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TERRIBLE STORY OF BELGIAN CRUELTY IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

Officials, With King Leopold's Sanction, Have Pillaged the Villages, Sold Their Men and Women Into Slavery—Cannibals Turned Loose on Their Victims—Grievous Tale of Returned Missionary.

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New York, May 20.—Rev. William Morrison, of Lexington (Va.), who for nearly ten years has been the representative of the Southern Board of the Presbyterian Missionary Society along the Congo River, over a thousand miles in the interior of the Congo Free State, returned last night with a harrowing story of the cruelty to which the natives of central Africa are subjected by the Belgian government, which is now conducting the administration. The atrocities which have been committed have attracted the attention of England and upon receiving the details of the situation from Mr. Morrison of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Aborigines in London laid the matter before the government.

Reports of the outrages will also be laid before the state department here within a few days by Mr. Morrison, and the United States will be asked to join with the powers in suppressing the tyrannical rule of Belgium.

Spain's Cruelty Equalled. No nation since the time of the Spanishquisition has committed crimes of a more atrocious nature than Belgium in its work of forcing the Congo natives into slavery, declared Mr. Morrison; for its pillaging of villages and its slaughtering and torturing of the helpless natives, who often rebel when tribute is demanded from them, have left a sickening trail of blood throughout central Africa.

The officials, but a handful in number, whose main strength lies in the fact that by cunning they have procured the cannibals into their army and arrayed them against their more civilized brethren, have not only refused to be deterred by the fact of every violation entered into at the conference of the world's powers in Berlin, which the Congo Free State was established.

"I have come here to lay the facts before the Congress of States and I believe that the nations of the world, both here and in England will result in better conditions in the Congo Free State," said Mr. Morrison.

Women Sold for \$10. "Go to Luabo, where I have been working and there you will see a lot of women being sold for as high as \$10, and then carried away into slavery or slaughter. Belgium has had full sway in central Africa and has established a system of forced labor which is causing the atrocities that call for action on the part of every civilized country. If the nations of the world do not step up to a certain portion of their products, such as ivory, coffee and rubber, to the Belgian officials, or refuse to become slaves for these state officers, the central Africa, covering the uniform of Belgium and Congo."

ST. JOHN MAN CAPTURED AFTER A LONG CHASE. Woburn, Mass., May 21.—After a chase to St. John (N. B.), and from there to Lewiston (Cal.), Charles F. McDermott, chief of police of this city, arrived here at 11 o'clock tonight with Ernest Whipple, formerly local superintendent of the Presidential Life Insurance Company, who is charged with misappropriating funds of his employers.

Whipple was appointed superintendent here January 1st. On April 15th he disappeared, leaving an alleged shortage in his accounts from \$700 to \$800. The company traced him to St. John in his former home, but before they could place him under arrest, he fled to the Western States, and was finally located in Lewiston, where the police captured him.

SHRINKAGE OF \$27,500,000 IN DOMINION STEEL AND COAL SECURITIES. Canadian Interests the Biggest Sufferers in the Great Decline [In Values—Boston Brokerage Firm Goes Under, With Liabilities of \$250,000.

Boston, May 21.—A financial statement issued this afternoon says:—Dominion coal and Dominion iron and steel are at the present time capitalized for \$33,000,000. These securities at one time sold on the market for \$34,000,000. The present selling price is \$27,500,000, representing a shrinkage of \$27,500,000.

The original investment of the Canadian interests in the steel and coal companies, represented by Messrs. Ross, of Montreal, and Cox, of Toronto, was upon a basis of \$25 for Dominion Steel common, and \$40 for Dominion Coal common, and it is stated that the controlling interest in the Dominion Steel common stock stands the investors \$40 per share and \$80 for Dominion Coal common stock.

The loss through the decline in these securities falls upon the Canadian public. New England has had practically no interest in the securities for many months.

Boston Brokerage Firm Goes Under. Boston, May 21.—At the close of business in the speculative market today, the situation indicated that the flurry of the past two days was at an end, at least on the Boston Stock Exchange. Following yesterday's tremendous decline in Canadian securities, there was heavy selling in them when the market opened today, but after the first violent plunge stocks steadied and at the close the general list had fully recovered.

The interest in the excited cotton market was great all day. Partly as a result of the wide fluctuations in cotton, the failure of F. M. Tucker & Co., bankers and brokers of 90 State street, this city, was announced on the floor this afternoon.

