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Regarding the Management of South African Matters.

Salisbury Takes No Stock in Chinese Reports—More Rain in India, But Not Enough Yet.

THE BOER ENVOYS.

Paris, July 26.—Messrs. Fischer, Wolmarans and Wessels, the Boer delegates, were received yesterday by President Loubet in the Palace of the Elysee. They were presented by Mr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal.

WILLIAM BUYS A VILLA.

Berlin, July 26.—The Emperor William has bought from Crown Prince Frederick William a villa in Bonn. The former owner was Prof. Finkler, who superintended the German University exhibit at the Columbian Exposition. The villa will be the home of the crown prince and his brothers during their university course.

DISCREDITED REPORTS.

London, July 26.—The British premier, Lord Salisbury, notified United States Ambassador Choate that it was impossible to accept the evidence so far submitted by the Chinese, or that transmitted by the United States, regarding the safety of the foreign consular at Peking, and that until their safety should be thoroughly established the British Government would be unable to discuss any question of mediation or kindred matters.

PROSPECTUS CRITICISED.

London, July 26.—There are some criticisms of the prospectus published of what the papers call the Roy, No. 4, being issued by the London Globe Finance Corporation, and British-American Corporation, of Kootenay Mining Company, Limited. The capital stock is £400,000. The object is to acquire a group of mines or mineral claims known as the Columbia, Kootenay, Tip Top, Copper, Jack and Kootenay, located at Roseland, the property embracing an area of 126 acres. The purchase price was £350,000. The Westminster Gazette says that the prospectus, in its bareness, is impudent and crass. It merely says: "Furnish us with £400,000, for the directors anticipate satisfactory dividends."

The prospectus was also again advertised of the Canadian Northern Railway Company for an issue of £1,191,500, and a half per cent. first mortgage debenture bond of £100 each, of which £700 are now offered for £80.

RAIN IN INDIA.

London, July 26.—The governor of Bombay Presidency, Lord Northcote, of Exeter, reports a general rainfall, sufficient for agricultural purposes, in Surat and Southern Gujarat. He says that two and a half inches of rain has fallen since Tuesday in Godhra and Panch Mahals, an inch in several parts of Ahmedabad, over half an inch in parts of Kaira, and sufficient in portions of Baroda adjoining Surat. In the remainder of Baroda no rain has fallen, and an extensive failure of crops is inevitable unless there is immediate relief. In Okhamadal the rainfall has been insufficient, and cultivation is at a standstill in almost the entire Province of Kathiawar, where cattle are dying of starvation and scarcity of water. There have been good rains in Bombay, Khandesh and the Deccan, where prospects are greatly improved. The death rate in Gujarat has decreased nearly one-half as compared with that of May.

HEATED DISCUSSION IN THE COMMONS.

London, July 26.—During the heated discussion of the colonial office vote in the House of Commons, Sir Wilfrid Lawson moved a resolution of Mr. Chamberlain's salary as a mark of censure.

Mr. Chamberlain welcomed the issue raised by the motion, which he declared meant that the war was wrong. Proceeding, he spoke of the Government's present policy, which he said was not vindictive, proposing only to disarm rebels politically for ten years. He believed the hope of a reaction at home was prolonging the war. The opposition did not spare Mr. Chamberlain. Liberal members sharply interrupted him and charged him with misquoting other speakers, and reminded him that the whole history of South Africa the past seven years had furnished substantial ground for him to be suspected in all his actions. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader in the House of Commons, declared that Mr. Chamberlain had prostituted the occasion to the purpose of making an electioneering speech.

Mr. Balfour moved closure, which was carried, 169 yeas to 100 nays. The motion on reduction of Mr. Chamberlain's salary was then lost—203 yeas to 52 nays. The colonial office vote was agreed to.

THE FIRST ACT

Of the Tragedy of the Century.

What a Writer Who Visited China Thinks of the Situation in the Far East—Civilized Nations Have a Big Task Ahead—The City of Canton and Its Inhabitants.

