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DEATH OF MARSHAL BAZAINE.

The Ex-Marshal of France Dies in Exile and Poverty After an Eventful Life—Sketch of His Career.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

MADRID, Sept. 24.—Francois Achille Bazaine, ex-Marshal of France, died here to-day. He was 77 years of age.

[Marshal Bazaine was born in 1811. He was educated for the army, and as a young man served in Africa, where he so distinguished himself that he was decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor on the field of battle. He fought against the Carlists in Spain in 1837, and returned to Algeria in 1839, when he was promoted to the rank of captain. He served in the Crimean war, and his bravery was such as to gain for him the notice of both Gens. Canrobert and Pelissier. He was subsequently made a general of division and commanded the French portion of the expedition which reduced Kinburn. He took command of the French expedition to Mexico, which he for a time conducted with great success, but misunderstandings arising between him and Maximilian, he in September 1886, left the country with the whole of the expeditionary forces. During the Franco-German war Marshal Bazaine acted a conspicuous and for himself a most unfortunate part. After the defeat at Sedan he returned to Metz, which was invested by the Germans under Prince Frederick Charles. After standing a siege of several weeks he capitulated when 2 marshals, 50 generals, 6,000 officers and 173,000 men laid down their arms. France never forgave him for this misfortune. His conduct was inquired into by a commission. He was tried by court-martial for military incapacity and of being a traitor to his country. He was found guilty of not having done all that was required by duty and honor, and was sentenced to degradation and death. The sentence of death was not carried out, but he was imprisoned in the Ile Ste. Marguerite. He escaped and fled, first to Italy and then to Spain, where he lived for many years. There are many who believe that Bazaine was both capable and loyal, and that he was punished for being unfortunate.]

THE FUNERAL.

MADRID, Sept. 24.—The funeral of the late ex Marshal Bazaine took place to-day. Three carriages contained the mourners, among whom was Marshal H. Campos, formerly Captain-General of Cuba. Five cabs followed the carriages. Twenty cards were left at the apartments of the dead exile, but no flowers were sent. His sword and epaulettes were the only insignia of his rank placed upon the bier. A group of Frenchmen stood near as the hearse approached the cemetery, but they did not uncover their heads, though they removed their hats while another funeral passed a minute or two later. The French Embassy had a representative present who carefully noted the details of the burial.

A MOCK MARRIAGE.

A Winnipeg Young Lady Ruined by Means of a Mock Marriage.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 21.—The city is considerably agitated over a mock marriage, or under which a married man, well known in this city, succeeded in ruining a young girl. No arrests have been made as yet, and efforts are being made to effect a compromise.

LATER—McKay, a young married man lately employed in the Canadian Pacific ticket office here, and who figured in the recent embezzlement case, is the man charged with seducing a young lady by means of a mock marriage. Among other parties thereto are Strahan, who also figured in the embezzlement case, and another young man. The marriage was obtained under an assumed name. The affair continues to create a great deal of indignation. Arrests are expected this afternoon.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 22.—The embezzlement in the C. P. R. ticket office, reported a few days ago, has led to sensational disclosures. J. M. McKay, one of the clerks implicated in the transaction, fled the country this morning to escape arrest on the charge of procuring a pretended marriage. It seems McKay, though married, had a great fondness for ladies' society. Besides his lawful wife, three other women claim him as their husband. One is staying at a city hotel, another he left at Banff when summoned to return and answer the charge of defalcation, and the third, Eliza Betsworth, has caused his arrest. The last is almost a child. McKay frequented her father's house under the name McLea, represented himself as single and paid court to the girl. At last he persuaded her to a secret marriage, which was performed by an auctioneer's clerk named Dugan. Something about the character of the ceremony aroused the girl's suspicion and she refused to consummate the marriage till given a copy of the certificate. McKay went to the regular issuer of marriage licenses and got the proper document. Strachan, the other clerk implicated in the embezzlement, gave his bond, and so all the girl's scruples were satisfied. Subsequently she discovered the real name of her seducer, but believing herself married, kept the matter secret till the embezzlement was published, when she told her parents. Dugan and Strachan were arrested to-day for their share in the mock marriage.

LATE CANADIAN NEWS.

QUEBEC.

On the evening of the 19th inst. an explosion of gunpowder in the fire works store of John Desbarats, on Notre Dame street, caused a fatal fire this afternoon. Mrs. Dumais, mother-in-law of Desbarats, and W. H. Desbarats, a brother, were cremated. The old lady's body was found burnt to a crisp on the third floor. She was standing at a rear window at the very beginning of the fire and calling for help, but unfortunately there was no fire ladder near the place and the one ladder that belonged to the premises was used in rescuing three ladies of the Boutellier's family, who were on the third floor in the next room to Madame Dumais' room. Finally when the skinner ladder came to the place one of the short ladders were raised and Constable McMahon with two policemen entered the building and found the body of Madame Dumais right next to the window with the flesh completely consumed by fire.

