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CZAR AND KAISER HAVE SECRET TREATY; DEFENSE COMPACT FOR THE FAR EAST

British Foreign Office Learns of Agreement to Offset the British-Japanese Alliance---United States Lined Up With Latter.

London, Sept. 18. — A secret treaty has just been concluded between the Emperor of Germany and the Czar of Russia.

Such is the indubitable information which reached the foreign office Saturday.

As will be seen instantly, this new treaty tends towards the preservation of world-peace. It completes a cage of bayonets in which sits the Dove.

Saturday's definite news to the foreign office states that the secret treaty between Germany and Russia is strictly defensive. It deals exclusively with the situation in the Far East—in Asia; so that on its face—and this is a triumph of German diplomacy—it does not clash with the treaty that exists between Russia and France.

Aimed at Britain.

The new treaty is regarded here as a response to the British-Japanese alliance, which, superficially as its first apparent purpose, designs to maintain the status quo in Asia. So that, if the peace which every European power so much desires be broken and there must be a struggle over India or Persia, Germany and Russia will fight against England and Japan until the coveted peace is restored.

America is directly interested in the German-Russian treaty, for between Great Britain and America has been recently established a perfect understanding that the policy of the two nations shall be to conserve the present state of affairs in the Pacific.

The U.S. Understands.

There is, of course, no treaty between Great Britain and America to this effect. A treaty must be ratified by the United States Senate, and speeches would be made and ultimate policies publicly discussed, but the perfect understanding exists. Nominally it is directed against no one. Germany well knows why it was reached. The Kaiser yearns to absorb Holland and then to raise his flag over the rich Dutch East Indies, an ambition that deeply concerns both Great Britain and America.

It may be added, perhaps, that these facts go to prove that Britain is at least as good a friend of the United States as of Japan.

STOLE A DUCK, FOUGHT BLUECOAT

Very Expensive "Sport" Indulged In by Young Man—Some Heavy Fines.

This was Police Magistrate Love's busy day at the police court, the week-end producing several interesting cases.

A St. George street young man was charged with stealing a duck, and also with assaulting the policeman. It was proven that he stole the duck, but as he was under the influence of liquor at the time the magistrate took a lenient view of the case and allowed him to go on suspended sentence. After he was arrested, however, he wanted a finish fight with the policeman, and he waded in. The guardian of the law, however, was too much for him, and the prisoner was somewhat of a wreck after the battle. For assaulting the policeman he was fined $10 and $9 50 costs. He paid.

David Young is from Lobo, and he became jagged, and started to run the City Hotel, much to the disgust of the boarders. He was fined $10 and costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Stanley Shaw was drunk and very disorderly at J. D. O'Neil's livery, and he was fined $5 and $2 25 costs for the same. He paid.

Justin Weyford was charged with an unmentionable crime, but the case was adjourned for a week to enable the defendant to obtain counsel.

Charles B. Lancaster's case was also laid over until Saturday.

George Currell was remanded for a week awaiting the outcome of his wife's injuries.

Two drunks were discharged and two more were not brought up.

REMOVED HIS HEART

Remarkable Operation Performed on Man in American Hospital.

New York, Sept. 18.—A Philadelphia dispatch to the Herald says that the removal of a man's beating heart from his body and its replacement after a bullet had been extracted from the region adjacent to it, has been accomplished by the physicians at the Germantown hospital.

Frank Robinson, 23 years of age, of Germantown, was shot on Sept. 7 by Policeman Morley, while the latter was trying to arrest him. The bullet entered Robinson's chest on the left side. He was hurried to the Germantown hospital, where it was believed his heart had been struck.

Some of the most eminent physicians of the city were called into consultation. Portions of two ribs were removed, exposing the heart to view. No evidence of a bullet could be seen so the surgeons with great care removed the organ from the body.

The bullet was found imbedded in the flesh within a fraction of an inch of the heart, upon which it had caused pressure. The heart was then replaced and the ribs returned and covered with flesh. There is every probability that Robinson will entirely recover.

