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QUEEN'S SECOND SON DEAD

Her Majesty Mourns the Loss of Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, Duke of Saxe-Coburg.

DIED FROM PARALYSIS OF THE HEART

News of the Sad Event Has Created a Sensation in London, Where Many Public Events Have Been Abandoned.

Coburg, July 31.—Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, died at 10 o'clock last evening at Rosenau Castle, from paralysis of the heart.

Recently at a consultation of specialists in Vienna it was discovered that there was a cancerous growth at the root of his tongue. By his sudden death he escaped a painful, lingering death.

During the minority of his heir, the Duke of Albany, the government of the duchy will be conducted by the hereditary Prince of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, the guardian of the young Duke.

London, July 31.—The news of the death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, second son of Queen Victoria, has created a sensation in London.

There were many callers at Clarence and Marlborough Houses, and the Lord Chamberlain's office. Flags were half-masted.

The Queen was deeply affected. It is stated that the body of the late Duke will be embalmed and brought to England for interment, and that it will lie in state at Windsor.

Numerous public and semi-public functions have been abandoned and the ebbing season will be brought to a sudden close, as the court and society will immediately be ordered into mourning.

The funeral of the late Duke will be held at Coburg on Friday, August 3rd. On that occasion the Prince of Wales will represent Queen Victoria. He will be accompanied by Coburg by either his son, the Duke of York, or his brother, the Duke of Connaught.

Court in Mourning. London, July 31.—The Gazette orders the court in mourning for King Humbert from August 2nd to August 23rd, and for the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha from August 2nd to September 13th.

Many Boers Ruined

Wives and Children of the Poorer Class Are Almost Starving.

A Story for the Burghers-Lady Roberts Escaped in a Balloon.

Rudyard Kipling Says He Had Little Fault to Find With Hospitals.

Bloemfontein, July 30.—When General Hunter, having received a written unconditional surrender of all the Boers in the Caledon Valley, attended to accept the surrender, Gen. Prinsloo, lately elected to the chief command, appeared on the scene and tried to repudiate the unconditional surrender.

Gen. Hunter, however, refused any concessions, except to allow the Boers to keep one riding horse.

About 11 o'clock the troops were drawn up in two long lines on the hills and over the valley and the Boers rode in between, throwing down their rifles, together with a motley collection of clothing, blankets and gear such as was found in Gen. Crowther's laager.

The Ficksburg command was first to lay down their arms, consisting of about 550 men. Then came the Ladybrand command with about 450 men. Fifteen horses, two guns and 50 wagons were given up.

Gen. Prinsloo and Commandant Crowther were received by Gen. Hunter at his tent, where they were well treated and accorded every courtesy.

Many of the Boers have gone through Naanport and will surrender to Gen. Macdonald. Others are still arriving here.

The Harrismith and Fredericksburg commands are yet at large, as well as some Boers who got out of the valley at night,

but the prisoners say that those outside will surrender, and that this will practically end the Free State army.

The Boers say they would not have surrendered had they not been surrounded. The prisoners have been placed in larger under guard and will be kept there until all arrive.

Rustenburg Besieged. London, July 31.—The Morning Leader asserts that Lord Kitchener has been dispatched from Pretoria to Kruger's camp to organize a column to relieve Gen. Baden-Powell, now besieged by General Delairi at Rustenburg, in western Transvaal.

Canadian Dead. Ottawa, July 30.—The department of militia received the following dispatch to-day from Sir Alfred Milner:

"Capetown, July 29.—I regret to report that (39) Trooper D. H. Sipp, (333), Wood 2nd Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles, died of enteric fever at Pretoria on July 27th; and the dangerous illness of the following is reported: Privates (7400) W. Wilson, Canadian Regiment of Infantry, Capetown; (25) J. E. Jell, First Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles, Johannesburg."

Pretoria, July 31.—Mrs. Botha was the guest of Lord Roberts at dinner yesterday.

The Boer animosity to Kruger grows on account of the fact that he and officials are persuading the people that African paper money is as good as Bank of England notes, because it is based on unalienable state securities even though the state should be conquered. As the English have not recognized this contention, many burghers have been ruined, and unutterable misery prevails. The wives and children of the poorer Boers are starving.

A correspondent has seen an official circular asserting that Lord Roberts was forced to retreat south of the Vaal, and that Lady Roberts escaped in a balloon.

Hospital Enquiry. London, Aug. 1.—Mr. Rudyard Kipling testified before the South African hospital enquiry commission to-day. He said he found little fault generally, except with the Woodstock hospital at Capetown. This, he said, was unspeakable. It was horrible, foul and drains ran to it.

SURRENDER OF BOERS

Three Generals Have Given Up Arms—Hunter to Resume Hostilities.

(Associated Press.) London, July 31.—A dispatch received at the war office to-day from Lord Roberts materially modifies yesterday's statement of the surrender of 5,000 Boers under Gen. Prinsloo.

It now appears that Generals Prinsloo, Villiers and Grother surrendered with 936 men, 1,432 horses, 955 rifles and a Krupp nine-pounder. Some of the leaders in more distant parts of the hills hesitate to come in on the plea that they are independent of Gen. Prinsloo. Gen. Roberts adds that he has directed Gen. Hunter to resume hostilities forthwith and to listen to no excuses.

Another Death. Ottawa, July 31.—Sir Alfred Milner, in a cable from Capetown, announces the death of Pte. J. H. Ball, of the first battalion, C. M. F., who was reported dangerously ill in a dispatch yesterday, at Kroonstad.

Private R. Bainside, of the C. R. I., a prisoner, has been released.

Mail Service. Ottawa, July 31.—In response to a cable from the military authorities here as to the reason of delay in the relatives of members of Canadian contingents in South Africa receiving letters, Colonel Otter cables that he can attribute no other reason than a failure of the mail service.

MORE DYNAMITE OUTRAGES. In St. Louis—Street Car Badly Damaged and Passengers Shaken. (Associated Press.)

St. Louis, Mo., July 31.—A St. Louis transit car exploded a bomb last night on St. Louis avenue. The car was badly damaged and the passengers shaken up. Windows in the vicinity were shattered and a building damaged.

Another car on Grand avenue division exploded a stick of dynamite at Montgomery avenue and North Market street. No one was injured.

As Police Captain Wm. Young was riding on the car platform on Seventh street, southern line, he noticed a spluttering light on the tracks behind, and alighted to make an investigation. When within 15 yards of the object a terrific explosion ensued, which tore a large hole in the macadam pavement. The captain was rendered unconscious, but was otherwise unharmed.

RIOT ON A STEAMER. Icelanders Insisted on Obtaining a Supply of Fish at St. John. (Associated Press.)

Quebec, July 31.—Twenty-one of the passengers of the Montfort, the Elder Dempster liner which had to put into St. John's, Newfoundland, a few days ago to purchase fish in order to quell a riot among the Icelanders on board, who insisted on having that product of the water, were lodged in jail here on arrival of the steamer yesterday, charged with creating a disturbance on board ship. During the riot one man, a Jew, was stabbed and is now in a critical condition. There were in all 1,060 passengers on board, a large number of whom consisted of Icelanders, Jews and Italians.

NEARLY HALF A MILLION. Customs Revenue for Month Shows Increase of \$461,008 Over July Last Year. (Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, July 31.—The customs revenue keeps climbing upwards. The revenue collected for the month of July, which ends to-day, was \$2,414,771, an increase of \$461,008 over July of last year.

JAPS NETS DESTROYED. (Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Aug. 1.—Some enemies of non-union Japanese fishermen are getting their work in with an organized style on the Fraser river. Last night not less than 50 nets in the hands of Japs were cut, the destroyed web being worth between \$4,000 and \$5,000. New losses were being reported all day to-day at the Steveston police station.

CUBAN ELECTIONS. (Associated Press.) Washington, July 31.—The war department has issued an order for a general election to be held in Cuba on the third Sunday in September to elect delegates to a convention to be held in Havana on the first Monday of November. This convention is to frame and adopt a constitution for the people of Cuba.

AMBASSADOR TO ITALY. (Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 1.—Former governor of Massachusetts, Roger Wolcott, to whom the position of United States ambassador to Italy was recently offered, has accepted it, and his commission has been issued. He succeeds Ambassador Draper, resigned.

CANAL PROPERTY SEIZED. (Associated Press.) Managua, Aug. 1.—The government of Nicaragua has taken possession of the property of the Maritime Canal Co. and removed the company's cars, rails and property to the interior from Greytown, under article fifty-four of the concession.

GOLD DUST IN SEATTLE. (Associated Press.) Seattle, Aug. 1.—The deposits of gold dust and bullion in the Seattle assay office during the month of July, 1900, will aggregate in value not less than \$6,250,000. It is the biggest month's business in the history of the office.

Part of an Anarchist Plot

Lots Drawn in Paris to Decide Who Should Kill King Humbert.

Statement by Wife of the Murderer, Who Resides at Paterson, N. J.

Says She Did Not Know That Her Husband Was an Anarchist.

(Associated Press.) Monza, July 30.—Details of the assassination of King Humbert are very meagre. It happened so quietly and unexpectedly that the King was shot almost before the spectators realized what was happening. No special precautions had been taken. Very few police were in attendance and only a small guard of soldiers was keeping the way for the carriage.

The King, amid the cheers of the crowd, and accompanied by his aide de camp, General Vaglia, had just entered the carriage and was just driving off when three revolver shots were fired in quick succession.

Some witnesses assert that Bressi, the assassin, was seen just previously waving his hands and cheering. The first shot wounded the King in the neck, the second, the fatal one, pierced his heart, and the third broke the arm of the already dying sovereign.

The crowd was stunned by the unexpected scene, but speedily seized the assassin. He did not attempt to escape, and was roughly treated until the carabinieri formed a cordon and secured him from the fury of the people.

An eye-witness says that immediately after the shots were fired the King fell back, pressing his hand to his heart. He was instantly supported by Gen. Vaglia, who told the coachman to drive with all speed to the castle. After the exclamation, "It is nothing," the King did not utter a word.

The royal carriage covered the distance to the royal villa at full speed, requiring but three minutes. The King expired on the way, and although placed on a bed, was dead when the doctors arrived.

When Queen Margherita arrived at the villa she still hoped that the King would survive, and when the truth was broken to her, a heartrending scene ensued. Bursting into tears, she exclaimed: "It is the greatest crime of the century. Humbert was good and faithful; no person could have loved his people more. He was one who bore ill-will to none."

When the Queen's mother arrived there was another affecting scene. Bressi, the murderer, is young, tall and stately. It appears that he remained four days in Prato, and two days at Bologna, and after that he came here.

The expression of the dead King's face is tranquil and even smiling. The corpse was blessed immediately after death. It will be embalmed. The Queen herself placed a wreath on the bier, and knelt and prayed beside the body, and in spite of the entreaties of the prince and princess she refuses to quit the chamber.

The assassin is strictly guarded in prison. He continues to preserve absolute indifference and took his meals without any sign of being affected by his position. A second revolver was found on the public stand in the gymnastic grounds.

The assassin, when captured, said: "Tell them I came from America on purpose to kill Humbert. I have only just arrived from America and know no one. I spent a day at Bologna and then came on to Milan."

A search made at his house at Prato resulted in the finding of several compromising letters from New York. One, signed by a woman, was dated June 25th. In this letter the writer asks whether all is ready, and expresses a hope that he will soon return.

All Quiet. Rome, July 30.—The conservators of the Quirinal had pulled up all the private apartments of King Humbert and all the doors of the palace except one. The members of the diplomatic corps all went this morning to the foreign office to tender their condolences. The visitors' books have already been filled with the names of callers. Profound calm prevails throughout the entire country. Such members of the chamber of deputies as are in Rome met this afternoon and adopted a resolution exonerating the crime and expressing unbounded sorrow.

Fore-Warning of Tragedy. London, July 31.—The entire European press utters a cry of indignation and horror at the Monza crime, and expresses sympathy for Italy and Queen Margherita.