Mr. Robert Paterson, who was in China some two years ago, while traveling for a firm in Scotland, writes the following interesting letter to the Advertiser:

Some fears are entertained for Canton. The hot blood of the southern Chinese, once set aflame by rapine and riot, would be a fire difficult to quench. Canton is some 60 to 70 miles from Hong Kong, and is a densely populated city of 1,000,000 inhabitants. It is situated on the river, the peculiarity of the situation is that the European population lives on an island which lies close to the main shore and city and is connected with Canton by a drawbridge. Some 60 villa and office buildings are erected on this island, and there all the white people live. The French predominate, as Canton is the great silk market of the world. The large silk houses of Lyons, France, have their buyers and warehouses situated there. The German and English merchants are also represented, besides quite a few missionaries. The writer spent a most interesting day in Canton, sight-seeing under the guidance of that prince of guides, Ah Chum. This most intelligent and refined Chinese courier conducts parties daily through the labyrinthine of the wonderful old Chinese town.

Canton is a walled city, and when one realizes the enormous population and bears in mind that the broadest avenue is not more than eight feet wide, some idea may be arrived at of the anti-hill nature of the city. Needless to say there are no electric cars in Canton. The means of locomotion is by palanquin; three Chinamen bear the visitor along through the narrow streets with a delightfully swinging motion, and apparent ease. The Cantonese may be likened to the hot blooded Italians of Southern Europe, as the north country or Manchurian Chinaman may be compared with the phlegmatic Scandinavian of Northern Europe. These same Manchus are now in a state of rebellious frenzy, and as we hear of the atrocities committed, we can well fear the lighting of the torch of rebellion in this southern and inflammable Canton district.

Hong Kong is well protected. We cannot say so much for Shanghai, where some 8,000 whites live. Shanghai is the great commercial center of China. The English, German and French have concessions from the Chinese government. The English settlement in the best part of the city, while the French is, so to speak, pushed into a corner and is a dead alive district.

Bubbling Well Road, where Li Hung Chang is staying now, is the principal suburban English residential district, and between which and the business quarter or river front lies a great native city, densely populated by Chinese merchants and others working for a living on the foreigner. The native city is inclosed by walls and is a den that the writer did not feel anxious to explore. As a business man the Chinese native merchant is all that could be desired—honest and straightforward, and "his word is his bond" every time. The city is governed municipally by a body of men, drawn from the European and Chinese population, who sit in council together and judge cases from both standpoints. The taotai is the head or mayor of the town, and is appointed by the Chinese government. This Taotai Sheng seems to be a pretty slick customer, and his word just at present does not bear relation. The civilized nations have a job on their hands which will prove to be a big one before it is done with. Much blood will be shed, but humanity and civilization will doubtless triumph in the end, and China will benefit at the expense of European nations. As your able leader of Tuesday puts it China is a collection of different countries, and by no means under one organization, and there lies the difficulty of satisfactory government. What the hell is who can say? It will be a bad day for China should the ministers prove to have been massacred. The nations will have their revenge, and will not stay their hand for many days. The tragedy of the century appears now to be busy at the first act.

SLEPT ON THE TRACK.

Plantagenet, Ont., July 26.—Joseph Roy, employed as a section man at Plantagenet station, was struck yesterday morning by the express train going west and instantly killed. The skull being fractured and both legs broken. Deceased was about 25 years of age. He had attended a wedding party the night before and is supposed to have fallen asleep on the track. The accident occurred on the C. P. R. about five miles from Plantagenet.

DASHED TO DEATH

Woman Crowded Out of the Window

Of a Burning Building in Chicago—Four Dead and Others Injured.

Chicago, July 26.—Shortly before noon yesterday an explosion occurred in the chemical department of the Windsor Celluloid Collar Company on the fourth floor of 125 Dearborn street, setting fire to the building and resulting in the death of four women, and injuries to five other persons. The property loss was small.

The dead are: Mrs. Ellen McLaughlin, 37, and in her haste, pushed Mrs. Peterson, 30, injured. Unknown man, cut by falling glass; two unknown women, cut by falling glass.

