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## Chinese Reformers

### Sun Yat Sen Unfurls His Banner at Wei Chou and Causes Alarm.

### Move to Entice Troops From Canton and Then Seize the City.

### A Report That Empress Is Dead Not Believed in Berlin.

London, Oct. 13.—Dr. Morrison, wiring to the Times from Pekin, under date of October 11, says:

"The Chinese officials declare that stringent orders have been sent to provincial officials not to oppose the advance of the allied column."

Hongkong, Oct. 12.—The reformer, Sun Yat Sen, according to despatches from Canton, has unfurled the reform flag in the town of Wei Chou, on East river. This act has given rise to a considerable amount of excitement in military circles in Canton, as it is believed that the object of the reformers is to denude Canton of troops so they can seize the city.

Admiral Ho is pursuing the rebels in a northeasterly direction from San Chan. A British expedition, consisting of the 22nd Bombay Infantry, with artillery, is going to the Kow Loon Hinterland, although the district is reported quiet.

Paris, Oct. 12.—A despatch received by the Havas Agency from Tien Tsin says: "The general opinion of those knowing Chinese ways is that the punishment of the high officials contained in the edict of October 1 will not be executed. The edict is insincere. It is affirmed that Li Hung Chang has been ordered to reject all demands for territorial compensation and other war indemnities."

The troops at Pekin are suffering from typhoid fever and dysentery.

Berlin, Oct. 12.—A despatch received here to-day says a very serious view is taken at Field Marshal Count von Waldersee's headquarters in Tien Tsin of the revolutionary movement. At Canton a false alarm on October 7 caused the Chinese officials there to protest against any occupation of Chinese territory. The Yangtse viceroys, the despatch adds, openly affirm that they will oppose any advance of the Germans into Shan Tung province.

The proposal of the Russian government that in case of contracted divergence of views regarding equitable indemnities, this matter might be commended to the consideration of an international court of arbitration at The Hague, is regarded as the most important development in the Chinese situation. Nothing was known publicly in Europe concerning it prior to the publication of President McKinley's answer to the note of M. Delcasse. Most of the papers comment unsympathetically upon the suggestion.

Germany looks upon the report of the death of the Empress Dowager as a new Chinese intrigue. It is supposed that she intends to disappear temporarily, in order to escape the responsibility for the misdeeds of high officials, and perhaps to prepare another anti-foreign movement.

A high official of the foreign office asserted to-day that a telegram had been sent to the Chinese government demanding direct information as to whether the Empress Dowager is dead. No reply has been received.

The German foreign office is not satisfied with the list of culpables supplied by the Chinese government.

"The list is notoriously incomplete," said an influential official, "as it omits at least a score of prominent persons who were active leaders in the massacres of foreigners."

Germany, however, is not disposed to insist upon the punishment of all the guilty. What she demands is that an example be made of persons of high rank in order to show the Chinese strikingly and convincingly that the powers have enforced a severe expiation for misdeeds and to teach a wholesome and lasting lesson that the lives and property of foreigners must be safe in China.

Washington, Oct. 12.—The state department has received several claims by American missionaries and business men for indemnity on account of loss of property in China as a result of the Boxer uprising. The department in each case has notified the claimants that as yet it has not taken up for consideration the method of collecting such indemnities, and supplies them with the regular circular containing information as to the means of filing claims.

### PLEASED WITH ATLIN.

English Capitalist Praises the Country Highly—Wellington Mines Have Closed.

Nanaimo, Oct. 12.—George J. Goodwin, an English capitalist, heavily interested in Atlin properties, is here, and says the prospects for Atlin could not be better. The big companies interested there are putting in the finest plants to work their properties to the fullest extent. He is en route to England, and is confident that plenty more English capital will be invested at Atlin.

Samuel Wallis was taken to Westminster this morning to commence his seven years' sentence.

The Victoria Protestant Orphanage have three separate public entertainments for its benefit during the coming week, one by lady minstrels, one by Mariam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3.

The Wellington mines closed down for good to-day, and the machinery is being taken out. The miners' trains from Wellington to South Wellington cease after the 14th instant.

Rev. G. W. Taylor, for some time pastor of Cedar district, enters next upon the rectorship of St. Matthew's Anglican church at Wellington.

### MGR. FALCONIO.

Papal Delegate Welcomed by Roman Catholics in Westminster.