The difficulty of dealing with such insensate anarchist outrages are emphasized in many quarters. The Daily Chronicle observes: "The danger that killed Carnot was no protest against 'monarchical institutions,' and Bressi, who had been in America, might have had just as coherent a motive for taking President McKinley's life as he had for shooting Humbert."

Curiously enough, it seems that there had been fore-warnings of the tragedy. The Berliner Tageblatt reminds its readers of its news from Graz on July 10th, when an Italian received a letter from his son saying that she had fallen on the letter to assassinate the King of Italy, and that other princes were being killed.

At Vienna it is asserted that Bressi stayed at Buda Pesth two years ago, at which time he had plenty of money and attracted the attention of the police, who arrested him on a charge of being an anarchist or of having anarchist proclivities. Suddenly, on the news of the assassination of the Empress Elizabeth of Austria, he disappeared. Many arrests of Italian suspects have occurred recently at Ischi, the summer residence of the Austrian Emperor.

The Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lord Salisbury, in the House of Lords, and Mr. A. J. Balfour, the first lord of the treasury and government secretary, in the House of Commons, gave notice to-day that to-morrow they intended to move an address to the Queen, conveying an expression of the indignation and deep concern with much parliament had learned of the assassination of Her Majesty's ally, the King of Italy, and praying that Her Majesty convey an expression to the present King on behalf of the Lords and Commons of their deep abhorrence of the crime and sympathy with the royal family and people of Italy.

Declined Extra Guards. Paris, July 30.—The Temps says the Italian government was warned June 30th that secret anarchist societies had decided on the death of King Humbert and four other sovereigns. As a matter of fact, an anarchist was arrested June 20th on the Austro-Italian frontier, who declared that he had been selected to assassinate King Humbert. Increased guards were attached to King Humbert, who, however, protested, and ordered them withdrawn. The Temps adds that the Pope was the first to convey condolences to the widowed Queen.

Bressi in the States. New York, July 30.—Angelo Bressi lived at Paterson for over a year. He appeared to have had various names. He was employed at Hamilton and Booth's silk mills. His close friend here was Caribou Sperandio, the man who a few weeks ago shot down his foreman and killed himself. It was long believed that he was telling how he had been selected by lot to kill King Humbert, and having a choice, owing to his living so far away from Italy, killed his foreman instead.

London, July 31.—A special from Rome says that King Victor Emmanuel III. arrived at Brindisi to-day unexpectedly. The dispatch adds that the young Queen fainted when she was informed of the assassination of King Humbert.

The King and Queen started for Monza immediately after reaching Brindisi.

Arrests at Monza. Rome, July 31.—The Tribune says the assassination of King Humbert is the bloodiest episode in the history of the Italian monarchy since the revolution of 1848. A non-militant anarchist declared, as the Tribune asserts, that the meeting had been held in Paris, at which lots were drawn and persons selected to kill the King. The papers announce that King Victor Emmanuel III. will reach Brindisi to-day and will go directly to Monza.

Seizures Bressi, five persons have been taken into custody at Monza.

Luccheni Examined. Geneva, July 30.—As soon as the news of the assassination of King Humbert became known the detective department set to work to try and discover if there were any connection between the murders of President Carnot of France, Empress Elizabeth of Austria, and King Humbert, in view of the declaration of Luigi Luccheni, the assassin of the Austrian Empress, that his crime was only the first episode in the general execution of several European sovereigns.

The police discovered that a certain Angelo Bressi lived there two years ago and was closely watched as an anarchist. The description of this man is almost the same as that sent by the Callian detectives. Luccheni when questioned in prison regarding the matter declined to answer.

Murderer's Wife Interviewed. New York, July 31.—Galeo Bressi, who assassinated King Humbert of Italy, was a native of Tuscany, Italy, and came to the United States five years ago. He was not a naturalized American citizen, though his wife is of American birth. Bressi's life is of American birth. Bressi's wife, Mrs. Paterson, N.J., on May 22nd, sailing for Havre by the French line steamer La Gascogne. He told his wife that he was going to visit his birthplace in Italy to look after private property that belonged to him. It was only when she read that the assassin had confessed his name and gloried in his crime that his wife believed. Her face assumed a deathlike pallor and she sank into a chair trembling. Then she exclaimed: "My God, can it be true, I cannot believe it. Its hardly two months since he left me and it was only three days ago that I got a letter from him telling me how happy he was and how soon he expected to be home."

In her agitation these facts were got by degrees: "I am an American. I met Bressi about three years ago in a weaving mill here in West Hoboken. I knew he was opposed to kings and queens, and capitalists, but my husband would never tell anybody intentionally. He was devotedly loyal to King Humbert. His brother is a captain in the Italian army. Some called him by that name here. Poor Gaetano. I'm afraid this news will kill me. What in God's name will become of our little daughter Madeline? She is but 18 months old, and it were better now that she were dead than alive. She is the picture of her father."

Mrs. Bressi declared that she was without means, but that her husband had always been kind to her, and continuing, she said:

"If my husband was connected with any band or organization of socialists or anarchists, I knew nothing of it. I have heard him talk of the young man Spanando, who murdered the foreman of Wideman's dye works in Paterson and then killed himself a few days ago, but as my husband never brought him to the house, I do not think they were intimate."

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More Troops From India

Four Native Regiments Have Been Ordered to Proceed at Once to China.

Force Marching on the Chinese Capital Numbers Twenty Thousand Men.

Li Hung Chang Attempts to Stop the Advance of the Allies.

(Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 2.—Because of the fact that the Chinese agents in free cipher communication with the viceroys, the foreign commanders at Tien Tsin have put an embargo on news concerning the size and composition of the forces advancing on Pekin.

Neither the English nor the foreign office have intelligence from Tien Tsin later than Friday, July 27th.

Telegrams from Hongkong and Shanghai indicate that restlessness is increasing in southern China, and the German mission at Namon has been destroyed and the native city of Wu Chow is no longer considered safe for foreigners.

At the Bogue forts target practice is going on.

At Canton the authorities are enlisting recruits at \$9 a month, twice the usual pay. Proclamations sent to the recruiting stations threaten officers who desert and the troops.

An agency at Shanghai says that Li Hung Chang has asked United States Consul Goodnow whether or not, if he were placed in communication with the minister at Pekin, the powers would suspend the advance. Mr. Goodnow, the report adds, replied that he would ask the Washington authorities.

A third brigade was ordered to China from India to-day. It consists of four native regiments, 6,000 men.

A news agency dispatch from Tien Tsin, July 25th, reports that Lieut.-Gen. Linewitch has succeeded Admiral Alexieff in command of the Russian forces there. The Russians, the dispatch adds, were constructing armored trains in Tien Tsin shops and intended reconstructing the railway as fast as the column should advance toward Pekin.

The Advance.

Shanghai, Aug. 1.—The allies advanced toward Pekin to-day. It is estimated that the expedition numbers 20,000 men of all arms with 300 guns. It is hoped to reach Pekin on August 12th.

Reported Repulse of Japs.

New York, Aug. 2.—From Tien Tsin, under the date of Sunday, says a Chee Foo cable to the Herald, comes a report that the Japanese vanguard has been repulsed with a loss of a hundred and fifty killed and wounded.

Seymour Starts for Nankin.

Shanghai, Aug. 1.—Admiral Seymour, on board the British dispatch boat Alacarty, started for Nankin today to consult with Liu Luan Yi, viceroy of Nankin. Admiral Seymour wired the viceroy of his intended visit, and Liu Kun Yi replied: "Am unwell and cannot see you." Admiral Seymour insisted upon making the visit, and the viceroy responded by wire: "I am instructing a warship to proceed down the river to escort the Alacarty to Nankin in case of a misunderstanding in passing the forts."

It is reported that 50 missionaries have been massacred in the Shan Si province.

Li's Promise.

Paris, Aug. 2.—The French consul-general at Shanghai telegraphs to-day as follows: "Li Hung Chang has stated to the United States consul that the ministers would be put in communication with their governments if the allies arrest their march on Pekin."

"Chang is yet unable to secure a reply to the message in his care to M. Pichon, the French minister in Pekin, as the Tsung Li Yamen will not consent to the forwarding of cipher messages for the ministers."

"It is asserted that the foreigners within the Imperial city and the consular corps have decided to entrust the defence of the concessions to the international naval forces."

British Commander.

Tien Tsin, July 27, via Shanghai, Aug. 1.—Gen. Sir Alfred Gaselee arrived here and assumed command of the British forces to-day.

Situation at New Chwang.

Shanghai, Aug. 6.—Admiral Alexieff has gone to New Chwang, where the position of the Russians is regarded as serious.

Route by Russians.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The official messenger says: "Gen. Grodekoff, under the date of Wednesday, August 1st, telegraphs as follows: 'The Chinese positions at Hung Hun was stormed by Gen. Augustoff on July 30th, thus relieving the post of Novokrivskojko and Postja. Many guns were taken. The Russian loss was two officers and six men killed and four men wounded.'"

Missing.

London, Aug. 2.—The Chinese inland Mission received the following telegram from the Rev. F. W. Stevenson, to-day: "Shanghai, July 31.—Probably Misses King, Burton and Rasmussen and Mrs. Cunneils have been murdered at Ho Shan, province of Shan Si. There is a local rebellion in the Ningpo district, and the workers, who are two married couples and four single ladies."

SIFTON MURDER TRIAL.

(Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 2.—The Sifton murder case was reopened yesterday. Morden, the witness who gave damaging evidence against Sifton on Saturday, was re-examined and cross-examined. He declared Gerald Sifton offered him \$1,000 to destroy his father (Joseph Sifton), but he refused. The case was resumed this morning when Morden's cross-examination was continued. Mr. Hellmuth, Q.C., counsel for defence, endeavored to develop that the Morden family were conspiring to injure Gerald Sifton, because the latter would not give them money. Mr. Hellmuth succeeded to some extent in shaking Morden's evidence by forcing the latter to declare that he (Morden) sent his cousin Martin to get the will with the object of procuring information about Miss McParlane, whom the elder Sifton was engaged to marry. Morden was still on the stand when the court adjourned for lunch.

Leaders Surrender

Four Thousand Prisoners Are Now in the Hands of Hunter and Bruce Hamilton.

Supply Train Derailed—Thirteen Men Killed and Thirty-Nine Injured.

Lorenzo, Marquez, Aug. 1.—The Boers have evacuated Mafeking, and it is reported are preparing to retreat to Lydenburg, to which place they have completed telegraphic communication. A correspondent with General Hunter's force at Slapkrans says: "The Winburg and Senekal commandos are now arriving, about 300 men." General Boer has arrived and also a commandant of the Wepener commando. It will take days to get all this. There is a continuous stream of wagons for seven miles up the valley road. "All the leaders have surrendered. The prisoners include foreign artists."

From Lord Roberts.

London, Aug. 1.—Lord Roberts has telegraphed to the war office as follows: "Pretoria, Aug. 1.—Hunter reports 1,200 more prisoners surrendered yesterday with Commandants Rouse and Fonteneil; whilst Commandants Depey, Pretorius and Joubert surrendered to Bruce Hamilton, who collected 1,200 rifles, 650 ponies and 1 Armstrong gun. Lieut. Anderson, a Danish officer, in the Staats artillery, also surrendered.

"Oliver, with five guns and a number of burghers, broke away in Heidsigk, but Hunter expects the total prisoners will amount to 4,000.

"An unfortunate accident occurred near Frederikstadt, on the Krugersdorp-Port Elizabeth railway. The enemy had torn up the rails, and a supply train, escorted by the Shroshires, was derailed, thirteen being killed and 39 injured, although a special patrol had been ordered to prevent trains passing. A special inquiry has been ordered to ascertain why the order was disobeyed."

Favor the Boers.