A. E. Poirier, nationalist, and A. T. Lepine, labor and conservative, were both nominated at noon of the 19th as candidates for Montreal East. At 14 o'clock Demers, Poirier's agent, served a protest on the returning officer, requesting him to declare the nationalist candidate elected by acclamation on the ground that there were no addresses after the names which appeared on Lepine's requisition paper, as provided by law. De Lorimier refused to comply with the protest a contestation will naturally follow on this refusal in the event of Lepine being elected.

There was a flurry in the tobacco trade on the 18th instant at Montreal, caused by the announcement that Smith, Fischel & Co., cigar manufacturers, were in difficulty and the senior partner absent from the city. The liabilities are in the neighborhood of $50,000. It is stated that more than half the papers of Smith, Fischel & Co., the cigar manufacturers in difficulties, is irregular and that this was the cause of Smith's absconding.

ONTARIO.

At the general sessions at Toronto on the 18th, before Judge Morgan, the appeal of Rev. W. F. Wilson against the decision of the police magistrate in convicting him of disorderly conduct on Queen and Yonge streets a couple of months ago, was being heard. It will be remembered that Constable Jarvis arrested Rev. Mr. Wilson on a charge of disorderly conduct, and had him taken to the police station in the patrol wagon. The magistrate convicted the defendant, upholding Jarvis in his arrest, and the minister now appeals. Mr. Bigelow, in his behalf, brought forth several points of law, one in particular being that the conviction and information were not explicit enough, neither of them setting out the manner in which Mr. Wilson was disorderly.

"OFF" FOR THIS YEAR.

The Hudson Bay Railway Will Not be Built This Year.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 20.—Negotiations with the government for the completion of a hundred miles of the Hudson Bay Railway this year has fallen through for the present. The government demanded that as a condition of the guarantee of two and a half millions that this amount will be sufficient to complete the whole line, which assurance the Hudson Bay people were unable to give. The *Free Press* attacks the government for the failure of the negotiations.

WESTMINSTER NEWS.

Grading on the Southern Road Completed for Ten Miles.

Better Local Train Service for Westminster—The Coquitlam Water Works Co. Will Push the Work.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WESTMINSTER, Sept. 24.—The C.P.R. will shortly commence the old system of running local trains, giving more frequent train service between this city and Vancouver.

Work was commenced on the foundation of Hon. Mr. Hamley's new block today.

The bark Nanaimo, Capt. Newby, arrived to-day to load lumber at Royal City planing mills for Melbourne.

A number of our most wealthy citizens have taken stock in the Coquitlam Water Works Company, and the project will be pushed forward rapidly.

Ten miles of the right-of-way of the Southern Railway is completed and will be ready for grading as soon as the cross-sectioning is sufficiently advanced. The engineers are now cross-sectioning the line and will have enough ready for the contractors to allow the work to be commenced on grading in about two weeks. Mr. Jas. Leamy, who has the contract for grading the line to the boundary, says he will begin operations at the earliest possible date, and if the weather is favorable trains will be running to the boundary by March the first. Mr. Leamy made a thorough inspection of the line and finds it to be easy railroading throughout, there being no cuts over the entire distance and good bottom with no heavy falls. The fills will average from four to five feet, which is very similar to prairie grading. On the whole the work will be comparatively easy, and its progress will necessarily be rapid, as there are no heavy cuts or rock work to check or delay operations. Five hundred men will be employed on the contract at the start.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Athletes from Ireland.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—At a meeting of Irish citizens to-night at the rooms of the Gaelic Association arrangements were made for the reception of fifty Irish athletes, representing the Gaelic Athletic Association, who will arrive by the steamer Wisconsin on Wednesday. The visitors will tour this country and Canada for about six weeks, contesting in the principal cities. One of the features of their exhibition will be "hurling," which is a characteristic Irish game. The athletes are picked men, many being Irish champions of 1888.

Sues to Recover Losses by Fraud.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—Trial of the suit of Mark Zellenbach against Charles Allenberg, E. E. Goldstein and William Goldstein, involving nearly a million dollars, was commenced in the superior court to-day. Zellenbach was formerly banker in Nevada county. Allenberg was his confidential clerk and the Goldsteins were clerks from 1885 until 1887. He alleges Allenberg, with the aid of the Goldsteins, defrauded him of various large sums of money which he now sues for.

Ship News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—The bark Success, from New York for San Francisco, put in at Valparaiso with the loss of her foretop-mast and parted her chains during a gale. She went ashore and became a total loss. A telegram dated Pernambuco says that the British ship Earl Wemyss, hence May 30th for Queenstown, and the British ship Ardencaple, from Liverpool for Calcutta, were in collision. The former vessel sank the latter. The Wemyss was badly damaged and put into Fernand Noronha. Part of the crew of the Ardencaple saved.

