

CHOLERA SEVERE IN RUSSIAN EMPIRE

Whole District of the Volga Included in the Danger Zone - Prevails Throughout the Country

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 15.—Asiatic cholera has increased to nearly all parts of the country. While the number of cases in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Tiflis, Astrakhan, Nizhni-Novgorod is small compared with the population of those places, there are enough of them to cause alarm. Nothing worth mentioning has been done to stamp out the disease.

Within the last week Rostov has reported 216 cases. Kiev, 200; Otkhakov, 144; Poltava, 247; Syzran, 422; Orel, 147.

Reference to a map will show how widespread the plague is. The country of the Volga from Nizhni-Novgorod down to declared as the danger zone. The means available here for reporting new cases are inadequate, hence the real proportions of the peril are probably unknown.

PROMINENT MEN IN BIG CONVENTION

National Conservation Congress in St. Paul Next Month Attracts Many Leaders in Political World

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 12.—I know of no public question that could bring so many representative men together in a convention as that of conservation. In a Thomas H. Shipp, secretary, in speaking of the coming convention to be held in St. Paul September 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

A glance at the list of speakers is sufficient to show that the country's best men are behind this movement, and have no doubt the second congress is going to set a pace that will be hard to follow in future.

The list of speakers to which Secretary Shipp refers contains such names as William H. Taft, president of the United States; Theodore Roosevelt, former president of the United States; Gifford Pinchot, Senators Beveridge, Doolittle and Nelson, and such other men as James J. Hill, Wallace D. Simmons and James R. Garfield.

There has been a lot of talk about politics in connection with the congress. That there will be in St. Paul at that time members of the United States senate, members of the house, governors of many states and mayors of many cities, is sufficient cause to believe that there will be some political on the side.

It is the intention of the officers of the congress to keep politics out of the proceedings as far as possible. The program is presented in the program book, and the statements of the president, Mr. Pinchot, and the secretary, Mr. Shipp, are in the program book, and the president insisted upon certain changes being made before he could agree to speak.

When Governor Eberhart returned to St. Paul after heading the delegation which visited the president at Beverly Hills, he said the president did not even ask for the program and made no suggestions whatever concerning it.

The program will not be given out for a few days, but it is known that Senator Doolittle will talk on "Cattle, Sheep and Leather." Such a subject really gives the senator a chance to say something on the Payne tariff bill, but it is said on good authority that he will not take the opportunity of doing so. The big fight making a senatorial bill on the tariff bill was chiefly in connection with the hide and leather duties. However, it is believed the senator will insert enough ginger into his speech to make it interesting.

"The Natural Resources Belong to the People" is the subject to be discussed by Mr. Garfield, former secretary of the Interior. Mr. Garfield is prepared, according to reports received in St. Paul, to handle this subject in a way that will be most interesting.

Francis J. Heney, who fought the land grab in the west, is going to talk about safeguarding the Public Domain. It is doubtful if a person more competent to handle such a subject could be found. The subject given to James J. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern board, is "Soils, Crops, Food and Clothing." Mr. Hill has given much thought to the situation of soils, and he has been thinking the farmer in this respect for years.

Thomas L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, the great labor union in the United States, is going to talk on the subject "Are We Wasting Intelligently?" It is not known if he and Senator Pinchot's address will be, and Senator Pinchot's address will be, and Senator Pinchot's address will be.

Governor Eberhart, Minnesota; Governor Stubbs, Kansas; Herbert, Kansas; commissioner of corporations; Arthur Joseph M. Dixon, Montana; Radcliffe Dugmore, author, and an expert on bird life; Walter H. Page, editor of The World's Work; Governor H. S. Hadley, Missouri; Alfred L. Sweeney, president of the Chicago Chamber of Commerce; Henry Wallace, expert on mining and country life; Dan Molinas, at Frank M. Chapman, curator of the American Museum of Natural History; Professor Moses E. Clapp, Minnesota; Professor Henry S. Graves, United States geologist; John Barrett, director, bureau of soils, department of agriculture; Dr. Francis B. McVey, president of the Society of South Dakota; Capt. J. P. Hensley, chairman of the Executive committee, National Conservation Congress; George F. Swain, Harvard University; George C. Pades, former governor of California; Newton C. Blanchard, Harvard Co., St. Louis; Judge B. Lindsey, Denver, Col.; F. P. Weston, Minneapolis; and Miss Margaret, chairman, president of the Red Cross.