London, Aug. 2.—The Daily Telegraph, on the authority of its Capetown correspondent, asserts to-day that documents of the highest importance, emanating from England, have been discovered in Pretoria, implicating members of the House of Commons and other prominent persons in England, who have agitated in favor of the Boers. It says that startling development may be expected shortly.

The First Contingent.

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—A cable from Colonel Otter to-day states that 700 men of the first contingent are now effective. On June 22nd there were 40 men in hospital or sick, and only 434 effective.

Canadians With Baden-Powell.

Kingston, Aug. 1.—The belief prevails in Kingston that "C" Battery of the R.C.F.A. is now at Rostenburg, where General Delaroy is besieged by Baden-Powell.

Displeased With Imperial Officers.

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Sergeant Holland, of the Maxim gun squadron of the first Canadian contingent, writing home, says the Canadians at Pretoria are somewhat displeased at the action of Imperial army officers in reserving the best rooms of the hotels there for their own use, and thus excluding privates. He calls a number of the subordinate officers of the Imperial service "cads," and instances the case of a lieutenant whom he saluted but the officer ignored the salute, but Holland says he saluted Lord Roberts, who courteously responded.

A MOTHER TELLS HOW SHE SAVED HER LITTLE DAUGHTER'S LIFE.

I am the mother of eight children and have had a great deal of experience with medicines. Last summer my little daughter had the dysentery in its worst form. We thought she would die. I tried everything I could think of, but nothing seemed to do her any good. I saw by an advertisement in our paper that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was highly recommended and sent and got a bottle at once. It proved to be one of the very best medicines we ever had in the house. It saved my little daughter's life. I am anxious for every mother to know what an excellent medicine it is. Had I known it at first it would have saved me a great deal of anxiety and my little daughter much suffering. Yours truly, Mrs. Geo. F. Burdick, Liberty, R. I. For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

J. B. Giffin, of Vancouver, provincial manager for R. G. Dun & Co., is in the city.

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Royalties In Danger

Attempt Made to Murder the Shah of Persia in Paris To-Day.

Man Armed With Revolver Tried to Break Through the Guards.

King Humbert's Murderer Says It Will Be the Czar's Turn Next.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Aug. 2.—An attempt on the life of the Shah of Persia was made this morning, but luckily it resulted in no harm to His Majesty.

A man broke through the line of policemen as the Shah was leaving his apartments and tried to mount the royal carriage steps. He was seized and placed under arrest. He held a revolver in his hand, but as soon as his intention was divined the police disarmed him before he was able to fire.

At the police station the man expressed regret that he had been unable to carry out his intention. He said: "This is an affair between me and my conscience."

Later Particulars.

Paris, Aug. 2.—It was 9:15 when the carriage of the Shah emerged from the court of the Sovereign's palace with the Shah and his Grand Vizier seated inside, opposite Gen. Farent.

A crowd of 90 people witnessed the attempted assassination, and at once made a rush toward the would-be murderer. The police, acting as a guard of the Shah, however, prevented the mob from doing violence to the miscreant.

The prisoner was taken to the police station. This afternoon the Shah carried out his programme for a trip down the Seine.

The would-be assassin declines absolutely to give his name or nationality. He speaks a little, and that with a southern accent. The police believe him to be an Italian. He is about 28 years of age. Just before starting from the palace, the Shah received a letter, dated from Italy, signed with an Italian name, but posted in Paris, announcing that he would believe the man who attacked the Shah was not alone in his effort.

The whole police department is at work on the case.

THE MURDER OF HUMBERT.

Brescia Told a Warden the Czar Will Be Killed Next.

Rome, Aug. 2.—Brescia still maintains his excited demeanor and has to be dressed forcibly. To-day he exclaimed to a warden that it would be the Czar's turn next.

Threatened by Anarchists.

Toronto, Aug. 2.—Globe's special from Paterson says anarchists of that city are making threats against the lives of prominent citizens of that place, and serious trouble is feared in consequence.

King Victor at Monza.

Monza, Aug. 2.—King Victor Emmanuel III, upon arriving here, met his mother, Queen Margherita, at the castle. She fell into his arms weeping. The King knelt before the body of his father and repeatedly kissed and embraced it. For one hour, he, his mother and his wife stayed in the death chamber.

THE GAZETTE.

A Number of Appointments Made—Companies Incorporated.

The official Gazette this week will contain the following announcements: The expenses of Premier Dunsmuir in the South Nanaimo elections were \$201. Court of assize will be held in the court house, Atlin, on August 28th.

Collum & DeLong, hotel keepers and ferry boat proprietors at Sucker Creek, Lillicoet district, have dissolved partnership.

Temple Emanuel of Vancouver is incorporated as "The Congregation," the president, vice-president and trustees being Jacob Fleishman and Moses Halperin.

The only extra-provincial company licensed is the Frank & Bryce, Ltd., of Scotland, capital \$10,000, local office Vancouver, John Leckie attorney.

The following companies are incorporated: Eldorado Mines, Ltd., of Rossland, capital \$150,000; Nelson Mining Co., of Nelson, capital \$10,000; Anglo-Lardeau Mining Syndicate, of Rossland, capital \$1,000,000; St. Joseph Gold Mines, of Rossland, capital \$100,000; Tamarac Mines, of Rossland, capital \$100,000.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments to the office of assessor of the county of Vancouver.

L. E. Simmons, of Nakusp, to be a notary public for the Mainland.

Ed. E. Lewis, of Trail, to be a notary public for the province.

Ed. M. N. Woods, of Atlin, to be a clerk of the peace to act at the sitting of the court of assize to be held at the said place on August 28th.

Capt. W. J. Rant, of Bennett, to be a stipendiary magistrate for the county of Vancouver.

A WARNING.

Substantial Fine Imposed for Abusing a Horse.

A warning to those who believe that they may abuse their animals with impunity was conveyed in the police court when, through the efforts of President Dallin, of the S. P. C. A., John Bull, Elk Lake, was fined \$35 or a month's imprisonment, and one of his drivers, R. Nicols, \$2. The latter was warned, at the same time that he was equally liable with the owner.

The case has already been described, and consisted in driving an animal whose shoulders were raw, and employing it to draw cordwood.

Lindley Crease, honorary counsel of the S. P. C. A., conducted the prosecution for President Dallin, and Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Dallin gave evidence.

A Very Bad Example

Almost a Split at the Inter-Parliamentary Peace Congress.

Trouble Was Averted by the President Calling for Vote on Resolution.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Aug. 2.—An unpleasant split in the Inter-Parliamentary Congress for Peace Arbitration was narrowly avoided at to-day's sessions.

M. Dorand, speaking of the impotence of the Hague conference, as there had never been more wars than at present, protested against the war in the Transvaal, and expressed astonishment that the request for arbitration made by the South African Republic had not found an echo in Europe.

Lord Stanhope, one of the English delegates, immediately rose and stated that the friends of peace in his country had done everything possible to prevent the war, adding that it would be impossible for representatives of England to participate in a discussion implying the least blame on England.

The presiding officer tactfully turned the impending storm by calling for a vote on the following resolution, which was adopted: "This congress, acting on The Hague resolutions, expresses its gratitude to those contributing to the results, in the firm hope that the powers will not neglect in the future to utilize the means at their disposition for the appeasement of international conflicts, and its regret that they have not been able to do so."

THE DEATH BADGE

Is Spared to Many a Home, Because Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Never Fails to Cure Heart Disease—Relief in 30 Minutes.

The pall of death has hovered over many a diseased heart, looking for the last flicker of the candle, and Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart has stepped between the patient and the grim hand, and nursed the sufferer back to perfect and permanent health. Thos. Petrie, of Aylmer, Que., had heart disease for five years, was unable to work. The doctors gave him up to die many a time. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gave him relief in thirty minutes. He now works and is well. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

SIR M. DALY'S SUCCESSOR.

(Associated Press.)

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—J. J. McGee, clerk of the Privy Council, left to-day for Halifax to swear in Hon. A. G. Jones as Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia.

TWO SAILORS DROWNED.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 1.—The schooner J. Richards was sunk in Detroit river in a gale. The schooner was carrying 100 tons of lumber. The survivors, Herd, Gorden, and Moore to-day, and two sailors asleep on the schooner, were drowned.

In The Summer

Of life a woman may find herself fading and failing. She doesn't understand it. She goes to doctors, who treat her for one or for that, but she gets no better. She grows fatter and pale. She can just "drag about the house," but has no pleasure in life. Many such women have taken advantage of Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription" of free consultation by letter, and have been restored by Dr. Pierce's treatment to perfect health. There is no more wonder. The womanly organs is at once apparent in the decrease of pain and the increase of strength. It cures female weakness and such diseases as take away the strength and beauty of women.

Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter free. All correspondence to be sent to Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

"Before I commenced to use your medicine I was in a bad condition (for eight years) and was considered almost hopeless. I received relief from your medicine in less than six weeks. I feel like a new woman, and I want the world to know it."

The action of the "Favorite Prescription" is assisted by the use of "Pleasant Pellets" when the bowels are irregular.

News From China Capital

The London Times Correspondent Tells of the Situation in Pekin.

Chinese Infamy and Duplicity—Helpless Women and Children Bombaraded.

London, Aug. 2.—News of events in the Chinese capital has at last arrived. Dr. Morrison, in to-day's Times, holds up the Chinese government before the world as guilty to a degree of infamy and duplicity that exceeds the surmise of its worst detractors. In the same dispatch he gives a more hopeful view of the prospects of any of the others who have been heard from.

Simultaneously there comes from the Belgian chargé d'affaires at Shanghai an official statement that the allies are expected to reach Pekin in about a week, they being 18 miles from Tien Tsin yesterday.

Another letter has been received at Tien Tsin from the British minister, Sir Claude Macdonald, dated July 24th. "We are surrounded by imperial troops," he writes, "who are firing on us continuously. The enemy is enterprising but cowardly. We have provisions for about a fortnight and are eating our ponies. The Chinese government, if there be one, has done nothing whatever to help us. If the Chinese do not press the attack we can hold out for, say, ten days. So no time should be lost, if a terrible massacre is to be averted."

In the Times this morning appears the following dispatch from Dr. George Deane, dated from the legation at Pekin, July 21st: "There has been a cessation of hostilities (Pekin) since July 18th, but for fear of treachery there has been no relaxation of vigilance. The Chinese soldiers continue to strengthen the batteries around the besieged area, and also the batteries on top of the Imperial city wall, but in the meantime they have discontinued firing, probably because they are short of ammunition."

The main bodies of imperial soldiers have left Pekin in order to meet the relief forces. Supplies are beginning to come in and the condition of the besieged is improving.

"The wounded are doing well. Our hospital arrangements are admirable, and 150 cases have passed through the hospitals."

"The Tsung Li Yamen forwarded to Sir Claude Macdonald a copy of the dispatch telegraphed by the Emperor to Queen Victoria, attributing all deeds of violence to bandits and requesting Her Majesty's assistance to extricate the Chinese government from its difficulties. The Queen's reply is not stated; but the Chinese minister in Washington telegraphs that the United States government would gladly assist the Chinese authorities."

"This dispatch to the Queen was sent to the Tsung Li Yamen by the grand council on July 3rd; yet the day before an imperial edict had been issued calling on the Boxers to continue to render loyal and patriotic services in exterminating the Christians. The edict also commanded viceroys and governors to expel all missionaries from China and to arrest all Christians and compel them to renounce their faith. Other decrees applauding the Boxers speak approvingly of their burning out and slaying converts."

"On July 18th another decree made a complete volte face due to the victories of the foreign troops at Tien Tsin. In this decree, for the first time, and one month after the occurrence, an allusion was made to the death of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister, which was attributed to the action of local brigands, although there is no doubt that it was premeditated and that the assassination was committed by an imperial officer, as the survivor, Herd Gorden, can testify."

"The force besieging the legation consists of the imperial troops, under Gen. Tung Lu and Gen. Tung Fushiang, whose gallantry is applauded in imperial decrees, although it has consisted in bombarding for one month defenceless women and children cramped up in the legation compound. The Chinese used shells, shrapnel, round shot and expanding bullets. They posted proclamations assuring us of protection and the same night they made a general attack in the hope of surprising us."

