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THE AMEER NO FOOL!

So He Tells the Rebellious Indian Tribesmen in Refusing Them Any Assistance.

The British Having Faithfully Kept Their Agreements, the Natives Should Do Likewise.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—The news from the Indian frontier is favorable. Sir William Lockhart's forces will commence the advance on Tirah, the summer headquarters of the Afridis and Orakzais, from Peshawur on Friday next, moving in three columns. Sir William Lockhart and Major-General Lord Methven have already arrived at Kohat. The mullahs of Tirah on hearing of the advance contemplated, began their preparations to oppose it, but it is now also reported that they are prepared to offer terms on behalf of the Afridis, the Mohmands and the Malakan tribesmen.

The Ameer of Afghanistan has published at Cabul his reply to the petition of the Afridis who solicited his assistance against the British. He reminds them that they have never before complained of British conduct, but on the contrary acquiesced fully in the Afghan alliance with England. He quotes from the Koran on the sacred duty of fulfilling agreements, which he says the British have kept faithfully, and in conclusion he declines to assist them out of the trouble which they have brought upon themselves, adding: "To do so would bring ignominy upon myself and my people."

The Ameer has also issued throughout Afghanistan a long proclamation, dated August 13, and entitled "A clear declaration and warning to all Afghans." This is much to the same effect as the reply to the petition of the Afridis. It clears England of any disloyal intention towards Afghanistan, justifies the alliance as a "protection against foreign invasion," and taunts the tribesmen with rebelling at the instigation of a fakir of unknown parentage after accepting British subsidies, and with pretending to raise a Jehad, while all Mohmands and most of the Khans are taking sides with the English.

Finally washing his hands of their affairs, the Ameer addresses the tribesmen as follows: "Your real object is to make me fight the British government. If I were to do such a foolish thing, I am sure you would assume the position of simple spectators. I am not such a fool as to annoy and offend others for your sake."

AN EMBELLISHED STORY.

Request for U. S. Naval Statistics Used to Start a War Scare.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Oct. 5.—A special to the Evening News from Bridgeport, Conn., says: "That the government strongly anticipates serious trouble with Spain is shown by the notification sent secretly yesterday to the owners of a number of the largest steamships and steam yachts on the Atlantic coast asking immediate information as to the speed, capacity and fighting strength of their vessels and other complete data with a view to their being enrolled as auxiliary cruisers in the navy.

"A further request was made, the Morning Union learns on good authority, for the owners to hold themselves in readiness to turn the vessels over to the government at a moment's notice, an intimation being given that use will be found for them shortly."

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LIFE IN SAN DOMINGO.

A "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon," With Many Citizens Killed and Wounded.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The first news of a most serious riot at San Domingo, in which six men were killed and more than 20 men wounded, was brought here by Harrison R. Williams, who arrived to-day on the Atlas line steamer Alen from Port Limon. The riot was between influential partizans of President Agilazos and his opponents. Both parties had held a demonstration in their club rooms in San Domingo a week ago last Sunday. On the afternoon of that day they paraded through the streets. About a hundred men were in each parade. In order to reach their club rooms they had to pass one another. They met in the main street, opposite the cathedral. Some one fired a pistol, and in a twinkling bullets were whizzing plentifully. Knives were used and rocks thrown. Every man was bent on bloodshed. The priests came running out of the cathedral and called on the rioters to desist. The riot waged for some time longer, but finally the efforts of the priests were successful. The ground was then strewn with bloody men. Three were already dead and thirty or more wounded.

EXCURSIONISTS KILLED.

Railway Accident in Colorado Costs Two Passengers Their Lives.

PUEBLO, Colo., Oct. 4.—One person was killed outright and another died soon after by a wreck on the Denver & Rio Grande at Colopaki, west of Pueblo, caused by the breaking of a journal of an excursion train. The first section of the narrow gauge from Marshall Pass was slowing down to take the siding at Colorado Pass, when a journal on the first day coach broke. The car pitched over on its side and dragged with it all the cars behind, another coach, two sleepers and the company's car. Three tourist cars and the baggage car remained on the track.

The cars were all crowded with excursionists for the festival of "The Mountain and Plain" at Denver. There was little excitement and not much wreckage, as the train was running very slowly. The dead are: Mrs. E. D. McIntyre and F. W. Seylor, of 2809 Carmony avenue, Cincinnati, O. The latter had his legs crushed, and died on the way to the hospital.

SPAIN'S NEW GOVERNMENT.

Promise of Firmness and Sagacity in Its Military Programme—Weyler Must Go.

