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ALL EYES ON CHINA

Outbreaks of Boxers Claim Attention of the Great Powers.

CRISIS CONFRONTS GREAT BRITAIN

While Her Land Troops Are 6000 Miles Away.

ALL OFF WITH JOÉ MARTIN.

Yukon Council Discussed Before Parliamentary Committee—Collects and Disburses Its Funds.

(From Friday's Daily.)
London, June 9, via Skagway, June 15.—The Chinese question which at the beginning of the week was a very small cloud upon the horizon now overshadows everything else in importance. England is face to face with an international crisis at a time when her land forces are almost entirely absent at a distance of 6000 miles.

All reports from China indicate that the Boxer movement is growing and the situation is daily becoming graver.

The destruction of a Russian chapel at Tieng-Tingan provided that country with a pretext to land more troops. French agents in various towns where the Boxers are strong have been compelled to retire, which has provoked the French nation, and action is now being taken by them to secure redress.

There is no doubt left that the Chinese embassy and most of the high government officials are actuated from sympathy with the Boxers, if not lending them aid and support. The Chinese government has entered a protest against the landing of so many foreign troops, to which none of the foreign ministers have as yet replied.

The American mission at Pie Tang Chow was destroyed yesterday, but the missionaries fled in safety to Pao Ting Fu, where they found refuge. The Tientsin railroad has been crippled by the Boxers and is no longer in operation.

All the newspapers comment upon the gravity of the situation, which most of them believe will result in the ultimate partition of the Chinese empire.

Martin Downed.

Victoria, B. C., June 10, via Skagway, June 15.—Joseph Martin will not build a railroad with the money of the people of British Columbia, nor will the opportunity be given to him to inflict any experimental legislation upon the province. The people have pronounced against him in no uncertain terms, and there is no possibility of him being returned again to power.

Admiralty Court.

Ottawa, June 10, via Skagway, June 15.—An admiralty court has been created for the Yukon.

Yukon Council Discussed.

Ottawa, June 9, via Skagway, June 15.—J. A. Smart, deputy in the office of the minister of the interior, was examined here today by the public accounts committee with reference to the revenues derived from the Yukon territory. He testified that the department practically has no supervision over the affairs of the Yukon council. The council sends the minutes of its meetings to Ottawa, but in the matter of collecting and expending revenues does about as it pleases, the only exception being in the case of liquor permits,

which are issued by the department direct.

The money derived from this source is expended in the territory. During the last fiscal year this revenue amounted to over \$100,000.

Another Failure.

Ottawa, June 9, via Skagway, June 15.—An official report has been issued by the receiver for the Klondike and Columbia Gold Fields Co. The report states that the promoter of the company, J. Morris Colton, imposed upon the confidence of the directors whom he induced to entrust to him for investment the sum of \$50,000. The mining interests which he claimed to own amount to nothing and the assets of the company are nil.

Yukon Railway.

Ottawa, June 9, via Skagway, June 15.—In the house of commons Sir Chas. Tupper urged the consideration of bills incorporating the Alaska-Yukon and Alaska, and the Northwestern railroads. Sir Charles' request was opposed by Mr. Blair, who insisted that no more charters should be granted to any railroads from the international boundary line. The matter was dropped.

William at It Again.

Emperor William II. has again succeeded with a little match in kindling a great European flame. A new half penny paper has been recently started in London, to be known as the Daily Express. C. Arthur Pearson, the founder thereof, has already made a considerable fortune in magazines. The new venture starts with five magnificent Hoe presses, run by electricity, linotype machines, and, in short, a complete outfit of the very latest and best American machinery. Mr. Pearson has made his modest beginning with 750,000 copies daily, except Sunday, when he does not publish. Foreign news is to be made a specialty, and to insure its lively treatment the bulk of the staff has been imported from the United States. Now, what does Emperor William do on the eve of the first appearance of the Daily Express but dispatch its editor a sample of his famous brand of congratulatory telegram:

"I offer my good wishes," he wrote, "for the success of the Daily Express, which, as I understand, proposes to foster that most excellent of missions—the promotion of international good will."

