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SENSATIONAL RUMORS

Plot Is Said to Exist to Assassinate King Edward—It Is Lacking in Anything Like Official Confirmation—Illness Is Not Believed.

LONDON, June 17.—A sensational story is current in London tonight of the discovery of a plot to assassinate King Edward. It has created considerable discussion in newspaper circles, but is lacking in anything like official confirmation.

According to the current report King Edward's sudden illness at Aldershot was not due to a cold, but was merely an excuse for withdrawing his majesty from public functions owing to the discovery by Scotland Yard of a plot against his life. The principals in this plot have not yet been arrested. It is cited in confirmation of this story that King Edward's recovery, when he was ensconced at Windsor Castle, was as complete and speedy as his attacks had been sudden.

On the other hand, it must be pointed out that if his majesty's illness was merely diplomatic, the officials certainly took a great deal of trouble in keeping up the fiction. Sir Francis Laking, physician-in-ordinary to the king, was summoned by telegram to Aldershot. His prescriptions were hurriedly filled and everything about the king's apart-

ments indicated the genuine nature of his illness. Furthermore, King Edward's journey from Aldershot to Windsor in his motor car and his subsequent drive today in Windsor park don't indicate any fear of a violent attack upon his person.

At Scotland Yard tonight the utmost vigilance was maintained concerning these rumors. It was noticeable, however, that the chief inspectors who usually return home at night were all on duty there, and while they refused to see newspaper reporters until tomorrow morning they declined to deny or affirm the rumor.

WATCHING ANARCHISTS.

In a dispatch from Geneva, Switzerland, the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says the continental police are co-operating with the English police to prevent anarchists and evildoers from smuggling themselves into England while the coronation festivities are in progress. Numerous anarchists have recently disappeared from Zurich and Geneva, says the correspondent, and they are supposed to be waiting in Paris for a favorable opportunity to cross the channel.

CANADIAN TROOPS HIGHLY PRAISED

LONDON, June 17.—The official gazette tonight publishes a long dispatch from Lord Roberts, being a continuation of the field dispatches written when he was in command in South Africa. The communication throws no new light on the operations in the field.

Appended thereto is a long list of those signalled for distinguished mention. Lord Roberts speaks highly of the Canadian contingent, especially in connection with the unsuccessful attacks on Cookson's camp, March 21, 1900, in which he says the Canadian mounted rifles sustained the heaviest loss of the day. He particularly commends on the gallantry of Lieutenant Bruce Carruthers.

In conclusion, Lord Roberts says he wishes to record the fact that in April, 1900, Queen Victoria entrusted to him four wool scarves worked by herself which she desired to be distributed to four distinguished private soldiers of the colonial contingents of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The selection of the recipients

in each case was left to the colonial officer commanding the contingent. The Canadian scarf goes to Private, now Lieutenant Richard Rowland Thompson, of the Royal Canadian regiment, for personal gallantry in the field.

The gazette has published dispatches received from Lord Kitchener, dated April, 1902, which refer to the defeat and capture of General Methuen. In these messages Lord Kitchener expresses the opinion that General Methuen's reverse was due to the behavior of the bulk of the mounted troops of his command, who offered a feeble and inefficient resistance, and then left the infantry and the guns to struggle against superior numbers.

In another dispatch, dated March 21, he refers to the action at Brakspruit. Lord Kitchener praises highly the gallant stand made in this engagement by a handful of Canadians in an isolated position. In referring to this matter, Lord Kitchener remarks: "There have been few finer instances of heroism during the whole course of the campaign."

THIS IS IMPORTANT.

"Young Corbett" Will Begin Training Near New London.

DENVER, Colo., June 16.—"Young Corbett" has announced that he will not fight Terry McGovern in August as planned. The champion demands that the fight take place in October. Corbett will go east early in September, where he will begin training near New London, Conn.

"My fight with Sullivan on next Friday night and about the week following with Abe Attell will be the only battles I will fight before meeting McGovern," said the champion.

REDUCE THE DUTY.

LONDON, June 16.—The chancellor of the exchequer, in the house of commons today, agreed to reduce the duty on offal feedstuffs to 1-1/2 pence, and said he would consider a reduction in the duty on maize.