There were 25 girls working for the collar company when a terrific explosion occurred, which blew the glass of the front windows across Dearborn street. A sheet of flame followed instantly, and the terror-stricken girls, with their clothing afire, crawled through the windows to the 15-inch coping running along the front of the building.

The coping extended 80 feet to the building adjoining, the windows of which were thronged with men calling encouragement to the terrified girls. As fast as they reached the adjoining building the girls were drawn into safety.

Just as Mrs. McLaughlin was about to be helped through a window, the girl behind, in her haste, pushed Mrs. McLaughlin, who lost her balance and fell to the pavement, dying instantly. The two unknown dead girls jumped from rear windows. One was picked up dead and the other died at the hospital.

HIGH CLIMBER HAS A THRILL

His Hair Turned Gray—Policeman at the Foot of the Flagpole Yanked a Rope.

Bloomfield, July 26.—Joseph Henry Speer, a boss painter, was engaged by the town to climb the flagstaff on the park to replace a rope broken during a recent storm. Speer, who was watched by a gaping crowd, selected 4 o'clock in the morning to do the work.

He took off his coat and vest, and, adjusting his spurs, began the ascent. Speer reached the top, 125 feet from the ground, at daylight, and to avoid accident tied one end of the rope around his left arm. He was just in the act of putting the new rope through the pulley below the eagle when he felt a tug at the rope. He slipped and hung head downward, expecting every second to be dashed to death.

The rope held firm, however, and then Speer managed to release himself and slide down to the cross-bar halfway down, where he remained for half an hour before picking up courage to continue the descent. When he finally reached the ground Speer found that Policeman Lawrence H. Shorter had picked up his coat and vest, and was the one who tugged at the rope. Speer's thrilling experience has completely unnerved him and turned his hair gray.

ARKONA.

Arkona, July 26.—Mr. Mm. Foster, of Scottville, Mich., is visiting friends and relatives in and around Arkona. Watford's young men and ladies were well represented in the "Ark" on Sunday.

Miss Lella Kells has returned home after spending some weeks visiting relatives in Watford. Miss Bertha Parker, of Forest, called on her Arkona friends one day last week.

There are three bakeshops in Arkona now. Mrs. A. Springstead and Mrs. Catherine, of Inwood, visited at John McKay's on Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Copeland is visiting her mother, Mrs. Crouse, in London.

Fred Rutter had the first finger on his left hand nearly cut off on Saturday morning when working around his binder.

Mr. Daniel Ross, of Fort Gratiot, Mich., has returned, after spending a few days with his parents here.

Miss McLean, of Fort Huron, is visiting at Mr. Hugh Ross'.

Mr. Wm. Lambie and Miss Mary McKay were in Strathroy over Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Irving returned home on Friday evening from Toronto, where he was attending the Prohibition convention.

The Willing Workers of the Methodist Church will hold a lawn social at Mrs. W. H. Jackson's on Thursday evening, August 2. Refreshments—ice cream and cake—and a good programme will also be furnished. Admission 15 cents.

Mr. Andrew Jackson, of Pigeon, Mich., is visiting Mrs. W. H. Jackson this week.

The Methodist Church is renewing its appearance in a fresh coat of paint and other improvements.

Miss Elva Fuller returned home on Saturday, after spending a couple of weeks with relatives in Warwick village, Kerwood and other places.

Mr. C. S. Jackson took in Forest on Tuesday.

Some thirty or forty Indians and squaws from Delaware township passed through here on Monday for Forest, where they go to pull flax.

Rev. Mr. Baldwin is refreshing his health at the lakeshore with his son, Rev. Russell Baldwin.

Miss Gertrude Utter is visiting Mrs. Daniels, of Croomhills, Persia, preached in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Daniels, who is well versed in nine languages, is now studying the English language.

Mr. G. H. Brown, butcher, moved to Galt on Monday.

Miss Clara Dunn returned home on Tuesday evening, after spending a couple of weeks visiting friends in Sarnia.

