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CABLE NEWS.

Maybrick Case to Be Inquired Into—Balfour Against International Monetary Conference.

Gladstone Says Justice to Ireland Cannot Be Delayed—Clyde Builder Dead.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. T. P. O'Connor referred to the case of Mrs. Maybrick, who is serving a term of imprisonment for poisoning her husband, and for whose pardon numerous petitions had been presented to the Home Secretary. Mr. O'Connor said that in regard to her there was an intense feeling of dissatisfaction with the trial and conviction both among American men and women. He thought the time had come when there should be a reversion of the unfortunate woman's sentence. Sir Mathew White Ridley, secretary of state for the home department, replied that in view of the strong feeling which prevailed he would consider it his duty to inquire into the matter.

Gen. Alfaro, president of the provisional government of Ecuador set up at Guayaquil, telegraphs from Rio Bamba: "Half of my forces routed the Quitoists, who had twice our men. The artillery fell into my hands. I have decreed freedom for the conquered prisoners at Ambarito. His troops are now divided into six columns. In the recent battle Alfaro captured eight pieces of artillery, two Gatling guns, 800 rifles and a large quantity of ammunition. The Red Cross Society renders valuable assistance on the field of battle in charge of the wounded. The council of ministers of the provisional government has passed a decree making Alfaro general of division, his rank hitherto being that of a brigadier. The official report of the condition of the German crops up to the middle of the month has been issued. Reckoning "1" to signify "very good," "2" to mean "good," and "3" stand for "fair," the report is as follows: "Winter wheat, 2 7/8; summer wheat, 2 3/4; winter rye, 3; summer rye, 3 1/2; barley, 2 7/8; oats, 2 3/4; potatoes, 2 3/4; peas, 3; 1; split, 2 6/8."

The weekly statement of the Bank of England, issued to-day, shows the following changes compared with the last account: Total reserve £7,393,000 increased. Circulation, £30,000; bullion, £1,385,489; other securities, £396,000; other deposits, £392,000; public deposits, £1,423,000; notes reserve, £1,326,000. Government securities unchanged. Proportion of Bank of England's reserve to liability which has been 68.61 per cent, is now 69.17 per cent.

A special despatch received here from Shanghai says that the Chinese soldiers stationed at Tientsin revolted yesterday and captured the quarters of the British and German consuls. They attacked a number of shops in the city and killed over one hundred persons. A severe earthquake has shaken the town of Cochin in Assam, 21 miles west of Malaga. Serious damage has been done. Cochin has a population of 10,000.

It is stated here that the Sultan has decided to issue a decree August 31, announcing general reforms throughout the empire. The tendency of this reply to the powers, however, is more retrograde than progressive. For instance, Christians are not admitted to be eligible to hold the post of valia, in spite of the fact that Christian valias have existed for years.

The strike of the millworkers at Dundee has assumed serious proportions. About 18,000 operatives are now idle. The latter struck without waiting for a reply to their demands for an increase of 10 per cent. in their wages.

The official statement of the assets of Bingen Bros., bankers, Geneva, who recently failed, shows them to be £3,500,000. The liabilities are £14,000,000.

Although the greatest secrecy is observed on the subject in official circles, the Associated Press has ascertained that the reason why Shazada Nazrulla Khan, second son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, does not return home, is virtually correct. The Shazada, it is said, a few weeks ago visited the Queen at Windsor Castle, and personally informed Her Majesty it was the Ameer's wish that he be diplomatically represented at London, instead of dealing with the viceroys of India. The Shazada exposed an immediate answer, but Her Majesty replied that she could not decide without consulting her ministers. Last week the Shazada received a definite refusal, and the situation is now unpleasant, if not serious, as the refusal amounts to a snub to the Ameer, and it is thought that this may affect the relations between Great Britain and Afghanistan. The Shazada starts for home via Paris next week.