"There is still no news of Pei Tang, the wounded number 108, including the American surgeon, Lippitt, severely wounded, and Capt. Myers, who is doing well. Several Americans have been killed."

"All the ministers and members of legations and their families are in good health. The general health of the community is excellent and we are contentedly awaiting relief."

"After enumerating the casualties already reported and giving the total deaths as 16, Mr. Morrison proceeds as follows: "The Chinese undermined the French legation, which is now in ruin, but present, having fled for protection to the British legation on the first day of the siege. The greatest peril we suffered during the siege was from a determination to destroy the British legation by burning the adjoining Han Lan Yuen (National college), one of the most sacred buildings in China, sacrificing the unique library. The Chinese throughout acted with characteristic treachery."

Safe on 28th.

London, Aug. 2.—A special from Shanghai says Li Hung Chang has received a decree dated July 28th, commanding him to inform the consuls that the ministers were safe on that date. Evidently Sir Claude Macdonald was over pessimistic, as Dr. Morrison, under date July 21st, announces the arrival of supplies. In view of this, it is quite within reason that the edict announcing the safety of the ministers on the 28th is correct.

Commenting on Dr. Morrison's dispatch, the Times says: "It is now beyond doubt that the frequent assertions

of different Chinese representations that for a month past the legations have been enjoying the protection of the throne, are one and all, unqualified falsehoods. The whole affair has been controlled throughout under the watchful eye of the Chinese government, and it now rests with the powers to make the Chinese government understand that it will be held fully responsible for whatever happens in Pekin."

The March on Pekin.

Brussels, Aug. 1.—M. de Faveraan, minister of foreign affairs, has received the following dispatch, dated Shanghai, August 1st, from M. de Carter de Marneaux acting as chargé d'affaires of Belgium at Shanghai: "The allies are marching on Pekin. They are 18 miles from Tien Tsin and should reach it in eight days. All the European legations have taken refuge in the inner enclosure of the Imperial city."

Trying to Prevent Advance.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The Chinese imperial government is putting forth the most powerful efforts to secure, through negotiation, the abandonment of the international movement upon Pekin. The cablegrams received at the state department to-day from Earl Li Hung Chang all tend to demonstrate his desire to secure the success of the mission at Pekin and their delivery at Tien Tsin. If this can be safely effected, trusting that it return the international column can be halted. Unquestionably a proper assurance of the safe delivery of the mission would have some effect upon the temper of the powers, and it is possible that the United States government would give ear to overtures in that direction, were not the attempt made by the Chinese to impose condition upon the delivery that are altogether objectionable.

How Li Ruled Canton.

London, Aug. 1.—A letter from Hongkong, dated July 2nd, received here to-day represents that Li Hung Chang was preserving order in Canton by a virtual reign of terror, rendering him well hated by the disorderly element. He had ruthlessly prevented anything in the nature of a public meeting, and had effectively prevented any of the various parties of men, animated by hatred of foreigners, coming together to plan a rising. During one week he had executed by strangling seventy persons, and it is asserted that during his viceregency no less than 2,000 were executed. All suspects, innocent and guilty alike, were thrown into prison indiscriminately, which, in a majority of cases, was tantamount to execution.

For China.

Berlin, Aug. 1.—The North German Gazette announces that Emperor William has approved of the employment of men on leave who have done tropical service who might volunteer for service in China.

Orthological Contest

THE ADVANCE ON PEKIN.

The movement of the allied troops on Pekin has commenced, but the dread as to the fate of the inmates of the legations will not be allayed until the troops get within the walls. There is very little doubt that those in authority in China have adopted the unprecedented course of holding the foreigners as hostages for the immunity from punishment of those who should have, if they had the power, prevented the uprising in China and for the integrity of the Empire.

THE HAND OF AFFLICTION.

The King of Terrors is said to love a shining mark, and in the few days that have passed of the present week he has managed to find a lodgment for his shafts in the hearts of the members of the "highest" and "noblest" families in Christendom. Following closely on the announcement of the assassination of the King of Italy, whose chief ambition appeared to be to leave his people in a more advanced state than he found them when he ascended the throne, comes the sad intelligence of the removal of one of the members of our own Royal Family, known at home as the Duke of Edinburgh.

pan, where he was received with great honors by the Mikado both in public and private, passing on from there to China and India. In 1873 he went to Italy and had an audience with the Pope in Rome. On January 23rd, 1874, his marriage with the Grand Duchess Marie, only daughter of Alexander II, Czar of Russia, was celebrated with great pomp at St. Petersburg, and on the 12th of March the Duke and Duchess, accompanied by Her Majesty the Queen, made a public entry into London amid much popular enthusiasm.

YUKON GOVERNMENT.

It is a favorite argument with our American friends, whether in the Klondike or in their homes in the States, when they desire to make what they consider a particularly telling point against British institutions, to say that we are waging war in South Africa because of laws far less unjust than those under which the residents of the Yukon country are oppressed.

PURITY.

T. O. D., in Ottawa Free Press. As homeward from the House I picked my way Through silent streets, the pale gray morning light Stole through the heavy foliage of the trees, And danced a measure with departing night, I saw a shadow stealing through the grove From night's dark chamber into new born day.

THE DUKE'S FUNERAL.

Coburg, Aug. 1.—At the desire of the Queen of England the funeral of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha has been postponed to Saturday, Aug. 4th.

era region shall come all that is necessary for the efficient maintenance of law and order and for the cost of the various public services. The officials of the Klondike country are reliable, honorable men, and it is largely because they have proved themselves to be invulnerable to the bribes and the corruptionists so characteristic of American public life and because the towns and all other things are not "wide open" that they have been subjected to so much virulent abuse.

The Rossland Miner indulges the hope that Mr. Hewitt Bostock may be prevailed upon to reconsider his determination not to again contest the riding of Yale-Cariboo at the coming Dominion elections and suggests that every effort should be made to induce the present member to again seek election. The Miner strongly eulogises Mr. Bostock for the service he has done the constituency since he has represented it in the Dominion House, saying he has worked with tireless energy both during the sessions and in the recesses, and we are sure those at Ottawa and in British Columbia familiar with the facts will endorse all the Rossland paper says.

That story about Lady Roberts escaping in a balloon is a companion piece for another good one from Boer sources to the effect that a figure of celestial beauty—seen only by a few of course—moral continuously at the head of Kruger's forces. If Oom Paul had been a wise man he would have secured the air ship. He may need it one of these days.

Washington, July 31.—The following dispatch from Remy was received by the navy department this morning: "Chee Foo, July 31.—Japanese military attaché says 'Pekin letter, dated July 22nd, reports legations besieged since June 18th. Continually attacked from June 20th until July 17th. The attack then ceased and the Chinese soldiers are apparently diminishing. Sixty Europeans were killed."

Shanghai, July 31.—The Japanese have news that 10,000 Chinese are attacking New Chwang with 4,000 Russians opposing them. The Japanese minister has forwarded a letter to Tien Tsin stating that the casualties at the Japanese legation in Peking were Capt. Ando, Attache Keijima and five marines killed, and Secretary Narahara wounded.

Hongkong, July 30.—The acting viceroy of Canton, it is reported, is becoming more active and adopting a more vigorous policy. He has ordered the execution of 40 pirates. Tomorrow he will visit the foreign warship and consuls. He says Li Hung Chang is not returning to Canton, where quiet prevails.

The British naval and military officials have taken careful observations of Canton and the Bogue defences. The Bogue forts are crowded with troops and the parapets are lined upon the approach of steamers. "All Safe and Well."

New York, July 31.—A dispatch from Tien Tsin, dated July 27th via Shanghai, July 31st says: "Word from Minister Conger has been received by Major Walker, commanding the American marines, dated Peking, July 21st, saying: 'Since July 16th, by agreement, there has been no firing. We have provisions for several weeks, but little ammunition. I hope relief can come soon. If they continue to shell us, as they have done, we cannot hold out long and a complete massacre will follow. We were glad to hear of the victory at Tien Tsin, but regret the terrible cost. All safe and well.'"

Washington, July 31.—The war department has received the following cablegrams from Gen. Chaffee: "Chee Foo, July 30.—Adjutant-General Washington, D.C.: 'Have had interview with admiral. I go ashore this afternoon. Facilities for unloading not adequate, therefore discharging slowly. Informed Byron has ordered tug for towing two seventy-ton lighters. If tug is obtained discharging will improve. Will finish discharging to-day and proceed to Nagasaki. It will take two days to unload horses and Kelly's battery, and it will be a week before the Grant is discharged of cargo. Will see Dagset tomorrow. Reported in Taku Bay that it is the intention to make a forward movement to-morrow towards Peking, but details are not known here. When I arrive at Tien Tsin I must leave Tongku at six in the morning to catch a dispatch boat at anchorage for Chee Foo at four in the afternoon. As soon as possible I will get definite information as regards the conditions and purposes at Tien Tsin. Will cable my views. (Signed) Chaffee.'"

Washington, July 30.—The effect of the day's news from China, was to freshen the hope that the government can get in direct communication with Minister Conger. The mass of testimony as to his being alive as late as July 22nd is now so great as to warrant the department in resuming the consideration of projects for the future.

London, July 30.—The general aspect of the situation confirms the opinion that the Manchuria party, fearing the effect of further violent measures, rely on Li Hung Chang's negotiations to prevail upon the powers to forego vengeance in return for the release of the prisoners. Tien Tsin wires that Gen. Sir Alfred Gaselee and staff with large foreign reinforcements.

Advance Will Soon Begin

Commander of British Troops Says He Contemplates Marching on Peking.

And That He Hopes the Other Powers Will Join in the Movement.

Ten Thousand Chinese Attacking New Chwang Which is Held, by Russians.

(Associated Press.) London, July 31.—The brevity of the news from Peking, leaving so much of importance unexplained, gives plenty of scope for speculation, but there is no further talk of memorial services at St. Paul's for the massacred diplomats.

There is nothing to show why the attacks on the legations ceased on July 16th, nor the state of supplies, except a Japanese message which mentions the end of the month, to-day, as the limit of resistance, nor why messages have not been allowed to come freely. Probably the Chinese contention will be that the government has not been able to gain the upper hand of the Imperial troops who rebelled.

The latest news seems to demonstrate that Gen. Yuan Lu and the moderates, if unable to quite suppress the rising, were at least able to interpose between the ministers and the Yuanites so as to prevent threatened destruction of the foreign colony. Should the existence of some such strong nucleus of orderly government be found, it is felt here that it will enormously simplify the problem.

Telegrams from Shanghai reiterate that the Empress left Peking three weeks ago, and that she will proclaim Singu Fu the capital, when Peking falls. The Chinese nevertheless confess confidence that the jealousies of the powers will prevent them reaching the capital, scoff at the idea of a punitive force, and brag of their ability to recover all leased territory and compel a revision of the treaties to their advantage.

Japanese sources report that the Russians captured the fort at New Chwang on Thursday, 26th. According to a Chee Foo dispatch Admiral Alexieff has returned to Port Arthur. In the House of Commons to-day, Parliamentary Secretary Broderick announced the receipt of a dispatch from Gen. Sir Alfred Gaselee, commanding the British forces in China station, stating that he contemplated an immediate advance on Peking, and that he hoped to have the co-operation of the allied forces.

More News from Peking. Washington, July 31.—The following dispatch from Remy was received by the navy department this morning: "Chee Foo, July 31.—Japanese military attaché says 'Pekin letter, dated July 22nd, reports legations besieged since June 18th. Continually attacked from June 20th until July 17th. The attack then ceased and the Chinese soldiers are apparently diminishing. Sixty Europeans were killed.'"

A telegram from the governor of Shan Tung, addressed to the consular body at Chee Foo, says: "Imperial edict states that various ministers, except the German are well and provisions have been supplied."

