notify the czar of this expression of the sultan's sorrow.

Constantinople, Aug. 11.—Dr. Mandelstam, acting Russian consul at Uskub, will replace the murdered consul, M. Rostkovik, at Monastir.

Sofia, Aug. 11.—The premier and minister of the interior have proceeded to Dubnitza, with the intention of inspecting the Bulgarian posts along the Macedonian frontier. This is regarded as additional proof of the government's desire to maintain peace.

## THE CORONATION OF POPE PIUS.

FROM THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS

PATRIARCH SARTO WASHING THE FEET OF OLD MEN IN ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL

POPE LEO XIII BLESSING THE PEOPLE IN THE INTERIOR OF ST. PETER'S AT THE TIME OF HIS ACCESSION. POPE PIUS X GAVE HIS FIRST PAPAL BLESSING FROM SAME PLACE

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE POPE IN THE SISTINE CHAPEL.

## The Kisheneff Disturbances

### British Vice Consul Gives An Official Account of the Outrages.

### Early Action By the Authorities Would Have Prevented the Riots.

### First Stories of Wholesale Outrage and Torture Are Discredited.

London, Aug. 12.—A despatch from the British consul general at Odessa, forwarding the report made by the British vice consul at Odessa, V. Bosanquet, who was sent especially to Kisheneff to obtain the facts regarding the recent anti-Jewish riots there, is published today.

Mr. Bosanquet's report, which is dated July 28, generally agrees with the story of the occurrences as cabled to the Associated Press. It says:—"The area of the disturbances comprised two-thirds of the town of Kisheneff. The murders all occurred on Monday, the second day of the disturbance. They were perpetrated by bands of rioters in different parts of the town. Many believe they were the work of organized companies, which fact argues in favor of a pre-arranged conspiracy to exterminate the Jews. If this belief is not accepted, the riots must be attributed to the articles in the Besarabetz (the anti-Semetic organ in Kisheneff), to the unfounded report that the Jewish murder of a Christian priest, to the wine drunk early on Monday, and to the belief which seems to have grown with the continued inaction of the authorities that the latter wished the Jews to be massacred, or had even ordered it. Apparently a feeling exists among the lower classes that the Jews ought not to be in a majority in Kisheneff. The local authorities took no effective step to stop the riots. The soldiers were passive, if not sympathetic spectators. The police contented themselves with the arrest of minor criminals until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the governor, who had remained at home telephoning orders, which were disregarded, at length ventured to sign the necessary order for the troops to be employed. The only case heard of which the latter used their weapons was when they bayonetted a Christian boy who was pursuing a Jew with stones. This boy was the only Christian killed during the disturbances. If resolute action had been taken by the authorities, I believe the riots would have been checked at an early stage."

Mr. Bosanquet places the Jewish victims at 41 killed and 303 wounded. While among the Christians one was killed and 68 wounded. The official inquiries he says, show that three women were violated, but this may well represent a small fraction of the actual number. Since the Jewish women naturally remain silent for their own sakes, as under the Mosaic law divorce must follow violation. The vice consul heard of the rape of a girl of twelve years old, and others aged thirteen, but this was only hearsay. Mutilation and deliberate torture of the victims, he says, does not seem to have been practised, though there were undoubtedly great barbarities. He only knew of one case of mutilation, a man's eye was put out with a nail. He heard stories of mutilation after death, and of a child being torn limb from limb, but he considers the latter story to be improbable, considering that only two children appear to have perished.

Mr. Bosanquet pays a tribute to Prince Urmsoff, the new governor of Bessarabia, who, he says, helped him with every means in his power.

"On the arrival of the new governor, who is doing all he can to gain the confidence of the Jewish people," adds the vice consul, "matters began to improve, and the commercial trade of the town was resumed. A newcomer visiting the Jewish quarter can see no signs of a stoppage of business, and it is hoped that Jewish commercial affairs are on a fair way to regain their prosperity, though they have not yet entirely recovered.

"The Jews place their loss at two million roubles, but this figure is probably an exaggeration.