A Campaign Riot.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 25.—The Negro Harrison-Morton clubs of St. Louis, East St. Louis, and Brooklyn, Ills., gave a parade here last night which resulted in a serious riot. The mail wagon got mixed up in the procession and the negroes beat the driver badly. A squad of officers arrested the ringleaders, and while officer Hannon was conducting Johnson Powell, a negro, to jail he was set upon by the mob of negroes and was forced to use his revolver. Powell was shot in the back and fatally wounded. The negroes threatened to lynch the officer, and it was found necessary to call out a big force to quell the disturbance.

Progress of the Plague.

JACKSONVILLE, Sept. 25.—Official bulletin for 24 hours ending 6 p.m. New cases, 143; of which 85 are colored people; deaths 4; total cases to date 2134; total deaths to date 221.

WEDDING BELLS.

DICKIE—CALVERT.

On Saturday evening Mr. C. H. Dickie, of the E. & N. Railway, was married to Miss Eliza E. Calvert. The bridesmaids were the four sisters of the bride, and made a charming group. Mr. W. Marshall supported the bridegroom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Donald Fraser, and after the nuptial knot was tied the guests sat down to a sumptuous repast.

MCMURTIE—WALL.

At the Wellington Hotel, Nanaimo, on Thursday evening last, Mr. Andrew McMurtie was united in marriage to Miss Edna, daughter of Thomas Wall, proprietor of the Wellington Hotel. The young couple are both respected residents of Nanaimo.

CABLE NEWS.

Narrow Escape of H. R. H. the Princess of Wales from Being Run Over by a Railway Train.

Great Excitement in London Over the Discovery of Another Mysterious Brutal Murder.

An Irish M. P. Released from Jail Owing to Ill-Health—Two Priests Sent to Prison.

Endowment of Schools.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The *Daily News* has become alarmed at the evident intention of the advocates of governmental endowment of denominational schools to pursue a vigorous policy in behalf of their cause when parliament re-assembles, and implores the liberals to begin an agitation against it. The strongest argument brought by the liberals in opposition to the denominational endowment is an appeal to the ratepayers, showing that already the enormously increased burdens, which they are compelled to bear, are heavier than many of them can stagger under, and that additional taxation, as involved in the proposed scheme, would simply crush them. The situation, the *News* says, is one of extreme danger, since it is undeniable that there is a large sectarian majority in the house of commons and the question has no political features. The Parnellites will obviously join hands with the tories in pushing the measure through unless the liberals at once make it plain to them that if they persist in supporting the education measure the support of the liberal party to the home rule cause will be withdrawn.

Trouble for the French.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The excitement created by last Wednesday's session of the French budget committee has not yet abated. M. Rocheport and Mingelly have declared their intention to compel the committee to indict ex-Empress Eugene for slander and libel in consequence of her alleged derogatory utterances, and M. Mingelly has given notice that he will repeat in and out of the chamber of deputies his accusation that the budget committee is corrupt and dangerous to the integrity of the republic. Popular feeling against the committee is intense, and when that body rose after its session on Wednesday, on which occasion Admiral Krautz, minister of marine, informed the committee that he declined to accept the proposed reduction of the naval estimates, the members were afraid to leave the place of meeting together lest they should be mobbed. In consequence of the prevailing excitement they struck out one by one, like escaped criminals, and entering carriages were hurriedly driven away.

Another Nihilist Conspiracy.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Russian refugees at Berne have received advices from Russia giving an account of a recent attempt to assassinate members of the imperial family. While some workmen were engaged in preparing for acceptance for another official the room in the palace of the Grand Duchess Catherine Michaelovaus, formerly occupied by her secretary, General Hartman, they found a bomb concealed beneath a pile of documents. One man picked it up, but it slipped, and falling upon the floor exploded. Both of the man's legs were pulverized to atoms, and the furniture and the windows of the room were completely destroyed. The other men were thrown down but escaped injury. Advices state that the newspapers were immediately forbidden to mention the occurrence. Meanwhile the police are on the track of a number of persons suspected of being instrumental in getting the bomb into the palace.

The Princess of Wales Nearly Run Over by a Train.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The Sunday *Times* publishes a telegram from Vienna stating that the Princess of Wales and her daughters while driving in a pony carriage near Girunden a day or two ago, approached a level railway crossing heedless of the ringing of an electric bell giving warning of a coming train. The Princess made no halt as she reached the crossing until the draw bars worked by wires from distant signal boxes were suddenly lowered. These prevented either advance or retreat, and the train was rapidly nearing the crossing. Colonel Clarke, who was attending the Princess, leaped from the carriage and ducking under the bar, caught the pony by the head and turned him into the fence just as the train passed. The escape of the party from death was almost providential.

