

LI HOMEWARD BOUND

The Chinese Victory's Face Once More Turned Toward His Native Land.

Chinese Residents of Vancouver Tender His Excellency a Magnificent Reception.

The Famed Diplomat's Last Words as He Takes His Final Leave.

Vancouver, Sept. 14.—At 11 o'clock on Sunday morning Li Hung Chang arrived in this city by special train and in the private car the Chefoo. The whole of the city was on the quiver to do him honor, and long before the hour set for his arrival, crowds of Chinese and Europeans gathered in the streets and on the wharves to see the Chinese resident general. The Chinese residents had erected a very handsome and artistic arch on the bridge leading to the wharf, and a long line of Chinese in rich robes of blue, green, plum-color, olive and orange, stood in line before the arch waiting to "tow" the great victory.

The Chinese band, that sounded like bagpipes, played Chinese music as Earl Li alighted from the train. A carriage drawn by four white horses and driven by Union Jacks waited to convey him to the steamer. When the procession started the coach was preceded by his celebrated scarlet chair, carried empty by four men, and several bands. A division of marines from the warship in the harbor fell in to line behind the victory, followed by a long detachment of Chinese in their picturesque robes. Altogether it was a procession of such Oriental picturesqueness as the primeval mountains never before looked down upon, a procession in which Occident and Orient came together curiously mingled.

The victory seemed delighted with the demonstration in his honor and especially with the homage of his countrymen, who fell on one knee and raised clasped hands to him as he passed smiling by. His shrewd, kindly face beamed, his eyes twinkled and the brightest spot in his sunless day, and his cherished peacock feather was displayed falling from the back of his cap.

The gang-plank of the Empress of the East was carpeted with red, and the ropes were wound with yellow and draped with flags. As he was carried up the plank in his scarlet chair, the Chinese dragon flag was run to the mast and a salute of nine guns was fired from the H.M.S. Comus.

The absence of cheering was noticeable and gave an Oriental solemnity to the proceedings. All the ships in the harbor were gaily decorated with bunting and the roofs around displayed kokoi flags, blackly outlined with their instruments against the pallid sky.

Many prominent citizens had cards of admission to the Empress, and crowded her decks to catch a glimpse of the earl as he was carried aboard. For this one day the whole usual social order was subverted and Chinese everywhere had precedence of their white brethren in the good natured throngs that lined the wharf. It was emphatically Chinese day.

Almost immediately on reaching the steamer Li Hung Chang granted an audience in the saloon to a deputation of gorgeously gowned Chinese, from whom he received an address read from a scarlet paper. During the audience he received several times the pipe to his lips and all but smoked for the great potentate; his smile is so ample that about all there is left for the great man to do is to draw his breath.

Li looked in excellent health and spirits and full ten years younger than his pictures leads one to expect. He was delighted with his transcendent trip and as a mark of his appreciation the courtesies extended him by the C.P.R. he conferred the order of the double dragon on A. E. Lalonde of the passenger department, who had charge of the special train. Dr. Horsey, the chief of the Dominion government, was also similarly decorated.

In the afternoon the vice-regal party drove around Stanley Park and were much impressed with its beauty and the fine trees. This morning an audience was granted to the Board of Trade, a delegation from the city council, various consuls and Lieut.-Gov. Dewdney.

Just before taking final leave of his friends on the westernmost shore of the American continent, Li Hung Chang expressed his great gratitude for the many courtesies that had been extended to him by the representatives of the various countries through which he had travelled.

"What do you think of this portion of the British empire—Canada?" was asked.

"It is wonderful," was the reply. "I of course have heard of the immense agricultural tracts, great forests, lakes and rivers and lofty mountains, but I was overwhelmed with astonishment as I travelled westward through Canada."

"How does the C.P.R. compare with the railroads you have travelled upon in Europe and America?"

Here the art of the diplomat was evident in the answer which the Chinese returned without the slightest hesitation.