WHITE FLAGS OUT IN MANCHURIA

Far East Armistice Now in Full Force — Natives Fear Bandit Raids.

Gunshu Pass, Manchuria, Sept. 18.—As a result of the armistice which is now effective, the outposts of the main positions on both sides will move back about two-thirds of a mile, and hereafter will display white flags.

There has been a considerable advance in the value of both native and Russian money.

The natives welcome peace, and hope that the Pekin Government will send a strong man to re-establish native authority and to prevent anarchy during the evacuation of the Russian and Japanese armies.

The people fear the outlaws, who, in large numbers, are fully armed with Russian and Japanese rifles.

A representative of the Red Cross administration shows that altogether 30,000 beds and twenty trains wre supplied, and $11,000,000 were expended during the war.

Minor Red Cross organizations are already leaving for home, and with the consummation of peace the entire society will be relieved, the Empress' hospitals leaving last.

Stoddard's Niece Dead.

New York, N. Y., Sept. 17. — Mrs. Neil Burgess, wife of the actor, and niece of J. H. Stoddard, died early today at her home in Highlands, N. J.

CHAIRMAN SCORES THE HOTEL MEN

Bar End of Business All Great Many Look To—Would Change the Law.

The reaction subsequent to the rush of the Western Fair has set in, and London is in reality somewhat quieter than is usual.

The congested state of the local hotels and boarding-houses has been relieved, but there are any number of citizens who are ready to declare that it is time something was done to increase the accommodation in London for the traveling public.

"Last week I walked the streets until after midnight seeking lodgings for friends of mine who had come to the city, and who could not secure a place to rest," a public school trustee told The Advertiser. "If the license commissioners could have been around with me they might not now be so stiff in regard to the granting of new licenses."

This is one side of the question. The other side is the side of the commissioners, and it is altogether different.

"We are perfectly aware that London has no accommodation to speak of for the traveling public," Chairman Greer informed The Advertiser, when seen today. "We have had no complaints as yet, but we know quite well that the accommodation is insufficient. But the lack of accommodation is not because there are not enough licenses in the city. To my mind we have licenses enough, but the hotelmen are not providing the accommodation.

"Under the license law a man requires only to have a six-roomed house in order to keep hotel. This law has been in force probably 30 years, and it should be wiped out. Instead the law should say that in order to secure a license a man must have a house in which there are at least 30 bedrooms for the accommodation of the public. Let us look at the hotels in London. Some of them have a dozen bedrooms. They keep ten or twelve steady boarders. Where does the accommodation for the public come in? Are not these places simply licensed boarding-houses? Of course, they are.

"It's the same everywhere — the boarders fill up the hotels. If I had my way I would compel every hotelman to provide at least 50 bedrooms. The bar end of the business is all a great many hotelmen look to. If they were keeping hotels in the true sense of the word there would be plenty of accommodation for the traveling public."

FELL FIVE STORIES

Tragic Death of a Toronto Workman at Detroit.

Detroit, Sept. 18.—George Johnson, a mason employed on the new Breitmeyer building, was almost instantly killed on Saturday by falling down the elevator shaft from the fifth floor. He came here not long ago from Toronto. His wife came only three weeks ago. She is an entire stranger, and is in destitute circumstances, with an infant. A 14-year-old son lives in Toronto. An appeal to the public has been made on Mrs. Johnson's behalf.

TEXAS WILL SOON KNOW HIS FATE

Notorious Crook's Case Will Be Taken Up Early at Assizes This Week.

Mr. John Faulds, of the firm of Faulds & Campbell, is to defend Harry Burdell at the assizes this week. Mr. Faulds was counsel for the notorious prisoner when the latter was given his preliminary hearing in the police court two years ago.

It is expected that Burdell's trial will be one of the first to be taken up at the present assizes. The trial will be a lengthy one, since over twenty witnesses will be heard.

Mr. N. F. Patterson, K. C., of Owen Sound, has been appointed crown counsel for the assizes, and will consequently have the case against "Texas" in hand.