Vancouver, Oct. 13.—Mgr. Falconio, the apostolic delegate, has arrived in New Westminster. Archbishop Dontenville met the vice-papal party at Glacier, while many other prominent citizens met them at New Westminster Junction. On the arrival of Mgr. Falconio at Westminster station a large gathering greeted them, and the clergy and citizens in carriages escorted him to St. Peter's cathedral, where a short service was held, attended by the Roman Catholic population and a large number of Protestants.

Mgr. Falconio was born at Pascocoslanzo, Italy, September 20, 1842. He became a priest January 4, 1866, and spent many years in educational work in Halifax and other Canadian cities. On being recalled to Italy he was consecrated bishop July 11, 1895, and on November 29 the same year was raised to the archiepiscopal seat of Accerenza and Matera. On August 3, 1899, it was decided to establish a permanent representative of the papal office here, and Mgr. Falconio was chosen. He will baptize the bells for the new Roman Catholic church in Vancouver on their arrival by the next steamship from the Orient.

## Engagement With Boers

### Australians Inflict Some Loss on Burgher Forces Near Lietpoort.

### Kruger Leaves for Europe on Thursday and Will not Return

Capetown, Oct. 15.—A despatch from Mafeking, dated yesterday, states that the Australian bushmen had an engagement on Friday at Lietpoort, two miles from Malmani, with a force of Boers, who for a considerable time have been strongly entrenched in the kopjes northeast of Malmani. The British loss was two wounded. The Boers left seven dead on the field.

The Mayor has received a telegram from Gen. Roberts, announcing that the colonial volunteers who have been on active service north of the Orange river may return home as soon as possible after the war. Gen. Roberts expresses the hope, however, that many of the volunteers will remain the war and says that their leaving will have the worst possible effect.

London, Oct. 15.—The Associated Press correspondent in Lorenzo Marques cables an interview with ex-President Kruger's grandson, Eloff, who accompanies his grandfather to Europe. He said he did not think Kruger intended to return to South Africa. He did not suppose the British would allow him to land if he did return. He denied that his grandfather had gone on board the Dutch cruiser Gelderland, which does not sail before next Thursday. When he did embark he would do so openly, under the auspices of the governor of Lorenzo Marques.

Quebec, Oct. 15.—The Dominion liner Vancouver, with about 50 invalided Canadians on board, arrived here yesterday. The men were accorded a warm reception by the citizens of Quebec. There are no British Columbians among them.

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—Lieut.-Col. Evans, commanding the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles, reports from Middelburg, South Africa, to the militia department, under date of August 31, that during the week Sergt. T. E. Patterson, Privates Ermatinger, McNicol, Green, Redpath, Raper and Foran had rejoined. The parade state showed 184 on parade, 107 sick, and one missing.

Lieut.-Col. Lessard, commanding the Royal Canadian Dragoons, writes from Belfast on September 3 that there were on parade 150, on detachment 38, sick 106, missing No. 96 (Private Winyard). The battalion was doing outpost duty at Belfast all week.

Lieut.-Col. Otter writes that the parade state was: Effective at Eerste Fabricken, Silverton and on armored train at Vereening, 516; command, 37; convalescent, 73; sick and doing duty at various camps, 179; total, 805. The line of communication was under Col. Barker, R. E. The effective strength was increased during the week by the arrival of 80 non-commissioned officers and men who had fallen out in the early part of the recent march.

### GALVESTON RELIEF.

Sir Henry Irving Will Have a Wonderful Gathering of Artists.

London, Oct. 13.—Sir Henry Irving's Galveston relief benifit at Drury Lane, October 16 promises to be the most important social theatrical feat of the season. The programme includes the entire company of Drury Lane. "The Prince of Peace," Mr. Berbohn Tree's "Julius Caesar," Marie Tempest's "English Nell," Wyndham's "David Garrick," George Alexander's "Debt of Honor," Irving's "Waterloo," and almost all the best artists in London. Mme. Melba promised to sing, but finding this to be impossible, she made a handsome contribution to the fund.

### A MANIA FOR OPERATIONS.

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### GRANBY SMELTER.

Second Furnace at Grand Forks Blown In.

Grand Forks, B. C., Oct. 13.—The second furnace of the Granby smelter was blown in to-day.

### CRIMINAL LIBEL.

Tom Keith to Enter Suit Against a Nanaimo Paper—Mayor Bate Pleased.

