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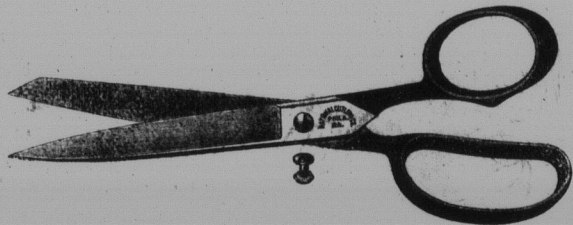
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A KENTUCKY BATTLE.

Six Men Killed at a Saloon Fight Between Officers and Mountaineers.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Feb. 12.—Six are dead and as many more are dying as the result of a battle between Middlesboro officers and mountaineers. The battle occurred today at Lee Turner's saloon, near Middlesboro. Last month Turner had some mules and other goods levied on in payment of a debt and a few nights ago, it is said, he took them back. Today Deputy Sheriff Wm. Thompson summoned a posse of ten or fifteen. Turner and his men were prepared. The saloon is built of huge logs and is surrounded by a thirty foot fence. Turner's surrender was demanded. His reply was a round of shots. Charley C. Ceall, of Middlesboro, was riding in plain view. Some one fired through his window, striking Ceall. Instantly the murderer fell back pierced by a half dozen bullets.

Several of his men perished in the flames. Many rumors are rife tonight, one being that five of the Turner gang were killed and that five more perished in the flames. It is also believed that the deputies lost several men. The deputies say they will return with reinforcements.

HEROIC MEASURES

Caused by Alarming Prevalence of Smallpox in Western States.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Every employee of every railway entering Chicago, from the president to the messenger boy, will be vaccinated between now and Monday or lose his position. Every car which arrives in the city from every direction will be subject to fumigation for six hours under the direction of the health department of the city before other passengers are allowed to enter it. These precautions were agreed upon at a meeting of the general managers of all the railroads entering Chicago. The Chicago and Alton Railroad and the Illinois Central began to put them into effect yesterday. The other roads will begin today. All will continue the measures until the small-pox epidemic, which is ravaging the northwest, and the Mississippi Valley states shall be stamped out. At the meeting of the managers the condition of the plague in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois was declared alarming and it was stated that the contagion had spread as far south as Mississippi and Alabama. The general managers passed resolutions calling on the medical advisers of the roads to take steps to check the disease and giving them full authority to use whatever measures they deemed best. The surgeons of the roads and their assistants met and decided upon the stringent action outlined above.

THE DUAL ALLIANCE.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The liberal afternoon newspapers view the new dual alliance between Great Britain and Japan with mixed feelings. The conservative organs generally applauded it, but the St. James Gazette, (conservative) expresses "marked" regret at this wide departure from the British traditional policy. This paper, however, finds solace in the thought that the policy and interests of the United States are identical with those of Great Britain and Japan, and concludes: "Perhaps we shall find, when the policy of Great Britain is definitely known that the United States is formally or informally a party to the league of peace in the far east. At any rate, no efforts should be spared to secure its adhesion."

The Westminster Gazette thinks the alliance can be fairly termed offensive and defensive, says that it therefore has a dangerously wide extension, and concludes that it looks like a rather hasty answer to European hostility.

YOUNG ROOSEVELT BETTER.

GROTON, Mass., Feb. 13.—Young Theodore Roosevelt passed a good night and this morning his condition was such that it was announced that the president would leave for Washington this afternoon. The crisis of the disease in the right lung has been passed successfully, the left lung has cleared to the satisfaction of the doctors and the boy is now considered out of danger.

SHOT HIS SISTER.

JOLLET, Ill., Feb. 13.—John Linnis Vincent, the 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent of Lockport, accidentally shot and killed his sister, Anna Adelina, nine years old, while playing with a revolver. She died almost instantly. She was shot through the heart. Stella, the baby, which she had in her arms, fell to the floor. The bullet had grazed the little one's head just above the left ear.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Feb. 13.—Maritime—Strong winds and cold north and northwest, cold with local snow falls. Friday strong northwesterly winds, continued cold.

