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GENERAL ALDERSON WRITES IN PRAISE OF CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES

They Were of His Brigade in South Africa, and He Regretted to Lose Them—Wessels Tries to Defend De Wet—British Casualties at Belfast Were Heavier Than Reported.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 14.—In a letter to Lieut. Colonel Evans from General Alderson, who had the Canadian Mounted Rifles in his brigade, the general writes as follows: "I should like to tell you how sincerely sorry I am that the Canadian Mounted Rifles are leaving the Mounted Infantry Brigade. Since the last time we have soldered together and I can honestly say that I have been very proud and pleased to have you people with me. Everything I have asked them to do has been done not only thoroughly well, but cheerfully. I should like you to know how the last has helped me along. Personally I do not think that orders are quite the place to give vent to one's sentiments, and therefore I write this private letter to you to let your people know how proud I have been to speak and write home about them as 'My Men,' and also how sorry as far as I am personally concerned, though thoroughly glad for them, that they are going and how very sincerely I wish them the best of luck in the future."

It appears that Sgt. Major E. Hillman of the Mounted Rifles joined Major Howard's corps of scouts with the bank of Lieutenant Sergeant Major De Wintoner attached to the Natal field force command. Altogether 14 of the Mounted Rifles joined Major Howard's corps. Lieut. Col. M. B., who has been missing since 22nd, is reported to be dead.

THE BOSSCHIETER MURDER. One of the Most Noted Criminal Trials

HAS BEEN BEGUN.

Crown Officer Makes Statement of Case Against the Men Charged With the Death of the Young Factory Girl Who Was Drugged and Assaulted.

Pateron, N. J., Jan. 14.—What is expected to be one of the notable criminal trials in the history of the country was begun today when Walter C. McKelister, William A. Death and Andrew Campbell were called to plead to the charge of the murder of Jennie Bosschietter, the 18-year-old mill girl, who died after having been given "knockout drops" and assaulted. C. J. Kerr, who was jointly indicted with the three other prisoners, made application some time ago to Presiding Justice Dixon for a separate trial, which was granted. It was expected Kerr, who is a brother of ex-Judge Kerr, and who is related by marriage to Mayor Hindolph, would be called as a witness for the state.

I. C. R. MATTERS. Hon. Mr. Blair Announces Plans for the Road.

NEW TRAFFIC MANAGER, Mr. E. Tiffin, Will Leave Toronto Tomorrow for Moncton to Assume His Duties—Two Million Dollars Will Be Spent in Improving the Road.

Montreal, Jan. 14.—Hon. A. G. Blair announces that \$2,000,000 would be spent on improving the I. C. R. between Toronto and Sydney. At Mulgrave at present the facilities are inadequate as only a car can be transferred at once. The government have ordered from the Armstrong, Whitworth Co. a steel car of 2,000 horse power costing \$250,000, which will carry four cars each trip. On Port Hastings side the wharf will remain at Point Tupper and a new wharf will be built a mile and a half south of Mulgrave, doing away with the switchback. The terminal facilities at Sydney are inadequate and will be increased. Land has been purchased for the purpose at reasonable prices. The work of erection of freight and other buildings will be commenced in the spring. The I. C. R. cannot handle the traffic on that portion of the line as it has increased so rapidly. Sixty locomotives and 1,200 freight cars will be delivered next month to the I. C. R.

SMUGGLING CHINAMEN. Seven Who Were Taken Through St. John Were Caught Sunday

At Dennyville, Me., by Inspector Miller of Boston—Were Brought from Vancouver Through St. John to St. Andrews—Thence to Lubec by Vessel.

Dennyville, Me., Jan. 13.—The most important capture made by the United States secret service in this state for years was made here this afternoon by Inspector Miller of Boston. For several months past the secret service officials have been in possession of the fact that Chinamen are being smuggled into this country from the provinces, and they have been constantly on the watch for them. Inspector Miller spent several days in Bangor last week watching the trans for seven Chinamen, who, he had been informed, were coming to that city from St. John. He went to Washington County and followed the Chinamen from that place to the vicinity of St. John and it was figured that the only way they could get there was via the Washington County railroad to be sent from St. John to some point on the coast of Maine by vessel.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SHOWS A YEAR OF PROSPERITY.

Lands Have Been Settled—People Are Coming In—Finances Are Far in Excess of Previous Year—Over 7,000 Household Entries Were Received, Many Being from the United States.