Nanaimo, Oct. 13.—Mr. Tom Keith has decided to enter a suit against the Nanaimo Herald for criminal libel contained in a series of anonymous letters published by that paper lately severely criticizing his conduct.

Mayor Bate returned to-day from England. He says nothing is too good for Canada now over there. He received most hospitable treatment from officials, and cannot praise too highly the cordiality of the Agent-General's assistants, who showed him round London. He says there is a great re-awakening of interest in British Columbia in capitalistic circles, and believes next year will see the province a favorite with investors.

The Nanaimo lady minstrels gave an excellent show to-night to a large audience, for the benefit of the Victoria Protestant Orphanage. The performance will be repeated Monday.

A movement is on foot to form a string orchestra, including the mandolin, guitar and banjo players of the city. Twenty-five names are already on the list. Also steps are being taken toward the formation of a whist club.

## Lively Time At Brandon

### Sir Hibbert Tupper and Mr. Sifton Talk Before a Large Audience.

### Liberals Pack the Meeting and Attempt to Prevent Fair Discussion.

Brandon, Oct. 13.—Sir Hibbert Tupper and Hon. Clifford Sifton discussed the administration of the Yukon to-night before an immense audience in the skating rink here. Special trains were run from Winnipeg and different points in the constituency of Brandon, and there were over 3,000 people present. Sir Hibbert Tupper, who appeared for the first time before a Brandon audience, was received with tremendous applause when he mounted the platform.

Mr. Sifton also got an ovation.

Sir Hibbert, in a speech lasting an hour, went into affairs dealing with the Yukon.

The speaker was interrupted much by cheers, frequently by groans.

Mr. Sifton followed, avoiding some of the charges preferred by Sir Hibbert, and denying others point blank.

Sir Hibbert was to have replied to Mr. Sifton for half an hour, but the Liberals had evidently packed the meeting with men determined to prevent this. Sir Hibbert was heard with difficulty and only for brief intervals at a time. When he began to roast the Minister of the Interior severely the hoodlums would applaud so that the audience might not hear. The sober-minded members of the audience resented this, but could not prevent it.

Nanaimo, Oct. 13.—The Conservative convention this afternoon received with regret Mr. Bryden's letter declining the nomination. The convention then chose a candidate, whose nomination will not be publicly announced until Monday, though it is generally believed to be Mr. C. P. Wolley.

Grand Forks, Oct. 13.—A. H. MacNeill, the Conservative candidate for Yale-Cariboo, and Mayor Goodeve of Rossland addressed a big meeting here to-night. Great enthusiasm was displayed. The speakers reviewed the various issues of the campaign, and Mayor Goodeve laid stress upon the refusal of Mr. Smith Curtis, M. P. P., who is here, to attend the meeting and reply on behalf of the Liberal candidate.

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—Nominating conventions are being held daily, and within the week it is likely all candidates will be chosen.

Winnipeg, Oct. 13.—J. J. McGee, clerk of the Privy Council at Ottawa, arrived in the city this morning by the Imperial Limited. He will administer the oath to Col. McMillan, who will be sworn in as lieutenant-governor of the province on Monday.

### BLACK FLAGS.

Leader Leaves Canton to Act as Bodyguard to Empress.

Paris, Oct. 13.—A trustworthy cable despatch from Shanghai says that Gen. Li, the chief of the Black Flags, has left Canton at the head of a considerable force, and that he will traverse the province of Ho Nan, join the Empress at Sian Fu, capital of the province of Shen Si, for the purpose of acting as her bodyguard. The despatch adds it is believed that the Dowager Empress will arrive at Sian Fu about October 20.

London, Oct. 13.—The Times publishes to-day Dr. Morrison's mail accounts of events that led up to the siege of Pekin. He says that the Boxers only became important after the German occupation of Kiao Chow. The Chinese were ascribing the disastrous drought and famine with other troubles to the judgment of heaven for usurpation of the Empresses Dowager. She seized upon the Boxer movement, according to Dr. Morrison, as a means of diverting popular wrath from herself to the foreigners and appointed Yu Heien, founder of the Boxers, to be governor of Shan Tung in March, 1899. Thus, under imperial protection, the Boxers preached the doctrine that it was the foreigners and not the Empress Dowager who had aroused the wrath of the gods.

"As if in answer to the Boxers, came anti-foreign outrages," continues the correspondent, "culminating in the destruction of the railway station at Feng Tai. The long-awaited rains came on May 28, and were regarded as a sign of the direct sanction of higher powers to the work of Boxers.