Attacking New Chwang. Shanghai, July 31.—The Japanese have news that 10,000 Chinese are attacking New Chwang with 4,000 Russians opposing them. The Japanese minister has forwarded a letter to Tien Tsin stating that the casualties at the Japanese legation in Peking were Capt. Ando, Attache Keijima and five marines killed, and Secretary Narahara wounded.

An Active Viceroy. Hongkong, July 30.—The acting viceroy of Canton, it is reported, is becoming more active and adopting a more vigorous policy. He has ordered the execution of 40 pirates. Tomorrow he will visit the foreign warship and consuls. He says Li Hung Chang is not returning to Canton, where quiet prevails.

The British naval and military officials have taken careful observations of Canton and the Bogue defences. The Bogue forts are crowded with troops and the parapets are lined upon the approach of steamers. "All Safe and Well."

New York, July 31.—A dispatch from Tien Tsin, dated July 27th via Shanghai, July 31st says: "Word from Minister Conger has been received by Major Walker, commanding the American marines, dated Peking, July 21st, saying: 'Since July 16th, by agreement, there has been no firing. We have provisions for several weeks, but little ammunition. I hope relief can come soon. If they continue to shell us, as they have done, we cannot hold out long and a complete massacre will follow. We were glad to hear of the victory at Tien Tsin, but regret the terrible cost. All safe and well.'"

Washington, July 31.—The war department has received the following cablegrams from Gen. Chaffee: "Chee Foo, July 30.—Adjutant-General Washington, D.C.: 'Have had interview with admiral. I go ashore this afternoon. Facilities for unloading not adequate, therefore discharging slowly. Informed Byron has ordered tug for towing two seventy-ton lighters. If tug is obtained discharging will improve. Will finish discharging to-day and proceed to Nagasaki. It will take two days to unload horses and Kelly's battery, and it will be a week before the Grant is discharged of cargo. Will see Dagset tomorrow. Reported in Taku Bay that it is the intention to make a forward movement to-morrow towards Peking, but details are not known here. When I arrive at Tien Tsin I must leave Tongku at six in the morning to catch a dispatch boat at anchorage for Chee Foo at four in the afternoon. As soon as possible I will get definite information as regards the conditions and purposes at Tien Tsin. Will cable my views. (Signed) Chaffee.'"

partment in resuming the consideration of projects for the future. With all of its anxiety to get Mr. Conger and the Americans in Peking safely away, the department is proceeding with proper caution and is by no means disposed to accept any proposition that would unduly jeopardize their lives. Such a proposition to have the Chinese government deliver the foreign ministers at Tien Tsin, for it is realized that the escort might be overpowered by superior forces of Boxers on the way to the sea. The state department has come to the conclusion that Mr. Conger is the best person to judge by conditions under which his deliverance shall be effected, and therefore it is again looking to the Chinese government to place it in communication with Mr. Conger in order that it may be advised by him. That requirement was the first of the conditions laid down by President McKinley in his answer to the appeal of the Chinese Emperor, so that the situation diplomatically cannot be said to have been materially changed by the developments of to-day. The state department was inclined to regard Consul Fowler's message as the most valuable piece of confirmation evidence yet received as to the safety of the Peking diplomats.

Up to a late hour no answer had been received to the second Conger message, but in view of Consul Fowler's news the officials were inclined to look forward to another reply.

It is known here that Germany is one of the governments which is putting forth every effort to get into direct communication with the ministers and, like the United States, has had recourse to the "underground" route. An agent of special solicitude is to discover whether Baroness von Kuffeler has escaped or whether she shared the fate of her husband. Up to the present, nothing has been received to throw any light on the subject.

Petitioned the Throne. London, July 30.—Sir Chih Shen, Chinese minister in London, has been notified by telegram that Li Hung Chang, conjointly with other viceroys and governors, has memorialized the throne to urge the immediate sending of the foreign representatives under escort to Tien Tsin, or the restoration to them of telegraphic communication with their governments.

London, Aug. 1.—The allies now confront a new, difficult and dangerous problem. Without doubt the ministers at Peking are held by the Chinese as hostages, and the outcome of the advance on Peking, which in all probability has begun, will be awaited with anxiety. To-day's dispatches show that the allies, notably the Japanese, have been pushing their preparations with feverish haste, organizing a transport service of pack animals, carts, trains and junks.

It is reported from Berlin that Lieut. Gen. von Lessele, commanding the German forces in China, whom the Emperor William has just promoted to the rank of general commanding an army corps, has been selected as commander-in-chief of the allied forces.

The Chinese are strongly entrenched at Wang Tsun, from which position, however, they are believed they will be ejected without great difficulty. The danger is that, if defeated there, the Chinese will retire on Peking and put the remainder of the Europeans to death. It is also possible that the advance of the allies will be the signal for the Chinese authorities to compel all foreigners to quit the capital, in which event they will become the prey of the Boxers.

The feeling of the newspapers here is that nothing whatever should now delay the advances and no negotiations of any kind should be countenanced until the allied troops reach Peking and assure themselves regarding the fate of the foreigners.

Legations Safe. London, Aug. 1.—Important additional confirmation of the safety of the legations was received in London last evening by Duncan Campbell, representative in Europe of the Chinese customs service, from the commissioner of customs at Chee Foo, in the shape of a Peking dispatch not dated, but believed to have been written on July 21st, to the following effect: "Staff and family still safe, signed by both Sir Robt. Hart, inspector-general of customs, and Mr. Robt. Breton, deputy inspector-general. This has been confirmed by the commissioners of customs in Shanghai, who telegraphed last evening: 'Authentic, inspector-general. Safe twenty-second.'"

Earl Li's Negotiations. London, Aug. 1.—It is reported from an unofficial but usually reliable source that the Chinese minister at St. Petersburg wired to Li Hung Chang intimating the possibility of obtaining favorable terms of settlement from Russia if China would adopt a conciliatory attitude and compel a cessation of the attacks on the legation. Thereupon, according to this information, Li Hung Chang memorialized the throne, representing that he was ill and unable to come to Peking, but arguing every endeavor be made to send the ministers to Tien Tsin and to ensure the safety of the foreigners and missionaries.

Latest advices from Tien Tsin announce that the Russians and Japanese are scouting in the direction of Vetchu. The governor of Shan Tung says the British consul's message was sent to Sir Claude MacDonald, whose reply was handed to the Tsung li Yamen on July 25th.

A Tien Tsin dispatch says the missionaries report that all the Americans in Peking and Tung Chau are safe, but their property has been destroyed. The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, writing yesterday, says: "Kwang Hsu is reported to have sent a second dispatch to the Emperor Nicholas, admitting that a state of war exists at Tien Tsin, but that the Russians are fully protected at open ports. The Chinese Emperor adds that the disturbances in Manchuria were caused by a refrain from hostilities, and that he desires the Gzar to reciprocate his action."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says: "The general aspect of the situation confirms the opinion that the Manchuria party, fearing the effect of further violent measures, rely on Li Hung Chang's negotiations to prevail upon the powers to forego vengeance in return for the release of the prisoners. Tien Tsin wires that Gen. Sir Alfred Gaselee and staff with large foreign reinforcements."

London, July 30.—The effect of the day's news from China, was to freshen the hope that the government can get in direct communication with Minister Conger. The mass of testimony as to his being alive as late as July 22nd is now so great as to warrant the department in resuming the consideration of projects for the future.

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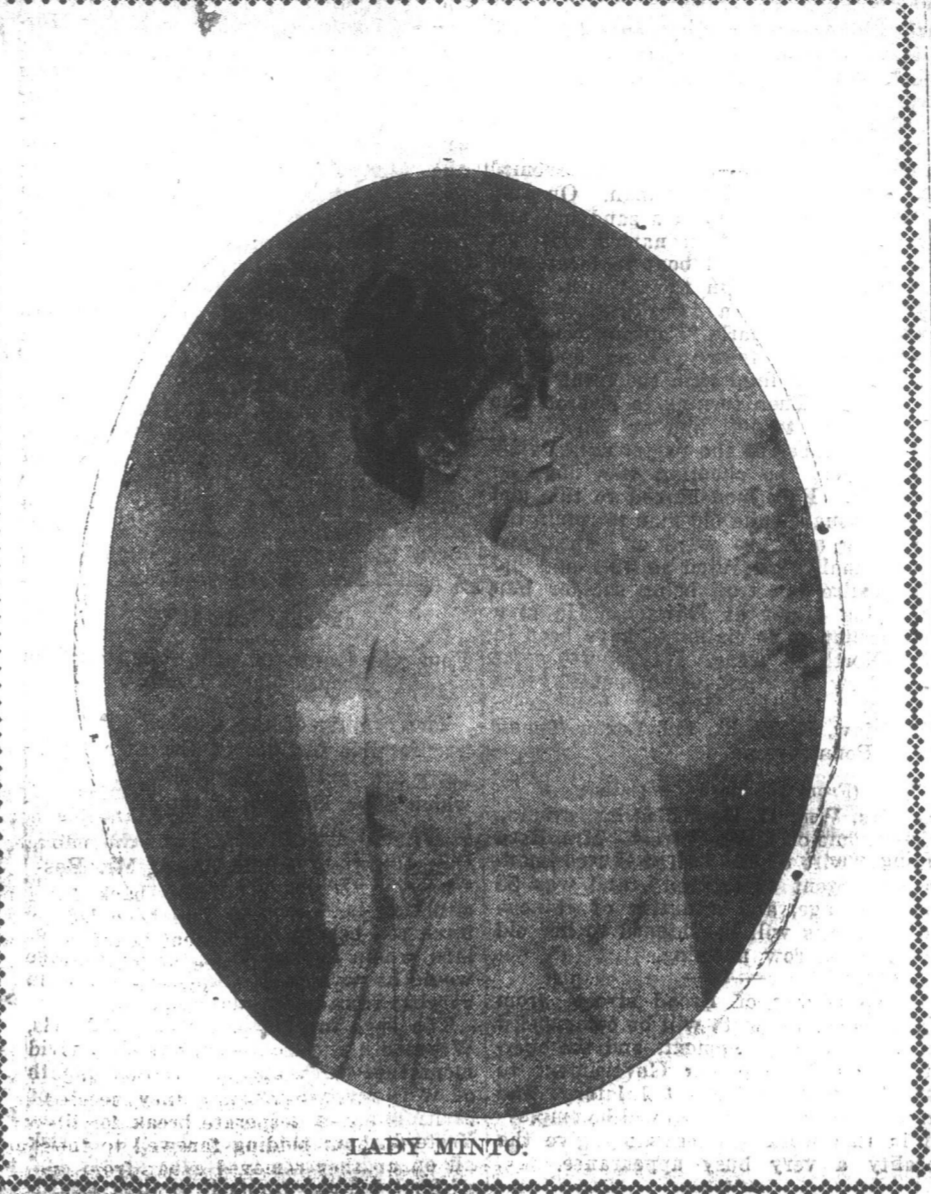
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LORD MINTO.



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to extend protection to all foreigners in Pekin and elsewhere in China. The reply to this memorial was delayed for some time... The Chinese government, according to the vague gatherings of the allied intelligence officers, up to July 27th, were disposed in a great arc, 30 miles long, and distant 10 or 15 miles... The following information was brought to Tien Tsin on Wednesday, July 25th...

are the current wages of the locality. This prevents the employment of cheap labor, and insures perfect justice to the workmen... The Quadra's speedy passage was obstructed by a dense fog, but she nevertheless reached Victoria at 12:30... Lord Minto and Lady Minto arrived in the city last evening, and after being privately welcomed by the authorities were driven to their home at Oak Bay... Vice-Regal Visitors

Canadian Forests

Annual Report of the Forestry Association Has Just Been Issued.