"My trip was made most comfortable for me whenever I have had occasion to travel by rail through any of the countries which I have visited, and the treatment which I received on the C.P.R. was in every respect as pleasant as one could imagine. The officers of the train were indefatigable in their efforts to minister to my comfort—but, and here there was a shrug of the shoulders, "it would be folly for me to compare the railways of different countries; it would be absurd, for I know nothing about railways."

"Do you propose introducing many new features into the government of your country upon your return?"

"Well, one always learns," replied Li.

Hung Chang, "and no doubt I and the friends who have been with me on my travels have noted many things that can be laid before my people for consideration. But," with a smile, "I have been surrounded at the extent to which the opinion seems to prevail that China is very, very backward, unprogressive, etc. I have seen on my travels some evidence of 'progress' that I should be sorry to have my people adopt—however, the world moves and let us hope that China may be able to keep up with the procession."

The hoarse blare of the steamer's whistle and the cry of "all ashore" brought the interesting interview to a close and Li Hung Chang turned once more toward that land where reporters cense from troubling. The Empress sailed about 2 o'clock accompanied by H.M.S. Comus to the open sea where a salute will be fired.

BURNED HIS FINGERS

Sir Charles Tupper Not Exactly Pleased With the Result of the Last Division.

Opposition Caucus—Justice Burridge Renders a Very Important Decision.

Ottawa, Sept. 14.—An opposition caucus has been called for to-morrow forenoon. It is understood that the question of the Tupper-Aberdeen correspondence will be discussed. There is opposition in the ranks of the party to the proposition of Sir Charles Tupper to make a resolution condemning the Governor-General for not accepting the late government's orders-in-council, and in consequence the caucus will decide what is to be done in this matter.

The vote on Mr. Foster's resolution regarding the Governor-General's warrants was so unsatisfactory to the opposition that they don't want any more divisions this session, more especially on the subject of the attack on Lord Aberdeen.

It is likely that Sir Charles Tupper will satisfy himself by making a statement in the house and leave the matter there.

It is generally believed now that parliament will be prorogued about the end of next week. It has been in session 26 days, and four days more will permit the government to get full indemnity.

Justice Burridge gave a decision in the exchequer court to-day which takes away \$43,000 duty from the government.

The Canada Sugar Refining Company had a cargo of sugar on its way to Montreal in the spring of 1895, when the duty on that sugar was made a half cent per pound. Before it was free Justice Burridge held that the vessel reported at Sydney before the duty was imposed and that the sugar should be admitted free, although the duty was put on while the vessel was on its way from Sydney to Montreal. The Dominion authorities held otherwise and hence the suit, which the sugar company has won.

Strong Evidence Against Frantz—Searching for the Revolver.

Toledo, O., Sept. 14.—Although Bessie Little was murdered over a week ago there is still interest in the case, which is developing into a murder of as much deliberation as that of Catharine Ging at Minneapolis and into almost as atrocious a disposition of the body as that of Pearl Bryan, whose head was never found. When it was proven that Bessie Little was last seen on the night of Thursday, Aug. 27, riding with her lover, Albert Frantz, the latter said she had shot herself while they were in the buggy together. There were defensive attorneys about the case, but they were together and that Frantz did not carry out his part of the contract, but every day evidence is accumulating to show that Frantz deliberately inveigled the girl into an obscure place along the Stillwater river, shot her and threw her body from the bridge into the river. The next night Frantz's barn burned, destroying his blood-stained buggy and other traces.

Bessie Little made admissions that convicted him. The missing link in the Pearl Bryan case was the head. In this it is the revolver which Frantz admits he threw into the river with the body. Chief of Police Ferrel knows where Frantz bought a revolver previous to the murder and is doing everything to find the missing weapon. If it is found and identified as the weapon Frantz bought, the evidence is complete.

Chief Ferrel had the river dredged. He resorted to strong magnets and every means known. Yesterday a crowd lined the river banks while Diver Graham, from Cincinnati, was going down and securing the bottom of the river. Every disclosure intensifies the degree of the crime as well as the feeling in the community.

ELOPED ON BICYCLES.

