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RECEPTION TO HIS MAJESTY

GREAT GATHERING OF NOBILITY AT REVAL

Premier Stolypin Says Rapprochement is Mutually Desirable.

Reval, June 8.—The Russian Imperial yachts, Polar Star, Standart and Tsarvena, escorted by a fleet of torpedo boat destroyers under the command of Rear Admiral Von Essen, arrived in the roads early this morning. The Standart during the day will move alongside the pier, from which Emperor Nicholas and other members of the Imperial family, accompanied by a numerous suite, will embark from the Imperial train, which is due to arrive from St. Petersburg at 7 o'clock on the morning of June 9. The Imperial train will run directly on to the pier, the approaches to which will be closed by troops. As soon as the Imperial party has been embarked the yachts will proceed to sea to meet the British Royal yacht Victoria and the Alberta, which has King Edward, Queen Alexandra, Princess Victoria and a large suite on board.

The change in the plans of the Emperors' party in giving up the trip by sea to this port and choosing rail instead was executed so quickly that the local population is in complete ignorance of the Emperor's movement.

The mayor of Reval and the marshalls of nobility will together tender greetings to their majesties to-morrow. The effects of the storm which has been prevailing in the Gulf of Finland for several days was felt here and the meeting of the two monarchs will not be attended by the discomforts of a rough sea.

Douma Glad of Visit.

St. Petersburg, June 8.—Premier Stolypin, M. Kohamkoff, president of the Douma, and Prof. Paul Mulkoff, leader of the constitutional democrats, all express unreserved pleasure at King Edward's approaching visit. The premier said that a rapprochement between the two countries was mutually desirable, not only in the sphere of conventions but in the domain of trade, manufacturers and commerce.

M. Khomakoff said that his sentiments of patriotic satisfaction at the visit of the King of England was shared by the Douma as a national body. M. Mulukoff remarked that the visit was paid to constitutional Russia and the royal seal of international recognition was thereby affixed to a new regime.

Premier Stolypin and Admiral Dikoff, the minister of marine, left here this morning on board the cruiser Almaz for Reval.

Germany's Welcome.

Kiel, June 8—King Edward, on board the royal yacht Victoria and Albert and accompanied by Queen Alexandra, Princess Victoria and a large suite, met with a great reception here. The German warships were dressed and the crews manned ship. Royal salutes were fired, and the German sailors cheered the British monarch, while a guard of honor was brought up on the quay and the bands played the British anthem. Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia and their son paid a visit to their majesties and remained for nearly an hour on board the Victoria and Albert. A fleet of German torpedo boats and destroyers escorted the royal yacht out of the harbor on its way to Reval.

It was really an impromptu view of the German fleet in honor of the king. Some forty powerful warships which had just concluded ten days' manoeuvering in the North sea were drawn up in line, parade formation, as the Victoria and Albert passed.

J. E. McLAREN VICTIM OF GUN ACCIDENT

Well-known Islander Meets Death at McCoy Lake While Pigeon Shooting.

Alberni, June 8.—The body of J. E. McLaren was found yesterday morning on the door step of a house at McCoy lake, four miles from here. The right side of the face was blown off by the discharge of a shotgun. He had been pigeon shooting and may have sat down accidentally and discharged the weapon. The body was brought to Alberni for a coroner's inquest to-day. Deceased was for two years a clerk in the government office and prominent in the local Conservative party for several years, being president of the association.

He leaves a widow and family in Scotland, where he was a minister of the church of Scotland. A son of deceased was expected to arrive from California on a visit on Wednesday.

RUNAWAY VICTIM.

Winnipeg, June 8.—A. Blenkenson, a farmer of Sintaluta, Sask., was killed through his horses running away.

