

ALMOST COLLIDED. The Columbia and Walla Walla Narrowly Avert A Collision.

The story of the wealth of the Clondyke has reached the Orient, for on the steamer Columbia, the new steamer of the Northern Pacific line, which arrived this morning, were four miners from Yukon, who will outfit here for the gold fields.



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SIR WILFRID AT MONTREAL.

Demonstration in Honor of Premier's Return Eclipses All Previous Displays.

The Presentation of the Address by Major Smith—The Reply of the Premier.

Montreal, Aug. 31.—As Sir Wilfrid Laurier approaches the heart of the country the demonstrations in his honor gather force.

A number of the premier's colleagues assembled at Montreal for the purpose of going down the river to give the chief a welcome home.

Dense crowds thronged the streets to welcome the premier. Jacques Cartier Square and the City Hall were brilliantly decorated and illuminated with lanterns and flags.

Mayor Smith presented the address, which said: "It cannot fail to redound to the honor of Canada that you have returned to us."

"Your name has thus become identified with the event, the results of which must have an influential bearing upon the destinies of Canada and the other British colonies, and which will occupy an important place in the history of this Dominion."

"The event of to-day, this immense gathering of your fellow citizens, united by common thoughts, is a consecration, a justification of your noble utterances, and shows that over and above political or race feeling, there always exists—thank Heaven—a sense of justice which renders homage to true merit, talent, loyalty and patriotism."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said in reply: "We have attracted attention to our nation and our voice for the first time has been heard amongst the nations of the earth."

"I renew from the bottom of my heart my thanks, and ask you in the name of my wife and on my own behalf to accept this expression of our deep and heartfelt gratitude."

Sir Wilfrid seemed genuinely glad to be once more among his old friends. He appeared in perfect health.

St. Paul, Aug. 31.—Reports of frost last night came from a few points in southern Minnesota and North Dakota.

Tacoma, Sept. 1.—A big landslide occurred at tunnel No. 4 on the Northern Pacific railway several miles west of the summit of the Cascades yesterday.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 31.—Ten saloons in Kansas City were raided by the police last night; \$3,000 worth of liquor was seized and poured into the gutter.

London, Sept. 1.—The eastern-bound passenger train was thrown from the track and precipitated down an embankment at Mayfield, in Sussex, this morning.

New York, Aug. 31.—Mrs. John Drew is dying. The veteran comedienne, who has worn the mask of comedy for so many years, who wooed both laughter and tears for three generations of playgoers, is peacefully passing away at Larchmont, N. Y. Death may come at any moment.

JOHN CHARLTON'S VIEWS.

He Discusses the Proposed Export Duty on Logs.

Toronto, Sept. 1.—John Charlton, M.P., has a letter in the morning papers again discussing the question of the lumber trade. He points out that the duty of \$2, as at present, is the same that was levied for many years prior to 1870.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

President Faure and the Czar Still Busy Exchanging Congratulatory Telegrams.

There is No Longer Any Doubt About an Alliance Having Been Formed.

Paris, Sept. 1.—It was given out to-day on the arrival of President Faure at Dunkirk yesterday morning he sent a dispatch to the Czar, saying: "At the moment that I place my foot once more on the soil of France my first thought is for Your Majesty, Her Majesty the Empress, and the whole Russian nation."

"The Empress and myself are extremely grateful for your kind words just sent this. With pleasure, I shall preserve the memory of the visit paid by the president of the republic to Russia, whose heart once more beats in unison with that of France."

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CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Fruit Shipments From Niagara District —County Treasurer in Trouble.

Hamilton, Sept. 1.—By running Canadian Pacific cars over the Hamilton, Grimsby & Buffalo Electric Railway, fruit shipments from Niagara district are greatly facilitated.

Kingston, Ont., Sept. 1.—By an investigation into the books of County Treasurer Vanavel, of Frontenac, more serious defalcations than were expected have been discovered.

St. John's, Que., Sept. 1.—Miss Chan-How military store and the residence of Ed Arpin were badly damaged by fire this morning. The members of the Arpin family narrowly escaped being burned to death.

THE MINERS' STRIKE.

Probability of a Settlement Being Reached Within Forty-Eight Hours.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 31.—A prominent coal operator in the Pittsburgh district said last night that the miners' strike would probably be settled, temporarily, at least, within the next forty-eight hours, on a basis of 64 cents per ton, pending arbitration.

Ottawa, Iowa, Aug. 31.—At a recent meeting of the miners held in this city, a resolution was passed assessing all the miners in the state 25 cents per week for their aid. The delegate to the meeting of miners of Low Field, including Apollonico and Wayne counties, held at Mytic, acted, repudiating this agreement.

"The assessment will stand, but the money will go only to the legal strikers. It is said that other miners in the state will follow suit."

WITH THE RIFLEMEN.

Marksmen at Rideau Range Favored by Good Weather—Dominion of Canada Match.

Winnipeg to Banquet Mr. Wade —The Premier Expected in Ottawa —To-Morrow Night.

Ottawa, Aug. 31.—The marksmen on the Rideau range were again favored with excellent weather to-day. The Dominion of Canada match, which was started last night, was finished this afternoon.

"The first individual prize, \$25 and a cup given by Lieut-Governor Patterson, of Manitoba, goes to Lieut. Gilchrist, B.F.A., Guelph, with 96 points; Lieut. Ross, of the Thirteenth, Hamilton, second, \$20, 95 points; and Sergt. McNelly, of the 13th, third, \$18, with 93 points."

Last year, Skeedon, of the Thirteenth battalion, also got the Davis cup for the team prize in this match, and this year they have again got it with a score of 548; Forty-Third, Ottawa, being second, with 523.