POLICE REFUSE TO GO ON CARS

Order Issued by Mayor of Columbus is Disobeyed by Several Members of City Police Force

OTHERS TAKE DUTY WITH RELUCTANCE

Mayor Takes Action Only on Pressure Brought to Bear Upon Him by City Officials and Business Men

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 12.—Mutiny of a majority of the regular police is threatened, because Mayor Marshall ordered the men to go on their street cars tonight to protect them against strike rioters.

Others who were ordered to go on the cars, even though they lose their positions. The mutineers were not assigned to other duty tonight, and Mayor Marshall said they would be dismissed from the force.

Until today Mayor Marshall, had withstood pressure brought to bear by officials of the Columbus Railway & Light Company to put officers on their cars. City officials and members of the chamber of commerce, joined in urging the mayor to take this step, and he consented, although he said he did not favor the plan.

Within a few hours this change of order became known to the police, and there was widespread dissatisfaction. This reached a culmination at 6:40 the night of the mayor began to make assignments, and those in rebellion stepped out of the ranks.

There was little if any feeling expressed, although one policeman took off his helmet and asked the mayor to get in a car. Another reason for their mutiny some said they had been warned by grocers and butchers that if they rode on cars they would be refused provisions. Others said they had belonged to unions, and that if they were ordered to join unions at some future time.

After being told that if they refused to obey the order they would be dismissed, two officers who had at first rebelled stepped back into the line with the regulars.

The mayor said later that he had enough officers to man the fifty cars, and the company expected to operate tonight.

HAS GOOD CHANCE OF RECOVERING

Mayor Gaynor Passes Another Day Without Unfavorable Symptoms Appearing—Still in Danger Zone

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Another day has passed and Mayor Gaynor, shot in the neck on Tuesday by James Gallagher, shows no signs of blood poisoning. He continues to rest well at intervals and to take nourishment as desired, and the bullet has not yet passed, however, nor is the possibility that an artery or a blood vessel has been severed by the bullet. With these possibilities ever present he still is in the danger zone and will be for more than a week.

TRIP OF QUEEN'S OWN

Battalion Leaves This Evening for England—Does an Exercise of Sir Henry Pallat.

TORONTO, Aug. 12.—Tomorrow night a provisional battalion of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada leaves home, 420 strong, to take part in the training of the imperial forces at Aldershot. The regiment will parade at the armory at 9 o'clock. In the evening it will march to the Union station and will entrain on two special Grand Trunk trains. Arriving in Montreal the men will be entertained at luncheon by the 45th Caribouers "Mount Royal," in their armories. The tents will be all ready for the regiment to go immediately into camp as soon as they reach Levis, on the St. Lawrence river. For five days they will work hard there, under the direction of the permanent force, all of whose expenses Sir Henry Pallat, in bearing aboard the steamer Megantic, on which they will sail on Saturday morning, August 20th, the men of the regiment will occupy the whole of the third-class accommodation, which has been reserved.

Regios Killed in Wreck. RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 12.—A negro excursion train on the Southern railway returning from Durham, N. C., was wrecked in the Union station at 1:30 this morning. Several negroes are killed and a number of others reported injured.

SEWARD, Alaska, Aug. 12.—Reports received here today state that the moon pack in the Bristol Bay district, and also at Karikuk and Uyak, Kookuk island, will fall far short of the average. It is believed that the output will not be more than three-fourths of the usual pack.

OPPOSITION LEADER

Mr. Borden Speaks on Conservative Policy to Large Meeting—Government's Inactivity

HALIFAX, Aug. 12.—Mr. R. L. Borden's tour in Nova Scotia is proceeding successfully. Yesterday he addressed here a gathering of 2,500 people.

Mr. Borden referred to the articles of the Conservative policy as set forth in the Halifax platform, which has been accepted by the Liberal-Conservative party throughout Canada and still stands as its policy.

The excellence of the Halifax platform of 1907 was so great that our opponents were impelled by force of public opinion to adopt several of its provisions," he said. "I do not mean that these were carried out in every respect in the spirit or along the lines which are contemplated, but some pretence of action was manifested.

He referred especially to the articles which called for the reform of the civil service, the reorganization of the railway commission, the management of the intercolonial railway by a commission, the inception of a system of free rural mail deliveries, and the more careful selection and inspection of immigrants.

The proposals contained in these articles of policy would be carried out in spirit when the Liberal-Conservative party is returned to power," he stated.

The Opposition leader then reviewed the government's record, and made criticisms.

Tenders for Canadian Navy

OTTAWA, Aug. 12.—British firms which have asked to be permitted to bid for the construction of the ships of the Canadian navy, when the plans are ready are Harland & Wolff, Swan & Hunter, and Vickers' Sons & Maxim. Canadian firms are the Polson Iron Works, Toronto; British Columbia Marine Works, Victoria; and the Collingwood Shipbuilding company.