...LANS FOR REGATTA AT COWICHAN BAY

...Cowichan Station, June 8.—A general ...eeting to appoint a committee to ...ake arrangements for the annual re...tta at Cowichan Bay on July 1st was ...d in the Buena Vista hotel in Satur...y last. Mr. Jewel was appointed ...retary and Messrs. Hayward, Mait...d-Dougall, May, Hincks, Irvine, ...ownjohn, Mutter, Morton and others ...e on the committee, which will meet ...ain on Thursday to draw out a list ...races and sports, which will include ...wing for ladies and gentlemen, sail...g Indian canoe races, upset races and ...lking the greasy pole.

...W. H. Hayward Gives Address.

...W. H. Hayward, M. P. P., addressed ...fairly large and representative meet...g at the South Cowichan hall last ...ening. Mr. Hayward said that he ...d called the meeting partly for the ...rpose of refuting the statement so ...ten made that members are only seen ...uring election times. He said he would ...e pleased to answer any questions put ... him, and accept advice for future ...uidance. He then went on to speak ...n the financial question and said it ...as pleasing to know that the finances ... the province were never in better ...hape; taxes having been reduced and ...e value of property increased. He ...ave Capt. Tatlow much credit for his ...bility in handling the financial affairs ... the province. Mr. Hayward then ...uched on the timber, fishery and fruit ...dustries, and he urged the farmers to ...e particular in the matter of tree ...paying. He also thought that an egg ...arket should be established in connec...on with the creameries, and so keep ...e price of that product at a better ...vel and avoid having to do with the ...iddlemen.

A number of questions of local inter...st were put to and answered by Mr. ...ayward, and a resolution was framed ...o try and restrict the speed of motor ...ars passing over the narrow and wind...g roads of this district. A vote of ...anks to Mr. Hayward terminated the ...roceedings.

Boathouse at Buena Vista.

Mr. Brownjohn, of the Buena Vista, ...as just completed a new boathouse, ...nd will be able to accommodate his ...uests with good boats for fishing at ...ll times. He expects to have telephone ...onnection by the end of the month, ...nd also contemplates starting a gen...ral store for the convenience of those ...iving near the bay.

Arrivals at Station.

E. A. Harris and party from Victoria ...ere week-end guests at the Buena ...Vista hotel. Mr. Harris had bad luck ...shing on account of the logs at the ...mouth of the Cowichan river.

Late arrivals at the above hotel include Mrs. C. Fitz Gibbon, Miss Frances Fitz Gibbon, and Miss Jessica Bell.

CAPILANO IN OTTAWA.

Indian Chief Making Holiday in Capital at Expense of Coast Indians.

Ottawa, June 8.—Chief Capilano, of British Columbia, and his Indian friends have not seen the governor-general or any minister as yet. Governor-General Grey is not in the city. Capilano is not likely to do anything here. In the meantime he is having a good time at the expense of the bands on the coast.

54 YEARS A MASON.

Robert Fletcher of Alberni Probably Oldest of Order in B. C.

Nanaimo, June 8.—About twenty Freemasons from Nanaimo went to Alberni yesterday to pay a visit to Robert Fletcher, aged 83 years, who is probably the oldest Mason in British Columbia, having joined the Masonic fraternity in Ireland in 1854.

CREW OF ARCTIC FOR NORTH POLE QUEST

Experienced Ice Marines Will Make Dash With Commodore Peary.

St. John's, Nfld., June 8.—Happy in the hope of a dash to the North with Commodore S. A. E. Peary, Capt. Bartlett, sailing master of the Arctic, and a crew of 11 sailors, departed on Saturday in the Allan line steamer Siberian for New York, where they will make their start for the North on Peary's ship Roosevelt. The sailors have been selected with regard to their adaptibility to Arctic exploration, and are practically the pick of Newfoundland's seamen.

Capt. Bartlett asserts that if the Roosevelt is fortunate enough to get in the position made during the last attempt to reach the pole, the experience acquired in the last attempt, combined with the skill of a specially selected crew, will make this effort to reach the desired goal an easy task.

ADVANCE GUARD OF U. S. FLEET HOMEWARD BOUND

Maine and Alabama Leave 'Frisco To-day to Cross Pacific.