"About 880 rioters were arrested, and 308 were punished on minor charges, while 216 were acquitted. Three hundred and sixty rioters will be tried at Tiraspolinoct, of which number 100 are charged with murder in addition to other crimes. If they are found guilty they will be sentenced to penal servitude on the Island of Saghalhin."

### WORLD'S COKE INDUSTRY.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 12.—In an interview here to-day Joseph Leiter, jun., of Chicago, stated that he has embarked in an enterprise which, if successful, will take from this city its supremacy as the chief centre of the coke industry of the world, and transfer that centre to Chicago.

### THE ST. LOUIS AND S. F.

New York, Aug. 12.—The most important point in the agreement between the Seaboard Air Line and St. Louis and San Francisco interests is that it gives the latter road an outlet to tide water at six or seven important ports. These include Norfolk, Wilmington, Savannah, Charleston, Brunswick, Ferdinande, Jacksonville and St. Augustine. Further down the coast the Frisco road will have an outlet at Cedar Key.

### RELIGIOUS FANATIC JAILED.

Street Preacher in Montreal Causes Disturbances and Is Arrested.

Montreal, Aug. 12.—John Kneeland, printer, who has on several occasions been up before the recorders for preaching on the streets, was back again on the same old charge this morning. The police do not object to his street preaching if he will confine it to sections of the city where it is understood, but Kneeland persists in invading the east end of the city, where the population is largely Catholic, and where his efforts are not appreciated. The consequence is more or less troublesome. On previous occasions he has been discharged with a nominal punishment, but this morning Recorder Werr sentenced him to a fine of $5 or a month's imprisonment. Kneeland refused to pay the fine, and went to jail.

## ALD. VANSTONE SHOT IN THE LEG

### A Popular Westminster Citizen Victim of An Accident---The "Open" Sunday.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Aug. 10.—Following the example of many citizens in this warm weather, Ald. W. E. Vanstone departed Saturday for a quiet Sunday down by the sad sea waves at Boundary Bay. On Sunday afternoon he was brought back on a river steamer, consigned to the hospital, with a bullet wound in his leg.

Just how the accident occurred is not very clear. Tommy Gifford, the great lacrosse man, was practising with a .22 rifle. It is said the bullet hit the target and glanced, finding a resting place in the Alderman's leg. But as Gifford's reputation for making good shots on goal does not insure that he can hit a target with a .22, the matter is somewhat doubtful.

Very general regret is felt for the popular Alderman. The wound is not considered dangerous, but it came very close to being so.

News from Blaine today is to the effect that a ball game was played there Sunday afternoon between a team from this vicinity and the local fans. This story has aroused considerable interest here, as the absence of several famous Westminster ball players from their respective churches was noted. No doubt, however, the gentlemen were also at Boundary Bay. News from American sources is often unreliable.

John Collier, an old resident of the Royal City, died on Saturday. He was buried yesterday, the remains being accompanied to the cemetery by the Eagles, of whose order he was a member, and the city band. Collier was 61 years of age and a native of Preston.

### WIND AND THUNDERSTORM.

Lightning Strikes Tent at Calgary and Two Men are Shocked.

Calgary, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—A heavy thunderstorm raged yesterday afternoon with a wind blowing 50 to 60 miles per hour. One and two-third inches of rain fell in half an hour. Lightning struck the C. P. R. irrigation survey tent, burning it up. Richard A. Leads was badly shocked, H. B. Mucklestone was struck on the leg, and the other inmate, Maunday, was untouched. Leads was brought to the hospital and Mucklestone to a hotel.

## POPE RECOVERS FROM COLLAPSE

### His Holiness Photographed in the Garden of the Vatican.

Rome, Aug. 12.—The Pope, being now practically well again, two photographers were granted permission today to photograph him in the garden of the Vatican.

The Pope this morning left his apartment for the first time since his fainting at yesetrday, going for a drive and walk in the Vatican gardens. He remained in the open air about two hours and returned to the palace feeling much better. All that remains of yesterday's collapse is a slight feeling of lightness in the head.