Two white-haired gentlemen presented themselves in the governor's office at the jail this morning. Said one of them to Mr. Carter: "This gentleman is from Philadelphia. He has read all about 'Texas' and he wants to see him. Any chance?"

The governor shook his head. People have been crowding into the jail to see Burdell at a great rate, but the rule for the alleged burglar is, "No visitors allowed."

"Texas" will be open to the public when he appears in court today or tomorrow to stand his trial.

IN THE FAR NORTH

Government Ship Neptune Meets Arctic at Chateau Bay.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Sept. 18. — The Neptune has reached Chateau Bay and is now alongside the Arctic. Tomorrow the Neptune leaves for Hudson's Bay with Major Moodie in charge. Capt. Bernier will be sailing master. After delivering supplies along the Hudson Bay to the different posts, the Neptune will return to St. John, Nfld. Major Moodie will come out with the Neptune and will go overland by dog sleigh to Fort Churchill during the winter.

Col. Fred White has received a letter from Mr. C. Chapman, Hudson Bay commisisoner, Winnipeg, denying that any of the company's officers had anything to do with the circulation of the report that it was on account of friction between the Mounted Police and the marine department that delayed the Neptune going north.

If the department desires, Mr. Chapman says that he will hold an inquest.

SOME VOLCANIC STUNTS

Remarkable Natural Phenomena in Calabria—Earthquakes Continue.

New York, Sept. 18.—A cable dispatch to the Herald from Naples says that a telegram from Tropea, Calabria, says that as a result of the earthquake an old sulphurous spring on Mount Pors, which had run dry, emits instead of gases, mud and warm water. The River Messini has swollen and presents a strange phenomenon. The water is cold and warm in different places. At its mouth sulphurous vapors rise on the water.

Earthquake shocks are occurring throughout the whole region, and though only just perceptible, are sufficient to maintain the feeling of panic among the people who do not dare reenter such houses as are still standing.

THE AVON HORROR

Deaths From the Explosion and Fire Now Thirteen.

Avon, Conn., Sept. 18. — The roll of deaths from the explosion and fire at the plant of the Climax Fuse Company on Friday now number thirteen, and there are still several injured ones whose condition is looked upon as extremely critical. The deaths since those previously reported are:

Michael Canfield, aged 50 years.

Mrs. Ida Wild, aged 20 years.

The injured ones whose condition is now considered most desperate are Miss Nellie Canfield, Miss Mary Litzkoasicz, Patrick Loughman and Arthur Tutter. It was feared today that Loughman's burns would prove fatal. Miss Canfield and Miss Litzkoasicz are so severely burned about the arms and hands that amputation may be necessary if they survive.

Taft Sails for Home.

Yokohama, Sept. 17. — United States Secretary of War Taft and party sailed at 3 o'clock this afternoon for San Francisco on the steamer Korea.

Czar's Naval Losses.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 18.—The Russian losses in ships at Port Arthur, Vladivostock and the Sea of Japan, according to official statistics published this morning amount to $113,000,000.

Five Years for Tillie.

Toronto, Sept. 18.For attacking Mrs. Mack, an attendant at the Mercer Reformatory, with a pair of scissors, Tillie Robinson, an inmate of that institution, and well known in public circles, was this morning sent to the penitentiary for five years by Magistrate Denison. The prisoner pleaded self-defense, declaring that the attendant had dragged her out of bed by the hair, and that the officials were in the habit of putting dirt in her food.Crown Attorney Curry asked for a life or undetermined sentence. After the attack Tillie declared she was sorry she had not killed Mrs. Mack.

THE TERROR OF THE YANKEE POACHERS

The Vigilant appears to be making it decidedly unhealthy for the fish pirates of Erie, Pa. Two fishing tugs have been captured within the past ten days, the Bertha L. Cockell, with 5,000 pounds of whitefish, and 100 nets, and the E. C. Oggell, which had a quantity of fish and nets on board. The William J. McCarter was also fired upon, and, although struck twice, escaped, and the Barnhurst is the last vessel to come under the guns of the Canadian cruiser. All these vessels are owned in Erie, Pa., which is the headquarters of the pirates.