MADRID, Oct. 5.—It is reported here to-day that the United States minister, General Stewart L. Woodford, left at the foreign office yesterday an official note from Secretary Sherman in which the latter referred to the Duke of Tetuan, the retiring minister for foreign affairs.

Premier Sagasta in an interview is quoted as saying that most important questions are before the cabinet ministers. The latter have a thorough knowledge of the financial position of Spain and possess accurate details of the war situation in Cuba and in the Philippine Islands. The government, Sagasta is said to have added, will carry out its political and military programme with firmness and sagacity.

When the premier was questioned regarding the future of Captain General Weyler, he said he supposed Weyler would resign, adding that if he did not do so he would be recalled. In conclusion Senor Sagasta remarked that prompt action would be taken in the Philippine Island, where the situation admitted of no delay.

MEDICINE FROM GERMANY.

Refusal to Accept President McKinley's Choice for Consul at Cologne.

BERLIN, Oct. 6.—The German government has refused to recognize Mr. Ferdenand Newmann, of Illinois, who was nominated by President McKinley to be United States consul at Cologne.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—The state department have never received officially any charges against Mr. Newmann, though certain allegations were current that if supported would have made his selection properly objectionable to the German government. Some of these are connected with the world's fair and a concert enterprise in which Newmann is said to have been interested, which resulted disasterously to some German artists. The action of the German government in this case is final so far as any post in Germany is concerned.

A TELLER IN TROUBLE.

Charged With Having Robbed His Bank of Thirty Thousand.

NAPANEE, Ont., Oct. 5.—W. H. Potton, teller of the Dominion Bank branch here, which was robbed a few weeks ago of $30,000, has been arrested on the charge of committing the robbery.

DEATH FROM SUFFOCATION.

Almost a Fatality But for Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart—Strange Story of a Northwest Lady.

A death to be dreaded is that from suffocation, and yet this is one of the usual phases of heart disease. Mrs. J. L. Hillier of Whitewood, N.W.T., came as near this dangerous point as need be. She says: "I was much afflicted with heart disease, in fact I could not sleep or lie down for fear of suffocation. I tried all the doctors in this section of the country, but they failed to give me relief. A logal druggist recommended Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. I tried it, and with the result that I immediately secured ease that I did not know before, and after taking further doses of the medicine the trouble altogether left me. It is not too much to say that it saved my life."

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THREE VILLAGES GONE!

Nearly Two Hundred Families Rendered Homeless by Bush Fires Near Ottawa.

Railway Company Sending Food Supplies for the Relief of the Sufferers.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Oct. 5.—One of the worst fires which ever occurred in this section broke out at Casselman, on the line of the Canada Atlantic railway, this afternoon. Bush fires have been raging in the vicinity for several days, and aided by high winds reached Casselman today. Once the flames got among dwellings, the villagers were powerless to stop their progress. The entire village was wiped out and the fire spread northward along the railway line, wiping out the villages of South Indian and Cheney. All telegraphic communication with these places is cut off, consequently it is impossible to obtain particulars. About 180 families have been rendered homeless. The Canada Atlantic bridge over the Nation river has been destroyed. It will be two or three days before train communication is obtainable. The company to-night are sending special trains for the relief of the sufferers, and have bought up all the bread in the city.

OTTAWA, Oct. 6.—The fire which has swept over the southern portion of Russell county has been the most disastrous ever experienced in this district. The Canada Atlantic trains got through the burnt district to-day, and passengers report the devastation and desolation to be indescribable. About a thousand people were rendered homeless, and four lives are known to have been lost, the victims being Mrs. Sevigny, her sister and two children.

A lumber mill, two flour mills, two churches, several hotels, one schoolhouse, and about two hundred houses were destroyed. Farmers and laborers on the burnt area, which is about twenty miles square, lost everything.

Relief trains have been sent from Ottawa carrying food and clothing. The city newspapers have opened subscription lists, and a meeting of the city council has been called for to-morrow to devise relief measures.

PEACE TREATY ACCEPTED.

The New Greek Government Notifies the Powers to That Effect.

ATHENS, Oct. 5.—The Boule met today, but its proceedings attracted little interest. M. Zaimis, the new premier, declared that the object of his government would be to secure the evacuation of Thessaly and to fully and radically reorganize the country. To carry out this he asked the chamber to postpone further business for the present. M. Gelynias, M. Karaponos and M. Deligeogis announced that their respective parties would support the government. The chamber then adjourned amid cheering for Gen. Smolenski, minister of war.

