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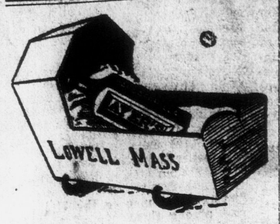

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A VIGOROUS POLICY

Cuban Insurgents to Enter Upon an Active Campaign Against Spanish Rule.

Three Large Filibustering Expeditions Landed—Spain's Peculiar Financial Condition.

New York, Sept. 21.—The Journal-Advertiser prints the following: The Cuban junta has received authentic advices showing the safe landing at different parts in Cuba of three big expeditions bestween the 1st and 12th of the present month. They were the most important that have been dispatched since the winter and great joy prevailed at the headquarters of the junta when news arrived that they had eluded the Spanish, who were believed at one time to have been on their track.

Three ships carried large quantities of munitions of war, together with immense supplies of medicines for the army patriots.

In all there were over forty men on board, going either to join the Cuban army for the first time or returning to the ranks. There were two doctors and two dentists among the party.

"This is the opening of the fall campaign," said Thomas Estrado, speaking of the expedition. "It is an earnest, moreover, of our intention to pursue a vigorous policy during the coming winter."

London, Sept. 21.—The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon, commenting on the fall of three-quarters in Spanish bonds, on heavy sales on continental account, says: "The bonds were absurdly high, owing to support in Paris, which is loaded up, but probably conditions will be changed by the action of the United States in regard to Cuba. Spain evidently cannot wage war with America, but the cession of independence to Cuba may lead to disasters in Madrid, and if Spain falls French financiers will be hit very hard."

A special from Madrid says that the Spanish government are negotiating a loan guaranteed by port dues, for the purpose of new naval works.

SNOW AT CHILCOOT.

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—A letter from Crater Lake, Alaska, dated Sept. 2, says: "A thousand men toiled all yesterday in a blinding snow and sleet storm at the summit of Chilcoot Pass. The blizzard lasted from daylight until dark.

"An Indian chief at Dyea told me a few days ago Chilcoot Pass would probably be blocked by snow about the 25th. He said that miners fortunate enough to have their supplies across the summit before then would reach Dawson. The river, he claimed, would keep open until November, although the lakes would probably be frozen in six weeks."

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TRICKSTERS FOILED

Attorney-General McKenna Decides Against Yankee Schemers re Section Twenty-Two.

Rules That Discriminating Duty Does Not Apply to Goods Carried in British Vessels.

Washington, Sept. 21.—It was announced this morning that Attorney-General McKenna's decision on section 22 of the tariff law would be given to the public at the cabinet meeting to-day. Friends of the western continental railroads who have been watching the matter closely are greatly discouraged to-day, being strongly of the opinion that the decision will be against them. Senator Elkins, who has been here several days interested in a construction of the section favorable both to American railroads and American merchant marine, practically gave up the fight this morning. He believes that the decision will impose a discriminating duty of 10 per cent. only on goods of foreign countries imported into Canada for consumption, and when re-imported thence into the United States, but will not apply to goods coming into the United States from contiguous countries under a consular seal. He was at the White House this morning and made a final appeal to the president on behalf of his construction of the section.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Attorney-General McKenna to-day announced his opinion in the matter of section 22 of the new tariff law. He holds that in effect goods coming directly into the United States from foreign countries through Canadian ports are not subject to the discriminating duty of 10 per cent.; he also holds that foreign goods shipped from countries other than British possessions in British vessels are not subject to the discriminating duty.

Two questions were asked the attorney-general, the first of which was in effect whether the discriminating duty of 10 per cent. provided for by section 22 should be assessed against an invoice of tea from China which arrived at Vancouver in a British vessel, thence shipped through Canada to Chicago.

Second question, whether the discriminating duty should be assessed against a cargo of manganese ore from Chili, which recently arrived in a British ship at Philadelphia.

Both these questions the attorney-general answered in the negative.

ANGERED THE SOCIALISTS.