San Francisco, June 7.—Leaving the other warships of the Atlantic fleet to follow a month later, the battleships Maine and Alabama, designated as a special service squadron, will sail from this port to-morrow morning on the long voyage to Hampton Roads, by way of Honolulu, Manila and the Suez canal. Capt. Giles B. Harber, of the Maine, will be in command of the special squadron and the first leg of the long cruise home will have a member of the president's cabinet, Secretary of the Interior James A. Garfield, as a guest and passenger. Secretary Garfield arrived from Washington to-day and will go to Honolulu on the special service squadron, where he will study the labor question, immigration problem, commercial development of the islands and the coastwise trade.

The Maine and the Alabama are the two first ships of the big fleet that came through the Strait of Magellan to turn their bows homeward, and will complete the trip around the world in advance of the flagship Connecticut and the remainder of the fleet, arriving at Hampton Roads on October 22nd, ten months from the time they left there on their record-breaking cruise.

The dropping of the Maine and the detaching of the Alabama from the main fleet is due, one to her limited steaming capacity and the other to inferior engines. The steaming radius of the Main without recoaling is 3,700 miles, and there is a stretch of over 4,000 miles after the fleet leaves Honolulu before it reaches New Zealand. The engines of the Alabama, it is said, have not proved equal to those of the other battleships, and it is feared that she might retard the progress of the fleet should they break down.

BIG SHORTAGE IN NEW BRUNSWICK BOOKS

Audit of Late W. P. Llewelling's Accounts Shows $20,000 Deficit.

Ottawa, June 8.—A Fredericton dispatch says: In a special audit of the books of the late W. P. Flewelling, deputy surveyor-general, the shortage so far discovered runs up to about $20,000, instead of $12,000, as previously stated.

Some three or four years ago, shortly after the general elections of 1903, a shortage of about $13,000 developed, and while the books are so arranged as to make it appear that the shortage was fixed up in some way or other, there is nothing to show how it was fixed up, if it ever was; in fact there is nothing to show whether it ever was actually straightened out.

PUTTING LID ON IN SASKATCHEWAN

DRASTIC CHANGES IN NEW LIQUOR LAW

Measure Passes Second Reading in Legislature Without Dissenting Voice.

Regina, June 8.—Without a dissenting voice the new government liquor act passed its second reading on Saturday. The second reading of the bill was moved by Hon. Mr. Turgeon, who explained the provisions for local option on a majority vote, curtailment of hours to 10 o'clock, decreasing the number of licenses according to population, the closing of clubs so far as licenses are concerned, and the shutting of bars on Sundays, Christmas Day, Good Friday and Thanksgiving Day. He explained that owing to a mistake in the section it was provided that no existing licenses should be affected by the change in the number granted on the population basis, and said that next year the number would be required to come down to the basis of population.

Mr. Haultain agreed with the broad principle of the bill, and said there was no doubt the time had come when a change was necessary in the licensing system, to keep abreast of the times. The government bill provided for licenses outside of towns, cities and villages, but he thought any community not large enough to incorporate as a village should not be allowed a license. He also thought the area over which local option should have force should be increased, and stated that the whole area of the province would be desirable, if they could get a vote on that basis. [illegible] vote were taken it would be possible to secure prohibition over the whole area. It was a matter of opinion as to whether a majority vote was sufficiently strong in sentiment to enforce the act, but personally he thought it was sufficient. The adoption of the provincial voters' list was, however, a mistake, as the people who had a right to vote on municipal questions were those entitled to vote on the liquor question.

Mr. Langley congratulated Mr. Haultain on the statesmanlike position he took, and agreed with the general principles of the bill. Mr. Brown also agreed that the measure was a wise one. Premier Scott read a telegram from the Methodist conference at Saskatoon approving generally of the bill.

Mr. Langley said he favored a larger division over which local option should have force, and suggested that the electoral divisions of the province should be the ones accepted. These divisions would mean that they would be longer in securing prohibition, but when it did come the sentiment behind it would be stronger and enforcement more sure.