It is understood the concern has liabilities approaching a quarter of a million. The firm is a member of the exchange and also of the New York Cotton Exchange. It has been doing a large commission business. The members of the firm are Percival M. Tucker and Tracy H. Tucker, and has been in business since January, 1898. The assignee is Hollis R. Bailey, of State street.

Another Cyclone in Kansas. Ashland, Kas., May 21.—The best record for this place was wrecked by a cyclone late today. A score or more houses were destroyed. Great damage is reported from the country. No one was killed, but several were injured.

Maine Attorney Disbarred. Alfred, Me., May 21.—By a decree signed today by Judge Birout, Frank W. Hovey, of Los Angeles (Cal.), formerly a resident of Biddeford and Pittsfield (Me.), was disbarred from membership in the York Bar Association on a charge of unprofessional conduct. According to the decree Hovey was charged with forgery and perjury and disbarred to abide.

ARGUMENT IN THE GAMEY CASE. RELIANCE SAILS RINGS AROUND THE COLUMBIA.

Mr. Blake, for the Prosecution, Rails at Mr. Stratton. COMMISSIONER'S POWER. Lawyer for Member for Manitoulin Says it Can Only Report the Evidence Without Any Finding—Court Decides That the \$1200 Must Be Paid Up.

Toronto, May 21.—(Special)—When court opened today, Mr. Duvenet, for Gamey, said the latter was quite willing to pay in the \$1,200 demanded by his opponent, if he would be protected from having also to pay to Sullivan on his 1. O. U. He suggested he put up a marked cheque, payable to Frank Sullivan, but the chancellor ordered the money to be put up, just as the \$1,200 was.

Mr. Blake then began his argument. He first raised the point as to whether the commission could make a report without findings. He held it had power only to take the evidence. He then went on to point out there was no doubt Gamey was engaged in trying to sell himself and his constituency, and that the government wanted the seat. They had the fact that he was approached and that he received some patronage. It was immaterial who made the approaches. It was the integrity of treating constituents like slaves in the market, to be sold to the highest bidder.

Communications relating to the bargain were the next point. Gamey's letter to Premier Ross, written by Mr. Stratton, Sept. 10, was a bargain, on the one side Gamey giving support, on the other the government giving patronage. Gamey's letter to Mr. Stratton for a loan of \$2,000, Mr. Blake said, seemed to indicate there had been some monetary transaction between them.

The letters of Frank Sullivan, said Mr. Blake, showed Sullivan made Mr. Blake, in touch with Mr. Stratton. His letter of Feb. 27 contained information which could have been obtained only from Mr. Stratton.

Referring to Mr. Stratton's suggestion to Reporter Hammond to strike out part of what Gamey had said in his interview, Mr. Blake said this would have been forgery. As for Mr. Stratton asking Gamey to forget some things, that, said Mr. Blake, would have been perjury.

Mr. Blake, in strong language, condemned the man who would ask such things himself, even though a minister of the crown.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN HAS THE SMALLPOX. Stamford, Conn., May 21.—George Francis Train is quarantined at the home of his sister, Helen M. L. Gardner, on Church street, in this city, suffering from a mild case of smallpox.

Mr. Train came here yesterday from New York. The physicians in attendance on Mr. Train have ascertained that he has been ill for at least a week.

GOLF CLUB DESTROYS STUDENT'S EYE. Middletown, Conn., May 21.—Ralph M. Cole, of Totterville (N. Y.), a student at Wesleyan University, will lose the sight of one eye as a result of an accidental blow from a golf stick this afternoon, while playing on the university grounds. A companion missed a stroke and the club hit Cole in the eye.

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RELIANCE SAILS RINGS AROUND THE COLUMBIA. The New Boat Makes a Grand Showing at All Kinds of Work in Yesterday's Race. BEATS OLD BOAT MILES. The Defender is Over Fourteen Minutes Ahead at the Finish—An Accident to Her Rival—A Big Race on For Saturday.

New York, May 21.—By a combination of good luck and splendid sailing qualities the new cup yacht Reliance today inflicted such a defeat upon the former cup defender, Columbia, as she had never before suffered, beating her over the finish line of a 25 mile course of Glen Cove for fourteen minutes and forty-two seconds, official time.

Not all the glory of the victory was fairly earned by the boat. It had been there would have been no doubt that the Reliance would be the next cup defender. But despite the Columbia's ill luck, the Reliance convincingly showed herself to be the better boat. She had beaten the Columbia nearly eight minutes in a broad reach of seven miles in fluky squalls, beaten her one minute and fifteen seconds running free for three miles in a steady twelve knot breeze, and beaten her four minutes and fifteen seconds in a head wind, in a fifteen knot southwest. This time is unofficial and allows for Reliance's thirty-five seconds advantage at the start.