OTTAWA.

The Canadian Parliament began its Work Today.

The Speech From the Throne Contains no Striking Announcements.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—Parliament opened today. The speech from the throne is as follows: Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate: Hon. Gentlemen of the Commons:

In meeting you again at the commencement of another session of parliament, it is my first duty to express the deep sense of our gratitude to Divine Providence for the many blessings which Canada has received during the past year and particularly for the exceptionally bountiful harvest in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. It was very gratifying to note the cordial reception tendered by all classes of the people to the Prince and Princess of Wales, on the occasion of their visit in September and October last, the only regrettable feature being the limited time at their disposal, which prevented their visiting many important centres of population. It is however a great satisfaction to know that Their Royal Highnesses enjoyed their tour through Canada, and carried away the most pleasant recollections of their visit to this part of the Empire. The assassination of President McKinley has elicited a universal feeling of sympathy and sorrow throughout the civilized world and, though Canada has happily so far been free from crimes of this character, the close proximity to the United States may make it advisable to join our efforts to the efforts of the United States and other nations and to provide by legislation for the adequate punishment of those who, either by speech or writing, incite fanatics to the perpetration of such horrible crimes.

The returns of the late census will be laid before you, and, while the absolute increase in the number of population is not so great as might have been expected, the evidences of growth in wealth and the general tokens of prosperous development are highly satisfactory. There is good reason to believe that the increase of population during the latter half of the decade has been very greatly in excess of the average of former years, and that in the near future we may look for a much more rapid growth than occurred during the period covered by the last two censuses. Application having been made by the Canadian Pacific R. Co. for approval of an increase of its capital to meet the demand for additional rolling stock and other improved facilities for handling the growing traffic, my ministers availed themselves of the opportunity to stipulate that the long pending question of the power of the governor-in-council to regulate the tolls of the company should be submitted to the courts for a judicial decision. The correspondence and other papers will be laid before you.

The inventor, Mr. Marconi, having met unexpected obstacles to the carrying on of his experiments in wireless ocean telegraphy in a sister colony, my ministers deemed it expedient to invite him to continue his operations here on the coast of Nova Scotia, and they availed themselves of his presence in Canada to enter into negotiations resulting in an arrangement through which, should the project prove as successful as is hoped for, the government and the people of Canada will enjoy the benefits of the invention on very favorable terms, including rates for trans-Atlantic messages very much below those now existing. I am pleased to inform you that the display made by Canada of her products, at the several exhibitions at which they have been attracted much attention and has already resulted in many enquiries and orders for our goods. I may also congratulate you on the satisfactory condition of the revenue and on the steady and continuous expansion of the general business of the country as evidenced by the increased volume of imports and exports. With the view of still further facilitating and developing our trade with other countries, it will probably be found expedient to increase the number of our commercial agencies, and parliament will be asked to consider the desirability of making additional provision for that purpose. I have also great pleasure in informing you that the governments of Australia and New Zealand have accepted an invitation from my government to attend a conference in London, next June, for the consideration of trade, transportation, cable and other matters of inter-colonial concern, and it is hoped that the meeting may lead to an extension of Canadian trade with those important portions of His Majesty's dominions.

I have further advised you that my government has caused inquiry to be made, has reached the conclusion that the establishment of direct steamship service with South Africa would enable Canada to secure in that country a profitable market for her varied products, and, to that end it will endeavor to arrange for such a service. His Majesty has been graciously pleased to invite the premier to be present at the ceremonies attending his coronation. It is to be hoped that the presence of the leading statesmen of the several colonies upon this occasion will afford an opportunity for the discussion of subjects of mutual interest which may considerably develop trade and commerce in the near future with the mother country and with our sister colonies. Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The public accounts for the last year

and the estimates for the succeeding year will be laid before you without delay.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I commit the above matters and all others which may be submitted to you, to your earnest consideration, and I rely upon your wisdom and prudence to deal with them in the manner which, under Divine Providence, may prove most conducive of the best interests of Canada.