Consecration services at the Epworth League meeting next Tuesday evening. Miss Brock will take the topic.

Mrs. N. D. Wyke, of London, is visiting her brother, Mr. Riggs.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

The following assignments have been reported: William J. Burns, general storekeeper, Lyndhurst; L. E. Bourdell, merchant tailor, Toronto; S. D. Nesbitt, general store, Maithide; J. Pratt & Co., boots and shoes, Ottawa, effected a compromise at 65 cents on the dollar.

WEEDING OUT CANADIANS.

Kingsport, N. Y., July 26.—American inspectors have been busy weeding out Canadians employed on the docks of the St. Lawrence Steamboat Company. The steamers New York, St. Lawrence and Empire State have suffered the most. The action is taken under the alien labor law.

The Subscription List will be opened at the Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh, London, and branches, and at the Canadian Bank of Commerce and branches, on Monday, July 23rd, 1900, and will be closed on Thursday, July 26th, 1900, at 4 p.m.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

The Canadian Northern Railway Company.

ADRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

Issue of £1,191,500 4½ per cent 30-Year (Ontario Division) First Mortgage Debenture Bonds of £100 Each,

Of which £700,000 are now offered for subscription at £90 per cent. Payable as follows:

£5 per cent. on Application.
£25 " " " Allotment.
£20 " " 1st September, 1900.
£20 " " 1st October, 1900.
£20 " " 2nd November, 1900.

Or the whole may be paid up in full on allotment, or on the date for payment of any installment, under discount at 4½ per cent per annum.

The Bonds are a First Mortgage on the Ontario Division of the Canadian Northern Railway (from Port Arthur to the point of crossing the Rainy River at the Western Boundary of the Province of Ontario, 290 miles) and upon its terminals at Port Arthur, and will be a First Mortgage upon 550,000 acres of the Company's land grant, and, subject to First Mortgage Charges, created or to be created, not exceeding \$10,000 per mile on the various branches of the Ontario division of the Railway, and on the Winnipeg and Saskatchewan divisions and the branches thereof, the bonds constitute a general charge on its whole undertaking from Port Arthur to the Saskatchewan River. The Bonds are repayable on the 30th June, 1930, and the Coupons are payable half-yearly on 30th December and 30th June. Payment in either case will be made either at the Bank of Scotland, London, or at the fixed rate of \$4.86.66 to the £ at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, Canada, at holders' option.

THE BANK OF SCOTLAND AND THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE are authorized to receive subscriptions for the above-mentioned Bonds.

The Canadian Northern Railway system connects the Great Lakes at Port Arthur, via Winnipeg, with the Great Saskatchewan River, at a point West of Cedar Lake.

Port Arthur, at the Canadian head of navigation on Lake Superior, from which there is direct communication with the sea for ocean-going vessels, is a great distributing point via the Great Lakes for the products of Manitoba and the North-West Territories. The object of the Canadian Northern Railway is to connect the fertile valley of the Great Saskatchewan River (navigable for many hundreds of miles) with Lake Superior, traversing the grainfields of Manitoba diagonally from the North-West to the South-East boundary of the Province; the agricultural districts of Rainy Lake, and the celebrated "Iron Range" country of Ontario and Minnesota, which has proved and is proving a great source of wealth to the various American Companies tapping it.

The main line is about 800 miles in length, exclusive of some 120 miles of branches. Of the main line 423 miles (including 36 miles of the Manitoba and North-Western, over which the Company has full running power for fifty years from October, 1896) are ready for traffic, and it is expected that 200 miles more will be ready for traffic during this year. The remainder will be completed by the 31st December, 1901, by which date the contractors have undertaken to have the whole line fully completed, equipped, and open. The specifications of the Government of Canada, subject to compliance with which the various subsidies have been granted, call for a very complete railway, with low maximum curves and grades, and ample general equipment and terminal facilities. These conditions the contractors have to comply with, and have complied with on the portions of the road already opened, as is shown by the fact that these portions have been passed by the Dominion Government.

The position of the Railway renders it absolutely independent of any other railway, and it passes through rich country, which has almost all hitherto been without railway facilities.

