

Mr. Steyn Is Dead

A Despatch from Lorenzo Marques Says He Succumbed to a Wound.

Dewet Reported to Have Succeeded in Joining With Delarey.

Kruger Is Sick of War But Fighting Men Will Not Stop.

London, Aug. 16.—Former President Steyn, according to a despatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marques, dated yesterday, is reported to have died, as the result of a severe wound, while endeavoring to reach Mr. Kruger's headquarters.

According to a despatch to the Daily Express from Lorenzo Marques, dated yesterday, it is reported that Gen. Dewet has succeeded in joining hands with Commandant Delarey.

A British correspondent recently released from captivity at Noitgedacht, asserts positively that Mr. Kruger desires peace, but that the fighting commanders insist upon continuing the war and would prevent his flight by force if necessary.

According to the same authority, after his view. The Transvaalers have 90 guns at Machododop, with abundant provisions.

New Orleans, Aug. 16.—The steamer Monarch, with 1,150 horses for the British army in South Africa, cleared today for Capetown.

THE COLOR WAR.
More Fights in New York—Negroes Arm For Protection.

New York, Aug. 16.—Many fights between whites and blacks resulted from the race riot of last night. Vincent A. Streets (colored) and James Shane (white) began a row and both were arrested. Alex. Robinson, a negro, and a colored friend were on a Fourth street car near Eighth avenue that the two negroes ought to be lynched.

Word reached the West Forty-Seventh street station at 9:15 that a large mob was at Eighth avenue and Forty-Second street. The reserves were run out and dispersed the crowd, which numbered over 1,000 persons, without trouble.

A mob was reported at Amsterdam and Sixty-First streets, better known as "San Juan Hill," at 10 o'clock. A squad of men went out and dispersed 1,000 angry men. The mob dispersed.

HART LEAVES PEKIN.
Hongkong Has a Report That Sir Robert Hart Is For Coast.

Hongkong, Aug. 16.—It is reported that the Canton customs department has received a wire saying that Sir Robert Hart, director-general of the Chinese Imperial customs, accompanied by his staff, has left Peking under Chinese escort, and that a cruiser will be sent to meet him on his reaching the coast.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.
A Ship From Calcutta Quarantined in the Thames.

London, Aug. 16.—The British steamer Channacathur, of the Clan line, which sailed from Calcutta via Port Said for London July 25, has been quarantined in the Thames owing to a death from bubonic plague having occurred on board the vessel.

WINE-MAKERS' TROUBLE.
Grapes Have Dropped in Price in California Owing to Dispute.

Fresno, Cal., Aug. 16.—A deadlock between the wine-makers and the vine-growers has ended in the breaking up of the growers' association. The price of grapes is \$13 and \$14 a ton instead of \$18 and \$20, the price fixed by the association.

COLLIERS WANTED.
France Anxious to Get a Stock on Hand.

West Hartlepool, Aug. 16.—Inquiries are being made here and on the northern coast generally by a Liverpool house on behalf of the French government for steamers to carry a million tons of coal from Norfolk and deliver it in France within the next 15 months.

A GOLD MEDAL.
Grand Trunk Pictures Receive a Prize at Paris.

Montreal, Aug. 16.—The Grand Trunk Railway received a gold medal from Paris announcing that the Grand Trunk Railway system on exhibition at the exposition had been awarded a gold medal by the international jury. The collection included seventy-five views, and the pictures were highly praised by visitors.

FIRST SHIPMENT.
Le Roi No. 2 Ore Being Sent to Northport Smelter.

The first shipment of ore from the Le Roi No. 2 mines was made to Northport smelter today. It consisted of four carloads from the No. 1. All preparations are being made for regular shipments from that mine.

WANTED HIM LYONHED.

Chicago Crowd Anxious to Kill a Negro.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—William Fikua, a colored man from Nashville, Tenn., came dangerously near being lynched in the street last night. He had snatched a pocket book from a woman and had led the police a long chase through the alleys and streets. During his flight he fired three times at the police and the crowd which followed the officers in the pursuit. He was finally caught. While the officers were talking their prisoners to the police station they were followed by a crowd fully five hundred strong, which shouted "Hang him," "Lynch him," "Get him away." After desperate efforts, Fikua was placed under arrest.

C. P. R. STRIKE.

Hopes That To-day Will See Everything Settled.

Winnipeg, Aug. 16.—The C. P. R. strike situation continues to improve. It is expected that the men will come to terms with the management to-morrow, and it is hoped the strike will be declared over by the morning papers. It is likely that the machinists will follow the example of the other unions in the matter.

It Is Said to Be Unworkable

Rumor in Ottawa of Important Flaws in New Election Act.

This May Result in Still Another Session Having to Be Held.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—A curious rumor is afloat to the effect that the department of justice has discovered the new Election Act unworkable in important details, and it requires amendment. This would afford an excuse for a short session of parliament, which it is still contended was promised the French Liberal members last session to induce them to forego a strike for extra session indemnity.

