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ABU HAMED CAPTURED.

The Anglo-Egyptian Troops Win After a Stubborn Fight.

Cairo, Aug. 11.—Official despatches from Assoun on the Nile, near the first Cataract, give details of the capture of Abu Hamed on August 7 by the Anglo-Egyptian troops under Col. Hunter, after an 17-hours' march from Morawi.

After carrying the high ground overlooking the town, the Anglo-Egyptian troops advanced to the attack upon the village. A stubborn house to house fight ensued, and Col. Hunter was obliged to bring up the artillery before it was possible to carry the position.

The total loss was twenty-one killed and sixteen wounded, of whom the tenth Soudanese battalion lost fourteen killed, among them two British officers and thirty-four wounded. Major H. M. Sidney fell mortally wounded while leading his men to the attack and died in five minutes. Lieut. Fitzclarence was shot almost at the same moment through the heart. Three Egyptian officers received severe gun shot wounds.

Col. Hunter in his despatch highly praises the steadiness and dash of the troops throughout the engagement. The village is a network of crowded and twisted narrow alleys, so that most of the fighting was done at the point of the bayonet. The Dervishes repeatedly charged through the narrow streets.

Finally their cavalry, having lost over half their number, fled precipitately, followed by about one hundred infantry. These were all that escaped. The Dervish commander, Mahommed Zein, was captured. Another well known, Emir, stubbornly defended himself with his followers in a strongly fortified house and was only killed at last when the house was destroyed by the artillery.

A number of prisoners, arms, standards, camels and horses, with other property, were taken. The Nile at Morawi is in a most unpleasant state from the corpses floating down.

The inhabitants, as during the advance of the Dongola expedition, have shown every kind of rejoicing at their deliverance from dervish oppression. The garrison of Abu Hamed had been much increased since the Khalifas defeat of the Jaalin tribe and the capture of Metemneh by his forces.

On the other hand, Col. Hunter's troops were assisted in capturing the town by some friendly Arabs from Murad.

The loss of Major Sidney and Lieut. Fitzclarence is deeply deplored. They were very popular in the army.

At present the general situation is as follows: The Khalifa continues to reinforce the army of occupation at Metemneh under Mahmoud. Both sides of the river have been fortified. Mahmoud recently sent reinforcements to Berber, but recalled them on hearing of the advance of Col. Hunter upon Abu Hamed. He now threatens to advance on Jakdul, a village held by friendly Arabs, but it is expected that the arival of the gunboats at Abu Hamed shortly will prevent him from leaving Metemneh with any considerable force.

A CENTENARIAN BEFORE THE COURTS.

The alms house commissioners of St. Andrews have decided to bring a suit in the equity court to set aside the deed given to Joseph Doherty by Andrew Sampson, the well-known centenarian. Andrew has been an inmate of the alms house for several months. A few weeks ago he determined to secure maintenance outside the alms house, and for this purpose gave Joseph Doherty a deed of all his property. As the commissioners had not been properly secured for the amount of Sampson's indebtedness to them, they have decided upon the above course.—Beacon.

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THE ODDFELLOWS.

Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Pictou.

The Rebekahs Entertain Visiting Ladies by a Sail on the Harbor.

Reports of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary on the Work of the Year.

Pictou, N. S., Aug. 11.—Picou town is alive with Oddfellows, over 200 delegates being present at the annual convocation of the grand lodge last night. Princess lodge exemplified the Rebekah degree and afterwards a reception was tendered by the Rebekahs to the visiting Oddfellows. It was a grand affair. A splendid programme of music, speeches and songs was carried out. The town was alive early this morning and at 9 o'clock the local Oddfellows assembled and escorted the grand lodge to the academy. At the grounds Mayor Yorston, past grand master, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Pictou. The mayor said that the citizens were proud of the honor and glad the privilege of entertaining the grand lodge after an absence of nineteen years. The speaker pointed out the many changes that took place during the interim, and he also pointed out how the order had grown. In extending the courtesies of Pictou, the mayor hoped that all would have a good time.

Grand Master Grady, on behalf of the grand lodge, thanked the mayor in a short but well chosen address.

The grand lodge met in the forty-second annual session at 10 o'clock. After the usual opening ceremonies were over, sixty candidates were instructed in the grand lodge. Reports of the grand officers were read and referred to the usual committees, and this practically occupied the morning session.

