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THE EARTH TREMBLED

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The Subterranean Trouble Lasted Twenty Hours and Constructions Religned.

A Terrible Famine Threatens the Most Prosperous Province of China

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But the rents in the stricken steamer were so wide and deep that but few passengers had time to scramble on deck. Before she gave two or three heavy rolls, an awful lurch, accompanied by some interior explosions, and then sank with a moaning hissing sound beneath the angry waves, which were beating mercilessly over her.

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London, June 18.—The scenes about the office of the Castle line of steam-

ships in Fen church street to-day were most heart-rending, and the excitement was increased this afternoon when the passenger list of the Drummond Castle was posted up. The list shows an unusual proportion of women and children aboard the sunken vessel.

Brest, June 18.—According to seafaring men here, the Drummond Castle, news of the wreck of which was cabled yesterday, must have struck on rocks which extended seaward a short distance from Ushant and the blow must have been severe enough to rip open the greater part of her bottom.

It is thought that she slipped over the rocks while in this damaged condition and must have sunk almost like lead in the deep water on the other side of them, all her water tight compartments having been torn open while passing over the ledge.

This is the only explanation which can be furnished here of the unprecedentedly short time in which the steamer sank. This also accounts for the few people saved, as a majority of those who must have been on board in their berths at the time the vessel struck later in the day the officials of the Castle line of steamships issued a statement saying that the Drummond Castle had been wrecked by striking on some rocks off Ushant and not by being sunk in collision with an unknown steamer as at first reported from Ushant.

It has been ascertained that the rock on which the Drummond Castle struck was very near the island of Molene, which is about half way between Ushant and the mainland of France.

Six bodies which have thus far been recovered were washed ashore on the island of Ushant.

The Standard states that it has learned from the colonial office that among the passengers on the Drummond Castle were many who had taken part in the recent events in South Africa.

HOW GREAT BRITAIN VIEWS IT. A Common Need to Sweep Away Customs Barriers With Home.

London, June 18.—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, made an address to-day to a meeting of bankers and merchants at the Mansion House.

In the course of his speech he said that he believed the time had come when there was a common need to sweep away customs barriers, and that the colonies would see that their manufacturers would not be ruined by free trade with Great Britain.

"And we might see," continued the speaker, "our present customs tariff is not such a divine institution that it is absolutely perfect and unassailable."

Regarding metalliferous Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said: "Our credit is based on the gold standard, which I think a vast majority of bankers and merchants think should be maintained."

LAURIER—LIBERTY!

Royal Reception to Liberal Leader by a Representative Quebec Assembly.

People are Tired of Race and Religious Feuds Fomented by Distracted Tories.

Sherbrooke, June 18.—Such demonstrations as those with which the Liberal leader was honored yesterday show that the eastern townships are with him.

Mr. Laurier came out from Montreal this morning accompanied by Madame Laurier, Mr. and Mrs. Casgrain, and halted at Farnham, the principal point in the Bedford district, where he was given a magnificent reception.

Here the French and English came into contact, both races being represented in the population. By constant exercise of the spirit of toleration they live harmoniously together, each respecting the conscientious beliefs of the other, and each according to his neighbor the full measure of the rights of citizenship.

It is a significant circumstance that the largest assemblage ever brought together at Farnham, composed of the two races, united in condemning the criminal appears to national and religious prejudices, which have been indulged in by Sir Charles Tupper and his ministers.

Not only was the meeting held this afternoon a grand affair in point of numbers and spirit, but it was such as to show that the way of Liberalism which has swept over the whole country, has had its effect upon the townships.

Mr. Fisher, in which the district presided in 1891, had an able representative, and who was ragged out of his seat in 1891, will certainly defeat his opponent G. G. Foster, if the present indications can be relied on.

As in other constituencies this has become disgusted with the manner in which the affairs of the country have been conducted, and the people demand a change.

In Missisquoi a strong candidate has the advantage of fighting a party divided among itself. C. Parnelle will, it is believed, be the new member for Shefford. The election of Brodeur in Rouville is assured, and the defeat of C. C. Cleveland in Richmond and Wolfe predicted.

MANY MEN MASSACRED. A Party Consisting of Thirty-five Soldiers Cut to Pieces.

Tunis, June 18.—The report that the party headed by Marquis Demores, consisting of thirty-five men bound for the Sudan in order to enlist the Arab chiefs against the British, has been massacred by the members of Demores' expedition very killed near Gadames.

Castle News. London, June 18.—The Earl of Clonmel is dead.