Some Interesting Papers—Growth of Trees on the Western Prairies.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) Ottawa, July 28.—The appearance of the report of the first annual meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association, which is now ready for distribution, marks an important step forward in connection with the management of the forest resources of Canada... The objects of the association, as set forth in the report, are to encourage the scientific study of the forests of Canada and to advocate by every possible means their proper protection and management...

Vice-Regal Visitors

Lord and Lady Minto Are Privately Received by City Authorities.

All Formalities Dispensed With Owing to Bereavement in Royal Family.

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IN DIRE STRAITS.

Ship Glenogil Has a Trying Experience on Her Voyage Here—Sickness Among the Officers.

The first details of the death of the captain of the ship Glenogil and the reasons for the long passage of that vessel from England to the South American coast, are contained in a letter which was received to-day by ex-Mayor Redfern from his eldest son William, who is a passenger on the vessel mentioned... The vessel has now been out from England for one hundred and fifty days, being delayed by head winds and calms...

Our Shots At Bisley

The Scores Made by Canadian Marksmen at the Famous Meet.

Local Rifemen Make a Creditable Showing at the Great Match.

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes names like Graham, Fleming, Carruthers, Langstroth, McVittie, Morse, Milligan, Tink, Morse, Bodley, Annand, McCorrigan, Morrison, Smith (Pte.), Kirkpatrick, Smith (Lieut.), Munro, Crooks, Milligan, McVittie, Langstroth, Morse, Fleming, Tink, Carruthers, Graham.

Attack on Capital of Amur.

St. Petersburg, July 31.—Official reports have been received here that the Chinese again bombarded Blagovestchensk, capital of the Amur government, on July 26th and July 29th...

Rebels Occupy Pao Ting Fu.

Shanghai, July 31.—The governor of Shan Tung has telegraphed to United States Consul Fowler that the Tsung Yi Yamen directs him to notify the consuls that as the military operations at Pekin and Tien Tsin are unsettled, only messages in plain language, without cipher or reference to military affairs, will be delivered to the ministers...

Sick and Wounded.

Washington, July 1.—The following cablegram was this morning received at the navy department: 'Taku, July 29.—Solace, with sick and wounded, proceeded to Nagasaki, Yokohama, Guam, Honolulu and Mare Island. There are five marines and navy officers, five army officers, nine men, nineteen marines and sixty-five of the 9th Infantry. All the men will remain aboard the Solace unless otherwise recommended by the army authorities.'

Protecting Foreigners.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The Chinese minister called at the war department to-day and presented to Secretary Hay the latest news that has passed between Li Hung Chang and the Imperial Chinese government. The minister's dispatch states that on July 19th Li Hung Chang and several of the most influential viceroys memorialized the Emperor...

Mission Station Destroyed.

Boston, Mass., July 31.—The American board received a dispatch to-day from Rev. J. E. Walker, of Fox Chow, saying: 'Mob destroyed Shaowu, province of Christians plundered.'

London, Aug. 1.—The allies began the advance from Tien Tsin this morning, announcing an agency bulletin dated at Shanghai at 11.10 a.m. to-day.

FOR FAIR WAGES.

Dominion Commissioners Here Looking After the Interests of Workmen. D. J. O'Donoghue, the fair wage commissioner of the Dominion government, is in the city to-day, having arrived from Nelson, Kamloops and Rossland, where he has been visiting in pursuance of the duty to which he was appointed last March.

WANTED—We will pay \$12.00 a week salary to either a man or woman to represent the Midland Monthly Magazine as a subscription solicitor.

FOR SALE—Good drivers, delivery horses and carriages, teamed. Apply to the Cardew. On view corner of Fourth street and Topaz avenue, Victoria.

TEACHER WANTED for Pender Public School, who can sing and play organ preferred. Apply at once to A. H. Menzies, secretary of School Board, Pender Island, B. C.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
25th to 31st July, 1900.

From the 25th to the 30th of this month the barometer remained high over Vancouver Island and the North Pacific states, and comparatively low over the mountains. These conditions caused a continuance of fine weather along the Coast, while in Cariboo there were more showers. During the 30th and 31st the barometer gave way over this province, due to the passage of an ocean low area across Northern British Columbia. This disturbance was preceded by the hottest spell of the season through Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland and the Kootenay districts, the temperature rising above 90 in the two former districts and above 90 between the ranges. During the 31st this disturbance moved inland and caused strong south and west winds over the Strath and Sound, followed by cooler weather and showers on 1st of August. During this week there were numerous showers and thunderstorms in the Territories, particularly in Alberta and further north. The highest temperature reported east of the Rockies was 102, at Medicine Hat. Fair but weather prevailed throughout the Pacific slope. At Red Bluff, Cal., the highest daily temperature averaged 100 degrees.

At Victoria over 70 hours of bright sunshine was recorded; no rain; the highest temperature was 80 on the 26th, and the lowest was 47 on the 29th. The New Westminster had no rain; highest temperature 82 on the 31st; lowest temperature 60 on 27th and 28th.

Kamloops had no rain; highest temperature 64 on the 31st and lowest temperature 64 on 29th.

At Fairville the track of rain, the highest temperature was 74 on the 31st and the lowest 40 on the 27th.

Procal News.

From Tuesday's Daily.

On Saturday night the police took in charge Peter Ballant at Albert Head, who was found to be of unsound mind. He is confined in jail.

Work has commenced on the White River fish hatchery, the first of eight, it is said, the State of Washington completing establishing this year at a big cost.

His Honor Sir Henri Joly has been pleased to donate two prizes of \$15 and \$10 for those securing the largest number of prizes in Class "A" of the forthcoming Horticultural Society in Vancouver.

News comes from Eslington of the death by drowning of Wm. Davison, a Scotchman. He was sitting on the gunwale of a boat and attempting to remove his shoes fell overboard. His body was not recovered.

At the forthcoming conference of the Boards of Trades of the province it is expected that in addition to questions relating to northern transportation, amendments to the Insolvency Act will be taken into consideration.

Among the big consignments from Victoria houses which will go forward to Dawson on the Tees and Danube will be a shipment of over thirty tons of merchandise from the Mammoth store here for Mr. Marks's branch in Dawson. The shipment is being rushed to the wharves today.

The ravages of the cut worm are by no means confined to the rural districts. Even in the city gardens, cabbages, potatoes, beets, etc., are being swept away by their ravages, while they even attack the flowers in the garden. In the country, their ravages are becoming alarming, and last night a meeting of the farmers of the South Victoria district was held at the Royal Oak to devise means to fight the pest.

The North and South Saanich Agricultural Society will hold their twenty-third annual exhibition on Friday and Saturday, September 28th and 29th. The officers of this society, elected at the annual meeting on Saturday night, are: G. Bradley Dyme, president; W. Le Poer French, vice-president; Fred. Thurgood, secretary; George Sangster, treasurer; W. Thompson, J. T. Harrison, A. G. Wrigley, W. Dean, G. Simpson, J. Erskine, J. Shopland, J. R. Carmichael and W. Young, directors.

J. F. Foulkes & Co. have placed on the market a large number of lots in Allison townsite, in the beautiful valley of the Similkameen river. Allison is situated at a point where the railway leaves the valley for Spence's Bridge, and is in close proximity to Copper Mountain, where the great Sunset copper mine is situated. Allison is the coming business centre for all the mining camps from Twenty-Mile to Otter Valley, and the country west of the railway known as Hope Mountain. Roads are now being constructed and a fine new bridge has just been completed over the Similkameen river at that point, as well as stores, hotels, sawmills, etc.

A very serious case of cruelty to animals was discovered near Elk lake yesterday morning by an officer of the S. P. C. A. It seems that two horses used in hauling cordwood from Elk lake to the city had both shoulders quite raw and inflamed, caused by ill-fitting collars. Mrs. Leigh, of the Toronto Humane Society, gave a very interesting and instructive address last evening at a meeting of the Victoria branch of the S. P. C. A. During the address the talented work performed in Toronto during the past few years, not only by the S. P. C. A., but by the society for the prevention of cruelty to children. She urged that a society similar to the latter be speedily organized in British Columbia, so that the young children should have protection. C. I. South, secretary of the society, was present at the meeting, at which A. J. Dallin, president, Dr. Holden, Messrs. Kitto, Crease and Seymour took part in the discussion. Votes of thanks were tendered to Messrs. Leigh and Angus for their attendance.

The news of the recent shooting at White River, near Dawson, on July 15th,

wherein Alexander King, an old man of 65 years of age, killed Herbert Davenport, has been confirmed. Davenport was a river pilot and was on his way to Dawson on a scow together with King and two others. The trip was tedious from the frequent delays, which seemed to greatly annoy the old man. On July 16th the scow stuck on a sand bar and Davenport and a man named Everett pulled off in a small boat to locate the proper channel. On their return King faced them with a 44-calibre revolver, and with the remark "Captain, you have from New York as fellows long enough," took aim and fired with the fatal result as stated. Then turning to Everett he threatened to kill him or Knouff, a fourth member of the party, unless they swore that the shooting was done by accident. Both men agreed to this and they persuaded the old man to retain the body in order to ward off suspicion. King finally consented to this and did not realize the trap being set for him until his arrest at Dawson. He is a Californian, who claims to have been in the North 13 years. Davenport came from New York and was about 40 years of age. Charles Everett hails from Moosejaw, N. W. T., and Lester Knouff from Pennsylvania.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mrs. Wm. H. Reed died last evening at her home on Quebec street. Mrs. Reed was the wife of the United States immigration agent of this city, and was 58 years of age, and a native of Illinois. Her remains will be shipped to her old home to-morrow morning.

The paving of Broad street from Yates to Fort streets will be commenced on Monday morning next, and the operations on Yates from Government to Douglas will be instituted later. The names of men who will be employed in this work will certainly give the locality a very busy appearance.

The death occurred yesterday at the family residence, St. Charles street, of Mrs. Margaret Pitts, wife of Sidney Pitts. Mrs. Pitts has long been a resident of this city, and had a large circle of acquaintances, who will regret to learn of her death. She leaves a husband and four children. Notice of the funeral will be given later.

The police statistics for the month of July are as follows: Drunks 24, infraction street by-law 1, carrying concealed weapons 1, infraction of the health by-law 1, fighting 1, vagrancy 2, assault 5, stealing 2, riding bicycles on sidewalk 4, insulting language 1, breaking and entering 1, malicious damage 1, lodgings 1, possession of stolen property 1, safe-keeping 1, obstructing streets 1, supplying liquor during prohibited hours 1, committed to the asylum 2.

The North Dairy farm pumping station has been practically completed with the exception of the painting, which will be finished probably this week. The operations on the new Victoria West fire hall are progressing apace, and the structure will be ready for occupation by September 1st. The fire engine which was purchased several months ago by the city will be installed in the Victoria West hall when completed, and it is being housed in the meantime at the James Bay quarters.

Ex-Speaker Forster, Delta; W. H. Ladner, Ladner; R. Balfour, Langley; Major Mutter, Soanens; W. P. Jaynes, Duncan; C. R. King, Victoria; W. J. Brandrich, Vancouver; and Messrs. Hayward and Neill, M. P. Es., are the members present at the session of the Dairy-men's Association. A deputation of members of the association waited on the government to discuss several matters of importance. The project of importing a carload of breeding stock from Eastern Canada was laid before the government and an additional grant asked, which would enable Secretary G. H. Hadwen to go East for the stock. It is being arranged with Mr. Hodson, Dominion government live stock commissioner, to have some cattle sent out at the time of the New Westminster fair this fall.

From Thursday's Daily.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sidney J. Pitts, who died on Tuesday evening, will take place to-morrow from the family residence, St. Charles street, to Christ Church Cathedral, and later to the Ross Bay cemetery.

Blackman & Ker have received a letter from Edmonton stating that the crop conditions in that section of the country are very promising. Considerable rain has fallen lately, which has done a great deal of good.