The afternoon session was given up to the working of degrees by degree teams from New Glasgow, Pictou, Charlottetown and Halifax. The work was put on in full regalia and was much appreciated by the grand lodge.

Tonight's session was occupied in receiving the reports of committees.

The Rebekahs of Pictou entertained the visiting ladies by taking them for a sail on the harbor.

The grand master gave details of his correspondence and of other matters of his office. He reported that he had not been able to do much visiting, but had called on Peerless lodge, St. John; Prince Albert, Moncton; and Takaiin, P. E. I.. Reference was made to the death of Past Grand Master John Richards of Victoria lodge, No. 12, Fredericton. The address concluded with the grand master's cordial thanks to those who had assisted him in the discharge of his duties.

J. C. P. Frazee, the grand secretary, reported a very busy year, because of the formation of four new lodges and four lodges of Rebekah. He announced having purchased for $130 a new set of officers' regalia. The sum of $34 contributed by Prince Albert, Scotia and Chebucto lodges for the Italian relief fund, was remitted to Naples.

The following statistics were given:

Rebekah Lodges.

Number at last report			7
New lodges instituted			4
Total			11
	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.
Membership at last report	172	240	412
Admitted during year	120	164	284
	292	404	696
Withdrawn	36	36	72
Expelled		11	11
Deceased	1	3	4
Membership Dec. 31	255	354	609

Their receipts were $686 and their expenses $642.46. The relief expenditure was $15.76, leaving assets of $420.88.

Subordinate lodges:

Number at last report	63
Instituted during year	4
	67
Charter recalled	1
Present number	66
Membership at last report	4,849
Initiated during year	468
Admitted by card	61
Reinstated	28
Total increase	557
Withdrawn	89
Suspended	216
Expelled	3
Deceased	36
Total decrease	344
Net increase	212
Present membership	5,062
Average membership for year	4,955
Deaths per 1,000 members	726

The relief statement shows 337 members were assisted, at an expenditure of $4,543.63, and 24 widowed families assisted to the extent of $367.21. The amount paid for funerals was $660 and for special relief $401.65, making the total expenditure $5,972.49.

The total receipts of the year he reported as $26,668.63. The total amount paid for expenses was $17,140.80. The proportion of the receipts paid for relief was 22 4-10 and the proportion of expenses 64 2-10. The widows' and orphans' fund is $27,971.16, and the invested funds and cash amount to $33,103.63.

The grand treasurer, J. H. Balcom, reported the balance on hand from last year was $1,137.05, and the receipts $2,549.64, making a total of $3,736.69. The expenditures reached $2,370.94, leaving a balance of $1,365.75.

Pictou, N. S., Aug. 12.—At a meeting of the grand lodge last night there was a narrow escape of a serious fire. A large lamp, holding a gallon of oil, used for lighting the hallway, fell and took fire. In a few minutes the whole hall was a mass of flames. A stampede took place, but the excitement soon cooled down. The matter of inauguration of the Oddfellows' home for orphans, etc., was placed in the hands of a committee to report at the next annual session.

A motion that the grand lodge meet at Halifax and Charlottetown respectively, was voted down. At this morning's session, Carleton, St. John, was chosen for the next place of meeting of grand lodge. For representatives to sovereign grand lodge, Mayor Yorston of Pictou, Dr. Murray of Moncton, W. H. Rogers of Amherst, B. A. Stamers and H. E. Codner of St. John were nominated. The fight narrowed down between Rogers and Codner, when the former was elected by 94 to 90 votes.

The following officers were elected: E. A. Bent, Pugwash, grand master; Jas. R. McDonald, Sherbrooke, deputy grand master; J. D. McKean, Westville, grand warden; J. C. P. Frazee, Halifax, grand secretary; J. A. Balcom, Halifax, grand treasurer. Those appointed were: Rev. Archibald Bowman, New Glasgow, chaplain; D. M. Brown of St. John, grand marshall; W. S. Sanders, Woodstock, grand guardian; D. S McManus, Moncton, grand herald.

A discussion took place on the proposed division of the grand lodge and making two separate jurisdictions, but the matter was dropped, probably to be revived next year. The grand lodge adjourned sine die.

THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The Next Annual Session to be Held in St. Stephen in August.

The Officers of the Grand Lodge and Also Those of the Uniform Rank.

Halifax, N. S., August 10.

