

WAR AND BOMBERS OF WAR

RUSSIAN TROOPS SAID TO BE ADVANCING ON AFGHANISTAN—INDIA READY AND WILLING TO REPEL THE INVADERS.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN FINANCIAL CIRCLES.

London, March 11.—Financial circles were excited over the reports received this afternoon that the Russian troops had advanced further into Afghanistan. The Russian government admits that such a movement has taken place, but asserts that it was only intended for the purpose of seeking a more suitable position in case of war with Afghanistan. It is generally believed here that both the Afghan and Russian are hurrying forward, and that a collision is imminent. British circles have fallen in line, a Russian courier 2 per cent. A semi-panic prevailed on the London Times, which has constantly been fanning the present alarm, says it is probable that the Russian general, Sir Peter Lamsden's officers have already commenced work on the defense of the Afghan frontier. The government has practically ordered Gen. Lamsden to organize an Afghan defense. The Times understands that the main body of his general's troops are being sent to the Afghan frontier, and that any measures taken will prevent the capture of the key of India by a coup de main. The Russian general, Gen. Morozov, is being sent to the Afghan frontier, and is being collected at Bombay, Calcutta and other points. It is believed that England in the event of a war is reinforcing 15,000 skilled and unskilled soldiers.

The Panic Abates. London, March 11.—The panic on the stock exchange to-day abated somewhat after the denial of the reported advance of the Russian, but still dealing continued long into the close. Numerous continental orders are being received. Officials at the Russian embassy deny that any preparations for war are being made by Russia on the Afghan frontier. The signing of the Egyptian convention has been delayed by the Russian ambassador, who declares he is waiting orders. The other papers are ready to sign. The Russian delay is attributed to a design to hamper England.

War the Last Extremity. London, March 11.—The news discussing the Afghan frontier question says that war with Russia is unavoidable. England will undertake the war as one of national self-defense. The government, it says, will make every effort to preserve peace, which will fall upon the heads of the nation. The news believes there is no foundation for the rumor that Mr. Gladstone will immediately resign for a large credit to carry on war.

Movements of Russian Troops. London, March 11.—A dispatch says it is reported Russia has ordered two regiments from Elizabethopol to Akabakh, Russia is making active preparations to complete the Kishinev and Akabakh railway. It is reported that Russia is increasing the number of its troops in the Indian province. The Indian government is reported to need the permanent addition of 15,000 English and 30,000 native soldiers to the Indian garrison.

Perils and the Afghan Frontier. London, March 11.—The Persian minister had a lengthy conference with Earl Kimberley to-day in connection with Persia's relations to the Afghan frontier question. Sir Peter Lamsden's escort includes 200 men each of the Bengal lancers and the Punjab infantry. The engineers are instructing the Afghans how to fortify Penjdeh and Herat.

A Fall in Prices. London, March 11.—The prices on all continental bourses have fallen in sympathy with the feeling on the London stock exchange. The principal declines are among Russian and Egyptian securities.

No Foundation for the Report. London, March 11.—In the house of commons this evening Mr. Childers said he believed there was no foundation for the reported Russian advance in Afghanistan.

French Successes. HONG KONG, March 11.—The French after five days' fighting, have carried the Chinese positions around Kelung. Forty Frenchmen were killed and 200 wounded.

The Fortness of Pendjeh. The Afghan fortress of Pendjeh, which has been brought into such unexpected prominence by the Anglo-Russian complications in central Asia, remarks the New York Times, is situated on a broad plateau about eleven miles south of the northern frontier of Afghanistan, of which Col. Alkhanoff's recent appearance before the town was an indisputable violation. The place forms a kind of outlook to the local market town of Mervatshah or Mervud, which lies about eighteen miles south of it, higher up the Marghab. This river, flowing northward from the Ghor mountains (of Herat), is the most direct approach to the left flank of the side of Russian Turkistan, and hence the importance of Pendjeh, which completely commands the approach from its position on the left bank of the stream. Like most central Asian fortresses, both the stronghold itself and the guns which arm it show manifest tokens of neglect, but it is still capable, if well garrisoned, of withstanding a siege, and to any assailant unprovided with siege artillery.