### SCHOONERS WRECKED.

Halifax, Oct. 13.—Eight schooners were wrecked Thursday night as a result of the storm—seven British and one American craft. No lives were lost, so far as known.

## Reformers Uprising

### Sun Yat Sen Wants to Make Clean Sweep of Existing Regime.

### While Kang Yu Wei Would Keep Present Emperor in Power.

### Boxers Defeated Chinese Troops in the Pao Ting Fu Country.

Tien Tsin, Oct. 10, via Taku, Oct 12, and Shanghai, Oct 13.—The expedition against Pao Ting Fu departed in the morning in two columns. The German, French and Italian troops, who are to take part, under command of Gen. Baillou, head of the French military forces in China, will follow the direct route to Pao Ting Fu, while 2,000 British soldiers, under Lord Campbell, will make a detour to the south of Pao Ting river, through large villages, supposed to be Boxer communities. Both columns will keep in touch with the boat and train which accompanied them. A junk, armed with a naval 12-pounder and two Maxims, is with the Pekin column.

The expedition will make a demonstration through a wide territory covered by allies. While no opposition is expected at Pao Ting Fu, the commanders believe that hostilities are possible in the intervening country.

Pekin, Oct. 11.—The Boxers are in great force east and west of Pao Ting Fu. Chinese officials report that the imperial troops defeated the Boxers with heavy loss, but the intelligence gathered from the allies and other sources indicate that the Chinese troops were defeated.

Paris, Oct. 13.—Letters received in diplomatic circles here throw a somewhat clearer light on the situation in Southern China, where an anti-dynastic uprising is now in progress. The reformist movement there is divided into two distinct parties, one led by Kang Yu Wei, the other by Sun Yat Sen. The former is agitating for drastic reforms, but wishes to retain the present dynasty; while Sun Yat Sen aims at deposing the Dowager Empress and making a clean sweep of the existing regime. The latter is leading the present rebellion.

The last authentic news of his whereabouts was of his presence at Yokohama three months ago. But since then he is believed to have smuggled himself into Southern China, and to be leading the reformist rebel forces, his plan of campaign being the capture of Canton, when he calculates the whole of Southern China will join him.

In the event of his seriously threatening Canton, Great Britain and France, possibly assisted by the other powers, will be forced to oppose him, which would create a curious situation. The powers would then be acting against the rebel forces in the South, which are anti-dynastic and friendly to foreigners, and at the same time engaged in suppressing the Boxer rebellion in the North, which is pro-dynastic and anti-foreign.

In the meantime Kang Yu Wei is inactive, owing, it is supposed, to the pressure brought to bear on him by Great Britain, to which country he owes his liberty, if not his life, for he escaped from the clutches of the Dowager Empress on board a British warship some time ago.

At the present moment there are two armed movements in Southern China—that of reformists, led by Sun Yat Sen, and the anti-foreign, pro-dynastic uprising of the Black Flags, who are marching north to assist the Dowager Empress.

Berlin, Oct. 13.—The despatches from St. Petersburg say Prince Tuan has gone into the interior of China, where, "with the consent of the insincere Chinese government," he is arming the population to arms against the foreigners.

Russia, it is added, believes the best

A military writer in the Tageblatt advocates the same method, which a number of papers endorse. The Lokal Anzeiger advises the adoption of strong measures against the Chinese Emperor.

The Russian suggestion to submit the Chinese question to The Hague arbitration court is denounced by the press, with the exception of the Vorwaerts, which endorses the plan, and says: "A just court would award higher damages to China than to the allies, who by their system of conquest and exploitation provoked the political situation."

A foreign office official informed a representative of the Associated Press, who questioned him regarding The Hague suggestion, that this plan is impracticable, since the work of estimating the damages must be done in China. Arbitration, he added, would cause great delay, pointing out that arbitration was merely suggested by Russia.

Government circles, though the officials are not willing to say so, continue to believe that the Chinese campaign will last long, possibly for years, unless Emperor Kwang Heu is induced to return to Pekin, which is not deemed very likely.

Military circles point out that the severe North China winter is approaching, when the most important military expeditions will be impossible.

The German foreign office has no late news from Field Marshal von Waldersee or Mr. Mumm von Schwartzenstein, the German minister to China. Referring to the remarks in the foreign press that von Waldersee will not find any Americans, Russians or Japanese at Pekin to command, a foreign office official remarked that this is not true of the Japanese, since they are still in Pei Chie Li.