In the Dominion of Canada match Lieut. Evans, Winnipeg, got \$16, with 92 points; Hueston, British Columbia, \$6, with 87 points; Cunningham got \$5, with 86 points; Butler, \$4, with 85; Wilson, \$4, with 83, and Miller, \$4, with 83.

Ottawa, Sept. 1.—The weather was splendid on Rideau range to-day, and the shooting was good. Hon. J. M. Gibson, president of the association, was on the grounds.

Firing commenced in the Walker match this morning. This is for a challenge cup open to teams, there being four prizes and an individual cup.

The team which took the first prize, cup and \$48, was the 13th Batt., Hamilton, with a score of 542; second, 42 Royal Grenadiers, 539; third, 336 Royal Grenadiers, 531; fourth, 304, 48th Highlanders, 530; fifth, 324, 43rd, Ottawa, 527; sixth, 818, 45th second batt., Ottawa, 518.

For the individual cup Lt. T. Mitchell, 13th Batt., tied with H. E. Davidson, of the 48th Highlanders, and Pte Heller, of the Grenadiers, with a score of 96 points. The ties will be fired off.

F. C. Wade, who is here, has received a letter from the citizens of Winnipeg, asking him to accept a banquet before going to the Yukon. Mr. Wade will leave to-day or to-morrow to see Mr. Sifton at Lake Champlain.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will arrive here to-morrow night at 8 p.m. Major Walsh, who was her last evening, leaves for the west two weeks from yesterday. He will stay over two days at Winnipeg.

Frank Bedley, of Toronto, takes charge of his new office as superintendent of immigration here to-morrow. An order-in-council has been passed allowing petroleum to be warehoused until ready for delivery.

The President of the United States has awarded magnificent binocular glasses to Captain William Davidson, of the brigantine Africa, of Hantsport, N. S., for humane services in rescuing the crew of the American schooner Thomas N. Stone.

A hacking cough keeps the bronchial tubes in a state of constant irritation, which, if not speedily removed, may lead to chronic bronchitis. No prompt remedy can be found than Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Its effect is immediate and the result permanent.

SITUATION IN TROUBLED INDIA.

Disquieting News Has Been Received from Quetta, a British Post in Baluchistan.

Bombay, Aug. 31.—Great relief is felt in official circles here over the news that the tribesmen who yesterday blockaded Kohat pass had been dispersed.

The advance columns of troops proceeded toward Kohat from Peshawar this morning. Dispatches received from Peshawar to-day say that all is quiet there, though an occasional shot is exchanged between the advance posts and the insurgents.

The cavalry made a reconnaissance at daybreak to-day in force as far as the entrance to Khyber Pass without discovering the enemy.

The notorious Mullah of Haddah, who has been at the bottom of a great deal of the present trouble, is reported to have refused to send assistance to the Afridis, who begged him for aid.

M. Mellin in lauding the president the congratulations of the cabinet, was warmly applauded. The immense crowds present enthusiastically cheered the chief magistrate of France.

New York, Aug. 31.—A special cable to the Sun from Paris says: "This city was awake early this morning to enjoy a specially declared holiday to celebrate the alliance with Russia."

Anti-German demonstrations are looked for, as while government officials know better the masses insist that the alliance means Alsace-Lorraine to be restored to France.

President Faure is the national idol, and the difficulties which hitherto beset his administration have all vanished in the present enthusiasm.

The president is expected to arrive from Dunkirk at noon, at which hour the formal celebration begins.

At the moment of writing in many of the churches special Te Deums were sung. Workmen were busy all night putting the finishing touches to the decorations, and by morning the city was gorgeous in patriotic decorations.

Everywhere the French tri-color and Russian eagle are in evidence.

THE WORLD'S CROPS.

The Austrian Minister of Agriculture Issues His Annual Report on the Situation.

Canada and the U. S. the Only Favored Countries—Former's Big Crop of Wheat.

Buda Pesth, Aug. 30.—The minister of agriculture has issued his annual estimate of the crops, in which he describes the world's harvest as extraordinarily light.

The total yield of wheat is placed at 573,700,000 metric hundred weight, while the present annual requirements are estimated at 655,150,000 metric hundred weight.

It is calculated that for 1897 and 1898 there will be a shortage of 50,800,000 hundred weight. The stocks remaining on hand from 1896 are approximately estimated at somewhere between 38,000,000 and 45,000,000.

The world's deficits are estimated as follows: Rice, 69,000,000 hectolitres; barley, 38,000,000; oats, 58,000,000; and corn, 66,000,000.

The report states that many exporting countries, such as European Turkey, Egypt, Australia, and Austria-Hungary, will either be unable to export grain or be compelled to import, while others, including British India, Argentina and Chili, will have their wheat export considerably reduced.

The favored countries are Canada and the United States, the former of which will soon be one of the most important exporting countries, its excess over last year's production being 7,000,000 bushels of wheat and 20,000,000 oats. Its output of all sorts of grain will be 210,000,000 bushels.

The yield of wheat in Great Britain this season will be 50,000,000 bushels, against 69,000,000 bushels last year. The wheat area in British India is reduced from 28,000,000 acres to 16,000,000 acres, and the wheat yield from 254,000,000 bushels to 202,000,000 bushels.

The United States, which has reduced its area sown in oats by 2,000,000 acres, that sown in corn by a million acres, while in other grains it remains nearly unchanged, will, nevertheless, dispose of 534,000,000 bushels of wheat against 433,000,000 bushels last year, allowing for exportation 100,000,000 bushels of wheat, while the exports of corn will possibly be 50,000,000 greater than those of last year. The prospects for oats and barley are less favorable than in 1896. The price of bread in Australia has already risen 30 per cent.

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