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—(Special)—The annual report of the department of the interior was distributed today. It is for the fiscal year ending June 30th last. James A. Smart, deputy minister of the interior, in his introductory remarks, says: "I am glad to be in a position to state that according to the returns now submitted, the work of the department, generally, has been very successful. Judging from the increased stream of desirable agriculturists which have been flowing into Manitoba and the Territories during the past three or four years, it would seem that the hitherto unexplored problem of opening up promptly to settlement the vast areas of arable lands lying within the western districts no longer offers any ground for apprehension. It is gratifying to know that at the time when such a large proportion of the rural population of the grain-growing countries of Europe are abandoning the fields and moving to the already congested centres, such a growing interest should be taken in the advantages offered by Western Canada as a suitable field for immigration."

The present results, there is every reason to believe that ere many years have elapsed Manitoba and the other provinces, which will eventually spring out of the present territories, will occupy the position, both as regards population and wealth, which their inexhaustible resources justly entitle them to.

The revenue for the past year from domain lands and all sources amounted to \$1,781,701, being a net increase of \$105,822 over the previous year. The mining industry of the Yukon shows in the first three months of the present year—that is July, August and September—an increase of \$294,778 over the same time limit. There were 7,429 homestead entries in 1900 as against 5,912 in 1899. Of these 941 entries were made by parties from the United States.

The railway companies and Hudson Bay Company sold 2,145,146 acres of land during 1900 as against 1,522,792 for 1899, which was the largest year in the history of the country. This is another evidence of how Manitoba and the Northwest are being settled up by the policy of the present government. It is calculated that about 48,000 people took up land during the year.

The dominion convention on Subarctic lands will be held here on February 14. At the city council tonight it was decided to ask the dominion government for a further grant of \$400,000.

LOYAL MANITOBA.

Hundreds of Men Ready to Enlist in the Baden-Powell Constabulary.

Winnipeg, Jan. 14.—(Special)—Military men here say the government are going to give Manitoba a chance to distinguish herself by supplying 1,000 men wanted for the Baden-Powell constabulary. Strong representations are being made to the authorities on the matter and that Manitoba can do it is certain. Major Gardner has already over 700 names of men who are anxious to go, many of them being experienced soldiers, good riders and good shots, and some are men who have just returned and want to go back.

CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES.

Col. Evans Tells of the Battalions Work in South Africa.

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—Lieut. Col. T. D. Evans, who returned yesterday with the Canadian Mounted Rifles, gave some interesting facts regarding the actions of his battalion in the recent campaign. Col. Evans went out in command of the 1st Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles, which was transferred to the command of the 1st Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles, in support of mounted police and rangers. Their first expedition was through the barren part of Cape Colony, at the command of which they took part in all the engagements between Bloemfontein and the Orange River. In the general advance north they were attached to Hutton's brigade, and during the advance worked with the 1st Battalion, Cape Mounted Rifles. They were afterwards attached to the lines of communication, where they were doing the most serious fighting. It was during this time that they were engaged in the battle of the Modder River, where for the first time they fought with the Royal Canadian Artillery. The loss of life in the battle was remarkably small; only one officer and 12 men were killed.

Losses Were Heavy.

The British Casualties in the recent fighting at Belfast show 29 killed and 23 wounded.

London, Jan. 15.—The official list of the British casualties in the recent fighting at Belfast shows 29 killed and 23 wounded. This does not account for the British losses at other points of simultaneous attacks by the Boers, namely, Wondelputten, Noodlediedel and Witfontein, and shows that affairs in that quarter were more serious than Lord Kitchener reported them to be.

THE CHINESE SITUATION.

Calculation As to Li Hung Chang's Successor as Plenipotentiary.

Pekin, Monday, Jan. 14.—The protocol was signed this morning, the idea of protesting against any cause having been abandoned.

Prince Ching has notified Senor De Calvo, the Spanish minister, who is the viceroy of the diplomatic corps, that the agreement was signed yesterday morning, but that he did not expect to be able to present it to the foreign envoys before Wednesday, owing to the difficulty of obtaining the imperial seal, which he asserted is in the forbidden city and in the private apartments of the Emperor, guarded by the Emperor's most trusted servants. He also said that a personal order from the Emperor would be required before those who have the seal in charge would deliver it even to Prince Ching.

Russia today began turning over to the railway to Germany. The latter interest in the management of the line with former employees of the company under military supervision.