THE NEW WATERWORKS MANAGER

E. H. Hamilton the Choice of the Committee—Ald. Hastings Gets Left.

Mayor Manning, Ald. Walker (chairman), Hunter, Barton, Brandon, Mackenzie, Hall, Gormley, Saunders, Lamb, Smith, Frankland and Sheppard were present at the bi-monthly assembly of the waterworks committee yesterday afternoon. Accounts were closely examined and after they had been passed it was unanimously agreed to allow the stock left over by last year's committee to be placed to the credit of the committee. The secretary then read applications for the new office of waterworks superintendent from Messrs. William Hamilton, Wm. Armstrong, C.E.; James Cropper, jr.; John Hewitt, Charles Levy, T. B. Fuller, J. S. Norris, R. H. Hamilton, R. E. H. Booker, Corrie, D. Hill, C. Morrett, M. B. V. Stearns, Geo. Fissell, W. M. Watson, E. A. House, J. Macnam, A. C. Mather, J. S. Kennedy, J. C. Small, John Cleave, W. B. Ferguson, W. Watson, George B. Morris, James Erving, John H. Leslie, C. Hood and Ald. Hastings.

The committee was proposed by Ald. Hunter, W. Hamilton by Ald. Lamb, R. H. Hamilton by Ald. Mackenzie, J. S. Kennedy by Ald. Hall, W. B. Ferguson by Ald. Brandon, John Cleave by Ald. Barton, C. Hood by Ald. Smith.

His worship the mayor thought it wrong to vote on Ald. Hastings' name while he was an alderman. The committee however voted, and on the last of eight ballots all the candidates but William Hamilton and G. B. Morris were voted down. Mr. Morris was the next victor and Mr. Hamilton got the committee's approval by a vote of 6 to 5. The committee then adjourned.

General Freight Agents in Council. The annual general meeting of the general freight agents of Canada was held yesterday at the Queen's hotel. The proceedings of the informal meeting at Hamilton, held last month, were confirmed, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, John Peyton, alias Dick Buckley, the shooter, at Sheridan, Wyo. Peyton was raised in the Allegheny and west, where he organized a gang and terrorized Wyoming, Montana and other western territories. Last Saturday he rode into Sheridan and entered a saloon, where he threatened to shoot everybody who refused his invitation to drink. He quarrelled with one of the men in the saloon, who picked up a shotgun and fired, killing Peyton almost instantly. Peyton was shot through the right lung and died at the scene of the crime.

A Curer of Cancer. NORTH ADAMS, March 11.—Wallace Brown, son of the cancer specialist who cured T. B. Elkins' father of cancer, two years ago, has gone to New York to see Gen. Grant. It is reported Elkins has been trying to induce Grant to visit him, but they have declined to do so. It is understood Brown will be allowed to visit the general's headquarters, but it is doubtful if he is allowed to operate.

The Miners' Strike. PITTSBURGH, March 11.—The miners' strike is growing and the secretary of the miners' association claims that every pit on the Monongahela river will be closed within twenty-four hours. Several pits have already closed to-night, the only remaining men working in the four pit have promised to come out in the morning. The strike is spreading, and it is estimated that 4000 men are on strike.

The Ice Field of Lake Ontario. Oswego, N.Y., March 11.—A survey of the ice field of Lake Ontario was made to-day. The ice was found to be solid in all directions as far as the glass could reach except due north from the harbor, where it was broken up by a strong wind. The ice field consists entirely of rough hummocks.

A Nice Kind of a Son. BOWLING GREEN, Ky., March 11.—Chas. Moore to-day entered the residence of his father, Dr. Moore, one of the wealthiest men in the state, severely choked the old man, and forced him at the point of a revolver to sign notes for \$6000. The son was taken to the hospital and is recovering.

Knocked Out in Seventy Seconds. NEW ORLEANS, March 11.—In a four-round glove fight this evening between Geo. Rooke of New York and Geo. Fryer of England, Rooke was knocked out in the first round in a minute and ten seconds.