Germany's official attitude towards the United States answer to the French note is set forth to-day in the Cologne Gazette in an article apparently inspired. In brief it is as follows:

"The answer, as a whole, meets with approbation, both for its tone and text. The answer is calculated to enhance harmony among the powers in their endeavor to obtain sufficient redress for crimes committed and guarantees against their recurrence. The answer strongly dwells upon the punishment of the real ringleaders, and suggests supplementing the list of the leaders. This entirely accords with the wishes of the German

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## The Week In London

### Gossip on Various Topics That Occupy Attention in World's Centre.

### British Foreign Office Irritated Over the Futile Chinese Negotiations.

### Orientals Seem to Be Making Laughing Stock of Western Nations.

London, Oct. 13.—No words can express too strongly the irritation of the British foreign office over the latest developments in the Chinese negotiations. The hopelessness of any working arrangement being arrived at within the near future increases, if anything, this irritation, the chief cause of which, to quote an official, is "the extraordinary and unreasonable publicity given diplomatic communications even before they are officially communicated to the other powers."

"How," continued the informant of the Associated Press, "can we be expected to arrive at conclusions when the Chinese are given the opportunity of knowing every step in the negotiations, which in themselves are intricate, as the world has seen? The advantage which this unprecedented publicity has given the Chinese cannot be over-estimated. It has constantly given them the opportunity of creating differences between the powers, interpolating excuses and suggestions which, if continued, bid fair to render Europe and the United States the laughing stock of the Oriental world. And this deluge of notes—what does it amount to? Who for a moment believes China is going to calmly lay her head on the headsman's block? The suggestion that the court return to Pekin means nothing less. Answers to the notes so far made can be fitly described as an endless chain of reservations which result in endless discussion than the notes themselves. Lord Salisbury has endeavored to answer them as they came up, but more, I believe, for the sake of keeping in line than for any conviction that they would accomplish any desired end."

"Will he step into the breach and himself enunciate a line of policy in the hope of uniting the powers?"

"No, I don't think so—not at present, at any rate. Not until the present curious policy of making Pekin diplomatic intercourse a matter of premature public discussion comes to an end. If a father or mother wishes to punish a child, but differ as to the nature of the punishment, they do not discuss the matter before the offender, or if they do it is probable the punishment will never be inflicted, or if it is inflicted it proves futile. China is a child, and although we want to guide and improve her, we believe we cannot do so effectively so long as she is made a party to the discussion."

This may be taken as a particularly frank discussion of the inner opinion of the British government.

While Lord Salisbury may see the darker side of the Chinese problem, and may be harassed regarding the composition of the new cabinet, he does not allow these cares to interfere with his only recreation—tricycling.

The critical condition of the Dowager Empress Frederick of Germany is causing grave anxiety in England, not only on her own account, but through fear of the effect of her death on Queen Victoria. The loss of her son, the Duke of Edinburgh, and her cousin, the Duchess of Teck, and the death roll in South Africa have tried the Queen sorely. It is said she is already much upset, and strongly desires to go to the bedside of her daughter, but the Queen's physicians are endeavoring to dissuade her.

The British nobility, like royalty, has suffered in an unusual degree through death during the last year. The latest taken off, the Marquis of Bute, was one of the most remarkable characters in England. A mediaevalist scholar and millionaire, he yet applied himself so well to municipal details that he made an excellent mayor of Cardiff, where he spent over a million pounds sterling on the harbor. Though devoted to Catholicism, he contributed largely to the support of the Episcopal churches in Wales. He was the original of Lord Beaconsfield's "Lothair," yet an enthusiastic admirer of Gladstone. He made the best translation known of the Roman Breviary, and was the first to import beavers from Canada. For the funeral the widow, knowing her late husband's wishes, telegraphed to a publisher for 500 copies of his uncirculated "Odes For the Dead." The curious impulses of the late Marquis may be judged from the fact that the importation of beavers was due to his seeing a book cover depicting a Canadian beaver village. He aspired to own them, and cabled for a small colony. Afterwards many members of the nobility, including the Duke of Portland, followed his example.

The advisability of excluding the Chinese is becoming a serious question in England. This is partly due to the China crisis, but more directly to the increasing number of Chinese in London, their frequent appearance in police courts and the increasing number of wretched half-caste offspring.