The cabinet regards the vote of confidence accorded M. Zaimis as equivalent to an acceptance of the treaty by the chamber and has therefore notified the dean of the diplomatic corps that the government is prepared to negotiate for the execution of article 2 of the treaty and to regard the acceptance of the treaty as an accomplished fact.

FOR MAYOR OF LIMERICK.

Mr. Redmond Not Opposd to Mr. Daly's Candidacy.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—John Redmond, Parnellite member of parliament for Waterford, in the course of an interview to-day denied the statements which have appeared in the United States representing him as opposed to the candidacy of Mr. John Daly for the mayoralty of Limerick. Mr. Redmond says: "The independent league is taking no part whatever in the matter, as it is purely local. I may say also that none of us attaches any importance to the agitation for a royal residence in Ireland. It is quite untrue that Mr. John Parnell has ever advocated it."

THAT LAKE WARRIOR.

Preparations for Her Transit Up St. Lawrence River and Canals.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Secretary Long to-day gave the necessary orders for the sailing from Boston of the Yantic and her delivery to the State of Michigan for the use of the naval militia. The old ship will sail under her own steam sometime between the 12th and 15th inst. She will be under the command of Commander S. W. Moore, U.S.N., who will have with him a crew of 40 sailors. Lieuts. Newberry and Lothrop, representing the State of Michigan, will sail with the Yantic, and upon her arrival at Montreal will formally receive the ship from the hands of Commander Moore in behalf of the state.

All of the alterations in the ship's trim necessary to secure her safe passage through the St. Lawrence canals will be made at Montreal at the expense of the Michigan authorities. Of the sailors aboard ten will be placed on the U.S. ship Michigan at Erie, six will be retained aboard the Yantic permanently as ship keepers, and the remainder of the crew will be shipped back to Boston from Montreal by rail.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Will the Canadian Atlantic Mails Be Despatched by the New York Liners?

Drummond County Railway Nearing Completion—The Chinese Miners' Case Coming Up.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Oct. 5.—Considerable speculation is being indulged in here as to whether the Government will receive any fairly favorable offer for the Atlantic mail service. The departmental advertisement states that the government are not under obligation to accept any offer, and should the price asked be in excess of that now being paid, and the vessels of inferior class are offered, it is not at all unlikely that the government will utilize the New York route for letters, and send the parcels from St. John by the Beaver and Furness lines. All steamship lines running services from St. John or Halifax to England may be compelled under their contract to carry mails without extra subsidy.

Mr. Blair, minister of railways, has returned from a trip over the Drummond County Railway. Mr. Pottinger accompanied him. The rails are now laid to Levis, but considerable ballasting is still to be done. It is expected that the new service will be inaugurated about November 1.

Members of the Dominion police force who went to St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary are returning to Ottawa, except two, after conveying eight of the more turbulent prisoners to Kingston.

Mr. McInnes, M.P., is here representing the Miners' Union in its case involving the constitutionality of the law prohibiting the employment of Chinese underground in mines.

The Supreme court opened this morning, Justice Taschereau presiding, and all the members except the Chief Justice being present. The Restigouche appeal having been settled between the parties and withdrawn from the docket, the Quebec list of appeals was taken up.

The contract for a new roof on the western departmental building goes to a firm named Paquet & Godbout, of St. Hyacinthe. Hudon, of Montreal, was the lowest tenderer but transferred the contract.

FIRES IN THE EAST.

Several Districts in Ontario Suffering From Drought—Toronto Nail Works.

OTTAWA, Oct. 5.—The village of Casselman, about thirty miles from here on the Canada Atlantic railway, is reported to be in flames. The fire caught in the bush near the village. All telegraph and telephone communication with the village has been stopped, and and all trains leaving here on the Canada Atlantic are cancelled. Three years ago the village was burned down. Application was made here for assistance but none could be sent.

WOODSTOCK, Oct. 5.—Destructive forest fires are reported in Blandford and Ellice townships, and on the northwestern boundary of Woodstock.

TORONTO, Oct. 5.—A small fire occurred this morning in the office of the Graham Nail Works, adjoining the Central Prison, and evidently resulted from yesterday's conflagration. The office and fixtures were destroyed. Loss, $1,500.

LAURIER IN TORONTO.

A Speech by Edward Blake at the Premier's Reception There.