Doctors Lapponi and Davenzi visited Pope Pius today, and though they found him almost entirely recovered, they continued to recommend that he should take a rest and an abstention from all work. "But this will mean such an accumulation of work that it will kill me afterwards to catch up with it," said the Pope in reply.

### HUNTING FOR MISCREANT.

Marshalltown, Iowa, Aug. 12.—The 7-year-old daughter of A. I. Macon, a prominent farmer of North Hudson, was assaulted today by one of a party of horse-traders, who are camping near her home. The child will die. A large and excited mob started in pursuit of her assailant. He will be lynched if captured.

### IRISH LAND BILL.

London, Aug. 12.—The House of Commons today accepted all the amendments of the Irish Land bill, adopted by the House of Lords, except two, which are of an unimportant nature. It is believed that the Lords will accept the bill in its present form. A committee was appointed to meet a committee of Lords with regard to the amendments, to which the House of Commons disagreed.

### STRIKING MACHINISTS.

Albany, N.Y., Aug. 12.—A gang of workmen today began to dismantle the machine shops of the Boston & Albany railroad at Renssaler, where the machinists are out on strike. Division Master Mechanic A. O. Berry declared that the shop would be permanently closed, in accordance with the ultimatum delivered on Monday to the striking machinists. Local merchants received the news with consternation, as the removal of the shops would be a serious blow to them. No change is reported in the attitude of the strikers today.

### PROMOTIONS.

London, Aug. 11.—A large number of promotions and appointments to the Royal Victoria order in connection with the King's visit to Ireland, are gazetted today. They include Lord Londonderry and Lord Dudley as Knights of the Grand Cross; Lord Charles Beresford, Right Hon. Horace Curzon-Plunkett, Sir Anthony Patrick McDonnell, and a number of Irish officials as Knights Commander. Thirty-seven officers of the army, navy, Irish Constabulary and police are made commanders or members of fourth or fifth class of the Royal Victoria order.

## CONSERVATIVES OF NANAIMO CITY

### Enthusiastic Meeting at the Black Diamond City Last Evening.

Nanaimo, Aug. 12.—(Special)—A large and enthusiastic meeting of local Conservatives held here tonight was addressed by Hon. R. F. Green, who was warmly received, and gave a rattling address. An aggressive campaign has been initiated. A decision was taken to nominate a candidate on Saturday, August 22, and committee rooms were selected. The prospects of the Conservative party in Nanaimo are growing brighter every day, and great confidence is expressed that their candidate will be returned.

The president of the Ladysmith organization announced a meeting for Wednesday next. Messrs. Green and Wilson will be present.

### BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Lima, Peru, Aug. 12.—Telegrams received here announce that bubonic plague exists at Mollendo and Pacesmava.

### CONDITION OF A. F. PIRIE.

Dundas, Ont., Aug. 11.—The doctors report A. F. Pirie as still holding his own. There was little change in his condition this morning.

### INTERNATIONAL TENNIS.

Southampton, Aug. 12.—H. L. Doherty, the English tennis champion, played his first match today in the Meadow Club tournament. His opponent was the Harvard champion, Edgar S. Leonard. The score of the first set was 6-4 in favor of Doherty, the points 38-32. In the second set Doherty beat Leonard 6-4 points 37-29.

### EARTHQUAKES.

Rome, Aug. 12.—An earthquake, having the region of Mount Aetna as a centre, was felt to-day throughout Sicily and southern Italy, to a smaller degree in central Italy. Little damage was done. Mount Vesuvius is again in eruption. Its present activity being considered to be connected with the earthquake shock.

London, Aug. 12.—A despatch from Candia, Island of Crete, says that an earthquake occurred there today, and that its duration was 32 seconds. There were no casualties.

### DISASTROUS CYCLONE.

Washington, D.C., Aug. 11.—The state department today received a despatch from Consul Jewell at Fort De France, Martinique, dated yesterday, confirming the press report of the disastrous cyclone in that island. The despatch says:

"A terrific cyclone visited the entire island at midnight Saturday. Great damage was done to crops and fruits. Many houses were unroofed, and trees two feet thick uprooted. One person was killed. The consulate is intact.