The Late Marshal Bazaine.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The death of ex-Marshal Bazaine has created great surprise, although it was known that his health had been very bad since his serious illness of a year ago. Nothing had been said or published about him lately and the announcement of his death recalled him to many persons who had almost entirely forgotten him. His exile has been spent for the most in a condition bordering upon squalor, and the little money which came to him from time to time was contributed by some of the few persons who adhered to the belief that he was a victim of circumstances and ingratitude of the country he had served faithfully and well.

Reported Accident to the Princess Eulrue.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The officials at Marlborough House deny the story of the Princess of Wales having narrowly escaped death while driving across the railway track in Austria, and declare that not a single one of the circumstances related in the report published in the *Sunday Times* ever occurred. The Princess will return to London to-morrow. She is represented to be in robust health and excellent spirits. Thousands of letters and telegrams of inquiry and sympathy have been received at Marlborough House to-day slighted by the published report, proving that the long existing popular love for the Princess is unabated.

Married to Deceased Wife's sister.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Prof. Herkimer, the famous artist and associate of the Royal Academy, recently married his deceased wife's sister in Munich. As such a marriage contracted by a British subject in illegal in England, the Professor became a naturalized subject of the German empire previous to the ceremony. This, of course, legalizes his marriage in any country, but the question is now raised that, renouncing British allegiance, he has forfeited his membership in the Royal Academy.

Another Brutal Murder.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The body of a young woman was found lying out of doors at Gateshead this morning, giving evidences of having been murdered by the same ruffian employed by the Whitechapel butcher, and is presumably another of his victims. Great excitement prevails in the vicinity.

News from Africa.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Farran, Stanley's Syrian interpreter has arrived in London. He left Arumini on account of illness three days before Major Bartellot took his departure. He confirms the stories of Bartellot's ungovernable temper and brutality to the natives, and says he expected he would be killed before the expedition reached its destination. Stanley, he says, enforced a policy of kindness towards the natives while he was at Arumini, but as soon as he had gone Bartellot's brutality was more pronounced than ever. Farran believes Stanley has reached Emin, but admits anxiety for his safety is justified. Tippoo Tip hated Bartellot and obstructed his progress as much as possible.

Deny the Allegation.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The Swiss press deny that Switzerland is anxious to form an alliance with France as has been reported.

A Steamer Ashore.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The steamer Grecian, for Edinburgh, run ashore in fog off the coast of Ayrshire.

Andrew Carnegie Speaks.

GLASGOW, Sept. 24.—Andrew Carnegie delivered a speech here this evening to a large audience. American land, he said, was becoming yearly more subdivided and the capitalist was paying wages which rendered him unable to compete with the farmer who owned his land. He condemned the socialist, communist and nationalist ideas, and declared the civilization of the world started from the day when everyone received a reward for his labor. There were frequent manifestations of dissent from his remarks.

Will Chinese Go to Siberia.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 24.—The *Nord* says that the report is improbable that the Chinese are seeking to emigrate to Siberia, as Russia would not admit Chinese immigrants to Siberia.

Priests Sentenced to Prison.

DUBLIN, Sept. 24.—Rev. F. Farrelly and Rev. F. Clark have each been sentenced at Arklow to six weeks' imprisonment for inciting their parishioners to boycott certain residents of their parishes.

Released from Jail.

DUBLIN, Sept. 24.—Alex Blane, M. P. for South Armagh, has been unconditionally released from Derry prison, where he was serving sentence for offences under the crimes act. Mr. Blane was released on account of ill health.

O'Brien's Bray.

DUBLIN, Sept. 24.—Wm. O'Brien, in a speech at Maryboro to-day, said that Ireland's arm had proved long enough to reach Lord Lansdowne in Canada and would reach himsin India.

Killed by a Train.

VERSAILLES, Sept. 94.—Mrs. Eva Gately, a wealthy widow, and her two children were killed by a train at a crossing near here this morning. They were out riding and the team became unmanageable as they approached the railroad track.

The Alleged Extracted Apocryphal.

BERLIN, Sept. 24.—Prince Bismarck has expressed the opinion that the alleged abstract of the diary of the late Emperor Frederick, published in *Deutsche Rundschan* last week, is apocryphal. This view of the Chancellor was given after he had carefully examined the matter, and was in response to a definite question as to his idea of its authenticity.

The Emin Bey Expedition Dissolves.

BERLIN, Sept. 23.—The Emin Bey Relief Committee are informed by telegraph from St. Paul de Loanda that the death of Major Bartellot has broken up the expedition, and many of his followers have already disbanded.

Memoirs of the Emperor Frederick.

BERLIN, Sept. 24.—It is reported that additional extracts from the diary of the Emperor Frederick will shortly appear.