Prominent Austrians Prevented From Attending a Conference.

London, Sept. 21.—The Times correspondent at Vienna says: "Dr. Adler, leader of the Austrian Socialists, and Herr Pernerstorfer, ex-Socialist member of the reichstag, while on the way to attend a conference of Hungarian Socialists at Buda-Pesth, were stopped by the police and sent back to Vienna. The affair has caused much indignation among the Hungarian Socialists, who held a meeting at Buda-Pesth on Sunday in favor of universal suffrage, which was attended by 20,000 workingmen."

DISASTROUS FLOODS.

A Town in Mexico Almost Swept Away.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 21.—At ten o'clock last night Ahumdo, Mexico, about ten miles south of this city, was visited by the worst flood which ever happened in ths part of the state. Men, women and children were driven from their beds and had to take refuge on high ground with their household effects. There was no place of shelter for them. Many houses in the town are tumbling down and more are expected to collapse. The country is flooded for miles around. Carmin river has overflowed its banks.

LYNCHING OF ARROYO.

Some Startling Disclosures Made—Killed by the Police.

City of Mexico, Sept. 21.—Public interest in the alleged lynching of Arroyo continues to increase, being stimulated by rumors and disclosures of the press, as light begins to be thrown on the matter, and it is seen there is a strong probability that Arroyo was not killed by a mob of people, but by some members of the police force itself. The government is acting with the utmost firmness and energy in pushing the investigation, and has caused the arrest of Inspector Vinchecio, second district, suspected of being implicated in the plot. Vinchecio is now in prison in solitary confinement, and all the supposed lynchers, mostly street peddlars, loafers, etc., have been released, as there is not the slightest ground to hold them.

PEARY RETURNS.

The Arctic Explorer Back Again From North Greenland.

Sydney, Sept. 20.—The steam sailing bark Hope, with Lieut. E. Peary and party on board returning from North Greenland, arrived here to-day. All on board are well. The huge Cape York meteorite, the largest in the world, is in her hold and bedded in tons of ballast. There are on board also six Cape York Esquimaux, who will go with Peary next year to attempt to reach the North Pole.

TRIUMPH OF DIPLOMACY.

Great Britain Concludes a Treaty With King of Khartoum.

Paris, Sept. 21.—The Figaro this morning announces that the treaty will be continued between Eatin Pasha, representing Great Britain, and Zobein Pasha, representing the Mahdi, by which the latter will not oppose the advance of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition for Khartoum, and Osman Digna's forces will remain at Bara river so long as Great Britain desires.

The following is said to be the condition upon which this treaty was signed:

The Mahdi remains King of Khartoum and Zobein Pasha continues to exercice the functions of Governor of Darfur, under the protection of Great Britain.

Finally, the Figaro asserts that the mission of Jas. Rennell Rodd, King of Abyssinia, to obtain a promise of neutrality upon the part of King Menelik, by guaranteeing the western frontier of Abyssinia in the name of both Great Britain and the Mahdi, was successful.

FROM THE CAPITAL

Guards Responsible for the Recent Trouble at St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary.

Prospect of a Reorganization of the Northwest Territories—Tupper Coming to B. C.

Ottawa, Sept. 21.—The blame for the recent trouble in St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary is laid particularly on the guards, whose discipline has fallen away to a shameful extent. One of the latter has been given his congé on account of negligence.

There is prospect of reorganization of the Northwest Territories as soon as there is a chance, for the amount of work devolving upon the federal authorities is excessive, and as soon as the Territories are in shape to govern themselves thoroughly and to provide their own funds they will be given full charge.

John Charlton, M.P., is here, and had an interview with Premier Laurier. Major Sutherland, M.P., chief Liberal whip, is also in town.

A story, sent out from Toronto, says that General Gasgoine has had trouble with the present government and may throw up his command in Canada, instead of returning here from the Old Country. Hon. Dr. Borden, minister of militia, denies the yarn in toto, and says his relations with the General have been quite cordial and that the letter received from him contained no intimation of any such feeling.