When the Reliance crossed the start line, the Columbia was miles astern and hopelessly beaten. But the victory was not so great as the result might indicate. The Columbia's ill luck in fluky winds in the three hours necessary to cover the eleven miles had contributed to her defeat.

TOLSTOI BLAMES THE GOVERNMENT. DR. A. F. EMERY NOW LIKELY TO SUCCEED DR. HETHERINGTON.

Kishinef Tragedy the Result of Fanatics and Robber Officials. OFFICIAL EXPLAINS. Czar's Minister of the Interior Says Massacre was Because of Jewish People Arming Themselves.

St. Petersburg, Wednesday, May 20.—The circular of interior Minister Von Plehve, issued May 17, ascribed the massacre of the Jews at Kishinef largely to acts of self defence on the part of the Jews, and continued: "The excesses at Kishinef have alarmed the Jewish portion of the population in many regions of the empire and have occasioned rumors among the Christians and toward that they are obliged to and some of the cities the Jews began forming self defence associations. After I reported to his majesty about the disorders his majesty commanded me to impress on the commanders in the provinces and local police authorities that they are obliged to take all the necessary measures to prevent violence and calm the populace in order to remove the occasion of fears for life and property in any portion."

"In informing your excellency of the monarch's will, I feel obliged to state for your guidance that no sort of associations of police have been formed, and that the Jews are not inclined to depend wholly on the police and have armed themselves in spite of the circular, throughout the Kishinef belt. Undoubtedly their action prevented a repetition of the massacre at Kishinef, Odessa, Minsk and elsewhere. The Minsk Jews are so alarmed that they are forming self defence associations and are arming themselves with shotguns and revolvers. (Answering a private letter asking for his opinion of the Kishinef massacre, Count Tolstoy writes: "Always all I was protesting at no at all, namely, the government, with its foolish, fanatical priesthood and gang of robber officials. The Kishinef crime was a consequence of the government's policy of violence, which the government carries on with such stubborn energy. The government's relation to the Jews is now proof of its ruinous system, consisting of no at all when it is a question of crushing movements regarded as dangerous, and is proof of its complete inability to do anything for the Armenian massacres, and most horrible atrocities, if only its interests remain untouched."

Petersburg, Monday, May 18.—The greatest anxiety prevails in administrative circles owing to the possibility of serious outbreaks on the occasion of the approaching centenary of this city. The police have requested the owners of workshops and factories to refuse a holiday to the employees during the festivities; but the men will probably refuse to work unless the government shows much unreluctance. Revolutionary emissaries have been flooding the workshops with seditious literature.

NOVA SCOTIA SCHOONER IN A WARM POSITION. Vessel was Caught Between Fires of Contending Forces at San Domingo and Badly Riddled.

New York, May 21.—The Nova Scotia schooner Britannia arrived in port today from San Domingo City showing many signs of battle having taken place. The fire of the government and insurgent troops April 11, when lying in the river near the custom house at San Domingo City. Many of the bullets struck the rigging, some of which was shot away. The after house, the mizen mast and a number of blocks were perforated. Twenty-four holes in the hull were plugged after the fight. Captain Nicholson entered a protest to the British consul.

OTTAWA SCHOOL BOY KILLED BY LIVE WIRE. Ottawa, May 21.—(Special)—Russell Parker, a bright lad of eleven years and son of the late James Parker, who was agent for the C. P. R. in this city for many years, was instantaneously killed by catching hold of a live wire on Wellington street this afternoon.

The wire was broken when the boy was returning from school, caught hold of it and died in about a minute. There were about 600 volts in the electric wire. An inquest will be held.

OTTAWA LUMBER PILES BANISHED. Ottawa, May 21.—(Special)—The city council tonight unanimously adopted a by-law excluding lumber piles from within the city limits.

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Superintendent of Lunatic Asylum Granted Leave of Absence on Account of Ill-health—Matter of John McKelvie and Chief of Police Stands Till Tuesday—Electro Man-ganese Company and Hartsworth Properties—Claim Against the Dominion—Steamer Subsidies.