Handsome Donation

The employees of the Le Roi mine have made a handsome contribution to the funds for the Coronation Day celebration. Yesterday afternoon Louis A. Dunkle, superintendent of the Le Roi, handed to Nelson A. Burrill, of the finance committee, a check for \$179.50 to be applied to the demonstration fund. This handsome amount was voluntarily subscribed by the men employed at the mine and is entirely independent of the \$50 subscription from the management. The Le Roi men are receiving much credit for their exhibition of public spirit.

LABOR TROUBLE IMMINENT IN ATLIN

(Special to the Miner.)

VICTORIA, B. C., June 16.—An Ottawa special says there is little probability of the colonial conference in London resulting in Canadian goods being accorded tariff preference within the Australian commonwealth. The correspondence between Premier Barton and the Ottawa government renders this almost certain.

Skagway advices say that a labor trouble is imminent in Atlin, the miners demanding higher wages and shorter hours, while the owners say they prefer to close down rather than grant the demands.

In the chambers today, before Drake, in the War Eagle company vs. Ross-

land Miners' Union, E. P. Davis, K. C., on behalf of Galt of Rossland, solicitor for the War Eagle and Centre Star companies, applied for an order to add certain individual members of the union as defendants. Leave was granted. He further applied for the order staying the proceedings in the action until the determination of a similar action against the union by the Centre Star company, which latter company would undertake to prosecute without delay, and the action would be taken as a test case. This application was also granted. The War Eagle and Centre Star companies are suing the Miners' union for damages for coercing employees. No appearance for the union to oppose the applications.

SMELTERS FOR THE YUKON TERRITORY

(Special to the Miner.)

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 15.—Among the possibilities of the near future in Canada's golden north, the Yukon territory, are two smelters. There is an agitation going on in Dawson for the erection of a smelter there, particularly since the finding of good copper above Selkirk. The rock resembles the Whitehorse specimens, and it is claimed the ore carried is good enough to pay for the working, leaving the copper as profit. It is said in Dawson that Ladue and the North American Transportation & Trading company have made offers for the property, its nearness to the river bank enabling it to be easily worked, and the product shipped without much delay.

Whitehorse, the present terminus of the White Pass and Yukon railway, may get a smelter before Dawson. William Perkins, a well known northerner who died a short time ago, just before his demise sold quartz claims at Whitehorse to the Moore Investment company of Seattle. In the agreement of sale the Seattle people promised to put up a 200-ton smelter if no one else did so this year. If such a building is

erected it will be put up in the city proper, and there are, according to today's advices from the north, several hundred claims within ten miles of the town which would wake to activity. The stampede to Chicken Creek, in the Forty Mile country, is not quite so pronounced as a few weeks ago, but people are still attracted to Chicken, particularly Miller and Glacier creeks. On 7 below discovery on Chicken it is stated that as high as \$22 to the pan has been taken out. It is not advisable, however, to believe all that Puget Sound papers say about this district, as their object is to distract people from Dawson and Canadian territory to the Yukon district on their own side of the line.

The Dominion government dislikes to see that any of its servants have relations with members of the half-world. D. Menzie, formerly of Vancouver, who was collector of customs at Whitehorse, has been removed, and H. B. Shadwell has been appointed in his place. The cause for Mr. Menzie's removal is said to have been the publication of an article showing that he had relations with Roma Dean, one of the most prominent of the demi-monde at the northern town.

MANY BUILDINGS GOING UP IN KASLO

(Special to the Miner.)

KASLO, B. C., June 14.—The Bank of British North America, Kaslo branch, are having a more commodious and centrally located business premises prepared. They hope to be able to move into their new quarters in July. What with these operations, the drill hall in course of construction, the Catholic church nearly completed, private residences being built and a hospital shortly to be commenced, the Kaslo carpenters and stone cutters are being kept quite busy.

Miss Pauline Johnson, the famous Mohawk poetess, has arranged to pay our city a visit in the near future. She has visited England and Europe since her last trip through British Columbia, and her style and education have received a further finish. It is understood she hopes to arrange to go on to Rossland from here and then visit the coast.

The ore shipments through Kaslo this week are as follows: Slocan Star 154 tons, Whitewater mines 206 1/2 tons, American Boy 49 tons, Rambler-Cariboo 45 tons, Bismarck 23 tons.