Owing to the absence from the cabinet yesterday of Sir Richard Cartwright nothing was done regarding a successor to Mowat.

Sir Charles Tupper leaves for British Columbia on Thursday.

A MAD EMPEROR

William of Germany Insults Army Officers Publicly During a Military Parade.

Disgraceful Scene Created During His Reception by Emperor Francis Joseph.

Buda Pesth, Sept. 21.—Among the incidents in connection with the arrival here yesterday of Emperor William of Germany are the following:

On the way to the railroad station to meet the German Emperor, Emperor Francis Joseph passed the Bosnian division commanded by the General. The Emperor rose in his carriage and cried in a loud voice: "Is that how you drill your men, General? Look at them. They are a disgrace."

To the Bosnian Colonel the Emperor said: "Teach your soldiers the rules, Colonel, before you let them march out of barracks."

At three points along the route Emperor Joseph stopped his carriage and angrily remarked upon the conduct of the public, who persisted in trespassing within the lines of the troops.

When the procession passed, the two Emperors returning from the railroad station, the horses of the censured general became restive, and the general, sheathing his sword, ordered the Bosnians to open their line, and before the Imperial party arrived rode out of sight, evidently fearing the Emperor would again censure him.

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HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON

The Minister of the Interior Will Go To Dawson City If Trip is Possible.

He Thinks the Greatest Difficulty Is to Get Back in Time for Parliament.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 17.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, with a pen in one hand and a map in the other, in his shirt sleeves, with a sunbronzed face which he received as a result of two weeks' holidays spent at Lake Champlain, sat in an arm chair in his office in the department with a batch of papers and reports before him on the condition of the different passes into the Clondyke, when your correspondent called to see him. The minister of the interior is a young man, full of energy and possesses western ideas. He has an abiding faith in the great future which awaits the Canadian west. He is business from the word go. If you want to know anything about the department there is no need of calling anybody else, for he has got it all at his finger ends. He is full of Clondyke, and as he heard of the thousands struggling along the passes, contending against terrible odds and daring to do anything as long as hope of getting into the Yukon lay before them, he wishes he was among them to see what could be done to stop the mad rush of people going there or to assist them in going onwards.

"I expected all this," said Mr. Sifton, "and it was for that reason that I sent out a warning to all people to stay away from the Yukon unless well stocked with provisions on their own account and able to get along for the winter months without any assistance from the outside.

"It is simply madness of them to be pushing their way into the country at this season of the year. The same note of warning was given by a member of the United States administration, and I was glad to see it. However, I don't suppose that either of us has had any effect in preventing to any degree this mad craze for gold. At any rate it does not look like it. However, we have got to take things as they are and do the best under the circumstances. As far as this department is concerned whatever steps can be taken to aid the people in their troubles and to preserve law and order will be done to the best of our ability."

"Are your arrangements for the westward trip complete?"

"Almost. There is always something additional to do, but I am ready to leave now any day. I had intended to start yesterday, but the reports from the Mounted Police as to the terrible condition of the White Pass and Chilcoot Pass, I have postponed my departure for a week. I expect to leave here a week from to-morrow (Saturday). Major Walsh goes two days ahead of me and will stay over at Winnipeg until I overtake him. Registrar Wade will also join us there, and at Brandon our mining inspector will board the train. The delay in our departure has enabled us to send a good deal of our effects ahead by freight instead of expressing it."

"Do you intend to go any further than Dyea?"

"I am exceedingly anxious to go all the way through to Dawson City and Fort Cudahy. If at all possible I will go right into the interior, and see the gold mines for myself. I am a firm believer in the fact that you cannot legislate properly for a region of that kind without having first seen it. You of course, can pursue safe lines and be guided by the advice of the best officials that it is possible to secure, but after all that it nothing to having seen it yourself. As for the trip I would just love it. I have had some experience with dog teams in our great Canadian west and know all about it. What bothers me is how I am going to get back in time. You see we can go down the Yukon part of the way in boats if the river is not frozen over, but we could not pull against the stream coming back again. The Yukon runs about seven miles an hour. At any rate you can rely upon it that if I don't see the mines of the Clondyke before I return it is because there are some insurmountable difficulties in the way."