A BEAM OF LIGHT

That Will Prevent Railway Trains From Meeting in Collision.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—A practical demonstration of the utility of a new device which, it is claimed by railway officials, will effectively prove the solution in a large degree of the railway collision problem, was made last night on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad near here.

The device consists of an exceedingly bright electric light, which not only perfectly illuminates the track with an intensely brilliant shaft of light for a distance of a mile, but almost embraces the striking and novel feature of a beam of light of almost equal brilliancy penetrating over seven hundred feet above which can be clearly seen ten miles distant. It is thereby possible for approaching trains to absolutely locate each other by the vertical shaft of light, though miles apart, and it is this feature which railroad officials claim will eliminate the possibility of collision. This vertical beam will, in the track are numerous, so positively fix the location of trains that nothing but carelessness on the part of engineers will permit a collision. The apparatus consisted of powerful electric arc headlight, a dynamo and steam motor, all of which occupy the space on the locomotive usually devoted to the headlight. The dynamo which generates the current for this veritable searchlight occupies a space less than fifteen inches wide directly behind the headlight and is operated by a motor driven by steam impact on a turbine wheel. The current is six thousand candle power, which can be reduced to any degree of brilliancy at the will of the engineer.

One of the heaviest passenger engines on the C. M. & St. Paul experimentally equipped with this headlight, drew a special train a number of miles out of Chicago last night, and a practical demonstration of the working apparatus was given, under the supervision of Charles W. Adams, formerly assistant general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania system. At a distance of half a mile the telegraph poles and framework of the semaphores were clearly defined, while the track bed itself was distinctly visible for one mile. Straight above the locomotive a shaft of light as thick as a man's body penetrated the darkness, and persons posted ten miles away reported that it was clearly distinguishable. This is an entirely new departure in headlight illumination and railway signals. It is further proposed to convey signals of distress or other communications where trouble occurs between telegraph points, by the use of colored glass to color the vertical ray of light.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Options have just been secured by Captain D. F. Comings of Seattle, on the three steamships for the trans-Alaskan Railway, to ply between Seattle and Iliamna Bay, Alaska, and forming the connecting link in a railway system between the United States and Asia. Captain Comings has for several months been searching on the Atlantic coast and along the great lakes for suitable vessels. Those secured are of 2,400 tons freight and 200 passengers capacity, and cost approximately \$125,000 each. One was secured on the Atlantic coast and two on the lakes. They are single screw vessels with a speed of ten knots an hour, 275 feet long and 40 feet beam. They will proceed to Seattle via the Straits of Magellan and be put in service there about the first of May. J. T. Conforth, who explored the route of the Trans-Alaskan from Iliamna Bay to Port Clarence, left last night for Washington after a conference with Captain Comings, relative to the purchase of the steamers.

LORD DUFFERIN.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The papers comment on Lord Dufferin's paltry pension of £1,700 yearly, which necessitated his mixing up in city companies. The St. James Gazette says: "It is not a pleasant reflection that the nation had acted with justice towards such a man as it has now lost, he might have been spared the humiliation which he brought upon himself in consequence of the circumstances in which he was left in the last days of his brilliant career."

JURY DISAGREE.

DORCHESTER, N. B., Feb. 12.—At a special session of the circuit court held here today the case of the King v. Calais Bourque, was again tried, the jury having failed to agree at the January session. Bourque is charged with having set fire to a hay stack belonging to one of his neighbors. The jury after being out four hours again failed to agree, standing 11 to 1 in favor of acquittal. Bourque was allowed his freedom on his own recognisance to appear when called for. Harvey Atkinson, K. C., represented the crown and C. Lionel Hanington appeared on behalf of the prisoner.

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