The Rambler will, from now on, continue to make large shipments. The management ceased shipping for a few weeks owing to the bad and unsafe state of the roads. The snow is still of most unprecedented depth around the neighboring mountains, and work on many of the mines has been up to the present, considerably retarded. The reports from Woodberry creek state that from four to six feet of snow is still lying around the workings of the various claims, and the management of the Washington Mining company, Slocan district, report that their tunnel is still clogged with ice and snow for some 250 feet downwards.

QUEEN WILHELMINA RECOVERING HER COLOR

BERLIN, June 16.—Queen Wilhelmina of Holland is convalescing at Castle Schanburg, in the valley of the Lahn. She drives out daily with the queen mother and is recovering her color. The young queen smilingly acknowledges the greetings of the wayfarers whom she passes.

The emperor sent word a week ago that he intended to visit the queen, but her majesty felt so badly at that time that she asked the emperor to defer his coming.

RUDOLPH BOEG.

In Charged With Stealing Subscriptions From German Paper.

WINNIPEG, Man., June 16.—Rudolph Boeg, the German editor of Regina, who is charged with stealing subscription lists from the office of Winnipeg's German newspaper, Der Norddeutscher, with the view of establishing a rival paper here, was arraigned in the police court today, but was remanded. On Boeg's person when searched was found a draft of agreement between himself and Hon. Robert Rogers, in which the latter agreed to advance \$5000 if Boeg would move his newspaper plant to Winnipeg and publish a paper here.

W. C. Rhodes, manager of the Calgary branch of Molsons Bank, is dead.

TO MEET AMERICAN ADMIRAL

Dinner Given in Berlin to Rear Admiral Charles O'Neill.

BERLIN, June 16.—Admiral von Reitz, the secretary of the admiralty, gave a dinner tonight in honor of Rear Admiral Charles O'Neill, United States navy, who has recently returned from Düsseldorf, where he had attended the naval congress. A number of German ministers and naval officials of high rank were invited to meet the American admiral.

MILLIONAIRE ADAMS.

On Trial for Owning and Maintaining Policy Shops.

NEW YORK, June 16.—Albert Adams, who is said to be a millionaire, was placed on trial today in the supreme court before Justice Scott on the charge that he was maintaining and owned policy shops. After a jury had been secured Assistant District Attorney Schurman opened the case for the prosecution, saying that in a raid made some months ago on an office occupied by Adams a trunk filled with copies of policy stamps were found. Adams appeared to be ill when he appeared in court, and, according to his attorney, he is suffering from diabetes.

THE MONTREAL SUBWAY.

Tunnel Will Be Nearly Two Miles Long—Will Cost \$3,000,000.

MONTREAL, June 16.—C. W. Emerson of Boston, chief engineer of the Montreal-Longueuil subway, has arrived in the city and will begin boring in a few days. The proposed tunnel will be nearly two miles long, a double tube, each measuring 27 feet by 21 feet, and the cost is placed at about \$3,000,000.

The Question of Cuban Reciprocity Centered in a Conference of Republican Senators—Impression That Legislation Is Impossible.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Interest in the question of Cuban reciprocity was centered today in the conference of Republican senators to be held tomorrow night at the request of the Republican members of the committee on Cuban relations. With the determination to hold a conference, senators appear to have largely dismissed the question from their minds and most of them have turned their attention to other questions.

The best sugar men have been encouraged so much by recent occurrences that many of them claim that the decision at the conference will be adverse to any legislation whatever in the interests of Cuba. They still claim twenty Republicans who will oppose any effort for legislation on the floor of the senate, and they assert that many

others are in sympathy with them and so will express themselves at the conference. Friends of the measure say, however, there can be no doubt that the conference will pronounce for the Spooner bill and that it will be reported to the senate by the committee having it in charge.

There was some renewal today of the talk of a treaty with Cuba, and it was stated that it was very probable that it would be sent to the senate before the adjournment of the present session.

The impression is strong that legislation, either in the form of an act or a treaty, is quite out of the question for this session. Some of the reciprocity leaders freely admit this, while others more hopeful don't go so far even though they admit the chances are doubtful.