ROYAL Baking Powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—U. S. Government Report

VOTES ARE NECESSARY

So Necessary That Winnipeg Tory Managers Must Import Some From Ottawa

To Save Hugh John's Seat—Presbyterian Conference on the School Question.

The Real Good Old Times Were Revived at the Ottawa County Nominations.

Ottawa, June 18.—Wm. McGillivray, of the Indian department, who was private secretary to Lieut-Gov. Dewdney, has been asked by the Winnipeg coercionist party to go and vote there on Tuesday.

His vote is badly wanted, as Hugh John Macdonald's defeat is almost certain. The party are getting desperate.

Contractor Hugh Ryan had a long interview with Mr. Haggart to-day.

A free fight, which lasted an hour, and the police were not able to stop, took place at Ottawa county nominations yesterday.

Two drowning accidents are reported. A boy named Leconte fell from a boom and found a watery grave in the Ottawa.

About the same time another youth named Larose was drowned in the Rideau river, while going to the printing bureau to see his father.

Montreal, June 18.—The C. P. R. traffic receipts for the week ending June 14th were \$373,000. For the same week last year they were \$332,000.

Toronto, June 15.—At the general assembly this morning Principal Caven moved a long resolution condemning the principle of the remedial bill, especially of the remedial bill introduced, and closing by expressing the hope that a conference between a commission and the province of Manitoba would result.

In such adjustment of the school difficulty, that while preserving the principle of national schools, any reasonable claim of the minority would be satisfied.

The resolution was sent to a committee. The assembly received a telegram from Dr. Robinson of Boston accepting the chair, that while preserving the principle of national schools, any reasonable claim of the minority would be satisfied.

The general assembly to-day unanimously made a grant of \$400 a year to Mrs. Read, widow of the late Rev. Dr. Read, for many agent of the western section.

Messrs. McKendry & Co., whose department store was burned last Monday night, the damage amounting to \$175,000, have assigned to Messrs. John Macdonald & Co., the insurance being considerably below the damage.

Application was made to-day to the mayor to swear in three special constables with a view to preventing "plugging" on polling day.

The campaign is now in full swing in the city. To-night meetings will be held in behalf of Robertson and Coatsworth respectively in the east end and a joint meeting for Clark and O'Carroll in the west end, and also a McCarthyite meeting in the west end.

All the meetings were more or less turbulent. Preston, Liberal, had a fighting chance in West Toronto, while Louart and Cockburn are evenly matched and the contest will be close.

Robinson is said to be gaining ground against Coatsworth, and it is likely that Clarke will run much ahead of O'Carroll through the popularity of O'Carroll's absence in England.

Sir Charles Tupper speaks here to-morrow night. Donald McMaster, Montreal, ex-Lieut-Gov. Robinson and the Conservative candidates will speak.

The public are invited and there will be no ticket of admission as expected. This will be the first occasion that Sir Charles Tupper has spoken here since 1891, during Sir John Macdonald's campaign.

MATABELES ARE UNEASY. Capetown, June 18.—Another outbreak of natives of Matabeleland has occurred between Umtali and Salisbury.

At a meeting at that vicinity on June 9 of a number of chiefs under Makoni, all except four agreed to revolt, and several whites were murdered.

THE FISHERS' STRIKE IS OVER. And Most of the Men Will Resume Work Shortly.

Astoria, Ore., June 18.—The strike is virtually broken. Most of the men will be out fishing this week for 4 1/2 cents.

The cannerymen held a meeting yesterday and agreed to offer a compromise on that basis. Although a large number of men are still determined to hold out for the men out fishing. It is expected that operations will commence to-morrow. Deputy sheriffs are stationed in the vicinity of Clifton.

DESPICABLE DETECTIVES. Deal Doublefaced Bargains With the Penniless Miss Ashley.

San Francisco, June 18.—If Miss Lillian Ashley has spent more than one uncomfortable day during the progress of her damage suit owing to the unskillful handling of her past by Mr. Baldwin's attorneys, she had at least a partial revenge to-day. She had been tricked and duped by Detective Wood, of Boston, and his assistant Mr. Barnes, who had the helm to her injured feelings of hearing Mr. Crittenden put Barnes through a severe course of grilling. The evidence was also an interesting exposition of the methods of the private detective agency in handling scandals in high life, and Messrs. Wood and Barnes will scarcely return to Boston with very tender recollections of California courts. The letters which

they had written to deceive Miss Ashley were produced in evidence, and showed a selling out of his penniless client by Mr. Wood in favor of one who could pay him better.