THE SIKHS' FIRST FIGHT

BRITAIN'S INDIAN TROOPS DISTINGUISHING THEMSELVES.

An Attack Spectacularly Repulsed—The Arabs Fought Bravely by the Bravery of Their Co-Religionists. SUAKIM, March 11.—The Indian Sikhs regiment had their first engagement on Egyptian soil yesterday. A party of Osman Digna's Arabs attacked the British contingent near Suakim. The Sikhs were sent to repel the attack. They were splendidly handled and showed admirable coolness and steadiness. The skirmish was hot, but the Arabs were repulsed leaving many of their dead upon the field. The casualties among the British contingent were few. The Arabs became panic-stricken when they saw the swarthy mahomedans chasing them in the British style, and the British were not so precise as to make almost every shot tell.

The Progress of Arabia. VALNA, March 11.—The mahdi is circulating proclamations announcing the advent of the kingdom of Arabia. The Turkish governor of El Hejaz has asked the porte to send troops to prevent the rebellion in favor of the mahdi.

A Desperado's Death. PITTSBURGH, March 11.—News reached here last night of the killing of Wm. Peyton, alias Dick Buckley, the shooter, at Sheridan, Wyo. Peyton was raised in the Allegheny and west, where he organized a gang and terrorized Wyoming, Montana and other western territories. Last Saturday he rode into Sheridan and entered a saloon, where he threatened to shoot everybody who refused his invitation to drink. He quarrelled with one of the men in the saloon, who picked up a shotgun and fired, killing Peyton almost instantly. Peyton was shot through the right lung and died at the scene of the crime.

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A Bag Taken From the Grand Trunk East and Its Contents Halted. KINGSTON, March 11.—This morning a mail bag from Gananoque was found under a public well. A list had been put in it and the contents removed and rifled. Mail bags from other points are also said to be tampered with. The mails were found to be empty. The door was locked, but the key removed in the door. The matter is being investigated.

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PRIVATE MEMBERS' DAY

MANY NOTICES OF MOTION DISPOSED OF.

Cost of Returns Regarding the C. P. R.—Representation of the Northwest—The Twenty-Five Million Loan. OTTAWA, March 11.—This was private members' day. The house proceeded to deal with many notices of motion on the order paper.

Mr. Somerville (Brent) asked for a return showing the number of days W. Inglis Bradley, son of the secretary of railway, and canals, was registered in the attendance books of the department. It is understood Mr. Somerville's motion was made with the object of proving that Bradley was receiving pay as a clerk in the department while on leave of absence from the railway.

Mr. Hesson moved for the cost of the returns ordered by the house on the subject of the Canadian Pacific since its contract with the government. He said many returns were ordered of no use to anyone. He produced a return with reference to the cost of the returns ordered by Mr. Charlton which cost \$800 and had never been looked at after being brought down. Mr. Woodworth, another member, defended the practice, as sometimes it could not be known whether the papers were important or not until brought down.

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EAST END HIGHWAYMEN

TWO ATROCIOUS CASES OF ROBBERY AND GAZING.

Citizens Knocked Down in the Public Streets and Robbed—A Trip Down to "Capt. Black's Old Residence." Two daring and atrocious highway robberies were perpetrated in the east end of the city last night. One of them was attended with an exciting episode. At 10 o'clock William Mand, an ex-newspaper reporter, was knocked down at Dundas and Berkeley streets by a gang of five young ruffians. One of them held him over his mouth, another grasped him around the throat, another kicked him fiercely, while the other two rifled his pockets of over four dollars. A boy named Charles Platts came along, and seeing the victim, ran off and told Policeman White, who was on the spot. Policeman White, hearing Mr. Mand's cries, also ran up, but the ruffians had made off in the house he could not gain admittance. He sent a careful guard and despatched the boy Platts to the Wilson avenue station for help. The ruffians were soon caught. Archibald, who was visiting, missed Dillworth and Whitesides off their beats, and meeting Policeman Dodd, the latter informed the inspector about the robbery and the place of concealment of the young highwaymen. The inspector gathered all the men he could get and the place was surrounded. The doors were broken down and the posse entered. Nothing could be seen of the highwaymen. A trap-door, however, was discovered. Policeman Dodd descended. He struck a pair of legs, which quickly vanished. There was a scuffling and the ruffians made a run for it. After a good deal of poking around they were forced out of their hole and were soon captured. At the station they were recognized as Joseph McPherson, aged 18, Harry Veitch, 18, and Albert Hoberlin, 16. The first two are well-known young ruffians. The other two escaped.