Rev. Dr. Chown is pleased with the legislation, but thinks the municipal lists should be used in deciding the local option question.

VICTORIA TO HAVE TRAVELLERS' LODGE

City to Be Represented at U. C. T. Session at Seattle in 1909.

Vancouver, B. C., June 8.—When the United Commercial Travelers go to Seattle for their grand council session in 1909 at least one more lodge will be added to the seven now chartered in the jurisdiction of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Victoria will be given a charter by the executive officers of the grand council within a few months.

The travelling men of Victoria have already come out for a charter, and but for the fact that they have not quite enough members would have been given a membership in the order probably at the grand council session just closed. They are adding to their present local membership rapidly. Vancouver is pulling hard for the islanders, taking the attitude that it means increased business activity and closer organization of the travelling men of the province.

FREE FIGHT IN STREETS.

Checotah Residents Indulge in Revolver Blazing When Two Persons Are Wounded.

Eufala, Okla., June 8.—In the fight between fifteen Checotah residents of Eufala yesterday in the streets, F. M. Woods, deputy constable, and Joseph Palmer, of Checotah, were shot. Woods probably will die, he was shot once through the body. Palmer's wound is not serious. The trouble started when Constable Woods attempted to disarm Palmer. About fifteen shots were fired in all.

C. P. R. FREIGHT AGENT HERE.

Vancouver, June 8.—George Courtney, of Victoria, has been offered B. Greer's job as C. P. R. freight agent here and is now in Winnipeg talking it over.

PARIS STRANGLING MYSTERY.

Paris, June 8.—Chief of Detectives Hamard on Saturday voiced his protest against the attempts of the Paris press to make a romantic mystery out of the murder last Sunday by persons unknown of Artist Steinhl and his mother-in-law, Madame Jappy. He is particularly vehement against what he calls the odious insinuation that the widow of the dead artist could have had the slightest interest in the horrible crime.

CANNED MEAT VICTIM.

J. G. Constantine of Ladysmith Succumbs After Repast.

Nanaimo, June 8.—John Gus Constantine, of Ladysmith, died yesterday in the Nanaimo hospital from eating canned meat. Five in all are sick from the same cause. Two of them are in the Chemainus hospital.

GOULD-DE SAGAN NUPTIALS.

Paris, June 8.—The attorneys for Mme. Gould declared on Saturday that various matters had delayed the marriage of their client to Prince Helie de Sagan, but that the ceremony would occur within a month. The presence of George Gould, Mme. Gould's brother, at the marriage is problematical. Business interests demand his presence in the States.

MAD DOCTOR FIRES ON PEDESTRIANS

After Holdng Police at Bay for Six Hours He Suicides.

Washington, D. C., June 8.—After holding the police at bay for six hours, Dr. Joseph Pospisiel, an employee of the pension office, shot himself through the brain yesterday while insane.

Laboring under a delusion that an attempt was being made to murder him, he fired at pedestrians, and into the homes of his neighbors and at the police. Altogether he fired about fifty shots in this way, none of which took effect. His little children were transferred through the window to persons in the adjoining house. His wife became alarmed when he opened fire on the policemen, and she joined her children in the neighbors, when he shot himself.

Pospisiel was sitting in the second story window of his home. He first rolled up his sleeve, injected cocaine into his arm, and then fired the fatal shot. He lunged forward to the ground and died on the way to the hospital.

LA GUAYRA IS IN DESPERATE PLIGHT

Cases of Plague Develop Daily —Labor Discontent in Venezuela.

Carcaras, via Wilhelmstadt, June 8.—Although the decrees issued by President Castro, opening the port of La Guayra, to commence on May 29th, has not been rescinded, La Guayra is still shut off from communication with the outer world because of the continuation of the plague. There have been new cases daily, and the situation is desperate.

Great Unemployment.