The Ex-President of Hayti Dying.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—General Solomon, ex-president of Hayti, is dying.

Rough on the Eunuchs.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 24.—A eunuch connected with the Sultan's palace, who killed a comrade has been hanged. The chief eunuch and eight others who were under him have been exiled for neglecting their duties.

No News from the Explorers.

ZANZIBAR, Sept. 24.—Uganda advices down to June 27, contain no news of either Stanley or Emin Bey. Many letters await them. Gordon and Wagner were treated well by Newanga. Cozard and Mohammed Berri are reported to have been murdered by Kabuga.

Schubert's Remains Re-interred.

VIENNA, Sept. 23.—The remains of Franz Schubert were exhumed to-day and consecrated at Washring chapel by Father Schubert, the younger brother of the dead poet. The body was carried with great pomp to the Votir Kirche, whither the procession of musical societies accompanied it to Schillerplatz. A chorus sang "Die Nacht." The body was re-interred beside that of Beethoven.

A One-Sided Conflict.

ZANZIBAR, Sept. 24.—A conflict occurred between the German residents and the coast tribes at Bargonayo to-day. The admiral of the German fleet landed a force from the man-of-war Leipsic and killed 150 of the natives without a single casuality to the Germans.

The Rebels Shelling Suakim.

SUAKIM, Sept. 23.—The rebels are throwing shells into the town from a position within 900 yards of the British works and are strongly entrenched. A steady return fire has been kept up by the guns of the harbor but apparently without effect. The garrison is in a dangerous position owing to the likelihood that the rebels will capture the wells.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Lord Stanley Expresses Regret at Not Being Able to Open the Victoria Exhibition.

Hon. M. Dewdney Sworn In—Tenders for the St. Lawrence Canal—Important Case Involving the Cancellation of the Patent on Edison's Electric Lamps.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Sept. 25.—An important patent case was heard to-day by the deputy commissioner of patents, the Royal Electric Co. of Montreal petitioning for the cancellation of Edison's patent of 1879 for improvements on electric lamps on the ground that they were not manufactured in Canada. The case was finally adjourned for six weeks to allow the production of a material witness.

The total number of settlers in Canada from January 1st was 63,000, an increase of 10,000 over last year.

Hon. Mr. Dewdney was sworn in today before the Governor-General.

Over fifty tenders will be put in for the St. Lawrence Canal.

Lord Stanley opened the Ottawa fair to-day, and expressed his regret that he cannot open the Victoria exhibition this year.

A Double Recommendation.

"We have used Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, and find that for diarrhœa it cannot be equalled. We cannot speak too highly of it." Ernest Clare of Cross and Roy Neil Cross, Jasper, Ont., April 29th, 1888. tu-th-sat-dw

CABLE NEWS.

An English Force Under General Graham Defeat a Troop of Thibetians in Simla.

Four Hundred of the Enemy Killed and Wounded—Slight Casualties on the English Side.

Dillon Thanks His English and Scotch Friends for Their Sympathy—Reported Massacre.

Chamberlain Lionized.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—In anticipation of a big unionist display and address by Jos. Chamberlain which will take place at Nottingham to-morrow, the Duke of St. Alban's seat, "Bestwood" is filled with aristocratic guests. Chamberlain, who is also a guest of the Duke, is being lionized to a degree that would turn an average man's head, and the radical leader's cup of happiness would be full to overflowing if the Prince of Wales were there, as he often is instead of being in Vienna. The Prince and Duke are fast friends, and if the former were in England he would doubtless be one of the party. William Henry Hurlburt is among the notable persons present, and is attracting a great deal of attention in consequence of his recent book on the Irish question.

Afraid of Publicity.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The Emin Bey commission are keeping a close watch upon Stanley's Syrian interpreter Farran, who arrived in London yesterday, in order to prevent newspaper reporters from gaining access to him. Farran has been warned that if he gives any further information for publication his salary will not be paid. This stand is taken upon the strength of an agreement signed by all the officers of the Stanley and Bartellot expedition not to give any information to newspapers. It is quite evident that the commission are very uneasy and dread the publicity of further revelations.

An Engagement in Thibet.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Advices from Simla report that the English force under Gen. Graham have to-day defeated Thibetans in Kelapta pass. The camp of the Thibetans was captured at the point of the bayonet, the engagement ending in their complete route. Four hundred Thibetans were killed and wounded. On the English side the casualties were slight. Col. Brompted lost but one man and nine Sepoys were wounded. Gen. Graham is advancing into the Thibetan territory.

A Reorganization Scheme.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Lord George Hamilton, first lord of the admiralty, is preparing a naval reorganization scheme which he intends to submit to parliament in March. The expense attending the accomplishment of the changes proposed is said to reach a sum perfectly startling, but Lord Hamilton is credited with having declared that if the scheme is not accepted by parliament and the reorganization immediately authorized he will resign his position in the cabinet forthwith.