"At Trinite seven were killed and many houses destroyed. Smaller towns are damaged, rendering 5,000 sufferers less. Reports from the interior of the island are indefinite. There is great discouragement."

## Massacre is Inevitable

### Bulgarian Government is Convinced Porte's Action Will Lead to War.

### Searching Villages for Arms Has Lead to the Present Outbreak.

### Turks Bombard Village and no Quarter Given After Its Capture.

Salonica, Aug. 12.—It is rumored that the Turkish troops on Monday bombarded and destroyed the village of Ekshisu, 28 miles south of Monastir. According to another rumor, the insurgents who have occupied Krueshevo, after repulsing two assaults by the Turkish troops, offered a conditional surrender. Instructions were asked from Constantinople, and in reply the Turkish commander received orders to give no quarter. The whole Bulgarian government takes a decidedly pessimistic view of the situation, and the officials freely express themselves that a general massacre of the Christians in Macedonia is inevitable. Meanwhile the government continues to maintain its peaceful attitude, but it believes that a sudden development of affairs across the border may at any time render the authorities powerless to prevent war. The reports from Bulgarian official agents in Macedonia show that affairs are rapidly growing worse. The fact that the Mussulman population is becoming excited and congregating in the mosques, is regarded as a bad feature, indicating the possibility that a massacre may occur within a very short time. It is feared that such a massacre would cover a wide area, and that the Turkish soldiers would prove incapable of restraining the fanatical Mussulmans, even if they desired to do so, which is by no means certain. Monastir now contains only two battalions of Turkish troops, and they consist of raw recruits. The troops might even aid the Mussulmans in slaughtering the Christians. The officials here blame Turkey for the present outbreak, attributing it largely to the action of the Porte in instituting a search for arms in the villages. The Macedonian leaders claim that their followers were being deprived of guns and ammunition, and decided to rise immediately. The Bulgarian government is said to be particularly displeased with Turkey's action because it had urged the Porte to leave the villages in peace, believing that this would result in staving off the trouble till next year, as the insurgents seemed to entertain hopes that the Powers would soon intervene.

Constantinople, Aug. 12.—One hundred and fifty revolutionists were killed, according to official Turkish reports, in the fighting at Sorrovitch on August 9.

The same despatches, which have been communicated to the Russian and Austrian ambassadors, state the insurrectionary movement is increasing daily. Hilmi Pasha, inspector-general of the Sultan's Macedonian reforms, reports that the young men in all the Bulgarian villages are fleeing to the mountains to join the insurgent bands. Many among the Bulgarian peasantry wished to remain neutral, but were compelled by threats to help the revolutionary committees.

Hussien Hilmi Pasha, who has been appointed vali of Monastir, reports a similar spread of the insurrectionary movement in the vilayet of Salonica, where he says the committees are resolved on the same campaign of massacre, incendiarism and pillage as in the vilayet of Monastir.

### KING VISITS CONTINENT.

London, Aug. 12.—King Edward sails to-day for Flushing, whence His Majesty will go to Marienbad to take the waters for a fortnight.

### C. P. R.'S GOOD SHOWING.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—Much satisfaction is felt in financial circles over the increase in the half yearly dividend of the Canadian Pacific from 2 1-2 to 3 per cent. The feeling is that the company has been so conservative in the past that it must be satisfied with the outlook for the future or otherwise an increase would not have been made.

## The Balkan Situation

### The Murder of Russian Consul Lends More Serious Aspect to Affairs.

### Count Lamsdorf Sends Czar's Demand on Turkey For Satisfaction.

### Leader of Insurgents Warns Railway Not to Carry Passengers.

London, Aug. 10.—The Balkan situation has assumed a more serious aspect in the eyes of British officials as the result of the murder of the Russian consul at Monastir. It is expected that the Russian demands for punishment of the murderers of the officials will be followed by others of greater international interest and affecting the general Balkan question. The state of affairs in Macedonia was brought up in the House of Commons today, but Premier Balfour declared he was unable to give any satisfactory assurances regarding the situation. The latest news reaching the government, he said, was far from reassuring.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 10.—The following is the reply Count Lamsdorf, the foreign minister, telegraphed to the Russian ambassador at Constantinople, concerning the murder of the consul at Monastir.