The Knights of Pythias of the Uniform Rank were never before till today seen in Halifax, but tonight they are well known. Their handsome and neat costume has been admired on all sides. The procession this afternoon numbered about seventy-five and the playing of Moncton's Citizens' band was favorably commented on. The excursion on the harbor as the guests of the Halifax lodge was thoroughly enjoyed. After the excursion there was a drill by Fowler Division of Fredericton, which drew forth the warmest praise. At a brief session of the lodge tonight the only business was the presentation of the annual report of the grand keeper of records and seals. The reports states that the membership of the lodges show only a slight increase, but the assets are very satisfactory, making a gain of $2,000. The benefits paid were $1,844. Loss by death was eight. Special mention was made of past chancellor Wm. Robb of St. John. The gross assets today are $21,508. The membership now stands at 1,273, as follows: past grand chancellors, 10; past chancellors, 227; knights, 1,027; esquires, 7; pages, 2.

Much of the night was spent in initiating candidates in Halifax lodges.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 11.—The grand lodge of Knights of Pythias closed tonight. At the afternoon session a jubilee resolution to the Queen was adopted. The next annual meeting will be held in St. Stephen in August on invitation of Frontier lodge. The grand lodge officers are: The present Grand Chancellor J. M. Deacon, M. D. of Milltown, N. B., and Vive Chancellor F. A. Godsoe of St. John were nominated for the grand chancellorship. The present incumbent was elected. F. A. Godsoe of St. John was elected vice chancellor unanimously. W. E. Dummer of St John and J. F. Gilroy of Springhill were nominated for the grand prelate's position. Mr. Gilroy was elected. John C. Henry of St. Stephen was re-elected grand keeper of records and unanimously.

J. H. Logan, M. P., of Amherst, was re-elected grand master of the exchequer. W. E. Sherrard of Moncton and W. C. Black of Springhill were nominated for the position of grand master at arms. Mr. Sherrard was the successful candidate. H. L. Cole of Halifax was elected grand inner guard by acclamation. Rev. D. T. Porter of Advocate, N. S., and the present incumbent, W. S. Vaughan of St. John, was named for the office of grand outer guard. Mr. Porter was chosen. R. E. Armstrong of St. Andrews and Samuel Tutts of St. John were nominated for the post of trustees. The former was elected. James D. Fowler of Fredericton, Murray Fleming of Moncton and H. V. Cooper of St. John were nominated for the supreme representativeship. After several votes Mr. Fowler was elected. Officers of uniform rank: Lieut. Col. W. C. H. Sumner and Major L. Wilson.

PATENT REPORTS.

Below will be found the only complete report of patents granted last week to Canadian inventors by the American government; this report is prepared specially for the Sun by Marion & Marion, solicitors of patents and experts; head office, 185 St. James street, Montreal:

587,292—David Aitkman et al, Montreal, centrifugal drier.

587,667—Stephen Alley, steam boiler.

587,419—William N. Anderson, can opener.

587,422—Henry C. Riette, Toronto, autographic register.

587,473—James Butler et al, desk.

587,646—Harry B. Corridean, incubator.

587,433—Mortimer Du Perrow, electrical signalling apparatus.

587,421—Harry Dukes, typewriter.

587,572—Herbert H. Freeman, latch.

587,308—Arthur S. Jackson, Montreal, Canada, label for bottles.

587,465—Henry Kelly, Lennoxville, Canada, foot-guard.

587,315—James D. Lamb et al, Canada, street car fender.

587,593—Owen Morgan, telephone transmitter.

587,451—James D. O'Neil, Hanover, Canada, currycomb.

587,401—Samuel H. Halston, Perth, Canada, forging solid metal car wheel.

587,461—Bernard T. Steber, match making machine.

587,621—Sinclaire Tousey et al, stamp affixing machine.

THE DEAD PREMIER

Italian Police Have Identified the Assassin.

His Record in the Italian Army of a Very Bad Character.

President McKinley Cables Condolence—A Possible Successor to Capt. Gen. Weyler.