Young Man Steals Two Wheels and Flies With His Love.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—Detective Samuel Simmons, of Portland, arrived here yesterday to take back William Hemmingsway Smith, the young man who was arrested upon the charge of having stolen two bicycles from the Overman Wheel Company in that city, to be used as the vehicles in his proposed elopement with Della Laura Tucker, the 14-year-old daughter of a Santa Clara miller. He will probably start north with his charge to-day, when the extradition papers are expected to arrive from Sacramento.

MARRIED THIRTEEN TIMES

A Lady Who Has Had Many Dips in the Sea of Matrimony.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—Mrs. Esther German, wife of a Russian furrier of this city, has plunged in the sea of matrimony thirteen times, but she is not suspiciously evident from the fact that she is vigorously resisting the suit for divorce now being instituted by her thirteenth spouse. German claims that at the time he married her he had \$800, but after he had his money she turned him out of the house, and when he attempted to return caused his arrest on a charge of battery.

AWAITING THE WORD

Great Britain Stands With Uplifted Lash Over the Crouching Abdul Hamid.

Much Depending Upon Result of the Earl's Approaching Visit at Balmoral.

A Renewal of the Serious Anxiety Among the Foreigners at Constantinople.

Constantinople, Sept. 13.—There is little or no change in the political situation here. It is believed the powers will not take action immediately in the case of Sultan Abdul Hamid as there is a great deal depending upon the result of the Earl's approaching visit at Balmoral. According to palace officials, the audience which Sir Philip Curry, the British ambassador, had with the sultan on Friday has resulted in convincing his majesty that the feeling against him in Great Britain is much more intense than he or his advisors realized. It was intimated to him that Great Britain, in certain eventualities, might be compelled to take action, independent of the other powers, in preventing further disturbances here.

In spite of this assurance it is noticeable that there is a renewal of the serious anxiety here to-day among the foreign portions of the foreign population, owing apparently to well-grounded fears of another outbreak at a not far distant date. British vessels carrying Armenian refugees are guarded by the British warship Dryad, while in these waters, in order to prevent the arrest of the passengers by Turkish authorities, it having become known that their arrest has been ordered by the Porte.

Any such attempt, however, will be resisted to the utmost by the Dryad, her commander having received explicit instructions on this subject from the British authorities. The refusal of the Armenian authorities to permit the Armenian refugees to land at Rumeli creates the impression among European citizens that it may lead to serious complications later on.

The joint commission which Europe has named for the purpose of enquiring into the recent massacres and their origin should have held their first preliminary meeting on Saturday, but the commission has been turned into a mere figure-head by the fact that the Turkish government has refused to furnish the necessary evidence to place the blame where it properly belongs, had been killed, imprisoned or banished, thus leaving the members of the commission little to do but to work upon the Turkish police officials, whose evidence, naturally amounts to nothing at all. But the work of the commission has, happily, been forestalled by the embassies, where all the evidence necessary to conclusively prove that the massacres were officially planned and authorized from the palace has been collected and submitted to the government of the six powers.

It is stated that the sultan has planned a manifestation in the vicinity of Yildiz palace upon occasion of the Selimik last week, and a number of Mussulmans, it is added, have been arrested in consequence. In any case the extraordinary precautions adopted to guard the palace against attack were greatly increased, but no manifestation occurred.

A.P.A. MAN BEATEN.

President Dearborn Badly Battered and Left for Dead.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 14.—A. J. Dearborn, state president of the A.P.A., was found lying in the street near his home at 5 o'clock this morning, unconscious, and was badly battered.

At 9 o'clock Dearborn regained consciousness long enough to say he was assaulted at 11 o'clock last night, when returning home, by a man, who struck him on the forehead with a blunt instrument. The blow sent him to the ground. His assailant then drew a dagger and stabbed him three times in the region of the heart; then, believing him dead, threw him over a fence into a vacant yard. He lost consciousness and was not discovered until this morning, after having lain in the wet grass for six hours. An examination of his wounds show the dagger was used in the attack. A blow on the head may result in concussion of the brain and end fatally. Dearborn relapsed into unconsciousness without having given a description of his assailant. Police profess to believe the attack was instigated by someone opposed to the A.P.A. doctrines. Dearborn so earnestly advocated. None of his money or valuables was missing.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Brutal Assault on a Young German—Died of Gangrene.