VICTORIA WATER SOURCE PROBLEM

Mr. James White, Conservation Expert, Talks of Esquimaux System and Proposed Sooke Lake Scheme

Interesting comments on Victoria's water problem, were made by Mr. James White, secretary of the Canadian Conservation commission as a result of a trip which he took over the Esquimaux Waterworks system yesterday in company with Mr. T. Lubbe, manager of the waterworks.

Mr. White, in the course of his conversation with the "Colonist," appeared to be an excellent one, and there is no question of the purity of the water. The matter of supply requires a study of conservation methods. The 15,000,000 gallons which are being supplied daily to the B. C. Electric Railway Company for power purposes are not at present being used for consumption. But I understand that the company is about to lay 30 and 21 inch steel pipes to carry this water into the Esquimaux and Saanich districts. This 15,000,000 gallons of water is sufficient to supply a population of 150,000 people.

With regard to the desire to derive the city's water supply from Sooke lake I do not wish to be drawn into any controversy on what appears to be rather a tedious question here. The problem of deriving a five mile tunnel through Sooke mountain is no child's play. The cost would depend on the size of the tunnel, the rate at which it is driven, and the magnitude of the rock encountered. At a conservative estimate it might cost \$75 per running foot. It would have to be driven sufficiently large to allow for supplying an increasing population. If the interior of the tunnel were left in the rough state it would reduce the supply of water available. If on the contrary the interior was concreted the cost of its construction would be greatly increased.

I understand that there is an alternative proposal to bring water from Sooke lake by way of the Sooke river, and thus by pipes obtain a gravity supply. This method would probably involve a lot of sideling work, which is an expensive item. Of course I am not prepared to decide on the rival merits of the present Esquimaux system and the proposed Sooke lake scheme. That is a question for the people of the city to determine for themselves.

C. M. B. A. Convention

OTTAWA, Aug. 12.—A concerted attempt to oust the present grand president of the C. M. B. A., from his office was nipped in the bud at today's session of the convention, after a scolding discussion, by a large vote against the proposal. The closing of the session was marked by repeated cheering for the grand president, Hon. M. F. Mackett, and a proposed amendment to the constitution making any member of a grand council eligible for the presidency, which means spirited debate.

Nationalist Party Campaign

MONTREAL, Aug. 12.—The Nationalist party, of which Henry Bourassa is chief, is planning a vigorous campaign through the French Canadian settlement against the government's naval policy. As a starter they will hold eight meetings in different places on August 21. The speakers include Jean Frenoy, Arthur Plante and numerous minor orators. Mr. Bourassa himself is not slated to speak at any of the meetings, but his name is included in the list of the names of the speakers.

PARIS, Aug. 12.—The French League for the Protection of Birds is greatly incensed at the vast slaughter of birds, caused by the fashion for "Chaateleur" hats. The league asserts that 300,000,000 birds are killed yearly for the adornment of women. Last year a single London merchant is asserted to have had and 12,000 humming birds. Although the Society for the Protection of Animals, this year presented its annual "Grand Prix" to M. Hestand, the author of "Chaateleur."

FIRE MAY SWEEP IDAHO TOWNS

Mining Centres in the Coeur d'Alene Mountains in Grave Danger—Escape Depends on Direction of Wind

LITTLE TOWN OF TAFT SURROUNDED BY FIRE

Men Desperately Fighting the Flames in Several Places—Soldiers Are Ordered From American Lake Camp

SPOKANE, Aug. 12.—The fate of the towns of Wallace, Mulan and Murray, Idaho, for the next four or five days will depend largely upon the direction and velocity of the wind. "Situation very grave," is the report supervisor W. J. McLaughlin, who is spending the day in personal supervision of 100 men who were rushed from Spokane and other outside points regarding Wallace.

Fires on Pacer creek, Slate creek and Lake creek, form a semi-circle on the south and west while the fire is three or four miles distant from Wallace, and the wind would drive the flames into the town and a high wind would carry the fire over the hill tops into the city.

Taft, Idaho, the little town in the Coeur d'Alene district, with its 200 residents, may be swept off the map as the result of a fire which is now raging on the hills surrounding the hamlet. The flames are now sweeping the way down the mountain sides, and it is feared the concerted efforts of a force of fire fighters cannot save the place.

Associate District Forester Cecil Todd requisitioned thirty men for the vicinity of Medical Springs, Walla Walla county, Oregon, where the few rangers cannot cope with the fires, which are being driven by a strong wind.