DROWNED OUT A FAMILY. A Mining Reservoir Bursts and Does Considerable Damage.

Baker City, Ore., June 18.—Last night about midnight Goderich creek reservoir about fifteen miles from this city, broke and a great volume of water rushed down the gulch about four miles, where it jumped from Goderich creek to Pine creek. About three miles below the flood struck John French's house and dashed it to pieces, drowning the family, parents and five children, the ages ranging from three to twelve years.

The bodies were found scattered along the creek for a distance of two miles. Their clothing was torn and the bodies mangled. Large pine trees were carried miles down the stream and fences and bridges were swept away.

The grain fields were badly damaged. The reservoir was constructed in 1863 by the Auburn Canal company and was used since for mining purposes.

MODERN METHODS ADOPTED. In the Settlement of the Minneapolis Printers' Strike.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 18.—The printers' strike in the twin cities was settled to-day by an agreement between the typographical union and the publishers' association to arbitrate all differences of wages and hours.

SHIPPING. Doing in Marine Circles During the Past Twenty-Four Hours.

A number of Victoria sailing schooners have already cleared for Behring Sea, four of the Boscowitz fleet being included. They are the Aida, Captain Farley; Doris, Captain Griffith; G. D. Rand, Captain Townsend, and Mary Ellen, Captain D. McPhee.

The Aida is also a new name for the well known schooner W. P. Bayward. The Ocean Rover, Captain Buckholtz, and the Kate, Capt. Strong, have also cleared. All these schooners will secure Indian hunters on the West Coast.

The steamer Topeka called at the outer wharf to-day on her way to Alaska. She had a large number of passengers on board.

Syracuse, N.Y., June 18.—The boiler of the steam yacht Titus Sheard exploded near Little Falls this afternoon and killed twelve persons, nine of whose bodies have been recovered.

After a remarkably pleasant voyage the Alaskan excursion steamer Queen, Capt. Carroll, returned from the north. The steamer remained 10 hours in port, and many of her passengers remained over to go east by the ship. Queen is advertised to leave again for the north on Saturday next.

The steamer Boscowitz which returned last night from the North, reports that the fishermen on "the Red Bank" that the fishermen's strike on the Skeena has been amicably settled, all the fishermen having gone to work.

Washington, D. C., June 18.—The state department sent to-day three handsomely mounted binocular glasses to the masters of British vessels for humane services in rescuing American seamen. Those who will receive these mementoes are Captain Davis of the ship Cambrian, for effecting the rescue of the crew of the American ship Iceberg, on Nov. 19, 1895. Captain Bartlett, of the British steamer Sedgemoor, for rescuing the master and crew of the American schooner Mabel in March, 1894, and Capt. Urquhart, of the British bark Strathiera, for rescuing the crew of the American ship William G. Davis, Feb. 21, 1896.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE. Events of Interest in the Amateur and Professional Field.

THE GUN. DEAR DEER. Tacoma, June 8.—Al. Baylis, of Fox Island, has learned that it is unwise to monkey with the state game laws. He was arraigned yesterday on complaint of J. M. Rains, before Justice McMurray, charged with shooting grouse out of season. He was fined \$75 and costs and in default was committed to jail. Immediately after a new complaint was lodged against him, charging him with shooting a deer out of season. He admitted having the deer in possession, but in explanation said he had seen the deer swimming in the water, had seen it get into a whirlpool and turn over on its side and die. When the tire brought in the body he took it in charge. An Indian testified that Baylis described to him how he had shot the deer with buckshot. Baylis was fined \$75 and costs for this offense and in default was committed to jail again.

THE TURF. London, June 18.—Hosmar Bass' chestnut colt Love Wisely won the race for the gold cup valued at 1000 sovereigns, with 2000 sovereigns added, at Ascot to-day. The Prince of Wales' Florizel was third in this race.

THE WHEEL. Cambridge, Mass., June 18.—A mile was made yesterday by Britler Brys, which lowers the world's record to 2:01.45 for the tandem.

London, June 17.—At Catford yesterday, Shaz, the bicycle rider, covered 30 miles and 30 yards in one hour. He rode two miles in 3 minutes 42.5 seconds, and thus established a new record.

British Columbia Weather. Quesnelle, B. C., June 18.—The weather is warm but cloudy. The river has fallen about a foot in the last three days.

Lillooet, B.C., June 18.—The weather is warm. The river has fallen somewhat in the past few days.

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