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CHINESE AFFAIRS.

Prince Ching's Son Will Attend King Edward's Coronation.

PEKIN, Jan. 25.—As the result of pressure brought to bear on him, Prince Ching will memorialize the throne, asking that more liberality be displayed in the treatment of the Peking industrial institution which the court recently ordered to be closed on the suggestion of Chen Pi, the reactionary governor of Peking.

Prince Ching will also ask that the institution be allowed to revive its paper, the common people which Chen Pi succeeded in having suppressed. Prince Ching says the paper can be issued subject to the inspection of the censors. The institution has been compelled to remove from its former quarters and its promoters say that this means the court intends to strangle it though a modification of the order of suppression may be issued. All the foreigners here and many officials, including Viceroy Huan Shih Kai are favoring the promoters, but as yet they have been unable to defeat the pernicious influence of Chen Pi.

It is reported that a son of Prince Ching has been appointed Chinese envoy to attend the coronation of King Edward. Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister, has informed the Chinese that there is no objection to the appointment, but Prince Ching's brother would have been preferred. The appointment has not yet been confirmed by an edict.

SHED BLOOD LIKE WATER.

MANILA, Jan. 24.—Both the civil and military authorities here deprecate the publication in the Philippines of Prof. Schurman's Boston speech and the minority report in the senate on the Philippine tariff bill, which they say are liable to have a bad effect on the Filipinos.

General Wheaton, commander of the department of the North Philippines, says that men have been sent to prison here for remarks such as those of Prof. Schurman, and that if what he advocates was accomplished, it would mean the expenditure of much treasure and the shedding of blood like water. Now, as before, he adds, 50,000 soldiers are needed here and will be required in these islands for at least five years. It will then be possible to form a government based on the form operated in the colonies of Holland and Great Britain, they having proved the most successful managers of oriental races.

BOSTON'S LIQUOR PROBLEM.

BOSTON, Jan. 24.—One of the most important petitions for liquor legislation in Boston appeared in the senate today from the Boston Temperance Federation, asking for a bill for local option in eight districts in this city. The bill asks that each of the different districts which are called Boston proper, East Boston, Charlestown, South Boston, Dorchester, Roxbury, West Roxbury and Brighton, be allowed to vote each year on the question of allowing liquor to be sold in the respective districts. Should such a bill be passed, it will cut down the number of liquor saloons in this city materially, as it provides for only one license for each 500 of the population in the district of Boston proper and for each one thousand population in the remaining districts. About three-quarters of all the licenses granted now are in Boston city proper.

OBJECT TO THE TRANSFER.

(Special to Star.)
HAMILTON, Ont., Jan. 25.—The council of the board of trade has passed a resolution approving of the proposed transfer of the management of the Intercolonial railway to the Canadian Pacific Railway company and declining to join in the memorial to the government in favor of such transfer as requested by the Halifax board of trade.

AGAINST PROHIBITION LEGISLATION.

(Special to Star.)
TORONTO, Jan. 25.—Nearly 1,000 hotel keepers, about 800 of them from outside points, made up a deputation which waited on the government to protest against prohibitory legislation. Eugene O'Keefe introduced deputation and speakers were Frank Collins of Dundas, president License Holders' Protective Association; Geo. Steeman of Quebec, for the brewers; A. G. Smith of St. Thomas, for shop license holders; and James Haverston, counsel for trade in general. The premier in his reply said he could promise that the representations made would be considered fully before any bill was introduced.

TO CLEAR THEM OUT.

BELFAST, Jan. 24.—According to the Irish News an effort will be made to clear Tory Island, off the northwest coast of Ireland, county of Donegal. Wholesale ejection papers have been served upon the inhabitants of the island, who are chiefly fishermen and kelp gatherers, and number about three hundred souls. They elect their own king and have not paid rent or taxes for many years past.

RICH GOLD STRIKE.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 25.—News from El Paso says a rich gold strike is reported to have been made on the southern fork of the Bonito river in Mexico and great excitement prevails among the mining men of the city in consequence. The news of the strike was brought to the city by J. C. Colliard, who, with J. Boyd, took up seventeen claims, all of which are said to be rich in free mining gold.

NEW TREATMENT

The Use of Electricity for Consumptive Patients.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Experiments are being made on a most elaborate scale in London with a modification of Tesla's high frequency electrical currents, in the treatment of consumption.