Madrid, Aug. 10.—A despatch from Lugera, Italy, says that the Italian police have identified Coll, the assassin of Senor Canovas, as Michael Angiolino. He is 23 years of age and was born at Foggia, capital of the province of that name, in the Apulian plain. His military record was very bad. He proved an indifferent and disobedient soldier and was sent for three years' service in the disciplinary battalion. Subsequently he became a compositor. In April, 1896, he was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment for disseminating anarchist propaganda. After serving a part of the term he escaped to Spain. He comes of an honest family. His father, who is a tailor, is grief stricken by the crime of his son. The provincial and common councils of Foggia have sent telegrams of condolence to the Spanish government, denouncing the assassin.

A despatch from Santa Agueda says that the funeral cortege accompanying the remains of Senor Canovas left the bathing establishment this morning, headed by the Duke of Sotomayor, Major Domo of the royal household, representing the Queen Regent, and by Senor Castellano, minister for the colonies; and Senor Elduayan. The coffin, covered with wreaths, among them one from the Queen Regent, was borne on a car drawn by four horses. A detachment of chasseurs rendered military honors and acted as an escort.

Madrid, Aug. 10.—The special funeral train awaited the arrival of the cortege at Zumarraga. Almost at the very moment of the transfer of the coffin from the funeral car to the train a foreigner was arrested at the telegraph office. He is suspected of being an accomplice of the assassin. The Marquis Del Buston, the court's physician embalmed the body. The post mortem examination showed that the deceased was in an extremely healthy state and that the brain was unusually large. It showed also that either of the three wounds would alone have proved fatal.

At the special request of Senora Canovas the corpse will lie in state at the private instead of the official residence of the deceased.

The Queen Regent has ordered a special mass tomorrow for the repose of his soul.

President McKinley has cabled to the Spanish government the condolences of the United States government and the American people.

It is understood that General Martinez Campos is willing to go to Cuba should the cabinet decided to recall Captain-General Weyler. There are also rumors that General Dolavleja, former governor of the Philippines, will be invited to succeed Weyler, but these are mere rumors.

The government has decided to try the assassin by court martial. He still definitely declares that other startling crimes will follow.

A LONG TIME BETWEEN DRINKS.

The Alleged Origin of a Remark Now Famous Throughout the Country.

Every man in the United States is supposed to know what the "governor of North Carolina said to the governor of South Carolina," but perhaps some do not know when and under what circumstances the famous remark was made.

Nearly a century ago, says the Jacksonville (Fla.) "Citizen," a man prominent in political affairs in North Carolina moved across the border and settled in South Carolina. He had been there only a short time when he committed some small crime, for which he was indicted. To escape arrest he returned to his old home in North Carolina. In due course of time the governor of South Carolina issued his requisition on the governor of North Carolina for the fugitive criminal.

The fugitive had rich and influential friends in his native state, and they interceded with the governor until he refused to grant the requisition. A long official correspondence followed. Prominent men in South Carolina told the governor that he had not been treated with proper official courtesy by the governor of North Carolina. The result was that the South Carolina governor, accompanied by a large party of friends and advisers, journeyed by stage to Raleigh for a conference with the governor about the matter of giving up the criminal. The governor of North Carolina, with a large party of distinguished friends, met the governor of South Carolina and his party several miles from town and escorted them to the governor's mansion with all the ceremony due such distinguished visitors. Before the object of his visit was stated, the entire assemblage sat down to an elaborate dinner. After dinner wine was served, and after wine came brandy—the applejack for which the Old North State is famous.

After many rounds of drinks the decanters and glasses were removed, and the governor of South Carolina stated the object of his visit. He demanded the surrender of the fugitive criminal. The governor of North Carolina refused. Then followed a long and heated discussion, in which the attorneys general of the two states took an active part. Finally the governor of South Carolina grew angry, and, rising to his feet, said:

"Sir, you have refused my instant demand and offended the dignity of my office and my state. Unless you at once surrender the prisoner, I will return to my capital, call out the militia of the state, and, returning with my army, I will take the fugitive by force of arms. Governor, what do you say?"

All eyes were turned on the governor of North Carolina, and his answer was awaited with breathless interest. The governor rose slowly to his feet, and beckoned to a servant who stood some distance away. His beckoning was firm and dignified, as became his position. He was slow about answering, and again the governor of South Carolina demanded, "What do you say?"

"I say, Governor, that it's a long time between drinks."

The reply restored good humor. Decanters and glasses were brought out again, and while the visitors remained, if any one attempted to refer to the diplomatic object of the visit, he was cut short by the remark that it was a long time between drinks. When the visiting governor was ready to return home he was escorted to the state line by the governor of North Carolina, and they parted the best of friends.