TORONTO, Oct. 5.—The reception to Premier Laurier here this evening was fairly successful. He was met at the station at seven o'clock by the mayor and council, Hon. Wm. Mulock and other prominent citizens, and escorted by a torchlight procession with fireworks by a circuitous route to Massey hall. The procession was fairly large, but there was very little cheering. The hall was packed to the doors an hour before the meeting began. The Mayor presided and English, German, and French addresses were presented. Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied, saying Canada is now a nation instead of a colony, and expressing pleasure that all nationalities are uniting to make Canada a unity.

Hon. Edward Blake being present was called upon by the audience, and gave a splendid speech, eulogistic of the leader. He said he was alleged sometimes to be a failure in politics, but at least he was a success in choosing a successor. An informal dinner followed the reception, Premier Laurier speaking briefly.

On Wednesday evening Sir Wilfrid will be entertained at a banquet at Massey hall by the board of trade, and on Thursday afternoon, at a convocation of Toronto university, the Premier will be invested with the honorary degree of LL.D.

THE POPE'S HEALTH.

His Physician Says That Only Bad Weather Keeps His Holiness Indoors.

ROME, Oct. 5.—The Observatore Romano says that only the bad weather of the past few days has prevented the Pope from continuing his walks in the arena of the Vatican. Dr. Laffona, the physician of His Holiness, confirms the statements as to the satisfactory state of his health, and emphatically denies the recent alarming reports concerning the Pope's condition.

If your child is puny, fretful, troubled with glandular swellings, inflamed eyes, or sores on the head, face, or body, a course of Ayers Sarsaparilla is needed to expel the scrofulous humors from the blood. The sooner you begin to give this medicine the better.

WILL AGITATE IRELAND

Passages in the Queen's Correspondence With Tennyson Which Create a Sensation.

Was Her Majesty Ready to Oppose Her Ministers on the Home Rule Question?

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—The Evening Post to-day prints a despatch from London which says: No little talk has been aroused in political circles over passages in Lord Tennyson's biography which nearly all the reviewers purposely or accidentally overlooked. Passages in letters between Lord Tennyson and the Queen furnish the first direct evidence of the Queen's bitter and active hostility to the home rule policy of her then constitutional advisors and quite upset the notion that the Queen has become the mere echo of her ministers.

It is a well known fact that these letters are now published by the deliberate wish of Her Majesty. This lends peculiar interest and importance to the disclosure, suggesting either her belief that Irish home rule is dead beyond recall, though Mr. John Morley has this week again nailed the home rule colors to the Liberal mast, or else her fixed determination to withhold her acceptance of any such constitutional change. Mr. Gladstone was the Queen's prime minister in June, 1895, and by the constitution the recipient of her political confidences, yet she was at this time writing to Lord Tennyson on political topics in a letter which is withheld, but as Lord Tennyson's reply suggests was in opposition to Mr. Gladstone's views.

Again in April, 1886, two days after Mr. Gladstone, as the Queen's first minister, introduced the Home Rule bill in the Commons, the Queen writes: "I cannot in this letter allude to politics, but I know what your feelings must be"; which Lord Tennyson accepts in his reply as a reference to "the disastrous policy of the day," and declares that they would die rather than see the reballious loyalists of Ulster repressed.

This evidence of the Queen's stepping outside of her constitutional advisers to condemn the Irish cause, and possibly embarrass her ministers, will certainly cause much pain in Ireland, if it does not create political trouble. Even the Times questions whether it is discreta to publish the letters.

GERMANY'S NAVY.

Complaint of Its Utter Inadequacy to Protect National Interests.

BERLIN, Oct. 5.—Prince Hohenlohe it is alleged has already thrice tendered his resignation as chancellor, but has been induced to withdraw it because no suitable successor could be found among Prussians of princely rank and because Dr. Von Miquel is reluctant to assume such a thorny legacy. The latter has used all his influence to persuade Prince Hohenlohe to retain the office.

The Koelnische Zeitung in a frank article explaining the motives underlying the naval plans of Emperor William, does not scruple to assert that in the case of Samoa, Germany more than anyone has had reason to establish law and order by force of arms, but has refrained and still does not think of attempting anything of the kind because the English and Americans have a finger in the pie. Adding: "The alarmingly defenceless state of the German coasts, to say nothing of German interests all over the world, show the necessity for a strong navy."

THOMAS FIELDING, M. P.

Sudden Death of This Well Known Sportsman While at His Favorite Pastime.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—Thomas Fielding, Conservative member of parliament for the Middleton division of Lancashire, died suddenly to-day near Dunkella, Scotland, while out shooting.