It is stated that some remarkable results have been achieved, says the London correspondent of the Herald. These experiments, for the most part, have been quietly conducted by Dr. T. J. Bokenham, an eminent west end surgeon, in the case of his private patients, but with the knowledge and approval of leading consumption specialists.

Dr. Bokenham has had fitted up a most elaborate apparatus for the production of electricity in the particular in which it is used, the net result of which is that a current of 30,000 volts is produced, of such high frequency and administered in such small quantities that the consumptive patient may receive it without the slightest injury. The awe-inspiring force of this voltage may best be appreciated when it is remembered that only 500 volts are employed for driving trains on a railway. Yet the patient is not conscious of the enormous electrical pressure. His experience is that in very bad cases of consumption the cough has been greatly reduced, night sweats have disappeared, the appetite has improved and there has been a great gain in weight and general health. So that even if the consumption bacilli have not been destroyed, it is certain that their virulence has been much decreased, that they have been brought under control and that the patient has felt cured. A doubt entertained by Phytis specialists who do not question this temporary improvement, is whether it is anything but a mere exhibition. Dr. Bokenham, however, has great faith in the future of the system.

MINING HORROR.

Twenty-One Dead Bodies Already Taken Out of the Lost Creek Mine.

DESMOINES, Ia., Jan. 25.—Twenty-one dead bodies were today taken from the improvised morgue in shaft No. 2 of the Lost Creek Coal Mining company of this place, as the result of the worst mine disaster experienced in the history of Iowa.

When brought to the surface they presented a horrible sight. Some of the bodies were terribly mangled and beyond recognition and could only be identified by some trinkets found in their pockets. The eleven injured are antipathetic.

An inquest to determine who is to blame for the disaster is being held today. The trouble was caused by an explosion of dust ignited by a shot too heavily charged. It proved to be what miners call a "screamer" to be more clear, the shot when exploded, instead of knocking down the coal, fired straight out into the room. This kind of a shot causes much dust, and the flames coming into contact with the dust, usually furnishes an explosion.

BLEW OUT THE GAS.

LEWISTON, Me., Jan. 24.—Two dead bodies were taken from the Atwood hotel this afternoon. They have been identified as Joseph Lemay, of Canada, who was stopping in Lewiston since he returned from the woods a few days ago, and Miss Carena Tardiff, who was about 20 years old and lived in this city. Lemay was 35 years of age. The couple registered at the hotel on Thursday night as Joe Bussell and wife, of Rumford Falls. They were shown to their room by the clerk. Both were perfectly sober when they applied for lodging and there was nothing to indicate that they were later under the influence of liquor. Proprietor Nevens of the hotel this afternoon, thinking that something must be wrong, as nothing had been heard from the couple since they registered the night before, rushed open the transom and found that the room was full of gas. Corporal A. E. McDonough was summoned and the door of the room forced in. The couple were lying upon the bed partly attired and both evidently had been dead several hours, death resulting from asphyxiation. The gas jet was open when the bodies were discovered, and it is the opinion of the authorities that it was a case of "blew out the gas."

DEATH OF MRS. DIBBLEE.

(Special to Star.)
FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 25.—The death occurred last night at Milton, Mass., of Charlotte, wife of Geo. Y. Dibblee, the well known druggist. Mrs. Dibblee had been at Milton several weeks for special treatment for nervous disorders. She leaves no children. The remains will arrive here this evening. The funeral will take place at the Cathedral, Monday at 3 p. m.

WILL SEE SHERLOCK HOLMES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—According to the London correspondent, of the Herald, the first member of the royal family to attend a theatre not in cognito since Queen Victoria's death are the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who will occupy the royal box at the Lyceum theatre tonight to see Mr. Gillette in his production of Sherlock Holmes. Nearly all the members of the royal family have already seen this play, but hitherto have attended incognito, on account of the court being in mourning.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—The Prince of Wales started for Berlin today to represent King Edward at the celebration of the birthday of Emperor William, Jan. 27.

UNHEALTHY CLIMATE

Alaska is a Good Place to Stay Away From.

SEATTLE, Wn., Jan. 25.—Two assaults by robbers, three accidental deaths, the passing away of a prominent Dawson resident and three people fatally injured by other means, is the list of fatalities reported from Alaska by the steamer Al Ki.