A carpenter, who recently arrived from Ladysmith, says that four out of fifty houses contracted to be built for the miners in that village are now ready for occupancy, and thirty more are under construction. This bit of information is the more enhanced by the statement that fifty more houses are to be built when the first half hundred are completed. Stores and other public buildings are rapidly going up, so that ere long Ladysmith will be one of the largest towns in the E. & N. railway, and the even Nainimo. The boom created by this amount of building, taken in connection with the mining operations continuing going on, can readily be imagined.

The Victoria Building Society held their semi-annual meeting yesterday evening, for the purpose of receiving the financial statement for the past half year and also to hold the eighty-first drawing for an appropriation. The treasurer's report showed the society to be in a most flourishing condition. The following members acted as a committee for the drawing: George A. Gardiner, J. W. Anderson and James Woolcock, N. O. 1, held as follows—91 A, withdrawn; 91 B, Mrs. M. A. Hall; 91 C and D, Mrs. M. A. Phillips—was the lucky one. A second drawing was then held and resulted in the appropriation falling to No. 90, Share No. 90 A, B and D being withdrawn, it goes to 99 C in the name of Mrs. Teresa Leonard. A third drawing was then ordered, 177 proving the lucky number, registered in the books of the society as follows: 177 B, A. Humbert; 177 C and D, J. P. Alcorn; with 177 A withdrawn.

The death occurred at Santa Monica, Cal., on Tuesday of Mrs. Tompkinson, wife of Lieut. Tompkinson, late R.N. Mrs. Tompkinson was widely and favorably known in this city, coming here first

about 25 years ago, when as Fanny Morgan Phelps she delighted local drama patrons by her superior histrionic powers in the old Victoria Theatre on Government street. During the patriotic entertainments in the Drill Hall some time ago, Mrs. Tompkinson's slender but well-assisted by her graphic recitation of "The Absent-Minded Begard," her electrical appeal meeting with splendid tangible response from the large audience, which augmented to a considerable extent the fund in aid of the widows and orphans of those who fell in South Africa. Other members of Mrs. Tompkinson's family have achieved much renown on the stage, notably Miss Lizzie Morgan, now playing on the coast. Mrs. Tompkinson was about sixty years of age, and was a native of Australia. For some time past her residence has been at Santa Monica, but she invariably enjoyed the summer months in this city. A sister, Mrs. Mason, resides at Comox.

BOYS ESCAPE.

Four Occupants of the Reformatory Secure Their Liberty.

The coming of the dog days and the irrepressible instinct of the race for liberty are together responsible for a loss which Supt. Hanson of the Juvenile Reformatory has experienced. There are some twenty boys in the big home on Topaz avenue, and the manager of the situation is watching wistfully, with a birch rod behind his back, for a bevy of lads whom he believes to suppose would be permanent boarders for a term varying from one to four years.

The boys in question, Bullock, Jarvis, Weymouth and Ferguson, have had vivid mental pictures during the last month or wide stretches of pebbly beaches, of leaving woods, of berries and cherries. Yesterday morning they decided to risk all on a desperate break for liberty and without bidding farewell to their guardian they removed a bar from one of the windows, dropped through the space left by its removal, to the ground, and took to the woods.

The pilgrims omitted encumbering themselves with any superfluous baggage, with an eye to possible foot races with Woods, the crack sprinter of the police force, or even with James Mitten, the champion of the cinder path. Yesterday and to-day the ponderous policemen have been beating the shrubbery north of the city in the hope of discovering Mr. Hanson's wards, but the boys, intoxicated with their new found liberty, have discouraged all such hopes.

Ferguson is a color boy. Jarvis and Bullock have four years to serve, and the prospect of incarceration for that period probably made them restive. No trace whatever has been found of them.

MONTHLY CUSTOMS RETURNS.

Large Increase in Collections Over Those of a Year Ago.

Last month's customs returns show a big improvement over those for July a year ago. There is a difference of nearly \$11,000 in the amount of duty collected, while on other revenues, principally that of the Chinese, last month has an advantage of nearly \$14,000 over the figures for 1899. In the Bennett collections there is also a marked increase over those for the same month of last year. Then the returns showed that the biggest collections there taken were during the months of October and September, but merchants have since learned to make their Dawson shipments earlier in the season, hence the large collections at Bennett last month. The big revenue locally is accountable largely to the reduction in the preferential tariff of 1/4 to 1/2 per cent, going into effect on July 1st. The statement of the returns for the month of July, excepting the exports of the Chinese, last month up at Ottawa, is as follows: Imports, free, \$79,913; dutiable, \$299,894—total, \$379,807; duty collected, \$76,510.36; other revenue, \$18,771.95—total, \$95,282.31; collected at Bennett, \$34,770.78.

CAPTAIN BRECHT MISSING.

Little Steamer Mable Tied Up With No One to Direct Her Movements.

The absence of Captain Brecht, of the little steamer Mable, which has been tied up at the wharf of the Victoria machinery depot for the past month or more, is causing his friends considerable uneasiness. The captain is a middle aged man, of Swedish birth and came here on the Mable to have repairs made to his vessel. This work included a new engine, which was built some time ago, but which was never placed in the vessel because of the skipper and owner's disappearance. He was known to have had considerable money on his person when last seen, several weeks ago, and what has become of him is causing the management of the Victoria machine depot to make anxious enquiry about him. Meanwhile the little craft remains tied up and no one has appeared to lay claim to her. The Mable came here from Van Anda, where enquiry is also being made for the captain.

The Retail Markets

Slight Decline on Flour-Potatoes Likely to Be Scarce This Fall.

Fish Being Imported From Seattle to Supply the Local Demand.

Owing perhaps to the fact that the first grain has been cut, flour has shown a decline this week and a cut has been made of 25 cents on the barrel. New hay has long been obtainable, but in bulk form, and therefore little, if any of it, has been handled by retailers. Throughout the country farmers are deploring the destruction wrought by the cut-worm, an insect, it is said, which owes its phenomenal propagation to the mildness of the weather generally of last winter. Almost incalculable damage is being done to the potato crop on the Mainland, and high prices are predicted for this article ere long. One farmer in Chilliwack writes that he has a field of 300 acres under potato crop, which has been almost completely ruined by the cut-worm, while other complaints, not so serious, have been reported from the same district.

Another feature of the market this week is that quantities of fish are being imported from Seattle to supply the local demand. The usual variety, such as herring, is black cod, a fish that is found most plentifully in Northern B. O. waters, that is caught by American fishermen, taken to Seattle, there marketed and distributed to all points in the United States. This fish also shipped into Kootenay in large quantities, together with halibut, found in the same waters, and marketed in the same way. "It is strange," said a dealer yesterday, "but were it not for the Seattle supply our market would often run short. It is strange also that we have to pay duty on fish which is caught in our waters."

There is an absolute turkey famine now in the city, and consequently a quotation for this kind of poultry cannot this week be given.

Fruit continues to come in plentifully, but there are few bananas in stock. Peaches have dropped to a dollar a box. They are expected, however, to advance in price again very shortly, as the reduction made is consequent to a shipment of 90,000 cases being received last week. Lemons are an immense crop this year, and prices may be expected to fall as fast for this variety of fruit as they were two years ago, when they were a glut in the market. Lemons have this week taken a sharp advance.

The only change affecting dairy products reported is an increase of five cents a dozen on eggs.

Meat shows little of a downward tendency, and owing to exceptional demand for fattened cattle this year is likely to continue expensive.

Flour, California, per bbl.	4.25
Flour, Victoria, per bbl.	4.25
Snowflake, per bbl.	5.00
Calendar, per bbl.	6.00
Premier, per bbl.	6.75
XXX Enderby, per bbl.	5.00
Wheat, per ton	30.00/32.00
Corn (whole), per ton	23.00/23.00
Corn (cracked), per ton	28.00/28.00
Oats, per ton	20.00/22.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.	40/2.50
Green feed, per ton	30.00
Hay (baled), per ton	14.00/16.00
Middlings, per ton	18.00/20.00
Straw, per ton	17.00/20.00
Ground feed, per ton	25.00/28.00
Vegetables—	
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	1.25
Cauliflowers, per head	5
Onions, per lb.	2 1/2
Tomatoes, per lb.	12 1/2
Okra, per lb.	16
Turnips, per lb.	2
Meats—	
Hams (American), per lb.	16 1/2
Hams (Canadian), per lb.	17 1/2
Bacon (American), per lb.	14 1/2
Bacon (Canadian), per lb.	14 1/2
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	12 1/2
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	12 1/2
Shoulders, per lb.	8 1/2
Beef, per lb.	10 1/2
Mutton, per lb.	10 1/2
Pork, per lb.	10 1/2
Poultry—	
Geese, per doz.	25/26
Cocoanuts, each	2/3
Lemons (California), per doz.	2/3
Lemons (Florida), per doz.	2/3
Apples, per box	1.00
Plums, per box	1.00
Apricots, per box	1.00
Blackberries, per lb.	10
Cherries, per lb.	10
Pine Apples, each	25
Dressed fowl, per pair	1.25/1.50
Ducks, per pair	1.50
Duck, dressed, each	20/25

WON HIS CASE.

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A prominent legal light in a Canadian Western town treated and dieted for years for what the doctors diagnosed an incurable case of diabetes. He became so bad that he had to quit his practice, other complication setting in, and his sufferings were most intense. Almost as a last resort he tried South American Kidney Cure, and, to his own surprise, immediately began to improve. This is over a year ago. He continued taking the greatest quantity of kidney specific, and to-day he is well man.

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AN INDIAN'S CRIME.

Alleged to Have Drowned His Wife and Child.

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Further details of an alleged murder which occurred three months ago, 100 miles north of Manitoba, brief mention of which was made a few days ago, have reached here. The murder is said to have occurred at Lake La-Bardiere. The story goes that an Indian named Tete De Boule, it is alleged, killed all his relatives, his uncle, his wife and child. Two years ago the man is said to have killed his old uncle while in a rage. Ten months ago he and his wife and a baby girl went beaver hunting. The child, when it caught sight of a beaver, made an exclamation of joy, frightening the animal, whereupon the father is alleged to have torn the child from the mother, placed its head under water until life was extinct. A few months later, it is alleged, the Indian killed his wife by cutting a hole in the ice and putting her head in the water, holding her in that position until life was extinct, and then hid the body for some time afterwards.

GOODWOOD RACES.

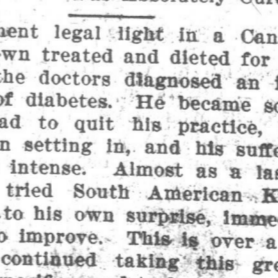
London, July 31.—At the first day's racing at the Goodwood meeting to-day the Steward's cup, value 300 sovereigns, for three-year olds and upwards, was won in a canter by Mr. J. A. Drake's aged chestnut horse Royal Flush, by Favor out of Flash, ridden by J. Reiff. Mr. Richard Grove's American, ridden by Rigby, was second, and the Grafter was third. Nineteen horses ran.

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The above described tract to contain as nearly as possible one thousand acres.

Dated this 29th day of July, 1900.

GEO. G. DIER.

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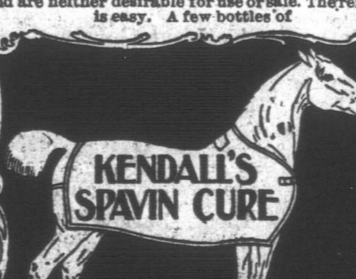
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Provincial Parliament

The Wages of Workmen on Government Works.—Mr. Helmecken's Resolution.

Mr. McInnes' Amendment Prohibiting the Employment of Chinese and Japs.

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The division was then called, and on demand the names were taken down, the amendments being lost on the following division:

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Mr. Martin—that is, I throw it at large or let the government introduce it, which he had already proposed as a procedure.

Mr. Helmecken—This resolution stands by itself and the amendments proposed by the member for North Nanaimo are the same amendments sought to be added in the Ontario House.

precedent for the present action. The government was not opposed to the action urged by the amendment...