Wilhelmstadt, June 8.—The Ward line steamer Merida, which was prevented by the Venezuelan authorities from taking freight at Maracibo for Wilhelmstadt, arrived here on Saturday. The Merida bring the information that there is great discontent at Maracibo, thousands of laborers there being out of employment. The abolition of the measures recently taken by Venezuela against the transhipment of Venezuelan cargo at Curacoa is being strongly urged, and two of the labor leaders who are close friends of President Castro passed through here today on their way to Curacoa for the purpose of protesting to the president against his decree.

INQUIRY INTO OPIUM TRAFFIC.

Mackenzie King Will Investigate Manufacture Both in Vancouver and Victoria.

Vancouver, June 6.—It is understood that, before he travels East, Mackenzie King proposes to vist Chnatown and make further private inquires into the opium manufacture and traffic. He also proposes while visting Victoria to see whether there are any more manufactories of it there. Mr. King has another commission to undertake on his return East, having this time an inquiry at Quebec into the conditons of the textile trade. Ow Yang King and the other visiting Chinese who are present in the city left this afternoon for a visit to Harrison Hot Springs.

MURDER OF WINNIPEG TAILOR.

Winnipeg, June 8.—Herman Goldstein, a tailor, out of work, was murdered last night. He was found to-day on the track. Several arrests have been made including T. Rubenstein and James St. H. Prochauky, of Magnus avenue. The former's wife left him to live with the latter. Goldstein teased him about it and a fight ensued. That was the last seen of Goldstein alive.

PIT FATALITIES IN COLORADO

SIX MEN FALL PREY TO GAS POISONING

Rescuers Are Overcome by Foul Air, Following Disastrous Fire.

Silverton, Colo., June 8.—Six men are dead, eight others in a critical condition from breathing foul air, and thirty more are temporarily confined to their homes by gas poisoning suffered in the Gold King mine at Gladstone. On Thursday night fire destroyed the engine house of the mine and also the shaft house. Two buildings were near the door of the main shaft, and to prevent the spread of the flames and smoke to the workings of the mine, these doors were closed temporarily.

The men working the night shift in the mine were informed of the conditions on the surface and instructed to withdraw when the flames had been extinguished. Three men failed to come out of the mine. Efforts to rescue them were made. The first men to enter the mine returned in haste and informed those in waiting that the mine was filled with foul air. Two rescue parties were formed and the men started into the mine in groups of five by means of the electric elevator which was still working.

The air generated by the movement of the elevator had cleared the atmosphere in the elevator shaft so that but little discomfort was experienced. Soon after a score or more of rescuers had entered the mine. Some of those last in appeared at the foot of the elevator shaft carrying the unconscious forms of miners who had succumbed to the noxious air. Later a party reached the surface bringing the dead body of Victor Erickson, and the almost lifeless bodies of John Sumston and Otto Johnson, the three men whose absence caused the necessity for rescue work. The others who perished, or were injured, were of the rescuing parties.

DROWNING SEASON.

Winnipeg, June 8.—W. MacKay and Albert Boisseau, two young men residents of Port Arthur, were drowned while canoeing in Nepigan river. The bodies and the canoe were found yesterday.

Edmund Wiserders, aged thirty, was drowned in the Seine river, St. Boniface, on Saturday morning.

ALLEY LINE SCHEDULE.

Vancouver, June 8.—The Alley liners will hereafter run only to New Zealand from Vancouver, cutting out Australia. The company will have one steamer every six weeks instead of two months as formerly. The management is to add another liner this year and make monthly trips.

WAGING WAR AGAINST OHIO "NIGHT RIDERS"

Soldiers Ordered to Shoot to Kill—Request for More Troops.

Ripley, Ohio, June 8.—Major Chas. Becht and Col. Hale, of the First Regiment, who are in charge of the troops in the tobacco region, held a conference yesterday and decided to ask for more troops, the two officers agreeing that the situation is serious. They declare that more soldiers are needed to control the "Night Riders" situation. Major Becht will meet Sheriff Cahill today and the two will make an effort to have the government send more troops to Brown county. The soldiers have been given orders to shoot to kill any person caught destroying tobacco beds if he refuses to surrender when ordered to do so.