James Murphy, of Wrangell, fell over a cliff on Trader's Island and plunged to his death 100 feet down a rocky chasm. Chas. Nelson, was killed in a mine on Chicago hill, Dawson Dec. 20; Andrew Fosburg was killed in the Mexican mine on Douglas Island on January 11, and Harry Gilbert was fatally injured at the same mine in January. Joseph Lieberman fell from the railroad train near Douglas on the night of Jan. 13 and was fatally injured. Eva Williams was assaulted in a Dawson saloon on the night of Jan. 11 and probably fatally injured. P. N. Satterly and James Pianetti were assaulted and robbed on Douglas Island on January 11 and received serious injuries. W. A. Speake, a leading citizen of Dawson, died at St. Mary's hospital at that place.

SOUTH AFRICA.

LADYBRAND, Orange River Colony, Jan. 25.—Colonel Seath sent a patrol of men from Mequalling's Nek on Sunday night in the direction of Eilmontsburg, 20 miles north of Ladybrand. At dawn on Monday a patrol captured a hundred horses, three armed and four unarmed Boers. Later, a small detachment with some natives were sent to cut furze, sown by the Boers on a farm at Lindeque's Rust. Two wagons were taken along. The escort consisted of 25 Yeomanry and one officer, the main patrol going in another direction, thinking that the country near the farm was clear of Boers. As the detachment was passing through the hills they suddenly encountered 150 burghers, who, springing from their hiding places, headed them. The Yeomanry made a gallant fight, killing six and wounding four. Owing to the overwhelming number of the Boers, eighteen men and their officers were compelled to surrender. These have since returned to camp. The British casualties were one killed and seven wounded.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Daily News (pro-Boer) has published the following dispatch from its correspondent at the Hague, who, it claims, has been very accurate up to the present time, the despatch being taken from private advices received at the Hague: "News from South Africa has reached military circles here to the effect that the power of the Boers over Cape Colony is increasing daily, that the rebellion is constantly spreading, and that the columns are joining the Boers in steadily increasing numbers. The executions of Commandant Lötter (Oct. 11, 1901), and Commandant Scheepers (Jan. 18, 1902.) have had the result of deciding the loyalists to join the Boers, whose position is persistently reported to be more favorable than ever."

The same private advices assert that the British suffered a dozen defeats from September to November, 1901, continues the correspondent, of which no mention is made in Lord Kitchener's reports. The Daily News commenting upon this dispatch, confesses that its statements are probably exaggerated, but is of the opinion that the denials of Mr. Balfour, the government leader in the house of commons, that there had been any Boer overtures for peace, points to the fact that the Boers believe their position to be less desperate than is generally supposed.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 25.—A severe wind and snow storm is in progress in Southern Wyoming. Snow is falling and the wind is increasing in velocity. The temperature is falling rapidly and to all appearances the storm will soon assume the proportions of a blizzard.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Major Joseph H. McArthur, of the United States army, is dead at his residence in this city. He was born at St. Genevieve, Mo., in 1825, and during the civil war he served with the army of the Potomac.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Five complete shipments of American agricultural machinery will be forwarded from New York and Philadelphia to the Black Sea within the next six weeks. These shipments will represent no less than 36,000 tons, which is an excess of some 30 per cent. over the entire direct consignments made during last year to the same part of the world.

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 24.—Prince Peter Karageorgevitch left Geneva, Switzerland, today, to join his son George at St. Petersburg. The former's entourage openly say that his visit is relative to the latter's succession to the throne of Serbia in place of King Alexander, who is said to be willing to abdicate.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 24.—Seven shipwrecked seamen were brought to this port today on the steamer Hudson from Savannah. They are Captain A. T. Timm, master of the three-masted schooner Mary L. Crosby, which sailed from Pensacola, Fla., on the 11th inst., for New York; Mate H. S. Cole, Stewart J. H. McFarland and four seamen. The men were picked up by the Hudson near the Frying Pan shoal.

BANK WRECKER EXTRADITED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Henry St. John Dix, who is charged with having wrecked a bank at New Whatcom, Wn., was brought to this country in the steamer St. Paul, which arrived from Southampton today. Dix was arrested in England some time ago, and was eventually extradited. He was in charge of the sheriff of Whatcom.

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