The fugitive was never surrendered.

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The Ursula Bright One of the Finest Tramp Vessels Ever Seen in This Port.

The steamship Ursula Bright, which is loading deals at the Connolly wharf for the U. K., has since her arrival here last week attracted a lot of attention. She is one of the finest if not the finest tramp steamer that has ever visited the port. Her dimensions are as follows: Length over all, 236 feet; breadth of beam, 47 feet; depth of hold, 26 feet 10 inches. She is built of steel, is fitted with poop, long bridge and topgallant forecastle, and is divided into water-tight compartments by five steel bulk-heads. Ample water ballast is provided, 810 tons in all. There are four large hatches on the upper deck, along with five powerful steam winches, fitted with all the latest appliances for the quick working of cargo. Her engines and boilers were manufactured by Blair & Co. of Stockton-on-Tees, whose engines are generally admitted to be the best made for vessels of this class. The engines are on the triple expansion principle, the nominal horse power being 1,200, but can be worked up to 1,858 horse power, however.

The Bright's registered tonnage is 2,117 tons and her gross 3,800 tons. She has a carrying capacity of 5,450 tons on a draft of 22 feet 2½ inches. Being a web framed boat she is bound to be an extraordinarily large carrier of deals. Care was taken while she was in course of construction to see that provision was made for 'tween decks throughout, so that she may in case of necessity be used as a transport. On her trial trip the Bright made 12 knots and on the passage to this port went as fast as 11½. Her best day's work was 272 miles, but unfavorable weather prevailed throughout the voyage. Her steam steering gear is in a recess abaft the engine room, which does away with the necessity for men going up on the bridge to attend to it.

A feature in connection with the ship is this, that she is provided with a patent wave subduer. It is in the bow of the ship and consists of an engine which operates two pipes situated about two feet above the ordinary load line. This engine will force oil through these pipes, which are on either side of the stem, to a distance of fifty or sixty feet. The oil will always prevent the seas from breaking, and is a great protection in very bad weather.

Capt Whitson and his officers and engineers have quarters amidships, and most comfortable quarters they are. The captain's cabin is a perfect gem. It is finished in the handsomest colors to be had, is well lighted and ventilated beyond the possibilities of fault finders. His own room is elegantly furnished, as are are also the spare rooms opening off the cabin. The other officers have been generously treated in the matter of eating and sleeping apartments.

The firemen and sailors live forward, and most cozy quarters they have. A more contented lot of men it would be difficult to find.

Captain Whitson, his officers and crew wear neat uniforms, and the genial commander and his men seem like a large family, so good is the feeling between all hands.

The officers of the ship are: Commander, Capt. Frank R. Whitson; 1st officer, J. Innis Smith. 2nd officer, A. M. Leslie; 3rd officer, J. Burr.

Chief engineer, Chas. J. Park; 2nd engineer, J. Smith; 3rd, J. George, and 4th, L. Lovebug.

Capt. Whitson has visited St. John several times, having as a young man been in the Roberts' employ. Mr. Park is Blair & Co.'s guarantee engineer, and is one of the ablest men that firm sends out.

The Ursula Bright was built by John Priestman & Co. of Southwick, Sunderland, and is managed by W. Leatham Bright, son of the late Right Hon. John Bright. The Right Hon. Jacob Bright is one of the shareholders, the steamer being named after his wife.

HANNA'S NARROW ESCAPE.

A Thrilling Experience on the Northern Coast of Lake Superior.

Jack Fish, Ont., Aug. 12.—Senator M. A. Hanna, and the party of pleasure-seekers accompanying him on a cruise of the great lakes, had a thrilling experience today on the wild northern coast of Lake Superior. Their yacht, the Comanche, a staunch steel vessel, was aground in Nipegon Straits, and for sixteen hours stuck fast in the rocks that abound in that region. The accident occurred at midnight last night, when the Senator and his guests were comfortably stowed away in their berths. There was considerable confusion for a time, but the captain soon found that the yacht was not in a serious position, and all settled down to await the arrival of tugs, which were ordered from Nipigon, ten miles distant. The Comache was hauled into deep water at 4 o'clock this afternoon and resumed her journey with all on board. Beyond a slight leak the yacht was not harmed. The mishap was caused by the pilot getting the yacht out of the channel.