TRAGEDY OF JEALOUSY.

Husband Kills Wife Then Ends His Life on San Francisco Street.

San Francisco, June 8.—Jealousy and despondency yesterday drove George Scott, a drug clerk, to kill his wife and end his own life. The tragedy occurred on the sidewalk near the corner of Golden Gate avenue and Webster street, at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Scott fired two shots at his wife and both bullets took effect. Scott then turned the revolver on himself and he lingered but half an hour.

They were married two years ago in Chicago and had been here three months. Recently they quarreled and Mrs. Scott had her husband arrested for threats against her life. He was released on a promise to leave town, which he did not do.

Mrs. Scott went to work as a waitress in a restaurant and declined to return to her husband. Some days ago Scott attempted suicide, but was prevented from carrying out his purpose. This morning Scott waited for his wife when she left the restaurant. Upon her refusal to go back to him the fatal shots were fired.

DEATH OF ALDERMAN.

Late Denis Tansey Was Devoted to Welfare of Shamrock Lacrosse Club.

Montreal, June 8.—Alderman Denis Tansey has died from paralysis. When the St. Gabriel ward was annexed to Montreal he represented it in the city council and later was elected alderman for St. Anns. Tansey was devoted to the welfare of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, as well as several junior organizations. In politics he was a Conservative.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

Winnipeg, June 8.—Rev. John Pringle occupied the session of the Presbyterian assembly this morning, speaking on the Yukon. The aged and infirm minister report was presented and the social and moral reform report follows.

FREIGHT RATES WILL NOT BE INCREASED

Railroad Presidents Decide That Such Action Would Be Impracticable.

Washington, D. C., June 8.—No general increase in freight rates is likely to be made by the railways of the country in the near future, if it be made at all. Certainly nothing will be done before next autumn and it is unlikely now that anything approaching a general increase will be attempted then.

At a recent meeting of presidents and operating officials of important railroads held in New York it was the concensus of opinion that it would be undesirable, if not absolutely impracticable to put into effect at this time an increase of freight rates. Opinion at the meeting was divided but the majority inclined to the view that it would be bad policy and bad business at this juncture to attempt an increase of rates.

SAMOAN VOLCANO IS AGAIN IN ERUPTION

Lava From Mount Mu Covers Seven Square Miles—Villagers Fleeing.

San Francisco, June 8.—According to a report brought to this city by the steamer Areon, just reaching here from Apia, Samoa, the volcano Mu, which broke out in August, 1905, on the island of Savali one of the Samoan group, is again in violent eruption and has covered a large and fertile part of the island and which previously escaped, with lava. Inhabitants of the district, which is known as Matatu, have fled before the river of molten rock and taken refuge on adjoining lands. For some time after the first great eruption three years ago, the lava flowed slowly and through subterranean channels to the sea, but one month ago a fresh outburst came that devastated some of the most productive land on Savali. The flow is approaching the village of Saleaula and its inhabitants are preparing to leave.

When the Areon left Samoa sixteen days ago the lava had covered more than seven square miles of land and was flowing fast.

SHOT DOWN IN STREET.

Danbury, Conn., June 8.—Ida Potter, or Schafer, a young woman, was shot and fatally wounded on Saturday night while walking in the street with a man said to be Edward Schumann, of Addletown, N. Y. The man who is alleged to have shot the woman made his escape, but his arrest is expected soon. According to the woman's story, Schumann asked her to leave town with him and she refused.

RANCHERS MAROONED.

Winnipeg, June 8.—Several ranchers near MacLeod, Alberta, are surrounded by the water of the swollen Belly river. Mounted police have left with boats to rescue them.

PRIZE FOR FLYING IN BIRD-LIKE FASHION

Aeroplanist Who First Soars Without Motor Through Air Receives $20,000.