MORE TROUBLE FOR POOR RUSSIA; CZAR CLASHES WITH THE SULTAN

Constantinople, Sept. 18.—The steady progress of work on the new fortifications on the Bosphorus is causing friction between the Russians and the Porte. The fortifications were hastily commenced at the time of the mutiny on board the Russian battleship Kniaz Potempkine, Turkey seizing upon this pretext as a means for carrying out a scheme of fortification which she had long desired, but which had always been opposed by Russia. It is understood that the question was discussed at the recent audience which the Russian ambassador had with the Sultan, in the course of which he pointed out that the further fortification of the straits was incompatible with friendly relations between Turkey and Russia. In the meanwhile the works are being actively pushed, though they can hardly be completed for several months.

The Porte continues its irreconcilable attitude in regard to the proposed international financial control of Macedonia.

DIPHTHERIA CLOSES SCHOOL

Outbreak of the Epidemic at Tilbury Reported Spreading.

Chatham, Sept. 18.—Tilbury public school has been closed for a week at least, owing to the outbreak of diphtheria in that vicinity. The epidemic is not expected to be of great duration.

LAST HONORS TO MAYOR

All Boston in Mourning for the Late Patrick A. Collins.

Boston, Sept. 18.—The business life of this city was stopped for a while today to do reverence to the memory of Mayor Patrick A. Collins. Schools, courts, trade exchanges, municipal offices and manufacturers' establishments, all suspended operations—some for the day, some for the period of the services at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Everywhere were emblems of mourning. City hall, the public buildings, the newspaper offices, and many of the commercial houses were draped in black, while flags were at half-mast all over the city, and on the ships in the harbor.

OIL PRICES UP

Two Cents Added to the Price of the Canadian Product.

Lima, Ohio, Sept. 18. — The second advance for crude oil of last week adds three cents to eastern and two cents to western and Canadian products, Kansas remaining unchanged. Heavy drains on gross stocks in all fields, as shown by monthly statements, with the destruction of the Russian field and storage, caused the advance in prices. Operations for the Ohio-Indiana field this week show big losses in production.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Cabinet Will Likely Set It for the 26th of October.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Sept. 18. — Thanksgiving Day will likely be held on the fourth Thursday in October, the 26th day of the month. This date will be fixed at today's meeting of the cabinet.

Hon. C. S. Hyman left for Winnipeg at noon today.

HALL CAINE AFTER RICH

Novelist to Show Up Millionaire's Troubles in Fiction.

London, Sept. 18. — Before sailing for New York Saturday, Hall Caine, the novelist and playwright, told a representative of the Daily Express that he had for a long time been making a study of the millionaire and the problems which beset him, and that it was probable his next book would deal with the great commercial rulers of the United States.

Premier Goes to Quebec.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier left for Quebec this afternoon, and will attend the banquet of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association while in that city on Wednesday evening.

Komura Much Better.

New York, Sept. 18. — Aimer Sato, secretary to Baron Komura, announced today at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel that the baron's condition was much improved and that his convalescence was now well established.

The Cholera in Germany.

Berlin, Sept. 18. — The official bulletin isued today says there were ten fresh cases of cholera and five deaths from noon Saturday to noon Sunday, and three new cases and one death from noon Sunday to noon today, making the totals 202 cases and 77 deaths.

CHICAGO BOY BUCCANEERS ROUT WINDY CITY YACHTSMEN

With Black Flag Flying and Heavily Armed Youthful Pirates Attack Members of Yacht Club.

Chicago, Sept. 18. — With a black flag flying from its masthead, and its occupants armed, a sailing craft appeared off the foot of Thirty-third street, yesterday afternoon, and after a battle with members of the Douglas Yacht Club, in which the latter were forced to appeal to the police,weighed anchor, and disappeared in the direction of South Chicago. The pirate ship, the police say, was seen by scores of persons on the shore. She dropped anchor less than half a mile out in the lake, and its sailors clambered over the sides into a yawl and were rowed to the yacht club building.