Tien Tsun, Jan. 14.—The Russian troops, 200,000 men, were detailed to guard the province of Chih Li and surrounding provinces, Manchuria. It is reported they are going to Mukden.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, telegraphing from Peking under date of January 13, says: "The Haval column returns January 14, having ascertained at Kin-Ching that the Chinese troops at Sun-Hua effected a timely retreat."

Washington, Jan. 14.—The prospect that Li Hung Chang may have to retire from the peace commission because of his firmness has led to some canvass among officials as to those available to take his place. Among those informally mentioned are Shung Shu, the imperial director of posts, and Li Shun Yeh, viceroy of Nan-kin. Both of those officials are spoken of in the highest terms by Consul General Goodman, our representative at Shanghai during the crisis.

Up to the close of the official day Mr. Conger had not advised the department of the final signing of the peace protocol. When this is concluded it is understood that the foreign ministers and the Chinese envoys heretofore met together and carry forward the execution of the terms of the protocol, probably embodying the final result in a comprehensive treaty of peace on the lines of the present protocol.

Pekin, Jan. 14.—A protocol was signed this morning with the idea of protesting against the abandonment of any cause in the joint note of the powers.

Shanghai, Jan. 14.—There is a famine in the province of Shen Si, and it is said that 5,000,000 people are facing starvation.

OCEAN TO OCEAN.

Another Railroad Scheme Reported Taking Form.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—The Record will say tomorrow:

Another ocean-to-ocean railroad scheme is reported to be taking form. It involves two Chicago lines—the Grand Trunk and the Wisconsin Central. This is the route in mind:

Portland, Me., to Chicago, Grand Trunk; Chicago to Ashland, Wis., Wisconsin Central; Ashland to Duluth, Northern Pacific or a new line; Duluth to Winnipeg, line proposed by a syndicate headed by William McKenzie, and Winnipeg to Vancouver, line projected by James Dunsinuir.

The Grand Trunk is said to have long desired to push into Manitoba in order to offer competition to its powerful rival, the Canadian Pacific.

If the trans-oceanic scheme is carried out, a new line, 80 miles in length, will have to be built to connect Ashland with Duluth.

There are strong indications that the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Canadian Pacific lines have anticipated a trans-oceanic movement on the part of the Grand Trunk, McKenzie & Dunsinuir.

It is said that the Lake Superior-Manitoba Company which filed a petition for incorporation a short time ago, was designed to keep the McKenzie, Duluth-Winnipeg project from being carried out. The Canada-Manitoba Company is said to be the power behind the Lake Superior and Manitoba.

MAINE MURDER CASE.

The Negro Hands Arraigned—Looking for the White Man.

Portland, Me., Jan. 14.—The only judicial development in the Gorham murder today was the arraignment of the negro hands. There have been a number of false reports as to the whereabouts of the fugitive confederate of the prisoner, whom the police are now finally convinced John McLain, but not in a single instance has a clue to the man's whereabouts materialized. There was a story in circulation late in the afternoon that a suspect had been captured in a nearby town, but he had escaped capture, and was being pursued by hundreds of townspeople who were hot on his trail. This report proved as groundless as all the others. The Portland police are inclined to regard the clue given to the dispatch from Rollinford as having the most probability attaching to it, but up to midnight both the police department and sheriff's office are utterly baffled.

BETTER PAY FOR PRINTERS.

Settlement of Difficulty Between Employers and Men in Toronto.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—(Special)—The difficulty between the printers of the city and the employers has been settled after a conference which had lasted three days. The agreement reached, covers a period of three years. Book and job printers have their wage scale raised from \$12 to \$13 a week; pressmen are raised from \$13.50 per week to \$14.25 for the present year, and \$14.50 for the two years following; bookbinders get \$1 a week extra, but no reduction in hours. Secretaries are included in a three-year agreement at their present scale, \$14 a week, and \$16 for foremen. They asked for reduction from nine to eight and a half hours a day, which was declined. Pressmen's assistants and feeders have secured an increase from \$8 to \$9 a week.

PORTLAND BOARD OF TRADE.

Announcement that Portland is Accepted by the New York Produce Exchange as a Trans-Atlantic Port.

Portland, Jan. 14.—At the annual meeting of the Portland Board of Trade today it was stated that the New York Produce Exchange had decided the new arrangement for inspection of grain here was satisfactory and that Portland had been duly rated as a trans-Atlantic port.