The late Thomas Fielding was a great sportsman, and exceedingly popular with all sorts and conditions of men in Lancashire. He was a director of the Lancashire and Yorkshire railway, and a believer in bimetalism. He was born in 1854, and was the son of James Fielding, M. P. for the East division West riding Yorkshire from 1868 to 1880. Mr. Fielding was a justice of the peace for the West riding of Yorkshire. He was educated at Wellington college and Trinity college, Cambridge. His country seat was Grimston Park, Tadicaster, Yorkshire.

HENRY GEORGE HEARD.

He Formally Accepts the Candidature for Mayor of New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Henry George accepted the nomination for mayor of Greater New York at Cooper Union tonight. It was the greatest outpouring of people seen in this city during the present campaign. The doors were opened at 7:15 and in a few minutes every seat in the big hall was occupied. By 8 o'clock several thousand unable to gain admittance assembled outside and held open air meetings. Jerome O'Neill, of the Central labor union, presided, and when he mentioned the Chicago platform the entire audience rose to their feet and the cheering continued several minutes.

When Henry George entered the hall the audience arose and for several minutes there was a hurricane of cheering. Mr. George in the course of his speech said: "Fellow democrats, men who voted last year for Wm. J. Bryan, I accept your nomination. I cannot divide into parts the questions which I as a citizen have to deal with. For the same reason that I oppose this monstrous tariff in all its forms, for the same reason that I would vote wherever I could for the utter abolition of that tariff, for that same reason I am opposed to the interference with individual liberty which you see here in New York.

"I am a Democrat in the Jeffersonian sense, because I believe in principles and stand for the philosophy of Thomas Jefferson. Upon that point my life has always been clear and consistent. This nomination has not been sought by me. It has been repugnant to me. My life lay in a different path, and I hoped to continue to tread it. But I hold with Thomas Jefferson that no man can ignore the demands of the people when they ask him to come to the front and represent their principles. I believe I will be elected. I believe that behind the so-called Democracy there is a power that would cast aside like chaff all that encumbered and cast it down, in the honest people and in the democracy that holds that all men are equal, that would revivify this great imperial city, not merely the state, not merely the country, but the world. Democrats, fellow-citizens, I accept your nomination without wavering or turning, whether those who stand by me are few or many. Fellow-Democrats, I am your candidate for the mayoralty of the Greater New York."

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Report From the Fire Swept District—Fatal Accidents to Shooting Parties.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 5.—John House, of Virden, left home yesterday on a shooting expedition. His horse and rig returned during the night, and on search being made to-day House's dead body was found on the trail, with the gun charge through his heart. It is supposed the death was accidental.

A young Englishman named Seward was killed near Elkhorn yesterday by falling from a wagon laden with bricks, the wheels crushing his skull.

Commissioner McCreary has returned from the Mennonite settlement east of Rosenfeld, where he has been to look after the recent arrivals there who had suffered in the prairie fires. He found that four families had nothing whatever left, and these he arranged to bring in to the immigration hall for the present. Most of the others had suffered in greater or less degree, but had already commenced to repair the damage done as well as possible and get ready for the winter. While some were disheartened, others did not seem to mind much. Mr. McCreary estimated that possibly 25 out of 75 families had been sufferers.

Robert Muir, of this city, has been appointed representative of Manitoba to the Dominion flour standards board meeting in Montreal next month.

Charles Gibson, son of D. Gibson, of Souris, received the contents of a shotgun in his elbow by the accidental discharge of the weapon. The arm has been amputated.

Allan Klyne, an engineer on the Northern Pacific, was fatally shot while duck shooting at Morris.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 6.—Reports still continue to reach the city of disaster to families by the prairie fires of Saturday. Under instructions from Mr. Ogilvie, the milling company here are sending a carload of flour and feed to the settlers in the Brokenhead district, whom the fires rendered destitute. The C.P.R. are doing their share by carrying all such consignments free. One hundred head of cattle were burned in the Lake Francis district. Miss Price, a young woman betrothed to Mr. Upjohn, who was one of the fire victims, has been missing since Saturday, and is supposed to have perished.

Lieutenant-Governor Mackintosh, of Regina, returned here from England tonight. His resignation of the office will probably take place at the end of the year.

A. T. Wood, M. P., of Hamilton, arrived here to-day from Victoria. He is recovering rapidly from his recent attack of illness.

The Jubilee mine at Rat Portage is reported sold for $25,000.

MANITOBA'S HARVEST.

The High Quality of the Wheat Will Make it a Very Profitable One.