NEW PHASE OF ANTHRACITE STRIKE

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 17.—Because the general manager would not discharge five guards, whose relatives are still at work in the mines, the Wilkesbarre Lacle Manufacturing Company, the largest in the United States, was compelled to shut down today. Between 800 and 1000 persons are affected.

The general strike situation remains unchanged. The miners report that more men came out today and the coal company officials, on the contrary, claimed that they are increasing their forces around the collieries. Some of the men are used in the fire rooms and at the pumps and others were engaged in guard duty.

There is a persistent rumor that non-union men will be brought into the coal fields to mine coal. This cannot be done, because practically all the anthracite miners in the country are located in this region and all are on strike. New men cannot take their places, because under the laws of Penn-

sylvania no man can be employed as a miner without first having obtained a certificate showing that he had two years' experience in anthracite mining. The only way the companies can start their collieries is by a break in the ranks of the strikers. At present there is no indication of a break. There was a mysterious air about the strike headquarters all day. President Mitchell was unusually reticent, he having not a word to say regarding either the anthracite or the West Virginia strike.

President Fahey of the lower district held a conference with President Mitchell, but nothing important was discussed. The eviction of strikers from their homes is troubling some of the locals, but up to this time they have been able to care for those who have been unable to pay their rent. The number of evictions thus far has been small, but it will naturally increase as the strike grows older. A large percentage of the nearly 150,000 idle men live in houses owned by the coal companies.

SITUATION IN PAWTUCKET.

Militia to Be Withdrawn—A Few Cases of Stone Throwing.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., June 16.—When, in the opinion of ten prominent citizens, including Mayor Fitzgerald and Chief of Police Rice, tranquility has been restored in place of mob rule, the militia ordered here last Thursday by Governor Kimball in connection with the street car strike will be withdrawn. This conclusion was reached at a meeting between Governor Kimball, Brigadier-General Tanner and fifty business men at the state armory today. With the exception of four cases of stone throwing, the day was quiet. Cars were operated on all local lines in this city during the day and in Central Falls as usual, but were withdrawn tonight. Preparations are being made at the armory for a prolonged stay.

MURDERER GORDON.

Will Be Executed Next Friday—Shows a Changed Condition.

WINNIPEG, June 16.—Walter Gordon, the Whitewater murderer, upon whom the death sentence will be carried out on Friday of this week at Brandon, has of late become more reconciled to his fate and has paid the closest attention to the ministrations of his spiritual adviser. In spite of his changed attitude the vigilance has not been relaxed. Gordon has since been watched with the greatest care since the death sentence was imposed, as he at one time showed some desire to make away with himself.

RAILWAY COLLISION.

From Four to Six Passengers Killed and Many Injured.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 12.—A report just received says a passenger and combination train on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway collided between Hooker and Whiteside, near here, this afternoon. From four to six passengers, it is reported, were killed and many injured.

IT LOOKS SERIOUS.

500 Strikers in Virginia Armed With Rifles, Pistols, Etc.

ROANOKE, Va., June 16.—A number of miners returning from the coal fields reached here tonight. They report a very serious state of affairs around Simmons Creek and Good Will mines on the West Virginia side. They say that about 500 strikers armed with rifles, revolvers, etc., today were marching from Scranton toward North Fork and demanding that the non-union men now at work quit. They also say that the strikers have taken charge of the Good Will and Simmons Creek mines and have announced their determination not to allow the workers to resume tomorrow morning, and will resist them or any attempt that may be made by the mine owners to resume work.

A CLOUDBURST.

SCRANTON, Pa., June 16.—A veritable cloudburst occurred here this afternoon, flooding the cellars and causing the river to rise and threatening the mine openings.

Charles Robinson, the Delaware & Hudson watchman, who was shot at Oliphant Saturday night, will recover. He is unable to throw any light on the mystery as to who did the shooting. The coal companies continue to arrest strikers who molest employees.

FOR CANADA

ON 14th INST.

Word was received here by cable yesterday that Anthony J. McMillan and his colleagues on the special committee formed by the shareholders of the Le Roi company leave Liverpool for New York per the Cunard liner "Umbria" on Saturday next. It is presumed that the slight delay in the departure of the committee from England has been due to their desire to confer with Messrs. Dickenson and Haggard, who recently left Rossland for London.