Innocent enough to all appearances this, yet immediately there has arisen throughout Europe a hubbub of the first dimensions. The French newspapers have led the way with characteristic impetuosity. The least violent simply dub the whole story a lie, and a remarkably clever dodge on the part of the new journal to make a sensational beginning. Others admit the kaiser's present Anglomania, but imply that Wilhelm's friendships, though demonstrative, are of corresponding flightiness. Still another ends a long editorial with the calm words: "For us Wilhelm is even worse now than before, since he has become more than ever the friend of our enemy—England." The Viennese papers are less inclined to a final pronouncement, but agree that the incident is very significant. Italy takes a business view of the situation, as a brilliant piece of journalism on the part of the Daily Express. Incidentally it might be implied that an emperor should have a little more dignity, and not be played for gratis advertising in such a palatable way by the clever Englishmen.

A Narrow Escape.

About 8 o'clock last night a yell of "man overboard" brought all the street promenaders down to the water front. Several thousand "rubber necks" were soon busy with suggestions as to the best means of extricating from the river a man whose entire anatomy save and excepting his head was buried beneath the turbid waters of the Yukon.

A friend in a canoe was making desperate efforts to reach the endangered man but the latter made no apparent effort to save himself and most of the crowd on the bank pronounced him a "dead one." Another boat shot out from the bank with two men in it, both of whom pulled excitedly toward the spot.

It was a race between the boat and the canoe, both of which, however, reached the place together. As they came up the man suddenly stood up in the water and about five feet of him became visible to the naked eye. He was on a sand bar in about 12 inches of water. The crowd gave a grunt of disappointment and dispersed.

Carbon paper for sale at the Nugget office.

YUKON COUNCIL

Transacted a Large Amount of Business Yesterday.

NEWSPAPER ORDINANCE IS PASSED.

Inquisitorial Law at Length Placed on the Statutes.

LICENSES AT WHITE HORSE.

Matter of Taxation Comes Up Again—Indigents and Insane Patients Discussed.

The following is the record of the most important business transacted by the Yukon council at its meeting held yesterday afternoon.

A communication was received from the comptroller stating that complaints had been made that hawkers are selling fruit, and intruding upon the rights of transient traders. The comptroller suggested that an amendment be made to the ordinance of the Northwest territories respecting peddlers. Referred to the legal adviser to prepare an ordinance to meet the case.

A communication was received from the acting license inspector asking for an opinion as to whether or not a license may be legally extended where the date of the extension would exceed 12 months from the date of the new tariff. Referred to the legal adviser.

A communication was presented from W. Germer asking for the building of a sidewalk on Third street. Referred to the commissioner.

A communication was received from the comptroller with respect to the care of lunatics, and their transportation to the outside, stating that no appropriation had been made for this service and recommending that such expenses be taken from the contingent appropriation. The communication made further inquiry as to whether payment should be made to the police for extras which had been supplied to lunatics.

It was resolved that the comptroller be instructed to make the payments referred to in his letter out of the contingent appropriation.

A communication was presented from Mrs. Shantz in which an offer was made to take charge of an insane woman during her transportation to the outside. Referred to the commissioner.

A report was presented from Mr. Clement on the application of the Yukon Telephone Syndicate, Ltd., for letters patent, in which he stated that he had examined the papers and found that the petitioners had complied with the provisions of the companies' ordinance. The clerk was instructed to notify Messrs. Tabor & Hulme, for the applicants, that letters patent would be prepared upon the fee being paid to the comptroller.

The municipal committee then presented the following reports:

The municipal committee to which was referred the respective petitions of Messrs. Holmes and Strait recommend that the commissioner and the chairman of the public works committee be authorized to make arrangements with the petitioners for the erection of scales, provided that these scales do not interfere with the public traffic, and provided that they be placed on a site subject to the approval of the commissioner and the chairman of the public works committee.

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Girouard.

Resolved, That the above reports of the municipal committee be adopted.

The hospital committee then presented the following report:

The hospital committee, to which was referred the question of indigents, beg to recommend:

First—That the tender of Mr. J. A. Greeve, undertaker, be accepted.
Second—That the consideration of

the question of how to prevent patients who have money from obtaining admission to the hospitals as indigents, recommend that no action be taken on this matter until the present system of inquiry have further trial.

