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SULTAN WAS TRICKY

But the British Authorities Were on the Alert.

ENGLISH GUNBOAT SPHINX

Despatched an Armed Party to Sultan of Oman, But He Was Obdurate.

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Bombay, Feb. 23.—Important details regarding the action of the British authorities at Muscat, the capital of the Sultanate of Oman, have just become public. It appears that the news of the lease by the Sultan of Oman of a coaling station to France on the coast of Oman leaked out while the British political agent at Muscat, Major Fagan, was absent. He promptly returned to his post, but the Sultan refused to furnish him with any information. The commander of the British gunboat Sphinx thereupon despatched a lieutenant and an armed party to Bandar-Josh, but the Sultan, hoping to receive aid from the French, continued to be obstinate. The news of the action of the British gunboats and determination to subdue the magnate who exploited the French to assist him in a policy of trickiness, reached the Sultan at 2 o'clock that afternoon. He would bombard the forts at 2.20 p.m.

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The Sultan, it appears, completely acquiesced to the British demand and measure of the session. The bill divides the metropolis of London into 15 municipalities, each electing a mayor, councillors and aldermen, with full local power. The area of the metropolis known as the city of London, under the jurisdiction of the Lord Mayor and Corporation, is not touched by the measure, which deals exclusively with the territory embraced by the administrative County of London. The new bodies will have the same powers as are now possessed by the great principal municipalities of England and will not be connected with the London County Council, the governing body of the administrative county. The council in future will deal only with matters of general metropolitan concern.

Mr. Balfour, in presenting the measure, said the Government was convinced that the plan proposed was the only one for dealing objectively with such an enormous aggregate of humanity as the population of the metropolis. It was hoped that the measure might be launched in November of next year.

Lucky strike 75 quality and quantity. The best 100 plug Kentucky chewing tobacco in Canada. Ask for it.

A Cobourg Woman Injured. A despatch from Cheyenne, Wyoming, says: "One man was killed and seven injured by the wreck of Union Pacific train No. 2, eastbound, known as the overland flyer. The dead man is Mr. Favey, a traveling man of Denver. The train was running at a high rate of speed when it struck a broken rail which was struck and left in place by the wrecking crew."

Toronto Man Gets a Job. Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Mr. White-Fraser, D. L.S., Toronto, has been appointed by the Government to survey the boundary between British Columbia and the Yukon district, and will leave for the Atlin county in the course of a week.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fair and moderately cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 38-40; Kamloops, 31-39; Calgary, 14 below-zero; Qu'Appelle, 28 below-zero; Winnipeg, 28 below-zero; Port Arthur, 6 below-zero; Parry Sound, 19-24; Toronto, 24-28; Ottawa, 15-21; Montreal, 28-30; Quebec, 20-32; Halifax, 32-42.

Moderately Cold Weather. Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 23.—(8 p.m.) The Northwest anti-cyclone is not as important as it was last night. Its accompanying cold wave, however, continues severe. The low area, which was in the St. Lawrence Valley, now covers the Gulf as a severe storm.

Deaths. CUNNINGHAM—On Feb. 22, 1899, at his residence, 354 Eglinton-avenue, James Cunningham, in his 67th year.

Funeral Friday, the 24th, at 3 p.m. to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Funeral Saturday, at 4 p.m. to St. James' Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation.

Funeral Sunday, at 9 o'clock from the residence of her aunt, 14 Duchesse-street, to St. Michael's Cemetery.

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A TALK WITH MR. PETERSEN

Gentlemanly Promoter, Who Was Thrown Down With His Fast Atlantic Scheme,

HILLSBURG, THAMESFORD, CITY NOW VISITING AT MR. M'KENZIE'S

Has His Visit to Toronto Anything to Do With Another Offer to Build a Line?

Everyone has heard of the proposed Petersen fast Atlantic service. Mr. Petersen is spending a few days with William McKenzie, President of the Toronto Street Railway, at the latter's imposing residence on the top of Avenue Hill.

Mr. Petersen is an athletically built gentleman, in the opinion of those who have seen him. He has a cordial grip of the hand and a kindly glance from two steady blue eyes.

Mr. Petersen smiled, but did not say nay. "Mr. McKenzie is an old friend of mine. I am on my way to Ottawa, and as I have been a victim of the grip the last few days, I have stayed with him."

Mr. Petersen laughed at the question, and said: "You newspaper men often get bees in your ears."

Speaking of the fast service, Mr. Petersen said his contract with the Dominion Government had expired; many difficulties had arisen and many oppositions been shown; that caused him to drop the scheme.

He felt confident that there was money in the project, but that it was not yet time to take it to the country. He estimated that a first-class service could be established for a \$7,000,000, and that the rate of speed should be at least 20 1/2 knots an hour, and four boats should be used, to secure an efficient winter port.

He professed ignorance. "What do you think of the C. P. R. scheme?"

"I never heard of it until two days ago. Are they catering for the west?"

Mr. Petersen said public opinion in England declared there was no money in the project, but that it was not yet time to take it to the country.

With a Scotchman's hospitality, the reporter was taken to a conference with Mr. Petersen, and with the latter's reminder of "Don't do it up too much to-morrow," the interview closed.

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