TORONTO, Oct. 6.—B. E. Walker, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who has just visited the Northwest says: "As far as Manitoba is concerned, the yield of wheat this year is disappointing in the number of bushels per acre. The yield will not amount to more than fourteen or fifteen bushels to the acre on the average, but the quality of the wheat is of a higher grade than ever before; and with the high price it is generally admitted that the farmers will derive more from the present than from any previous wheat crop.

"Manitoba has been paying its debts very satisfactorily during late years. This is the third good crop the province has had, and in consequence it now occupies a very strong position financially. The improved condition of the farms and farm buildings, and the improvements of all kinds in Manitoba compared with five years ago, when I last visited the West, were such as to astonish me. The same signs of progress and prosperity were to be noticed in the various prairie towns springing up in Manitoba. As to the future of that province, I do not think there is any kind of a doubt about it. I feel that Manitoba is on as good a financial basis as any one of the other provinces. The day has passed for a discussion as to whether or not agriculture in that province is a success. Too many of the Manitoba agriculturists, however, are still purely wheat farmers, just as a few years ago in the South all were purely cotton growers. You do not yet see around the houses in Manitoba vegetable gardens and poultry and other accompaniments to farm life that are visible in Ontario."

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TWO SEALING CONFERENCES.

The Allies May Hold an Extra One Without Great Britain's Assistance.

LONDON, Oct. 6.—The officials of the British foreign office have communicated to the United States ambassador, Col. John Hay, the final decision of the government, to the effect that Great Britain must refuse to take part in any sealing conference with representatives of Russia and Japan. The British government asserts its willingness to confer with the United States alone, but insists that Russia and Japan are not interested in the Behring Sea seals to a degree entitling them to representation at the conference.

The British government does not suggest any date for the conference with the United States, and it is thought probable in London that Great Britain's withdrawal will result in two meetings, one between the United States, Russia and Japan, and the other between the United States, Great Britain and Canada. It cannot be too strongly reiterated that the withdrawal of Great Britain from the Washington conference is due to Canada's insistence, and until Canadian officials informed the foreign office officials here of Canada's objections to the meeting of representatives of Russia and Japan, Great Britain fully intended to enter the conference.

The foreign office confirms, to a certain extent, the statement made yesterday in the Manchester Courier to the effect that there was a difference of opinion between Lord Salisbury and Ambassador Hay regarding the participation of Russia and Japan in the Behring Sea conference to be held at Washington. The foreign minister does not deny that Ambassador Hay mentioned to him that Russia and Japan were to take part in the conference, but there is a divergence of opinion as to what Lord Salisbury's verbal reply was to that notification.

ST. MICHAEL'S FIERCE POPULACE

Two United States Cutters Required to Keep the Peace There.

PORT TOWNSEND, Oct. 6.—A private letter from St. Michael's via the cutter Perry, from Dutch Harbor, explains the story published some time ago about an Alaska treasure ship requiring protection by the revenue cutter against the possibility of piratical attack.

It is not to guard against pirates that the vessels are needed. Ever since the movement toward Klondyke began steamers from the States have been dumping all sorts and conditions of men at St. Michael's. The gathering has been getting worse from month to month and as a result the Rush and Corwin are now at St. Michael's ready to land men at a moment's notice to put a stop to any trouble which might, considering the fierceness of the miners, quickly spread into a riot. The marines will remain at St. Michael's until all possibility of trouble is passed.

WEYLER WON'T RESIGN.

But Takes Great Credit for What He Has Accomplished in Cuba.

MADRID, Oct. 6.—Senor Sagasta, the premier, has received a cable message from Captain-General Weyler, who offers his services to the government, and says: "I shall not resign."

General Weyler wrote an official letter to General Azcarraga, forwarded before the resignation of Azcarraga's cabinet, in the course of which he declared that the condition of Cuba has improved to a remarkable degree since the date when he assumed control of the island. He said: "The country has received a fresh lease of life." The letter, which is much commented upon, alleges that the Spanish army in Cuba is being maintained in an excellent state, despite the fact that the pay is six months in arrears.

C. P. R. INSPECTION.

President Van Horne Starts on His Annual Trip With a Party of Friends.

MONTREAL, Oct. 5.—Sir Wm. C. Van Horne left this morning on his annual tour of inspection of the whole system west of Montreal, accompanied by Mr. R. B. Angus, Mr. E. S. Clouston, of the Bank of Montreal, and Mr. James Ross. The party will travel in the private car Saskatchewan, and make the journey by daylight so as to see everything. They will be absent three or four weeks.

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