Carrying rifles and other weapons, the invaders attacked a number of persons who were sitting on the porch of the building.The small boathouse party were finally routed, and telephoned for police aid. As the first of the policemen appeared the pirates hurried to their yawl, rowed back to their yacht, and sailed away. The police believe that the pirates are youthful burglars, who live in the district south of Hyde Park, and who long have been wanted for a series of robberies.

All Oil Advanced.

Cleveland, Sept. 18.—The Standard Oil Company today advanced the selling price on all grades of refined oil a half a cent per gallon. Gasoline is advanced 1 cent per gallon.

Witte at Plymouth.

Plymouth, Eng., Sept. 18. — The North German Lloyd line steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II., having on board M. Witte and colleagues, arrived here today. The Russians, who were all in good health, went on to Cherbourg, where they will land this evening. A number of reporters boarded the steamer, but M. Witte declined to be interviewed, except to reiterate that the recent rioting in Japan would not delay or interfere with the ratification of the peace treaty.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Warm.

London, Monday, Sept. 18.

Sun rises..5:59 a.m. Moon rises..9:06 p.m.

Sun sets...6:24 p.m. Moon sets..10:30 a.m.

Toronto, Sept. 17—8 p.m.

Rain has fallen today in many parts of the Northwest Provinces; also from the lower lake region to Western Quebec.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Edmonton, 44—50; Calgary, 34—58; Qu'Appelle, 44—60; Winnipeg, 46—72; Port Arthur, 50—62; Parry Sound, 58—68; Toronto, 64—72; Ottawa, 58—62; Montreal, 58—66; Quebec, 50—56; Halifax, 56—68.

FORECASTS.

Monday, Sept. 18—8 a.m.

Winds increasing to fresh and strong breezes, easterly to southerly; showery again during the night and on Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	28	26	Fair
Winnipeg	54	54	Cloudy
Toronto	64	64	Cloudy
Ottawa	62	62	Cloudy
Montreal	66	65	Cloudy
Quebec	62	52	Rain
Father Point	62	66	Rain

WEATHER NOTES.

Rain has fallen heavily in nearly all parts of the Northwest Provinces; also over Ontario and Quebec. Sharp frosts occurred during the night in Alberta.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Saturday were: Highest, 73°; lowest, 62.5° above. Sunday: Highest, 68.5°; lowest, 65° above.

A FOUL MURDER

Young Woman Assaulted and Killed in a New York Suburb.

New York, Sept. 18. — The finding Saturday of the body of a handsome woman, about 25 years of age, lying bruised and battered in a clump of briar bushes near the Pelham road, in the Bronx, revealed one of the worst crimes with which the local police have had to deal in many years.

An autopsy showed that the woman had fought her assailants desperately.

Her outer garments and underclothing were torn almost into shreds.

Half a hundred detectives and specially assigned policemen are endeavoring to find some clue to the murderers.

The girl's name is Augusta Pleffer, daughter of respectable German people. Her assailant is unknown.

JOHN D. NOT SKEPTICAL

"I Have Yet to Doubt," His Testimony at Prayer Meeting.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 18.—"It gives me the greatest pleasure, happiness and satisfaction to meet people professedly Christians. I have found this to be true in my experience," said John D. Rockefeller in response to an invitation from Rev. Dr. Eaton, the pastor, to his audience at the regular prayer meeting of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, to tell the greatest blessing they had received from professing Christianity.

"As a boy, and now as a man, I find the evidence of religion has a hold upon people the same," continued the oil king.

"I have never been skeptical; I have yet to doubt. It has been a great satisfaction to me to find Jesus Christ within people. Though they may stumble—yes, even fall—he is there, a force stronger than the world. He is their strength."

In conclusion of his few minutes' speech the oil king urged his hearers to use their influence toward bringing to church young men who have not yet professed Christianity.

"A noble work confronts us, and now is the time to rescue those who are strangers to the church. Let us not postpone doing out duty; now is the time."