A statement of the condition of Oscar Wilde's finances has just been issued. It shows his liabilities to be £3,591, with no available assets. His insolvency is ascribed by him to the failure of his action for libel against the Marquis of Queensberry, who is now a petitioning creditor, seeking the payment of the costs of his defeat, which the court ordered him to pay. Wilde's income has averaged £23,000 a year, chiefly derived from his literary and dramatic works. He has been insolvent two years, his expenditures having greatly exceeded his income.

Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, replying to Sir John Long, Liberal member for Dundee, who asked whether he would advise the government to invite an international monetary conference, said: "I am, and always have been, in favor of an international agreement, but I have no right to pledge my colleagues, and I do not believe that an international agreement would result from an international conference."

The president of the board of agriculture, replying in the house to Mr. J. M. White, as to whether experts would be sent to Canada to inquire into the existence of pleuro-pneumonia in that country, said there was no doubt that two recent cases of the disease had occurred in Canada, and therefore it was not necessary to send experts.

Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone and Mrs. Gladstone gave a garden party at Haverdon Castle to-day. Among the Americans present were ex-Postmaster General James with his two daughters, Mrs. Henry Pearson, Miss James and Mr. E. A. Quintard, who were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone by Mr. Richard

James of the Liverpool post office. Mr. Gladstone had an extended conference with General James and Mr. Quintard, during which he showed a warm interest in the Irish question, and said that justice to Ireland could not be long delayed.

Peter Denny, one of the best known shipbuilders on the Clyde and head of the firm of Peter Denny & Co., died at Dumbarton to-day. He was about 80 years of age, and was the first builder of the ships known as "China Tea Clippers."

A dispatch to the Cologne Zeitung from Warsaw says that a revolutionary movement, connected with which many arrests have been made, was recently discovered at Odessa. The agitators, it appears, have been stirring up the people in the West and South-west, who are described as being excited, restless and ready to bring out into open rebellion. It is added, however, that it is doubtful if a general rising will take place; but plans looking to such a situation had been made and the situation is said to be very threatening.

The government of Paraguay has signed an agreement by which an arrangement has been arrived at for the settlement of the foreign debt. From January next it pays interest at the rate of one per cent., which will be increased one-half per cent. every three years until 1908, when the debt will be paid until the extinction of the debt.

A special from Shanghai to the Times says that H.M.S. Rainbow left Foo Chow yesterday for Yokohama, though her presence at Foo Chow is urgently needed.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Rt. Hon. Mr. Long, Conservative, of Liverpool, and president of the board of agriculture, replying to a proposal by Sir J. Long, Liberal, of Dundee, against the exclusion of Canadian cattle, said that prohibition of the importation under present circumstances was advocated by an overwhelming majority of the farmers of the United Kingdom as the only safeguard for their herds, if anything was to be done in the interests of agriculture by protecting the stock raisers.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Rt. Hon. Robert W. Haubury, replying in the House of Commons to-day to Mr. John Henniker Heaton, member for Canterbury, Progressive Conservative, who has for years past advocated postal reforms and has a scheme for imperial coinage penny postage, said that no parcel post existed between Great Britain and the United States. Mr. Haubury also regretted the absence of such an arrangement, and said that the House should do its best to present the efforts of his constituents in that direction.

The Times Berlin correspondent says that the supporters of gold currency are jubilant at the statement made by Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury in the house of commons, to the effect that the English government will take no steps looking to an international bi-metallic conference. The National Zeitung, the correspondent adds, "says that he has heard the word which the German bi-metallic blow from the votes in the Reichstag and the Prussian diet. Undoubtedly Mr. Balfour's statement will put an end to the deliberations of the federal government on the question. Only noisy agitators believe that it is possible without England's co-operation."

The Minister of Agriculture announces as a result of data obtained from consuls and specialists that the world's wheat crop for 1895 is as follows: The total production in 1895 is estimated at 2,500,000,000 bushels less than that of 1894.

It is reported that the unusual secrecy relative to the movements of Emperor William during his visit to Lord Londesdale at Lowther castle, was due to a hint given to the police that German spies were in the neighborhood of the Emperor. It is said that the police had sentries to watch under the Kaiser's windows and to patrol the grounds all night.