While your correspondent talked with Mr. Sifton he carried on the work of his department as if it was no trouble. He was ready with a "yes" to this official and a "no" to the next as he stopped for a moment in his talk about the Yukon. Business methods in a department at Ottawa are a strange anomaly, but after all they can be carried out without overstraining the great British constitution.

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SHE IS AN OCEAN GIANT.

Maiden Voyage of the Largest Steamer in the World.

Berlin, Sept. 19.—The giant express steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse sailed Thursday on her first trip to New York. She was built in Germany for the North German Lloyd line. She is the largest ship in the world, but not as large as was the Great Eastern.

The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse is 648 feet over all, 66 feet beam, and 43 feet deep, with a displacement of 20,000 tons and a tonnage of 14,000. She is fitted with bilge keels to minimize the rolling and a new device to prevent vibration from her engines. She is divided into eighteen water-tight compartments by the transverse and one longitudinal bulkhead, which extend to the upper deck. Her engines are high-power triple-expansion, and her shafting is nickel-steel, made by Krupp. She can accommodate 350 first cabin, 370 second cabin and 800 steerage passengers. Her crew will number 450. This splendid addition will do much to restore its prestige to the fleet of the North German Lloyd, which has been seriously impaired by the sinking of the steamship Elbe in the British channel several years ago, the most awful ocean catastrophe of recent maritime history.

Southampton, Sept. 21.—The new twin-screw steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, of the North German Lloyd line, has arrived here from Bremen. She attained an average speed of 20.7 knots per hour, with 68 revolutions of her engines per minutes. For a while she made 25.10 knots per hour with 74 revolutions. Capt. Englehart is confident that she will beat the record of the St. Paul during the first voyage. The builder guaranteed a speed of 21 knots per hour on her maiden voyage, at a minimum of 75 revolutions per minute. Only the slightest vibration was noticeable. The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse carries 755 passengers.

ROYALTY SCARED

Two Emperors Feared an Attempt Upon Their Lives—An Explosion Causes a Panic.

William and Francis Joseph Meet in Vienna—The Streets Profusely Decorated.

Vienna, Sept. 21.—It is reported that as Emperor William and Emperor Francis Joseph were leaving the station at Buda Pest a sharp detonation was heard which was followed by a thick cloud of dust and smoke. The crowd took fright, broke through the military cordon, and swarmed around the imperial carriages.

"Emperor Francis Joseph was greatly agitated and shouted to the police to keep the people back. Some arrests are reported, but of the silence maintained by the officials, it is difficult to ascertain details of the affair. The newspaper, Wiener Journal, was confiscated for publishing telegrams as to the occurrence.

The Austrian emperor wore the uniform of a Prussian grand marshal and the ribbon of the Black Eagle. The German emperor wore the uniform of an Austrian huzzar regiment and the Grand Cross of St. Stephen. When the sovereigns first met they kissed each other twice.

The carriage which conveyed them from the railroad station to the castle was drawn by five horses ridden by postillions. As their majesties drove off there were loud shouts of "Eljen" mingled with the thunder of the artillery salute, the music of the bands, the roll of drums and bugle salutes.

The decorations were especially brilliant at the entrance of Keerepsi street, in Franz Josef square, where a statue had been erected personifying Hungary, and having in one hand an olive branch extended toward the imperial visitors. The enthusiasm of the people visibly pleased the monarchs and Emperor William showed signs of the greatest satisfaction.