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

The Company has issued on its Winnipeg and Saskatchewan Divisions 4 per cent. 30-year Gold Bonds, at the rate of \$8,000 per mile, which may be increased to \$10,000 per mile as above mentioned, which Bonds are guaranteed, principal and interest, by the Government of Manitoba.

The present bonded indebtedness of the Company, including the present issue, amounts to \$12,531, say, £2,575 per mile (of main line), and the interest thereon to \$539, say £110 15s. per annum per mile.

This low rate of fixed charges results largely from the liberal aid granted to the Company towards construction by the Parliaments of the Dominion of Canada, and the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba.

INTEREST DURING CONSTRUCTION.

Interest on the present issue of Bonds is guaranteed by the well-known contractors, Messrs. Mackenzie, Mann & Co., of Toronto, Canada, during construction and for one year after the line is opened for traffic.

GENERAL.

Applications should be sent to the Company's Bankers, with cheque for application money. Prospectus and Forms of Application may be obtained of the Bankers or the Brokers, or at the Offices as below.

Application will be made to the Committee of the Stock Exchange for a special settlement and an official quotation.

Copies of the Acts of Parliament the form of Trust Deed and Bond, and all other documents referred to, may be inspected at the Offices of the Solicitors for the Bondholders.

Dated London, 12th July, 1900.

Trustees for the Bondholders.

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Western Ontario.

Petrolia's civic holiday is Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Oil Springs has passed a bylaw taxing billiard and pool rooms \$50 for a yearly license.

The proposed visit of the 48th Highlanders' Band to Sarnia has been called off.

The Strathroy and Western Counties Railway bonus bylaw was carried in Warwick township.

Jacob Tuttle, of Marthville, left recently for London, England, en route to the oil field of Borneo.

A Windsor item says: Rev. J. C. Tolmie, Dr. G. R. Cruickshank, Dr. J. A. Ashbaugh and Col. Beattie have gone on a ten days' cruise up the lakes on the latter's yacht Alborak.

Rev. Dr. John G. Patton, the celebrated missionary from the New Hebrides, will visit Petrolia during September or October and deliver addresses in the Presbyterian Church.

The Petrolia council has decided unanimously to introduce a bylaw to grant the proposed packing company exemption from taxation and water rates for a term of ten years.

Albert Hill and Jos. H. Clarke, arrested at St. Thomas on a charge of assaulting their wives, have been found guilty by Magistrate Davidson, and given the limit in the matter of sentences, \$15 and \$10, respectively. Both went to jail.

Sarnia hotelkeepers have elected the following officers: President A. Murdoch; vice-president, John Turnbull; secretary, Dr. Westall; treasurer, Joseph Peterson. The retiring officers were: President, John Langworth and Secretary J. W. Ryder.

Mr. Robert Stewart, of the Dominion public works department, was at Kettle Point recently, making soundings and examinations for a pier which the

Dominion Government purpose to construct at the point. He will recommend that the pier be built at a right angle to the reef, 420 feet in length by 50 feet wide, with an L-shaped end 60x20 feet. It will cost about \$2,000.

On the application of F. F. Palms, of Detroit, Judge Horne has cut the assessed valuation of Fighting Island from \$20,000 to \$14,000. The island is part of the township of Sandwich West. The township assessor boosted up the assessment, but the judge decided the island could be assessed only as farm lands, with the same valuation as adjacent property. Malden township has also placed a fancy value on Bois Blanc Island, and the ferry company has appealed against its portion of the assessment. Judge Horne reserved his decision.

Petrolia Advertiser: We are in receipt of a clipping from a subscriber in Columbus, O., which announced the divorce of Mary E. Brooks from her husband, Reuben Brooks, granted by Judge Bigger on the grounds of extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty. The couple referred to in the preceding paragraph are well known in this town, where they resided for two or three years up to 1899. Reuben Brooks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks, of Pithole, and up to the time of his marriage, which took place five or six years ago, he lived with his people on the Blind Line.

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