A Sensation.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Mr. John Dillon's speech at the fortnightly meetng of the national league in Dublin to-day has created quite a stir among the league leaders, since the sentiments he expressed are most diametrically opposed to the recent utterances of Davitt. Mr. Davitt, it is understood, was aware of the purport of Dillon's speech before its delivery and made no objection whatever to the position which the latter proposed taking.

A Meeting of English Shareholders.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The English shareholders of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co. to-day held a meeting which was called last week. The meeting unanimously recommended that the shareholders deposit and register their shares with the English and American bondholders' association in order to enable that association to influence the election of directors of the company.

Agitation in Wales.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Wm. O'Brien has announced his intention of making a stumping tour in Wales in a short time, under the auspices of the newly-formed national party. The immediate object of the party, and of the orator as well, is to find means to remove the discontent prevailing among the Welsh farmers, but the ultimate purpose is to create a general strike against the payment of tithes.

Reported Massacre of Germans.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Advices from Zanzibar state that natives at Kiliva attacked and killed three German servants to-day, whereupon the Germans killed ten of their assailants. The insurgents then seized the town and re-hoisted the Sultan's flag. It is reported that all of the Germans at Lindi have been murdered.

Fast Aground.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The Allan Co.'s steamer Grecian is still fast aground off the Ayrshire coast. Hundreds tons of her cargo have been discharged into lighters and two tugs have rendered every assistance, but thus far all efforts to float her have proved futile.

The "Times" Complains.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The *Times* complains that the government is apathetic over the search for Stanley and Emin and the future colonization of Africa. It says the Germans are allowed the whole sphere.

Golden Silence.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The Empress Eugenie positively declines to publicly take any notice of derogatory statements concerning her late husband Napoleon III, which appear in the published version of the late Emperor Frederick's diary.

Improving.

LONDON, Sept 25.—Lawrence Oliphant continues to improve. The real nature of his disease is unknown, since the doctors have declined to further diagnose the case in the face of the patient's convalescence.

A Welcome Refuge.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 25.—A secret mission under the patronage of the Belgian government will shortly be dispatched to Africa with a view to the acquirement of territory in the desert of Sahara and the establishment of a refuge for travellers, missionaries and savants crossing the desert whose progress is opposed by the natives.

The Slavery Question.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 25.—Cardinal Lavigerie is going to Rome. The Pope will send circulars to the powers on the slavery question.

Appealed.

DUBLIN, Sept. 25.—Fathers Fenellay and Clark, who were sentenced yesterday under the Crimes Act to six weeks imprisonment, have appealed from the sentence. Pending the appeal they are allowed their liberty.

English Sympathy.

DUBLIN, Sept. 25.—John Dillon presided in Dublin to-day at a meeting of the National League. He made a speech in which he expressed his thanks to his English and Scotch friends for their overwhelming sympathy. The great change shown by the English towards Ireland ought, he said, leave no trace of bitterness in Irish hearts. Ireland must act in the face of present circumstances with patience, as the government could not last much longer.

A Motion Refused.

DUBLIN, Sept. 25.—At to-day's sitting of the exchequer court the presiding judge refused to entertain an appeal to quash the verdict of the coroner's jury in the Mandeville case. The appeal was made on behalf of the governor of the Tullamore jail.

A Conference.

BERLIN, Sept. 25.—Prince Bismarck, accompanied by his son Count Herbert, has gone to Potsdam to confer with the Emperor William.

CANADIAN NEWS.

A Test Case.

MONTREAL, Sept. 25.—The first real steps towards testing the constitutionality of the Magistrates court was made this morning when James Crankshaw filed a declinatory exception in a case wherein he appeared for the defendant. He argued that the seizure taken in the case could not stand and should be quashed on the ground that the act creating a new tribunal had been vetoed by the Governor-General. W. S. Weir appeared as *amicus curiæ*, he urged that no question affecting the constitutionality of any part of the law could be raised unless the Attorney-General had been given eight days notice. Crankshaw failed to do this and the exception could not stand. Magistrate Barry took the same view of the matter. Crankshaw will now raise the same point in another case taking good care to notify the Attorney-General of his application. In the event of the magistrates deciding against him he will apply for a writ of *certiorari*.

Death of a Prominent Merchant.

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—Geo. Armstrong, of the firm of G. Armstrong & Co., cabinet makers and undertakers, died on Saturday from a sudden stroke of apoplexy. Armstrong has been complaining for several days of not feeling well. The cause is attributed to anxiety and constant strain. He was 60 years old, and leaves a son and two daughters. Armstrong was a prominent member of St. James Methodist Church.

Evidently Gone to the U. S.