Emperor Francis Josef met the German emperor at the door of the salon carriage and after cordial greetings had been exchanged the two emperors passed in front of the guard of honor. Emperor William gretted the Austrian archdukes when the ceremony was concluded and also shook hands with the state dignitaries. The monarchs were heartily cheered by the crowds about the depot. They entered a court equipage and drove to the castle, the archdukes and ministers following.

The German emperor later bestowed the grand cordon of the Prusisan crown upon the son of Count Indrassy.

Buda Pesth, Sept. 21.—At the state banquet given to-day in honor of Emperor William of Germany, Emperor Francis Joseph, in cordially proposing His Majesty's health, referred to him as "my faithful friend, ally and unwearied fellow laborer in the great work of peace, to which we ever devote our best powers."

The speech of Emperor William in reply caused tremendous enthusiasm, especially when he alluded to Count Zrinyi's defence of the fortress of Szigoeth, in 1566, when he blew up the citadels rather than capitulate to the Turks.

After the banquet Emperor William and Emperor Frances Joseph attended a gala performance at the opera, following which they inspected the street illuminations. They then drove to the railway station, where the German emperor bade farewell to his imperial host and took his departure after mutual kissing and amid loud cheering.

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MANY LIVES LOST

A Terrible Collision Between Two Passenger Steamers on River Fuimera.

German Torpedo Boat Founders—A Cyclone Works Destruction in Italian Towns.

London, Sept. 22.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Vienna says that the steamer Ika, with a crew of ten and carrying fifty Austrian passengers, was entering the port at Fiume, on the river Fuimera at 7 o'clock last evening (Tuesday) while it was blowing hard, when she collided with the English steamer Tiria, which was leaving. The bows of the Ika were stove in and she sank in two minutes. Boats hastily put off and saved the captain and seven others, but most of the passengers perished. The cries of the drowning were distressing. The casualty took place in full view of thousands who crowded the piers in the greatest excitement and alarm.

A TERRIBLE STORM.

Brindisi, Italy, Sept. 22.—A cyclone swept over Sarroria and Latiano, in the province of Lecce, yesterday evening. Forty persons were killed and seventy wounded. Twenty houses were destroyed, and telegraph communication is cut off.

TORPEDO BOAT FOUNDERS.

Hamburg, Sept. 22.—Torpedo boat No. 26 has been capsized and sunk near the first lightship, off Cuxhaven. Eight of her crew, including the commander, Duke Frederick Mecklenburg-Schwerin, were drowned.

The Duke was born in 1871, held the rank of lieutenant in the German navy, and was a brother of the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

A salvage steamer has gone to the scene of the disaster.

AN EARLY SESSION

Parliament to Assemble Sooner Than Usual to Deal With Urgent Legislation.

About Settled That Hon. David Mills Will Succeed Sir Oliver Mowat as Minister of Justice.

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—The cabinet discussed yesterday afternoon the programme for the next session. It was generally agreed upon that parliament would meet early and that new legislation and departmental reports would be ter the opening of parliament.
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The railway committee of the privy council met to-day, Messrs. Mulock, Joly and Mowat being present.

It is about as good as settled that Hon. David Mills will replace Sir Oliver Mowat in the justice department.

The report that Major-General Gascoigne is about to retire is denied by officials here, who say that the general is now on his way out to resume his duties.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier laid the corner stone of St. Luke's Hospital here to-day.

William Wainwright, assistant general manager of the G.T.R., is here on business with the government. Speaking of Mr. Tarte's scheme for connection to Parry Sound, he offers the use of the Grand Trunk tracks from Coteau through to Montreal on the run to St. Hyacinthe. This will, he says, save seventy miles, and Wainwright cannot see why it should not be so arranged rather than going around by the circuitous route to Lacoll.

The Diana, which went to test Hudson's Bay and straits as regards the period which it is open to navigation, will be back to St. Johns, Newfoundland, this week, and will again proceed north after leaving her party.

The sealing conference will meet in Washington about the middle of November. Professor D'Arcey Thompson will represent the British government, and J. M. Macoun, of the geological survey, the Canadian government.