"His Majesty has received a telegram from the Sultan expressing his deep regret at the death of the Russian consul at Monastir. When I submitted your telegram to the Emperor, His Majesty gave orders that you should not confine yourself to receiving explanations from the Grand Vizier, but should make the most energetic demands of the Turkish government for full satisfaction and the immediate punishment both of the murderer and all military and civil officials on whom responsibility for the audacious crime may fall."

Belgrade, Aug. 10.—Rostkovski had been in Macedonia for 20 years, and was regarded as a firm friend of the Christians. He was a believer in the tradition that an overbearing manner was best in dealing with Orientals. Last May the consul had an experience at Mogil similar to the incident which led to his death. The Turkish troops had cordoned the village and a sergeant seized the bridles of M. Rostkovski's horses, and attempted to stop the consul. The latter raised his cane and struck the sergeant. His action placed him in imminent danger until his identity was revealed.

Constantinople, Aug. 10.—The Vali of Monastir has been dismissed and Hussein Hilmi Pasha, formerly governor of Yemen, Arabia, has been appointed as his successor. An imperial irade orders a court-martial to assemble at Monastir to try the assassin of M. Rostkovski and report on the responsibility of officials in the murder of the Russian consul.

Vienna, Aug. 10.—Officials here realize the gravity of the situation arising from the murder of M. Rostkovski, but believe that Russia, in spite of the provocation, will maintain a peaceful attitude as long as possible.

Salonica, Aug. 10.—Further fighting occurred yesterday near Sorovitch, the Turkish troops coming into collision at the village of Kailar with a large insurgent band.

Vienna, Aug. 10.—Doris Sarafoff, the active leader of the Macedonian insurgents, has warned the directors of the Oriental railway not to sell passenger tickets, for all the railways, he says, will be destroyed.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug. 10.—The delegates here of the Macedonian committee addressed the following appeal to each of the representatives of the Powers: Your Excellency—The delegates of the Macedonian committee have the honor to bring to your notice the following declaration with the request that you forward the same to your government. The Mussulmans' systematic persecution has compelled the Christians in Macedonia and in the Vilayet of Adrianople to institute a general rising. They have had recourse to this extreme measure after exhausting all pacific means to secure the intervention of Europe to enforce the provisions of the Berlin treaty. At the present moment this intervention is the only means of remedying the evil and stopping bloodshed, the sporadic efforts of the powers to secure reforms having failed.

Having published the foregoing facts to the civilized world and the powers, and made known the causes which have driven the Macedonians to despair, the committee of the Macedonians now in arms proposes to continue the fight until the affect of their uprising is attained.

## C.P.R. ACCOUNTS FOR HALF YEAR

### Nearly Ten Millions Available For the Increased Dividend Just Declared.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—At the meeting of the directers of the Canadian Pacific Railway company today, a dividend of two per cent. on the preference stock for the half year ended June 30th last, was declared. A dividend of three per cent. for the same period was also declared on the common stock.

The reports for the fiscal year to June 30 last were:

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| Gross earnings | $43,957,373 |
| Working expenses | 28,120,527 |
| Net earnings | 15,836,845 |
| Income from other sources | 1,286,812 |
| Total net income | 17,123,658 |
| Less fixed charges | 7,052,197 |
| Less amount applied against ocean steamships | 150,000 |
| Net revenue available for dividends | 9,921,460 |

After paying all dividends declared, the surplus for the year carried forward is $3,973,900.

The number of directors is to be increased by five at the annual meeting, those to be added being: Clarence W. MacKay, of New York; D. McNicol, general manager of the company; Senator Drummond, Senator MacKay and R. G. Reid, all of Montreal.

### SENATOR COCHRANE DEAD.

Hamhurst, Que., Aug. 12.—Senator M. H. Cochrane, Conservative, died here this afternoon aged 80 years. He had been in ill-health for some time, and was one of the most enthusiastic thoroughbred live stock dealers in the Dominion.