VIGILANT PEPPERS ANOTHER IN HOT CHASE ACROSS ERIE

American Poacher Escapes Badly Riddled With Shells From Guns of the Fast Canadian Cruiser.

Erie, Pa., Sept. 18.—The fourth of the fishing tug incidents of the past week took place in mid-Lake Erie yesterday, when the Canadian cruiser Vigilant riddled the big steam tug Harry G. Barnhurst with small shells from the rifle on the patrol boat.

Capt. Nick Fassett, of the tug, admitted after he escaped that the Vigilant could have sent her to the bottom if Capt. Dunn had so desired.

They ran more than eight miles under a full head of steam before they crossed the boundary line and escaped from the Canadians.

More than thirty shots struck the vessel, and of these fifteen of the small shells landed with telling effect on the upper parts, so much so that the boat careened to one side with the mass of wreckage when she came into port.

Having been used formerly for a pleasure steamer, the Barnhurst is of large size, and well fitted with steam equipment.

One of the firemen, Magnus Johnson, fainted in the hold from over-exhaustion in keeping the steamer going ahead.

He was reported killed, but revived after reaching shore.

Two fishermen were cut in the face by splinters shot away by the bullets.

The Barnhurst, according to Capt. Fassett, was about five miles over the line drawing nets when the Vigilant appeared.

The other Erie tugs, the Alma, Valiant and the Boyd, were also over the line and ran away when the chase started.

Capt. Dunn ordered the Barnhurst to stop, but instead of doing so, Capt. Fassett put on full steam and started for the line.

He took a southwesterly direction, and could not be headed by the Vigilant.

It has become quite the custom for the Erie fishermen to cross the line, regardless of strict orders from the companies employing them, and have exciting brushes with the Vigilant.

They never think of surrender when there is a chance to run away.

The Barnhurst lost a large quantity of nets.

Toronto, Sept. 18.—An unofficial report has reached the Provincial Fisheries Department to the effect that the fishing tugs which were fired upon or captured by the Dominion cruiser Vigilant on Lake Erie during the past week belonged to the Booth Syndicate, an American concern that has several corcession in Ontario. It is also said that the company has an arrangement in this province whereby licenses are taken out by individuals in the company's employ. All the fish caught by these is turned over the company's agents or shipped to the company's branches in the United States, where it is sold, while people in some parts of Canada cannot get any. It is likely that an investigation will be made into this alleged method of procedure.

Vigilant Needs Quick Firer.

Capt.Dunn,of the Government cruiser Vigilant, is applying to the department for a quick-firing gun for his boat. It appears that American poachers on Lake Erie do not pay any heed to the rifle which the captain has now on board.

EDWARD REVIEWS 40,000 SCOTCHMEN

Magnificent Military Parade at Edinburgh—Sir Thos. Lipton Injured.

Edinburgh, Sept. 18. — The greatest muster of Scotchmen under arms since the battle of Flodden Field was reviewed by King Edward here today.The King arrived at the Scottish capital this morning and proceeded to Holyrood Palace, whence, attended by the Duke of Connaught and a brilliant staff, he rode to the parade grounds in King's Park. Nearly 40,000 Scotch volunteers were in the march past. Enormous numbers of visitors from all parts of Scotland and the north of England witnessed the review, which is expected to assist in counteracting the extreme irritation felt in volunteer circles over the recent worrying regulations of the war office.

During the march past, Sir Thomas Lipton, who is honorary colonel of the Second Lanark Highlanders, was leading his regiment past the King, when his horse threw him, and Sir Thomas was kicked in the face. His injuries are not serious.

IMMIGRATION BLOCKED

Cholera Regulations of U. S. Halts the Rush From Europe.

London, Sept. 15.—Continental emigration to the States by way of Liverpool has been paralyzed by the cholera owing to the regulations of the federal health authorities that emigrants for infected or suspected places may not be admitted to any American port days under supervision at the port of embarkation, examined twice daily and their baggage fumigated.

The loss to the White Star, Cunard and American lines is serious. They are accustomed to book steerage passengers months ahead, and the dates of sailing have been kept if possible.