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—John McKinnon, formerly a well known merchant tailor, has disappeared and has not been seen for three weeks.

A Diabolical Attempt.

MONTREAL, Sept. 25.—An attempt to blow up a street car on Notre Dame street last evening was made by placing a bombshell on the track.

Better Light.

MONTREAL, Sept. 25.—A proposition to light the whole city with electric light has been made.

A Retirement.

QUEBEC, Sept. 25.—It is announced that Sir Andrew Stewart, C. J., is about to retire from the Bench.

The Central Bank Case.

TORONTO, Sept. 25.—Howland, one of the Central bank liquidators, says that Allen refuses to come to Toronto because the bank will not erase his name entirely from the books. James Baxter, of Montreal, subpœnaed to attend for examination to-day, failed to turn up, and a bench warrant was issued. Barnett will be brought here under the Fugitive Offenders Act.

Drowned in the St. Lawrence.

BROCKVILLE, Sept. 24.—A terrible drowning accident occurred here on Sunday afternoon. A yacht capsized and H. B. Wright, confectioner; H. A. Field, hardware merchant; Harry Bagg, aged 29, Field's clerk; Fred Sheppard, aged 21, cashier, and Herb Sheppard, aged 18, a student were drowned. The bodies have not been recovered.

AN INDIAN POW-WOW.

Sitting Bull and Black Thunder Try to Make Mischief.

An Impressive Scene—A Young Brave Beards the Old Chiefs—Sitting Bull Gives the Signal for Attack—The Young Orator in Imminent Danger—Chief Gall Appears on the Scene—Sitting Bull Slinks off Followed by His Bullies.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

STANDING ROCK, Sept. 24.—A big powwow of Indians to consider the question of signing a treaty, was held here yesterday and ended with a dramatic scene. The Sioux from all over the reservation came in with their wagons and ponies in the morning and assembled in a hollow few miles below Stan ding Rock. For several days Sitting Bull has been actively engaged in securing aid in his endeavor to defeat the signing of the treaty and has sent runners all over the reservation to urge the chiefs and braves to attend the pow-wow. In the absence of Chief John Grass, Sitting Bull assumed to be leader and wore a more than usually furious look, having put a new extra streak of red paint on his face. The crafty old savage still feels ugly over the fact that Chief John Grass and not he was sent to Washington, and he is more than ever determined to defeat the object of the commissioners' visit. He opened the proceedings yesterday with an address which evidently had been carefully studied, in which he urged the Indians not to sign the treaty, and hinted at treachery on the part of Chief Grass. At the close of his speech he was greeted with tremendous applause.

Black Thunder then said: "Brothers, I feel as in days gone by, when we were on the eve of a terrible fight. The very air is filled with deadly calm that foretells a day of plunder and carnage; but that day has gone hence. We have buried the hatchet, and when it shall have been unearthed we will be resting in the arms of Great Spirit. These men they call commissioners come here with paper for us to sign. If we do so it takes our land from us. No sensible Indian will sign it. I have spoken. I shall not sign."

The Indians listened breathlessly to Black Thunder, and at his abrupt conclusion he was received with deafening cheers of encouragement. When the applause had abated sufficiently young White Cloud, a graceful, handsome young Sioux, ascended a little knoll of ground used as the speaker's stand, and said: "I have listened to the talks of our old leaders, Sitting Bull and Black Thunder. They are opposed to the treaty. They speak too hastily and rashly. Their words should be carefully weighed before leaving their tongues. They know not what they say. The treaty is for our benefit, and I, for one, shall sign." A dead calm followed the defiant utterances of the young brave. Not a move was made or sound heard among that mass of red blankets. The stillness was getting apprehensive, when Sitting Bull slowly emerged from the crowd of painted warriors. He carefully and majestically wrapped the folds of his red blanket about his form, and with a wave of his right arm made a sign to his followers. Then, as one man, the entire horde arose and dashed *en masse* towards the young Indian who dared to brave their wrath by uttering what he believed was right. His fate was surely sealed had not Chief Gall appeared at this critical moment, and peremptorily demanded order and silence. His sudden and unexpected appearance had a quieting effect upon the Indians. His brawny arms were raised aloft and the enraged savages suddenly stood still. Gall then called upon the braves to inform him what this unseemly demonstration was all about. Here Sitting Bull silently sneaked away, the young heroic spokesman following suit, leaving Black Thunder to face the ire of Gall alone. Black Thunder made a feeble explanation of his action. Gall's face twitched under his pent-up passion. "What mean you? He almost screamed. "Is not this council for you all to express your respective opinions? Begone, and let me hear no more of this." Black Thunder meekly walked to his pony, saddled and mounted it and dashed over the hill. Immediately the Indians silently hitched up their ponies and drove away to their different homes. It is possible that Gall's sudden breaking up of the pow-wow will put an end to the holding of any future council.