Mr. Martin said the references to the amendments offered at Ottawa being thrown out were not parallel, as in the East they were not so interested in the matter as we were.

Mr. McPhillips and Mr. Brown each spoke briefly on the question and Mr. Ralph Smith then followed. He said that he would vote for the amendment...

Mr. Kidd followed in a similar line and Mr. Green then took up the argument against the amendment. He held the amendment had been held as a sort of club over the government.

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Sporting News

LAWN TENNIS. (From Tuesday's Daily.) BATTLE OF GIANTS.

Now that the tennis tournament is in full swing in this city the appended description of the recent battle royal between M. D. Whitman, champion of America, and W. A. Larned, champion of Canada, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, will undoubtedly prove of interest.

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H. Combe beat K. Crawley, 6-0, 6-0. Alexis Martin beat B. Prior, 6-1, 6-3. Capt. Bowler and Mrs. Grant beat P. S. Lammam and Miss A. Bell, 9-7, 6-3.

J. A. Rithet beat B. Tye, 6-2, 6-0. B. G. Goward and Miss Macrae beat W. Wilson and Miss Wilson, 6-1, 6-1.

J. F. Foulkes and Mrs. Burton beat A. G. Langley and Miss Tyrwhitt Drake, 6-8, 6-1, 6-3. P. Byrne beat E. H. T. Drake, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

A. T. Goward beat F. B. Pemberton, 6-1, 6-1. B. Schwengers beat B. G. Goward, 6-3, 6-0.

D. M. Rogers and Miss Paton beat W. Pemberton and Miss Musgrave, 6-0, 6-5, 6-1. R. H. Pooley and Miss D. Green beat J. D. Pemberton and Miss Cornwall, 6-2, 6-4.

Miss Kitto and Miss Macrae beat Miss Goward and Mrs. Burton, 4-9, 6-2, 6-3. Miss H. Tyrwhitt Drake beat Miss V. Heisterman, 6-4, 6-2.

G. S. Holt and H. A. Holmes beat P. S. Lammam and G. H. Barnard, 7-5, 6-4. B. Schwengers and H. A. Goward beat T. Laine and B. H. T. Drake, by default.

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Entries are now being received for the eleventh annual state championship tennis tournament, to be held under the auspices of the Seattle Tennis Club, beginning Wednesday, August 8th, and continuing through the week.

The entries should be addressed to George A. Hurd, secretary of the club, and sent in before midnight, August 4th. The fee is one dollar for each player in each event.

From Thursday's Daily. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS. The seating accommodation at the Belcher street courts was taxed to its utmost capacity yesterday afternoon.

Among the spectators being the Governor-General, Lady Minto and party, the Lieut-Governor and the Mayor and Mrs. Hayward. The various events were well patronized and in honor of the presence of the distinguished visitors an exhibition of tennis was played between the champions Foulkes and Goward and S. Russell of Seattle and Hester Combe. As was anticipated this event was a magnificent one.

An extremely exciting game was that between Mr. Combe and Miss Prior and Mr. Longe and Mrs. Leather, which was won by the former, 11-9, 6-1.

The results yesterday afternoon were as follows: H. Combe and Alexis Martin defeated B. Prior and J. B. Green, 6-0, 6-1. S. C. Cummins (Seattle) beat S. L. Brunn (Seattle), 6-3, 6-1. S. Russell (Seattle) beat G. Wilson, 6-0, 6-3.

Miss Hulbert (Vancouver) beat Miss Musgrave (Duncan), 4-6, 6-1, 6-3. R. H. Pooley beat B. Bell, 6-3, 6-4. Miss Paton and Miss Berridge beat Mrs. Leather (Quamichan) and Miss Maitland-Douglass (Duncan), 7-5, 6-1.

Mrs. Crow Baker beat Mrs. Hilton, 6-2, 6-3. J. F. Foulkes and A. T. Goward beat P. Ward and J. D. Pemberton, 6-0, 6-2. H. S. Powell defaulted to R. B. Powell.

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thorities.**

An unfortunate turn in the preparations for the reception of His Excellency the Governor General and Lady Minto was reached to-day, owing to the sad news of the death of the Sovereign's son, the arrangements had to be declared off.

The news arrived early in the forenoon in a press dispatch to the Times, and was quickly communicated to His Honor the Lieut-Governor and His Worship the Mayor. These two gentlemen conferred with Rear-Admiral Beaumont and the wives were immediately set in motion in an effort to communicate with His Excellency, H. M. S. Worspite, however, on which he is coming to Victoria, had left Vancouver before the telegram was dispatched and the local officials were compelled to act on their own initiative.

On learning from Times' dispatches that even semi-official ceremonies were abandoned in the OR Country owing to the bereavement of the Sovereign, it was decided to follow the same course. Bulletins were posted informing the general public of the decision reached, while messengers were dispatched to those expected to take part, notifying them of the change in the programme.

A regimental order was immediately promulgated by Major Williams cancelling the regimental parade, to provide a guard of honor for His Excellency.

Flags were half-masted throughout the city on the public buildings, and at the Legislature, while everywhere expressions of the deepest sympathy with the Sovereign and with the other relatives of the deceased Duke were heard.

Last night electric lights were installed across Government street and profuse decorations placed in position. Further steps in this direction would have been taken to-day had the above news not been received.

H. M. S. Worspite left Vancouver at 8 this morning, but the weather outside is reported foggy, and she will probably not reach Esquimalt later this afternoon. Major Hayward will immediately go on board and ascertain whether His Excellency wishes to land semi-officially or otherwise. Admiral Seymour and Sir Henri Joly will also go on board and pay their respects to the viceregal party.

The children of Lord and Lady Minto drove down to the naval town this afternoon, and will meet their parents upon their arrival.

The Legislature met this afternoon only to adjourn, following resolution, however, being first adopted on motion of the Premier, seconded by the leader of the opposition:

"That the following address of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family on the death of His Royal Highness, Alfred Ernest Albert, Duke of Edinburgh and Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, be presented to His Majesty:

"We, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the members of the legislative assembly of British Columbia, in parliament assembled, desire humbly to tender to Your Majesty and the members of the Royal Family assurances of our profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy for the great loss Your Majesty and the nation have sustained by the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha.

"Your subjects in this part of Your Majesty's Empire have ever been most loyal and are devotedly attached to Your Majesty's Royal person and family, and feel keenly your bereavement. More especially at the present time, when the ties of the colonial relationship have been drawn so closely by events of great common concern, do they recognize the deep sorrow which the death of your son, the lamented Duke, has caused them.

"We, therefore, venture to hope that Your Majesty and the Royal Family will be graciously pleased to accept this humble, but loyal and sincere, assurance of our sorrow and sympathy in the affliction which the Supreme Ruler, in His inscrutable providence, has permitted to befall Your Majesty."

THAT LABOR BILL
Will Be Materially Altered—Last Petitions Reported From Private Bills Committee.

When Mr. McInnes's bill regarding labor comes up in committee in the House on its second reading, it is said that it will receive such a surgical treatment that its promoter will never recognize his production after it emerges from the cutting and slashing of the committee. Not that there is any desire to mutilate the measure because it is a Labor Bill, but every confere of the gentleman are said to favor at least a liberal use of the pruning knife. The bill was down for its second reading to-day.

This morning the private bills committee held its third session and reported the last of the petitions to introduce private bills. These were the Vancouver & Island Railway Co., Pacific & Ontario Railway and the Grand Forks & Kettle River Valley Railway. This third report of the committee to the House practically ends the first stage of proceedings in the private bills committee, as the time for receiving private bills expired yesterday. The committee has a meeting tomorrow morning to consider private bills, the petitions for introduction have been reported, and the bills introduced and read a first time.

The railway committee has also a reading down for tomorrow morning, it being their final meeting.

Mr. Tallon's resolution regarding the Dominion legislation on the Chinese question may evoke considerable discussion considering that it has the effect of criticizing the Dominion government.

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Ora, June 14th	75,000
Gold Star, June 16th	40,000
Emma Nov, June 20th	15,000
Yukoner, June 29th	58,000
Phillip Lowe, June 24th	85,000
Ora, June 29th	980,000
Yukoner, June 29th	950,000
Pigree, June 29th	75,000
Chira, June 29th	85,000
Sybil, June 30th	850,000
Columbian, July 1st	700,000
Canadian, July 3rd	240,000
Florence S., July 3rd	45,000
Anglian, July 3rd	30,000
Victorian, July 4th	130,000
Baldiey, July 5th	149,000
Sybil, July 6th	90,000
Yukoner, July 8th	400,000
Columbian, July 9th	60,000
Lightning, July 9th	28,000
Eliada, July 11th	45,000
Nora, July 12th	420,000
Canadian, July 13th	60,000
Victorian, July 13th	28,000
Baldiey, July 13th	15,000
Zealandian, July 15th	22,000
Victor, July 18th	40,000
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Total	\$7,878,000

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I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
DAVID BLAIR.

The request was granted. Ald. Williams, commenting on the value of such an institution to Victoria, said that the council might help out the project in some other way.

The communication from the City Council of Vancouver, above referred to, was then dealt with.

Ald. Yates remarked that inasmuch as special precautions were being taken by the health authorities along the boundary line, the move on the council's part was hardly necessary. He therefore moved that the Vancouver council be asked what steps it proposed taking in urging the Dominion government to take steps to prevent the landing of Mongolians from across the border. The motion was carried.

Drake, Jackson & Helmecken wrote giving formal notice that they had applied for and had, according to regulation, a map made of certain sections of Beckley farm. Received and filed.

Erskine, Wall & Co. complained of tramway rails, extension and also of the lack of a crossing in front of their premises.

The letter was received and filed and the writers are to be notified that the work is to be proceeded with shortly.

Several requests for street improvements and for sewer connections were referred to the different committees for report.

J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, wrote in reply to City Clerk Dowler's lengthy communication respecting thistles, stating that he thought the letter uncourteous and not becoming that official.

Ald. Stewart, however, thought differently and wanted a reply forwarded to the deputy minister, pointing out that the council was acting in a fit and proper manner.

Ald. Yates observed that several pertinent questions had been ignored by the deputy minister of agriculture and moved that a suitable reply, embodying this fact, be sent to him.

This course was approved of.

The city engineer's report mentioned that two of the horses belonging to the corporation were no longer fit for service. The report was referred to the streets and bridges committee.

The petition from Herbert Kent and some 270 creditors, above mentioned, was received and laid on the table.

The special committee appointed to inquire into and report on the laying of a drain connecting Mr. Quagliotti's property with the harbor, recommended that the work be done, but the matter was again left in abeyance. Ald. Brydon opposing it strongly.

An interim report from another committee suggested the following changes in the Municipal Clauses Act, which the council endorsed:

1. Certain changes which would decrease the amount of clerical work upon the assessment roll and its notices.
2. Power to hypothecate the bonds of a municipality for remaining unpaid.
3. Power to borrow the city's share of the cost of works done under the Local Improvement system.
4. Power to charge and collect rates for street sprinkling.
5. Power to collect costs for confirming tax sales.
6. To define the "majority" required for by-laws submitted to the people.
7. To facilitate the preparation of voters' lists.
8. Power to endue an official with extraordinary powers in times of epidemic.
9. Power to impose a frontage tax to meet the cost of sewers.
10. To secure the exemption of municipal bonds from taxation as personal property.
11. To make the mayor chairman ex-officio of the boards of licensing and police commissioners.
12. To have the finance committee recommended by the acceptance of J. A. Sayward's tender for pavement blocks, 3x8x5 inches.

Received and adopted.

The committee delegated to report on the removal of shingle from along the Dallas road suggested that steps be taken to protect the coast line.

Accounts to the amount of \$987.27 were passed.

The motion making that a special committee be appointed to permanently settle the Craigflower road question was adopted and the Mayor named Ald. Williams, Ald. Cameron and Brydon on the committee.

Ald. Yates then asked leave to introduce the Craigflower road compensating by-law, and this being granted, the council adjourned.

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