Thursday Premier Tweedie, as commissioner, had Chief Clark and John McKelvie before him relative to charges of intoxication preferred by John McKelvie against the chief. The matter is, perhaps one of private grievance rather than one requiring the interposition of the government. It stands over until Tuesday, when the convenience of those interested. Mr. McKelvie, it is understood, has admitted that the charges were brought because of his animosity against the chief following the Union depot incident.

Successor to Dr. Hetherington. In the asylum matter, the commissioner of the asylum, at a meeting Thursday afternoon, gave Dr. Geo. A. Hetherington two months leave of absence and he has gone to Boston for treatment. The Telegraph learns that Dr. Hetherington is suffering from nephritis and is in a serious condition of health.

The government, feeling that Dr. Hetherington's illness is too serious to permit his taking up work again at least within a limited period, and owing to the necessity for an appointment being made to the position of resident physician of the asylum, have offered it to Dr. A. Emery, who has the matter under consideration.

To Investigate the Steamer Subsidies. An important matter has been placed in the hands of Hon. C. H. La Billois, who has been appointed to inquire into the granting of subsidies to steamers in the bay and river services by the local government. Application for a subsidy has been made by the Star Line Company and the government feels that as a general principle no subsidy should be granted except where there is no railway communication between the points which the steamer service connects and also except where a proper dividend—say seven per cent. The idea of a subsidy is to assist a transportation company, either originating or terminating at the local port. Mr. La Billois's report will be made to the cabinet.

The Cabinet in Session. Ottawa, May 21.—(Special)—The cabinet was at work all day. It is said that supplementary estimates were under consideration. After the meeting was over Mackenzie & Mann, along with their solicitor, Mr. Lash, had an interview with the premier. It lasted only for a few minutes.

THE KING'S HEALTH UNSATISFACTORY. Toronto, May 21.—(Special)—The Telegram special from New York says the Liverpool correspondent of the Evening Post says: "Among London clubs it is again reported that King Edward's health is far from satisfactory. At the Marlborough Club on Tuesday one of the king's Household Cavalry declared another operation on his majesty was contemplated."

"Sir Francis Laking is undoubtedly anxious, persistently keeping his eye on his illustrious patient. The king's health is far from satisfactory, however, and his physique is not sufficiently robust to support much strain."

SOME BARR COLONISTS BACK TO LIVERPOOL WITH A TALE OF WOE. London Press Comment on Collapse of Dominion Steel and Coal Securities—Russian Chilled Beef Now Coming to Britain—Lord Minto's Successor May Be an Able Man.

Montreal, May 21.—(Special)—A special London cable says: "The extension of the term of the Earl of Minto is regarded, not alone as evidence of the acceptability of his administration, but also as an indication that the British ministers expect to be better able to fill the post to the satisfaction of Canada in the event of the expiry of the terms of Lord Curzon in India and Lord Milner in South Africa and also a possible change in the British ministry makes several able men of high rank available for such an important position."

"Several members of the Barr colony who have returned to Liverpool complain of the lack of provision made for them and allege that the arrangements in the west were disorganized. Simultaneously the trades council in Winnipeg and elsewhere. An official of the emigrant's information office here warns emigrants to Canada that the demand for labor has already been to a great extent met by immigration."

"The exclusion of the Argentine cattle here, led to the bringing of an experienced Russian chiller, named to the Smithfield, thus introducing a fresh competitor for Canada. Experts say that Russian fine third rate beef is on a level with the Argentine chilled meat. The whole sale price is two shillings five pence per stone. This is especially suited for the poorer customers."

"The Pall Mall Gazette commenting on the Montreal stock slump says the simple fact is that Montreal for eighteen months has been indulging in over speculation and is now witnessing the inevitable reaction. Healthy conditions have not yet been reached, consequently the market is sensitive to the slightest financial influence. The failure of the Dominion Steel Company to realize their high expectations causes a natural fear that other important ventures on the strength of which Canada's big future is foretold may also miscarry. Both the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk companies being in a strong position are not likely to be affected seriously."

"Colonel Benson, who was born in St. Catharines, and who has been assistant adjutant general for some years, will probably succeed General Trauman as chief of the renowned department. Colonel Benson received his first military education at the Royal Military College, Kingston, and afterwards put in a term at Sandhurst. He served as a volunteer during the Fenian raid of 1866, joined the 21st Hussars in 1869, and was exchanged to the 12th Royal Lancers in 1876. He was appointed adjutant to the lieutenant governor of the northwest province in India in 1877. He served throughout the Egyptian war and also in the South African. He was appointed assistant adjutant general in 1886. He is known as the best skier and sportsman in the army."