Among the alterations soon to occur in London are the widening of London bridge and the building of a tunnel from Rotherithe to Chamwell, at a cost of two millions sterling.

With the close of the Newmarket week, race-goers are turning their attention to the match at Hurst park on October 27 between the English horse, Eager, trained by Englishmen and ridden by an English jockey; and the American horse, Royal Flush, trained by Americans. The fact that Hurst park has added a historic Ascot gold cup, valued at £1,000, to the stake of £500 a side, lends additional interest to the race. Lester Reiff will ride Royal Flush, and Morrington Canon will have the mount on Eager.

### VANCOUVER NEWS.

Boys' Pranks With a Handcar—Conservatives Rally—Ladies' Hockey Club.

Vancouver, Oct. 13.—J. C. Gwillam, W. H. Boyd and S. McIntosh, of the Atlin geological survey party, are in Vancouver. According to Mr. Gwillam, Atlin is looking more promising from a mining point of view than ever before. A great deal of work has been done during the past season on the benches and along the bottome of the old river beds. The Lord Ernest Hamilton syndicate are now exploiting hydraulic propositions. Mr. Gwillam says that over 200 claims have been recorded on Chilcat creek, the scene of the new discoveries.

A reformatory for boys was never more needed than at present in Vancouver. Scarcely a day passes that Vancouver's bad boys are not chronicled in the newspapers as having done serious mischief. The latest escapade of some East End boys was to push a hand-car, used on the construction work of the Lulu Island railway, to the top of an incline and let it tear down the hill unguided. The car came in contact with two freight cars at the end of the hill and smashed itself to pieces.

The first rally of the organized army of workers in the Conservative cause took place at the Conservative committee rooms last night. A committee room for each ward has been secured, and the committee rooms will be open for the public on Monday.

At the annual meeting of the Vancouver Ladies' Hockey Club, the following officers were elected: Captain, Miss L. Philpot; vice-captain, Miss Burns; secretary-treasurer, Miss Campion. The team commences practice on Tuesday, October 16.

## Will Not Accept It

### Mine Workers It Is Believed Will Decline the Owners Offer.

### Convention at Scranton Wants Concessions First on Other Grievances.

### A Definite Conclusion Will Be Arrived at Probably To-Day.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 12.—The convention of striking mine workers, which met this morning, to consider the terms offered by the operators, adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, when the owners' offer will be taken up.

From the trend of the remarks of the delegates, it was gathered that the ten per cent. proposition as it now stands has very little chance of being accepted.

The delegates seem, it was learned, to be almost unanimous that the operators should first make concessions in the other grievances before the increase is accepted by the mine workers. Great stress was laid on the necessity of abolishing the sliding scale and substituting therefore a tonnage basis on which to fix the rate of wages. The proposition of having the operators guarantee a fixed time for paying the advance was also thoroughly discussed. While not a few delegates said they would be satisfied with nothing but a more liberal increase in wages.

That the present convention will come to a definite conclusion is the general belief to-night.

### STOLEN BONDS.

Bank Depositor Finds His Three Thousand Dollars Gone.

New York, Oct. 12.—Another discovery was made to-day at the Elizabeth Port Bank which increases the stealings of Defaulter Z. E. Schreiber to $109,716. Several months ago an envelope containing $3,000 in United States bonds was placed for safe keeping in the bank by a resident of Elizabeth. When he called at the bank to-day for the deposit it was found the envelope had been carefully slipped open and the bonds abstracted. Judge Gilhooly, the bank's attorney, said the institution was responsible, and the loss would be made good at the next meeting of the board of directors.

### THE DANUBE SAILS.

The Victoria Liner Goes North With a Small Cargo, Owing to the Lateness of the Season.

Steamer Danube sailed for Skagway last night. She left the inner wharf about 5 p. m., and sailed at 11 p. m. from the outer wharf, after discharging the remainder of the salmon cargo brought down by her from the North. She had a small cargo for Northern points. Shippers have sent their freight in before now, which was well demonstrated by the fact that the total amount of Canadian goods that passed through Skagway during September amounted in value to $1,200,000. There were but three small consignments for Dawson, the shippers hoping to get their goods in on scows, which usually run later than the river steamers. The bulk of the cargo was for White Horse and Atlin. It was made up for the most part of groceries, liquors and general supplies. There were few passengers.