Hundred soldiers have been ordered from the maneuvers at American Lake, Wash., to the Coeur d'Alene district reservation. Here a fire line of 14 miles has been maintained, but the rangers are unable to keep three townships have been burned over.

Several large bands of sheep are threatened with destruction. Fires are raging at Stanley Point, just east of Mount Hood, and at Den's mouth, where the sheep are believed to have been taken by the flames. The sheep are being driven by berry pickers.

Ketchel Disabled

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The Ketchel-Langford boat scheduled for the Fairmount Atlantic route on Tuesday next has been called off. Al. Kaufman and Langford will go ten rounds on the same date, and is suffering with boils.

RECORD NUMBER OF STOWAWAYS

Twenty-five Chinese Found on Steamship Kumeric at Seattle—Had Escaped the Searchers at Vancouver

SEATTLE, Aug. 12.—Twenty-five Chinese stowaways who had eluded the inspectors at Vancouver, B. C., were captured aboard the British steamship Kumeric, which arrived here from Hongkong, by the immigration authorities yesterday. The Chinese had waited on a room twenty feet square under the cargo of the Kumeric. They had been confined to this den since the steamship left China early in July, and planned to slip ashore when the Kumeric stopped at Vancouver, where she is going to reach Portland, where she is going to load lumber.

The Chinamen were discovered by the authorities at Vancouver, but the immigration department had had information that more were aboard, and after the cargo was nearly all discharged here instituted a thorough search of the hold of the vessel, with the result that they found their quarry, hiding in the cramped quarters in the hold of the vessel. In their little den, they cooked their food, ate and slept, a lantern lit the room, and a small stove heated the water. The men were half clad, and some were almost ill from the long confinement and scant provision of rice, tea and water. They had been aboard since July. They apparently had planned to make no attempt to escape until the vessel reached Puget, and the immigration force at Seattle is small, and as the Kumeric had been searched here and at Vancouver, the watch there would have been lax.

Beat Wit.

Probably no one had more ready wit than Sir Frank Lockwood, the lawyer. He was a tall man, and an unyielding member of his audience called out to him in the middle of his speech: "Go it, telegraph."

"My friend is mistaken in applying that term to me," Sir Frank quietly said. "He ought to claim it for himself, for though he cannot draw me out, I think I can both see through him and shut him up."

"MR. FACING BOTH WAYS."

London Express Sings Up Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Varying Sentiments on Tariff Question

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Express calls Sir Wilfrid Laurier "Mr. Facing Both Ways." He started with being a free trader, and a now protectionist. The Express says reciprocity with the United States, which is so prominent a feature of his programme is not good for England.

The Express prints the answers of a Canadian mayor to the suggestion that the king should be crowned Emperor of the British. Major Henry of Toronto, says such a campaign would be contrary to the wishes of the people of Canada, and takes the opportunity to reassure the Express that there may be other links between the Dominion and the Homeland than King, John, N. B., says that if in the King's opinion the spirit of loyalty in Canada is diminished by the suggestion that it will be most acceptably received in Canada.

Race Fight in New York

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Three white men were shot and two perhaps fatally wounded in a shooting affray and hand-to-hand fight late tonight in the Douglas Club, a negro resort in West Twenty-Eighth street. Sixty men, white and black, participated in the struggle.

Hotelkeeper Heavily Fined

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Archibald Bremner, a hotelkeeper of Sheep Creek, was fined today by Magistrate Bullock-Wobster \$200 for selling liquor without a license, or an alternative of nine months at hard labor. It was his first offence. This is the first conviction under the new act passed at the last session of the legislature.

That the scenery in the Butte's Lake Park reserve is the greatest in British Columbia, far surpassing anything to be seen elsewhere, is the opinion of the Hon. Mr. Price Ellison, who is now on his way back from a trip, during which he, the topographical and other features of the new park reserve were thoroughly examined.

The Hon. Mr. Price Ellison says that the scenery in the Butte's Lake Park Reserve surpasses anything to be found in Rockies.

In a telegram addressed to Premier McBride, the Hon. Mr. Ellison states that the mountain scenery in the vicinity of Crown Mountain. The task was a difficult one, and involved many of the details of the new show grounds of what is known as Ralph's line to the west of Vancouver, on August 15th parallel, the area surveyed lying well within about five miles of the 49th parallel, the area surveyed lying well within about five miles of the 49th parallel, the area surveyed lying well within about five miles of the 49th parallel.

Mr. Ellison states in his message that all the members of the party are well, none of them being now returning by way of Alberta.