OKANAGON CORRESPONDENCE.

From Head of Lake to Cherry Creek—Notes by the Way—Early Mining and Present Work.

Leaving Spallumcheen on the 25th ult., we continued our journey from the well-known and extensive ranches of Messrs. O'Keefe and Greenhow toward Vernon (formerly known as Priest's Valley). The miles of land at the north and west side of Swan Lake belong to these gentlemen. Notwithstanding their immense fields each year adds to their fencing. Mr. O'K. is breaking ground convenient to the lake, and adjoining the Spallumsheen and Okanagon Railway survey. The length of furrow being plowed is about a mile and a half; the land looks of a dark clay color and is evidently rich soil. What has been heretofore a sort of public common is likely to be soon considerably reduced as a range belt. To the east of the Lake (about three miles long by half a mile in width) is located the property of Messrs. Lyons Bros. Their crops this season have been a liberal yield. Near the south end of the Lake, west side, resides Mr. Lawson, who is engaged in farming and stock raising.

Having driven seven miles we reach Vernon, where, as reported somewhat at length in our last correspondence, reside a goodly number of people, engaged in different kinds of business. Vernon is principally noted as the seat of the government office, under Squire Dewdney, and for the enterprize of the citizens, and especially the choice fruit of Postmaster Girouard attracts attention. Looking forward to be the terminus of the S. & O. Railway, the ambitious little burgh is possessed of high notions, even if not at present possessed of extensive estate. The south road out of the village leads to Long Lake, Mission Valley, etc., and presents a variety of grand scenery, but the pleasure to the view is lessened by an uphill route of over three miles before reaching the summit to get a fine view of "the valley that lies smiling before them," rather to the west and behind as one goes southward. Away to the right is the celebrated winter range of Mr. C. O'Keefe, formerly the property of Col. Houghton.

Our course being to Cherry Creek, we traveled eastward, passing the valuable range of Mr. Price Ellison, and the turn in the road leading to the highly prized stock range of the B. X. Company, Messrs. Barnard, Tingley & Co., owners. Not having reached this range we cannot particularize; but learned the band of horses is one of the best in the Province. To our left lay the Walker ranch, at present occupied by Mr. Robt. Goldie, as Mr. W. is still at Banff out of health, but we are pleased to learn of his improvement, and he is expected back ere long. Off to the right, near the head of Long Lake, is the Hoosier ranch, which was not open to our view from the highway. A few miles from town we come to the west end of

THE VERNON RANCH.

Upon the south side of the road a rail fence stretched along, while along the north side posts had been placed and top poles extended, preparatory to the barbed wire to be extended for a long distance. The surface in the locality is a good deal up and down hill, and "richness" of soil does not appear to be a prevailing feature in the immediate neighborhood. However, good grazing patches are numerous in the locality. Passing a piece of unoccupied enclosure we feast our eyes upon a cluster of houses, cabins, barns, sheds, etc., some of the older appearing to have been erected at an early day when time may have been considered precious. Suffice it to say that size and regularity could hardly have been a ruling passion. We are happy to chronicle that in the latter days a great change for the better has taken place. Yet the recollection of those days causes the juvenile cabins to yet encumber the ground, reminding one of Ike Marble's Reveries of a Bachelor retiring from his city life occasionally to his log cabin upon the boundary of civilization; he enjoyed perfect freedom, poked his fire, and none dare to stir it after him, ran his cane through his window and banged; his cat and no wife to scold or children to cry. Thus did Ike feel at home, enjoying himself hugely. Mr. Vernon in 1863, with his friend, Colonel Haughton, and other companions, felt the days of his youth pass rapidly. Later years produced a more comfortable residence and out buildings, and family anxieties divided his attention. True, with a beloved wife and cheerful friend, he enjoyed his happy home in the new world. A few brief years removed the partner of his pleasures and cares, and since death had claimed another shining mark, Mr. Vernon spent the greater part of his time in Victoria, where his duties as a member of the Government (Hon. Commissioner of Lands and Works) occupy a full share of his attention. We found a young man named Arthur Keefe upon the premises and interviewing him received courteous and intelligent answers to our questions. The ranch is called "Cold Spring" from the fact that a fine clear spring of running water passes through the yard back of the pleasant residence. The scenery is grand, and what would appear like fantastic freaks of nature are visible along the mountain sides. Near by is a projecting rock, cropping out of a field as a small island sometimes rises out of a noble stream, and upon the top rests what resembles a big boulder; how it came to balance itself so nicely no man knoweth. The theory of floating icebergs in the long ago gives no relief in this particular case. Giants Causeway stories and wonderful fairy tales since the time of Macbeth's witches throw no light upon the pedestal boulder referred to, and as we are not posted in aboriginal lore