Winnipeg, Sept. 14.—Information has reached here of a serious affray at Gladstone in which a young German, Charles Frank, lost his life. The latter was found on the road on Monday with his nose broken, a cut over his eye and badly bruised. There were pools of blood and signs of a struggle. Frank died from his injuries on Friday morning. Detective Cox is investigating. It is said that he father of the boy and two other men were implicated in the brutal assault.

Twelve or fifteen leading Winnipeggers left to-day for the Kootenay mining district, taking advantage of the special rates offered by the railways.

Amos McAdam, a young brakeman employed on the Great Pacific coast railway, was killed at Strirling, a station near Lethbridge. The deceased was recently married and returned a few days ago with his wife from Ontario.

Attorney-General Sifton did not go east and will not probably leave for some days.

The preliminary objections in the Macdonald constituency election petition, against Mr. Boyd, M. P., were overruled to-day and the trial will proceed.

An Iceclander was drowned in Lake Manitoba a few days ago while fishing. His companion, who was also thrown into the lake by the upsetting of their boat, escaped.

Hamilton, Sept. 12.—The Young Women's Christian Association convention here closed yesterday. The election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. J. Macdonald, Montreal, president; Miss Botterell, Montreal, corresponding secretary; Miss W. J. Macdonald, Toronto, recording secretary; Miss Durie, Ottawa, treasurer; Mrs. Gordon Grant, Victoria, B. C., provincial president.

Toronto, Sept. 14.—Robert George, a fisherman of Vanabushene, died of gangrene in the hospital, the result of a shooting accident while hunting last week.

Windsor, Sept. 14.—Mrs. Nolan has been acquitted on the charge of murdering her husband by the administration of Paris Green. The verdict is a popular one here.

Montreal, Sept. 14.—Isaac Bastien was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter by a jury in the court of Queen's Bench yesterday. Bastien was charged with the murder of Alfred Lagace.

THE SPAN GAVE WAY

Train Loaded With Passengers Drops Through a Bridge Near Arcata, California.

Four Persons Killed, Sixteen Badly Injured as a Result of the Wreck.

Eureka, Cal., Sept. 14.—Four persons were killed and sixteen seriously injured as the result of a wreck on the Arcata and Mad River railroad about five miles north of Arcata, last evening.

The dead are: Miss Annie Holland of Riverside, Miss Kirkman of Eureka, and Fanny Gregory of Eureka, and Nandy Cameron, a brakeman.

Among the injured were the two Misses Zentare, nieces of Korbel Bros., of San Francisco, owners of the railroad on which the accident occurred.

Mrs. Frederic and child, Eureka, are both in a critical condition and may die.

The accident occurred to the regular passenger train, consisting of an engine and two cars, which connected at the Arcata wharf with the company's ferry boat Alta, leaving here at 3:30 p.m., and for Korbel, the terminus of the road, 12 miles above Arcata and Korbel.

The train had run out on the first span of the bridge, when, without warning, the stringers gave way, letting the train drop forty feet to the gravel bed of the river, where the coaches were smashed.

The engine and cars did not pile up, or telescope, but all dropped together. In the coaches were between 30 and 40 passengers, and all, with the exception of one man who jumped from the rear platform, went down with the train.

This fortunate man was Louis Eversding, the others were injured and ten or twelve fearfully mangled.

MRS. PARNELL INTERVIEWED.

In regard to a story about her Borden downtown Assault.

London, Sept. 14.—A correspondent of the Associated Press had an interview with Mrs. Delia Stewart Parnell, the venerable mother of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, in accordance with instructions, to ascertain whether the story was true, which had been published in certain American papers, to the effect that Mrs. Parnell was aware of the identity of the person who made a murderous assault upon her in April of last year, and that she had been afraid to disclose the name while in the United States, but now that she was in a foreign country she was prepared to name her assailant, and that she had been attacked by political motives. Mrs. Parnell denied all these assertions. 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