The steerage passengers are now thrown on their hands, and have to be maintained at the companies' expense in Liverpool for a week before embarkation.

Hasty telegrams for the continent have countermanded further bookings for the present.

Mr. McIntosh Appointed.

Toronto, Sept. 18. — John H. McIntosh, Strathroy, has been appointed clerk of the sixth division of Middlesex, but his apopintment will not be gazetted until next week.

SOV. ODDFELLOWS IN CONVENTION

Grand Lodge, Representing 1,300,000 Members, Gathers at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Sept. 18. — The 81st annual communication of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows opened here today. The initial exercises were held in Lulu Temple.

Grand Sire Robert E. Wight, of Allentown, will preside at all of the business sessions of the grand lodge, and will be present at all public meetings. The opening exercises consisted of an address of welcome by Mayor Weaver, and addresses by Melville E. Churbuck, grand master; Cleon Gicquelais, grand patriarch; Mrs. Anna Morrow, president of Rebekah Assembly. Simultaneously with these ceremonies were held the prize drills of the Patriarchs Militant in the Second Regiment armories.

Later in the day competitive degree work of lodges, encampments and Rebekah lodges took place in Lulu Temple.

Membership of 1,300,000.

According to Grand Sire Wright, among especially important matters to be considered during the conclave, is the subject of the Patriarch Militant branch of the order. The test of eligibility is membership in the encampment branch, which has about 17,000 members, about 12 per cent of whom are in the patriarch. The proposition is to make membership of the subordinate lodges the basis of admission to the militant. The total number of lodge members is about 1,300,000. If the change be made, and the same percentage of lodge members go into the militant as now go in from the encampment, the militant branch will reach a membership of 200,000. It has now 18,000. It will then be the strongest uniformed fraternal organization in the world. The grand lodge will also consider the question of extending the order in Porto Rico, San Domingo and Scotland.

The report of Grand Sire Wright shows the total subordinate lodge membership to be 1,217,145; encampment membership, 177,839; Rebekah membership, 474,059; number of subordinates, 14,315; expenditures for reliefs, $4,633,649; total revenues, $31,638,791; total resources, $37,645,071.

Continuing, the report states:

The increase in membership of our subordinate lodges was 65,724; in the encampment branch, 9,990; in the Rebekah branch, 26,391; making a total increase of 102,105. The increase in receipts for the year was $751,077. The increase in resources was $2,974,951,and the increase in relief, $307,139.

LYNCHING BEES FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Miners Adopt American Method to Curb Assaulters of Women.

Johannesburg, South Africa, Sept. 18. —The methods followed in the southern part of the United States to punish miscreants who attack white women and girls, have been adopted by the miners of the Johannesburg district, where lately many cases of Chinese assaulting white women have stirred the miners to a state of desperation.

A secret mass meeting of Johannesburg miners was held recently, and it was decided to hereafter lynch all Chinese guilty of attacking white women. The meeting was the result of the lax way in which the local judges have lately inflicted punishment on three Chinese convicted of assaulting the wives of miners.

Funds were subscribed to buy rope for the prospective lynchings and a sharp lookout will be kept throughout the whole district to apprehend any and all Chinese found guilty of the offense in question.

C. P. R. REFUSED $70,000,000 OFFER

Syndicates' Price for Company's Lands in the West Turned Down.

Winnipeg, Sept. 18.—The report from London, England, that $70,000,000 had been offered and declined by the C. P. R. directors for the railway company's available lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, is confirmed here, although the parties will not give their names for publication. It is understood, however, that Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, K.C., represents the syndicate, which is composed of Canadian, English and United States capitalists. The idea was to acquire the extra C. P. R. land grant in the west, and organize a company which would work with the C. P. R. and assist in every way possible to hurry the settlement of the lands. The offer, it is understood, was submitted to President Shaughnessy and party of directors while here, and turned down, but the syndicate have still hopes of a reconsideration, as several directors are favorable to the transfer.

One Winnipegger is said to have netted $50,000 by the advance in C. P. R. stock since the negotiations began.