Against this, however, is to be set the fact that Mr. Sifton leaves on Saturday. It is said to open the campaign in Manitoba. He will take a private car, with cook and complete entourage.

WOLSELEY SCORES THEM.

He Makes Scathing Remarks on the Troops at Aldershot.

London, Aug. 16.—Viscount Wolseley, field marshal and commander-in-chief of the British army, delivered, according to the Daily Mail, the most scathing condemnation ever heard at Aldershot, after witnessing yesterday's manoeuvres. He declared that the 20,000 men who participated were utterly unfit to send abroad, and that they were badly taught. Many distinguished officers listened to these remarks, among them Gen. Montgomery, formerly in command in Canada, but now commanding at Aldershot.

LAKE TRAFFIC BLOCKED.

Sunken Vessel Obstructs Entire Navigation at Sault Ste. Marie.

Montreal, Aug. 16.—The C. P. R. Co. has been advised at headquarters by telegraph that the bark Meida, with cargo on board, had sunk in the middle of the channel of the St. Marie river, after striking a rock. The vessel was carrying a load of lumber, and the water was so shallow that the whole of the upper lake traffic passing through the Sault Ste. Marie canal, the American locks as well as Canadian, is blocked.

ON HER GRAVE.

Man Supposed to Have Poisoned His Wife Shoots Himself.

Woodstock, Aug. 16.—Ulrich Ruppel, a German resident of Norwich, was found dead on the grave of his recently deceased wife this afternoon, having shot himself through the temple. Rumor is supposed to be the cause. The woman died suddenly from poisoning three weeks ago, and it was supposed, owing to the fact that the couple had not been living happily. Her stomach was sent to an analyst, and a report, just to hand, shows traces of poison.

A STRANGE MURDER.

Story of Killing a Russian General Reads Like a Sensational Novel.

New York, Aug. 16.—Gen. Hantelgeff, second in command of the imperial gendarmerie of Russia, met death under extraordinary circumstances two weeks ago while travelling from St. Petersburg towards the German frontier, says a cablegram to the Journal and Adviser from Berlin. He and his prepossessing young daughter were seated opposite each other in a railroad carriage, his companions being the Prince and Princess, accompanied by a number of attendants.

All four engaged in conversation. The stranger rose from his seat and in some way pricked the general's wrist in such a manner as to call forth an exclamation from him. The stranger was profuse in his apologies, and ascribed the prick to his sharp pin, which he had stuck on his sleeve, using it to cut the pages of books. At the next stop of the train he alighted, and disappeared. A few hours later the general, it was discovered, was dead. At the autopsy the doctors discovered traces of a very violent poison communicated by pin or needle. Several arrests have been made in connection with the crime, which is ascribed to the anarchist movement in Russia.

FIRE CONTEST.

French Teams Slow as Compared With Those of This Continent.

Paris, Aug. 17.—The preliminary contests in the international exhibition of fire apparatus came off this afternoon at Vincennes some 5,000 Frenchmen, representing many nationalities, participating.

The United States representatives, Chief George C. Hale of Kansas City and the men of the Kansas City fire department, caused great amusement by their quick harnessing and running, together with their methods of life-saving.

They received an ovation, and common consent was given first place. The contest will be continued to-morrow.

Capture Of Peking

An Official Despatch at Rome Bears Out London Express News.

It Says That the Attack on the City Began on Monday Last.

And That Sir Claude Macdonald Opened Communications With Allies.

London, Aug. 17.—(4:30 a.m.)—The consensus of opinion expressed by the morning papers tends to the belief that the legations are now safe with the allies.

Describing the capture of Ho Si Wu, a special despatch says that the legation of the Americans was quite insufficient for the awful heat, and that the consequences were direful.

A despatch from Shanghai says: "Shanghai, Aug. 16.—The China Gazette openly impeaches the United States consul, Mr. John Goodnow, of complicity with the Chinese."

"The British troops had sailed, but they were recalled by a torpedo-boat destroyer, and have now returned to the city."

London, Aug. 17.—(8:45 a.m.)—A cablegram to Vienna from Hongkong announces the capture of Peking, but the Austrian government, like other governments, is still without confirmation of the report.

An official telegram, dated Taku, Aug. 16, says that the attack on Peking began Monday, that Sir Claude Macdonald, the British minister, has opened communication with the relieving force and that the allies have established their headquarters at Tung Chau.

From the same place comes a report of a heavy defeat on the Chinese side. The British minister, Sir Claude Macdonald, has been reported to have fled from the city with the relieving force and to have established their headquarters at Tung Chau.

The Western powers, according to a despatch to the Daily Express from London, have accepted the proposal formulated by the Japanese for arranging an armistice dependent upon the immediate delivery of the foreign legations to the allied forces. Upon this basis, they would negotiate.

Shanghai despatches declare the Chinese had been obliged to make a withdrawal from the legations last Sunday, but whether the plan was carried out is not known there.