Moved by Mr. Girouard, seconded by Mr. Senkler.

Resolved, That the above report of the hospital committee be adopted.

The finance committee then presented the following report:

The finance committee, to which was referred several questions, beg to submit:

First—Consideration was given in conjunction with the legal adviser to the question of providing for the collection of taxes, and it was arranged with the legal adviser to prepare an ordinance with this end in view, which should be submitted to council.

Second—In respect to the assistance to indigents the committee recommends that each individual case be submitted to the council, and in the absence of a quorum during the holidays, to the member or members thereof in town.

Moved by Mr. Girouard, seconded by Mr. Senkler.

Resolved, That the above report of the finance committee be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Justice Dugas, seconded by Mr. Girouard.

Resolved, That the ordinance respecting meetings of the Yukon council, be now read a third time. The ordinance was accordingly read a third time, and the commissioner having put the question that this bill do now pass, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The council then resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider an ordinance respecting newspapers, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Justice Dugas, chairman, reported the bill agreed to with certain amendments. The amendments were then read and agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Justice Dugas, seconded by Mr. Girouard.

Resolved, That the ordinance respecting newspapers be now read a third time.

The ordinance was accordingly read a third time and the commissioner having put the question that this bill do now pass, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Justice Dugas.

Resolved, That the ordinance respecting the Dawson Electric Light & Power Company, Ltd., be now read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole council.

The ordinance was accordingly read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole council.

The council then adjourned.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

The finale of the Matheson case so far as the police court is concerned with one of the brothers, Samuel, came up this morning, the evidence in the case having been heard yesterday. Magistrate Pimrose's order was that, fraud being apparent in the acts of Matheson, he be required to pay forthwith to the complainant, who was a laborer in Matheson's employ, the sum of \$480, and in default of such payment to be confined in jail for a period of two months. John Matheson was not present in court, nor has he been during the trial of the case; therefore, action concerning him was deferred until proof of the service of the summons upon him is obtained. In stating yesterday that 22 complaints were filed against Matheson Bros. the reporter erred, as the case in which judgment was given this morning was the only one, it having been entered as a test case. The remainder will, if not settled out of court, probably be entered at once. Attorney Howden, for Matheson, gave notice this morning of appeal to the higher court, which appeal will be granted.

No End of Season.

Hitherto the work of mining has been practically suspended during the summer, but this season will differ from its predecessors in that the work will be carried along on many of the creeks and especially on hillside and bench claims during the entire summer when, it is only reasonable that more progress will be made than during the same period of time in the winter months, for the reason that the present season is more favorable to work, a laborer being able to accomplish fully one-third more now than in the same length of time when darkness prevailed and when the mercury was 50 degrees below zero. No trouble will be experienced from frozen dumps during the summer, and the amounts of gold taken from many claims during the four summer months than in the six months of winter work. It is said that more than one-half the claims in the district will be worked this summer, and the work of cleaning up will be continuous from now until the advent of freezing weather.

"Fitz" is All Right.

Considerable consternation prevailed at the Nugget office for a while today, owing to the fact that Mr. E. J. Fitzpatrick of the staff has not been seen by his associates since early this morning. Just as the matter of "Fitz'" disappearance was to be turned over to the police, a list of the Flora's incoming passengers came into the office, when it was seen that among the names appeared those of Mrs. E. J. Fitzpatrick, son and daughter. If the derelict member of the staff does not report by Monday, his seat will be declared vacant.

FLORA ARRIVES

From White Horse With Eighty Passengers and Full Cargo of Freight.

FOUR STEAMERS AT HEAD OF LEBARGE.

Canadian, Victorian, Yukoner and Gold Star.

WATER-RISING VERY SLOWLY.

Yukoner's Passengers Transferred to Cossitt—Ora is Due Monday—Flora Sails Tomorrow.

After flirting with all the sand bars and flats between Whitehorse and Dawson, and escaping capture from all of them, the saucy little steamer Flora, of the Klondike Corporation, Ltd., swept down the river and was tied up to her dock by 11 o'clock, having left Whitehorse at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, just 50 hours previous to her arrival here, the actual running time on the down trip being less than 45 hours.