Reports showed very gratifying progress during the year and appreciation was expressed for the good work done by Manager Beave of the Grand Trunk.

Officers chosen are: President, Frederick E. Boothby; secretary, Marshall N. Rich.

DESTITUTE IMMIGRANTS.

Camping in the Fields and Sleeping in the Snow.

Danielson, Conn., Jan. 14.—The tribe of Danians who landed in Boston some weeks ago en route from Russia to the Southern States, have reached this town and last night encamped in the fields, sleeping on the snow covered ground. They are in the utmost destitution.

A child was born to one of the women last evening and mother and infant spent the night in the fields with no other roof than the winter sky. The local authorities have ordered the Danians to leave at once.

CANADIAN MISSIONARIES.

Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions Will Send Workers.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—(Special)—Rev. Geo. F. Fitch cables from Shanghai to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions that the Presbyterian mission should start at once for China, all danger of further serious trouble there having passed accordingly. Several of the missionaries who formerly were in China and other new missionaries will leave at once for Shanghai.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

The Sale to the United States is Reported as Soon to be Completed.

Copenhagen, Jan. 14.—It is understood that the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States will soon be completed. It is said that the minister of finance, H. E. Herring is concluding satisfactory arrangements. The desire here is to sign the convention before March 4th.

FIRE AT SHEDIAE.

Broke Out in Tait's Coopering Shop.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 14.—Shediae is in danger of a big conflagration tonight. Fire broke out in this evening in R. C. Tait's coopering shop. It is spreading to his potato warehouse and also to Tait's hall. There is little or no water supply on hand and the people are much alarmed.

At 1 o'clock the fire is under control and it is supposed that no further damage will be done. Mr. Tait may lose a big supply of potatoes—some 1,000 or 1,200 barrels he had on hand.

SMALL WATER SUPPLY.

Blaze Spread to Potato Warehouse and to Tait's Hall, But at One O'clock This Morning the Fire Had Been Got Under Control—Started in the Evening.

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AN INTERPELLATION.

In the Chamber of Deputies on the "Interference of the Pope in the Domestic Affairs of France."

Paris, Jan. 14.—In the chamber of deputies today the government was interpellated by M. Marcel Sembat, Radical Socialist, on the "interference of the pope in the domestic affairs of France," as shown in the recent letter of the pope to Cardinal Trichard, Archbishop of Paris, dealing with the proposed bill of the premier, known as the law of associations and aiming at the suppression of religious committees, in which the pontiff defended the religious orders. M. Sembat asked the government to protest against this letter.

M. Ribot, the former premier, defended the pope who, he said, was entitled to raise his voice when he thought religious interests were in peril. The statement called forth cheers from the Radicals and Centreists.

BANQUETS TO CANADIANS.

At Boston—Sir Richard Cartwright and Premier Parent to Be Dined.

Boston, Jan. 14.—(Special)—Sir Richard Cartwright will be a guest at the Canadian Club at its annual dinner next month. Hon. S. N. Parent, premier of Quebec, will be the guest of the St. Jean Baptiste Society and Megantic Club and Game Club at a banquet on the 26th inst.

SAXE-WEIMAR'S FUNERAL.

The Kaiser's Absence Causes Some Talk—German Exports Increased.

Berlin, Jan. 13.—The Kaiser did not attend the funeral of his grand-uncle, the Grande Duke of Saxe-Weimar. It is creating some talk in Germany.

The German exports for 1900 have increased \$12,267,876 over 1899. Emigration from Hamburg increased in 1900 by 23,000 over 1899.

SHOE TRADE TROUBLE.

Archbishop Begin, of Quebec, Gives Judgment, Providing for Boards to Settle Difficulty.

Quebec, Jan. 14.—(Special)—Archbishop Begin has given judgment in the shoe trade trouble. It provided for a board of conciliation composed of the employers and finally a board of arbitration composed of three members, one to represent the employers, one the workmen and the third to be chosen by the board.

The board will be permanent and will be selected by the first of February next. The awards shall be final.

Quay for Senator.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 14.—Tomorrow is expected Col. M. S. Quay will be elected United States senator.

THE STRATHCONA HORSE WILL BE THE NEXT WE'LL WELCOME.

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—(Special)—The militia department received a cable today from Col. Biggar, at Cape Town, stating that Strathcona's are expected to sail for Halifax on 21st instant.