At the same place comes the statement that Vice-Admiral Seymour and Brigadier-General Creagh have joined the British troops. All the morning papers which comment on the subject, appear to be in agreement that the Japanese are to evacuate the city and to withdraw the British troops.

London, Aug. 16.—Gen. Sir Alfred Gaselee, who is wired to the government from Nantow, under date of August 11, via Chee Foo, Aug. 15, as follows: "I have just received a telegram from the latter by which he has accepted the Pacific cable project would have had to be abandoned."

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THE COMPLETE House Furnishers

ARE SHOWING SOME FINE Tapestry, Brussels, Velvet,

And other carpets in all the new colorings and styles.

JAPANESE MATTINGS AND RUGS IN LARGE VARIETY.

WEILER BROS., VICTORIA, B.C.

Official Despatches

Confirm Fully the Capture of Peking But Without Many Details.

Japanese Admiral Says the Resistance of Chinese Was Obstinate.

The Legations Were Saved by Entry of the Allied Troops.

London, Aug. 18.—(4 a.m.)—"Peking was relieved on the night of the 15th. The Japanese received last evening at the Imperial custom office in London from the commissioner of customs in Chee Foo. It is the only official message that has reached England in confirmation of the earlier reports. The Morning Post, which is the only paper printing the Chee Foo message, says: "To-day is not only a national rejoicing, but it is also a day of congratulation for all the powers of the world."

The general situation, owing to the lack of definite news from the legations, is a stern inquiry regarding outrages and the punishment of the leaders, even if they have been pursued all over China.

The Daily Graphic, in a paragraph evidently inspired, says there is no reason to believe that any of the powers should not be done if likely to lead to international complications.

This says the Daily Graphic, "disposition of the viceroy of Nankin changed his mind under influence of the consul. Her Majesty's Marine will be here, and a couple of cabinet meetings will precede the general ministerial meeting to the provinces. The ministers will not stay at the capital. Each will repair to his district to size up the situation, some say to begin the general election campaign in earnest."

The officers of militia are ordered to wear mourning until September 23, for the Duke of Edinburgh, a band of black crepe around left arm.

Northwest Mounted Police will be allowed to retire under superannuation if they do not wish to return. Constables and non-commissioned officers not wishing to return to Canada will be granted a free discharge.

INTERNATIONAL GOLF.

Match Between United States and Canada to Be Played at Quebec.

Quebec, Aug. 17.—President Watson of the Royal Golf Association has been the golf championship between Canada and the United States will be played on Saturday, September 12. The teams will be chosen from the pick of the amateur golfers in Canada and the United States and will be composed of ten men each.

LAYING THE CABLE.

The New German Line Making Satisfactory Progress.

New York, Aug. 17.—The Commercial Cable Company makes the following announcement: "The cable steamer Anglia, which is laying the new German cable, reports her position at noon August 17, at being in Lat. 39 deg. 44' N. and Long. 64 deg. 15' W. 503 nautical miles of cable having been paid out. The weather was clear and a light westerly wind prevailed."

EXPECTED TO-DAY.

Invalidated Canadians Are Expected at Quebec To-day.

Quebec, Aug. 17.—A hundred invalidated Canadians are expected to-morrow. A handsome reception has been arranged for them.

NEGRO CAVALRY.

A Regiment Sailed From San Francisco For Taku.

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—The transport Warren sailed today with the 9th (colored) cavalry for Taku by way of Nagasaki.

THE ROANOKE'S CARGO.

Claimed That She Brought Four and a Half Millions From Skagway.

Seattle, Aug. 17.—The steamer Roanoke has arrived from Skagway with \$4,500,000 (7).

Souring On Tarte

The Quebec Ring of Liberals Has Declared War Against Him.

Rumored That He Will Join Bourassa in Anti-Imperial Campaign.

More Talk That Elections Will Not Be Held In October.

Special to the Colonist.

Montreal, Aug. 17.—A well informed Liberal, discussing the general election possibilities, takes the view that it will be practically impossible to hold elections early in October. He strongly inclines to the January idea. He had a talk with Laurier before the Premier left on his trip to the maritime provinces, and from the plan of campaign that the Premier talked of undertaking, it would be out of the question for him to attempt to have the elections as early as October. He spoke about devoting as much time to Quebec as he spent in Ontario last fall, which would mean nearly two months.

Besides this he hopes to put in some time in the maritime provinces, which may or may not be taken to mean his present trip. Then, again, he spoke of visiting the closer constituencies in Ontario before election day. It can be seen that if the Premier undertakes all that, he could hardly accomplish it in time to get a verdict in October. The Premier does not propose to go west of Lake Superior, giving Mr. Sifton full charge of the campaign in the West.

There can be no doubt that the Pacaud and Quebec ring of Liberals have declared war against Tarte. Le Soleil published a rumor that Mr. Tarte was to leave the cabinet and join Bourassa in an anti-imperial campaign.

Le Patrie says it is a shame that Pacaud should so ill-use a friend and colleague of Laurier's.

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