At 11 o'clock a highway robbery even more atrocious than the above occurred at Station street, a few yards north of Queen. Wm. Pearson, a clerk for T. Thomson, was returning home at 10 o'clock, five minutes before 11, he went to Queen street by some fish. Returning along his own street, and while passing a lane off the main street, he was seized by two ruffians. One of them held him over his mouth, another grasped him around the throat, another kicked him fiercely, while the other two rifled his pockets of over four dollars. A boy named Charles Platts came along, and seeing the victim, ran off and told Policeman White, who was on the spot. Policeman White, hearing Mr. Mand's cries, also ran up, but the ruffians had made off in the house he could not gain admittance. He sent a careful guard and despatched the boy Platts to the Wilson avenue station for help. The ruffians were soon caught. Archibald, who was visiting, missed Dillworth and Whitesides off their beats, and meeting Policeman Dodd, the latter informed the inspector about the robbery and the place of concealment of the young highwaymen. The inspector gathered all the men he could get and the place was surrounded. The doors were broken down and the posse entered. Nothing could be seen of the highwaymen. A trap-door, however, was discovered. Policeman Dodd descended. He struck a pair of legs, which quickly vanished. There was a scuffling and the ruffians made a run for it. After a good deal of poking around they were forced out of their hole and were soon captured. At the station they were recognized as Joseph McPherson, aged 18, Harry Veitch, 18, and Albert Hoberlin, 16. The first two are well-known young ruffians. The other two escaped.

At the county court yesterday morning in the case of Dewey v. Toronto, the jury awarded the plaintiff \$50. Coulson v. Toronto was heard. It was an action of trover for a watch. The jury awarded the plaintiff \$100. Langley against Hayes was an action to recover architect's fees. Verdict for plaintiff for \$85. Russ against Oliver, an action to recover \$70 and \$25, with interest, for goods, was not finished.

PERSONAL. Mayor Manning was in Belleville yesterday, \$25,000 as a fund for Gen. Gordon's family. Gen. Manning, H. Davis of Chicago will succeed the late Gen. Sackett as inspector-general of the United States army. The death is announced at Hamilton of Robert Angus, aged 75, formerly of the firm of Donald McMillan & Co., and son of George Angus of this city.

Gen. Grant arose at noon yesterday better than for several days. His stomach continues to improve. Yesterday afternoon he wrote a letter to his wife, in which he said that since his illness the general has consumed more than 100 lbs. of food. He is now retired early last night in a comparatively excellent condition.

Many Happy Returns of the Day. Toronto, March 11.—The birthday of the late Gen. Sackett, who died last night, was celebrated in a public gathering at the Grand opera house. The distinguished resident replied by next morning, and wrote a letter to the editor of the Standard.

How to Speak With Effect. Said the Rev. Dr. Coleman, who died last night, in a class of divinity students in Dublin: There are three things to aim at in public speaking: first, to get into the subject; second, to get your subject into yourself; and lastly, to get your subject into your hearers.

Beating Tip the Salvationists. We do not but that many of our readers will feel interested in reading these figures which show the results of the work of the Salvation Army in the city of Toronto. The work of the Salvation Army in the city of Toronto is a most interesting and successful one. The work of the Salvation Army in the city of Toronto is a most interesting and successful one.

Save Niagara. The Niagara legislature will guard its title and not allow any private monopoly to get the better of the people in preserving the beauties of Niagara. For Queen and Country. Everything is now in complete readiness for the Q. V. gala night at the Grand opera house this evening. A large and fashionable audience and a good performance is anticipated by the regiment and J. A. Fraser.

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