NANAIMO SHOW

NANAIMO, Aug. 12.—The board of directors of the Nanaimo Agricultural Society, in their meeting last evening to discuss matters pertaining to the exhibition which is to be opened here on the new show grounds on September 15-16 and 17. Delegates were appointed to attend a meeting to be held in Vancouver on August 17th and 18th of representative agriculture of the province and Alberta, and officials of the Canadian Pacific railway with a view of securing cheaper rates for the exhibition.

The members of the local society are making every endeavor to make the exhibition this year a banner one. Catalogues of the show may be obtained from A. S. Tyler, secretary of the association. They contain full instructions as to entries, prize lists, etc., prizes being awarded for exhibits in fruits, vegetables, field produce, dairy produce, bread, flowers, live stock, fine arts, ladies' work, etc. Tending exhibitors are reminded that entries must be sent to the secretary on or before Monday, September 12th by 8 p. m. The rule for closing of entries is to be strictly enforced this year.

The Roman Catholic church at Wellington, which has been in disrepair for some time, is to be moved into Nanaimo to take the place for the present of the church destroyed here by fire some weeks ago. Jeffrey Plante, of this city, has been awarded the contract for the removal of the edifice, which commenced this morning.

The city council is gradually disposing of the immediate difficulties with which it is confronted at the beginning of the week. Any obstacles that there may have been as to the location of the outfalls for the city's sewerage system now under construction have been overcome, the street committee have been able to arrange a settlement with the petitioners resident on the east side of Victoria road regarding the proposed sewerage system, and the dispute with the contractors for the sewerage system has been amicably adjusted, and the threat of litigation has been withdrawn.

Archbishop Bourne for Cardinal

ROME, Aug. 12.—The Pope recently appointed Archbishop Bourne, Westminister, for establishing the British legation at Roman Catholic women. He told Monsignor Stoner that Dr. Bourne is the most meritorious member of the church, deserving the highest ecclesiastical distinction. This is taken as a direct allusion to the coming elevation of the archbishop to the cardinalate.

Campbell's Rummage Sale. This is the Last Day of Rummage Sale. 3rd and Last Day of the Rummage Sale. This is the last day on which you can partake of the phenomenally reduced prices at the Rummage Sale.

Ladies' Glove Special Tonight at Doe Skin and Mocha Gloves, pigskin, sewn in black, browns, greys and beaver. Regular, \$1.25. Tonight at 8 o'clock. Real Nappa Gloves, with red stitching and arrow points, in tans only. Regular, \$1.00. Tonight at 8 o'clock.

PARASOLS. 25 Parasols, in Mercerized Saten. Regular, \$1.75. Rummage Sale. 24 Silk Parasols, trimmed with chiffon frills, in Pink, Blue, Navy, White, Black and White. Regular, \$5.00. Rummage Sale. 10 Embroidered Linen Parasols. Regular, \$3.75. Rummage Sale. 4 Colored Silk Parasols. Regular, \$3.75. Rummage Sale. 16 Black and Fancy Silk Parasols. Regular up to \$4.25. Rummage Sale.

HEARTY WELCOME FOR SIR WILFRID. Calgary People Turn Out in Large Numbers to Meet the Premier—Reception is Entirely Non-Partisan. Sons of England. Supreme Lodge in Session at Ottawa Makes Provision for Provincial Grand Lodge.

MAROOINED PUSS MEETS DEATH. One Small and Starving Cat Perched on High Pole Puts Out Electric Lights Last Night. One small and starving cat that had been perched upon the high top of a pole for four days opposite the Thorpe Soda factory, Government street, was the cause of the sudden darkness of the electric lighting system in this city last night between 8 and 9 p. m., but the poor old cat's nine lives were of little use on this occasion—for it was burned to a cinder. A resident of the district had been endeavoring to rescue the cat by means of a high ladder and a long pole, but the cat, thinking different, jumped from the pole-top to the transmission wire, causing the wire to fall down and short-circuiting the current that passed through it. Luckily for the rescuer, he escaped from being hit by the live wire and beat a hasty retreat homeward.

BEYOND. Police in the evening, and 50000 hands with hundreds of citizens anxious to do him honor. The Maritime Province association of E. M. Macdonald, at which that member of parliament made an eloquent appeal for united action by east and west in rebuilding and strengthening the common country.

BEYOND. The reception was carried out on a mammoth scale and was entirely non-partisan, among the prominent citizens taking part being R. B. Bennett, Conservative leader in the provincial legislature. A procession was formed and Sir Wilfrid escorted to Premier Lodge. "I am glad," Sir Frank quickly rejoined, "to greet this gentleman as a member of my profession, but he need not proclaim our shortcomings to the world."