The Daily News has a report of the garden party at Haverdon Castle on Tuesday, when Mr. Gladstone, in talking with U.S. Postmaster-General James and Mr. Quintard, said that he used to prophesy that if America adopted free trade she would hold the highest position in the world, but that instead of injuring, it would improve British trade.

Viscount Mirus has been gazetted Japanese minister to Korea, and Gen. Tadashima governor of the island of Formosa and commander of the Japanese army there.

It is now estimated that 25,000 mill workers at Dundee are on strike. The manufacturers have signed an agreement not to advance wages. The penalty is £500 for violating this agreement.

The political committee of the National Liberal Club is summoning a national conference of Liberals for October 29 and 30, to consider the results of the general election and to discuss the political situation in general.

Baron Rio Branco will represent the government of Brazil at Stockholm in the arbitration contest to settle the Amapa boundary question between France and Brazil. Unless Brazil's dispute with Italy is settled before the end of the month, through the intervention of Sir. Nobili, it is reported that Minister de Martino will return to Brazil with Italy's ultimatum. Italy claims damages for outrages upon Italian subjects in Brazil, perpetrated, as alleged, during the revolution.

The Peruvian bishop whose expulsion from the Taso mission was demanded by the Peruvian government, is returning overland to Lima. The issue between Peru and Bolivia has been settled, it having been agreed that the question of a salute to the Bolivian flag by Peru, demanded by the Bolivian government, shall be submitted to the arbitration of another American republic. The Peruvian minister will also be received at La Paz on Monday.

The World's Fair Tests showed no baking powder so pure or so great in leavening power as the Royal.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Separate School Board Forwarded Its Ultimatum to the Christian Brothers.

Parcel Post Arrangements—Dominion Rifle Meeting to Be the Largest on Record.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Aug. 22.—As the outcome of the commemorative character of the Ontario commission's report upon the Ottawa separate schools, the chairman of the French section of the board goes to Montreal to-morrow with an ultimatum to Brother Flamin, head of the order, which will request that the Brothers employ three English teachers and introduce the Dominion or Sadler's series of text books. The school term begins on Monday, and unless the Brothers consent to the proposal the schools will remain closed until lay teachers are engaged to replace the Brothers in all the French classes, as has already been done in the English separate schools here.

Entries for the Dominion rifle matches are pouring in again, giving the secretary and staff all they can do to keep up with the rush, and giving promise also of one of the largest gatherings of riflemen in the history of the Rideau range.

Since 1894 there has been a wonderful expansion of the Canadian parcel post arrangements, more than a score of important routes having been added to the system. The post office department has been obliged to issue an entirely new schedule of parcel rates to come into operation on October 1. This shows that a tariff has been arranged for the carrying of parcels to almost every point of the world open to foreign commerce.

The acting premier gives an emphatic denial to-day to the rumor that a messenger from the white man to the Indians will be arrested on a charge of attempting to commit suicide. Drink was the cause of the trouble.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Fish Shipments For Australia and England—Officials of Westminster Exhibition.

Indians Interview Hon. Mr. Daly—C. P. R. Official Salaries Are Restored.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Aug. 22.—W. Fellow-Harvey received a telegram yesterday from the Cassels Gold Extracting Co., which he represents here, that the British Patent Office had allowed the amendments made by the Cassels Co. in its application for the Cyanide patent rights, which for a long time have been a source of litigation. This decision gives the Cassels Gold Company the full control of the process, which has made the company famous throughout the world.

Mr. St. George has had an investigation into certain charges brought by him against Mr. Carscaden, one of the teachers of Mt. Pleasant school and the caretaker of that school, by the board of trustees. The charges proved to be unfounded. The trustees expressed regret to Mr. Carscaden and the caretaker, that the charges should have been made and the audience carried a vote of sympathy, moved by one of their number.

Hereafter pupil teachers will be appointed according to the marks received at the examination preceding the annual choice. A number of the heads of departments of the C. P. R. have received word that their salaries will in future be restored to the old figures before the cut.

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