Capt. J. J. Campbell, master, and Capt. Martineau, pilot, on the Flora were both seen on her arrival and from them was learned some reliable information regarding the condition of the upper lakes and rivers. From them it is learned that the steamers Canadian, Victorian, Yukoner and Gold Star are all resting their hulls on a bar at the upper end of Lake Lebarge, all four being in sight of each other. When the Flora passed that point day before yesterday in the afternoon, she was drawing 29 inches of water and Capt. Martineau says there was not room under her hull for an eel to crawl; but the water is slowly rising at that point.

In the 48 hours previous to the passing of Thirtymile by the Flora the water had raised two inches in the river; but from the mouth of Big Salmon on to Dawson the water is falling quite noticeably. The Pelly is said to be almost dry, something never before known in the history of the country at this season of the year.

The steamer Ora had crossed the Lebarge bar safely and was met by the Flora within three hours run of Whitehorse. She is expected to return to Dawson by Sunday or Monday.

The Sybil was met yesterday afternoon at Heilsga and was getting on well as will be able to go on direct to Whitehorse without delay.

The Yukoner's passengers were carried on to Whitehorse by the little steamer Cossitt, two trips being required to effect the transfer. Captain Campbell and Martineau agree that there must be a material rise in the water on the Lebarge bar before the large steamers will be able to continue on the downward trip to this place. Major Wood, who was ordered from Tagish to this place to fill the positions formerly occupied by Major Perry, is one of the many passengers on the big steamer Canadian.

The Flora's officers say that the trains are running into Whitehorse regularly, giving to that "burg" the appearance of a metropolitan point. Considerable building is going on there and the new town has that air of rush and progress found only in the far northwest.

Regarding the amount of freight and number of people at Bennett destined for Dawson and on down the river, the Flora's officers can not speak authoritatively, although they say it is reported that the freight now at Bennett is estimated at 6000 tons.

A Royalty Gathering Trip.

Captain Starnes returned yesterday from a trip to the forks and creeks on a royalty collecting mission. While at the forks he held a short session of court, disposing of two cases. It is unfortunate that a man of the captain's affable disposition should be sent out to collect royalty; as under any other circumstances the miners would be pleased to receive a call from him. But the appearance of Joseph Chamberlain himself would not be hailed with any large sized degree of delight if he was to appear in the role of a collector of royalty.

CAPE NOME TO

Will Become a Rail Road

Proposed Line From Port Safety Talks in Seattle.

From Saturday

There is said to be the speedy construction of a line along the coast from Port Clarence to a distance of a little over 100 miles.

Word reached Seattle agents of the J. S. K. of Nome, are now in arrangements for the construction of the line through the Three Fairview, New Klondike, Penny, Nome and districts. As has been the survey of the line last November and the surveyor's blue prints were the Kimball express to which place, until their disposition has been made.

It is understood that the company, has been busy with the project, Kimball in person. will be the regulation narrow gauge in size, but that it will be a prize is assured by traffic results to be reported.

United States Deputy Smith, now at the was one of the priming the White Pass, talked at length of the night.

"If the road is directly," said Mr. prove the most lucrative length in the United States, its northern become general district has the only deep American side of there are from seven water at this point charge their cargo during the entire operation.

"This reminds me of the Kimball Company few weeks ago that and damage in Nome last year is mated to exceed \$3, then, that the Nome season is but three 1899. There you over \$10,000,000 for is prodigious when plated and can all being fraternity by a tion from Port Clarence.

"There are no gatered, as the route coast margin of the level. Therefore, the longest should see world to be the one world to make claim gold sand.

"I hope that but the inauguration of work. It cannot produce a bonanza investment as it can be operated, and moreover, will only see the development of this country.

"In this connection, the gold tend the entire district would insure returns engaged in it. I am reminded, too, accommodations at would mean a production of the immediately adjoining beyond peradventure.

"I recall that when the cargo of last year, we paid \$8, using them, it ten hours out of the sure no vessels unescaped an expense ton. Taking into the thousands of it will go into the realization of the in lighterage will be a large figure."

Mr. Smith believes that a road will link in a gigantic tap the whole Port June 4.

Horrors of Bombay, June 3. New York, published