Paris, June 8.—Aeroplane enthusiasts are taking interest in the prize of $20,000 which has been founded by Rene Quinton for the first aeroplanist who succeeds in flying for five minutes with the motor of his machine stopped at the height of at least fifty meters. M. Quinton claims that a man can accomplish the performance of a bird in soaring through the air, through the motion of the wings after the first impulsive motion.

SWELTERING NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, June 8.—The thermometer here yesterday registered 82. To-day will be as hot.

HEAVY TOLL OF MONTANA FLOODS

TEN PERSONS LOSE LIVES IN RAGING TORRENTS

Damage to Property Estimated At $1,000,000—Better Conditions in Sight.

Helena, June 8.—With uninterrupted sunshine to-day the end of the spring rains is believed to have come, thus ringing to a close the worst flood in the history of the state, involving the drowning of nearly a dozen persons and the destruction of property valued at millions of dollars. The list of known dead is:

Gentry Baker and wife, of Cascade county.

Unknown Beaverhead county ranchman.

Patrick Morrissey, Silver Boy county ranchman.

Unknown farm hand near Townsend.

Two Chinese residing in valley below Helena.

Two Dick children, of Cascade.

William McFadden, ranch foreman.

The railroads have been the chief sufferers, every line in the state having been involved to a greater or less extent. The new line of the St. Paul has suffered in both Eastern and Western Montana, the new roadbed proving an easy victim along Hell Gate and Musselshell rivers.

The Northern Pacific is opened to the eastward from Helena, but it is not expected that Western traffic can be resumed for several days. The Great Northern is still tied up in Northwestern and Central Montana, and the Oregon Short Line in Southern Montana. The latter expects to resume operations of trains to-morrow, but it may be several days before the Great Northern can be cleared. The chief damage to railroad property has been through landslides, the washing out of bridges and roadbeds. Streams ordinarily miniature and peaceful have developed into raging torrents, the rains having been augmented by melting snows in the mountains.

Street car traffic has been more or less impeded in Helena and Butte through flooded tracks, while throughout the state houses have been inundated by the score. The East Helena smelter of the American Smelting & Refining Company is closed down, as are many of the Butte mines, the latter because ore shipments cannot be handled.

The rains have not been without their advantages, however, assuring bumper grain crops and an unprecedented range, as well as insuring for placer mining, springs and water holes for stock. Farmers declare the loss to others will be more than repaid to them in increased output.

CHEMICAL ENGINE EXPLODES.

Engineer Testing New Machine at Hamiota is Instantly Killed.

Winnipeg, June 8.—By the explosion of a chemical engine on Sunday morning in the town of Hamiota, Manitoba, Lorne Baker was instantly killed, Arthur Heisleman was severely injured. The chemical engine was a new one and was on the way to be tested when the gas cylinder blew up. Baker was an engineer, and a popular young man.

PACKING PLANT CRIPPLED.

Winnipeg, June 8.—J. Y. Griffin's packing plant was badly crippled by fire yesterday afternoon. The fire raged for three hours in the hog killing and refrigerating departments. The plant was operated by Swift & Co. The loss will reach seventy-five thousand dollars.

ANOTHER OPENING FOR "UNWRITTEN LAW"

New York Nurse Murders Doctor Because He had Wronged Her.

New York, June 8.—Sarah Koten, the young trained nurse who lured Dr. Martin W. Auspitz to a house in Harlem last night with a false sick call by telephone and shot him to death after she had lain in waiting for many hours, determined to-day that she had no regret for her act.

"I shot him but I did not murder him," she said in a cell in the police station as she awaited the summons to appear in court. "I killed him because he had wronged me and then refused to help me. I tried to punish him in the courts but found myself powerless. My father and mother are dead, so I had to protect my honor."

There seems little doubt that when the case against the girl goes to trial a jury once more will have an opportunity to pass upon "The unwritten law" or the justification of murder under certain circumstances.

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