

THE TREATMENT OF ROUMANIAN JEWS

BRITAIN IS SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES

Little Likely to Result From Secretary of State Hay's Note to the Powers.

London, Sept. 23.—"Nothing that will be of any permanent good can result from Secretary Hay's note to the powers on Roumania's treatment of Jews, unless somebody in Washington this evening. The physicians say that the case is not in any way serious, and that there is no danger whatever. This statement is made so that no false rumors may disturb the people, and that they may be authoritatively advised of the exact nature of the case.

The foregoing quotations, the utterances of an experienced British official, represents the real opinion of the British foreign office on the subject of the negotiations between the United States and Europe. The Associated Press is able to say that Great Britain's backing up of the United States in the Roumanian matter has only produced evidence that the signatories of the Berlin treaty refuse to take other than a purely sentimental action towards alleviating the persecution of the Jews, the exchange of views regarding the United States note solicited by Great Britain has progressed sufficiently to convince the foreign office here that nothing material is likely to result. Joseph H. Choate, the United States ambassador to Great Britain, has broken up his holiday in Scotland and returned to London to-day. He is likely to spend the next few days in dealing with the Roumanian matter. The hopelessness prevailing by the British foreign office of effecting a change of heart on any part of the Roumanian government will not be allowed, however, to interfere with the external course of the negotiations.

Germany Not Concerned.

Cologne, Sept. 23.—The Koelnische Zeitung, which is frequently inspired from Berlin, refers to-day to Secretary Hay's Roumanian note, and says: "However pitiable the position of the Jews in Roumania may be, individual states must ask themselves whether an affair which concerns foreign subjects justifies them in imposing their jurisdiction upon the subjects. Great Britain and the United States must make it clear how they conceive the whole business to be managed. Germany, by its side, is in no way concerned in the question. The fact that the treaty of Berlin was signed in Berlin does not impose the obligation of defending it upon Germany any more than upon the other signatories. It follows that we by no means feel called upon to play the leading role, the more so as we are under no illusion as to the difficulty of the enterprise. Roumania would have done better to frame her Jewish legislation otherwise than she has. The measures taken by Roumania are hopeless. When she recognized this day merely sentimentalism modify her legislation in so much as it is very much to her interest that the Jewish question disappear from the order of the day."

BOER GENERALS' MANIFESTO.

Appeal for Funds for the Assistance of Needy in South Africa.

Amsterdam, Sept. 23.—Generals Botha, Dewet and Delare have issued a manifesto in the shape of an appeal to the civilized world. This document relates how, after the terrible struggle in South Africa, the Boers were compelled to accept the British terms of peace, and the general were commissioned to proceed to England and appeal to the government to ally the distress which is devastating the colonies, and in the event of the failure of the mission to appeal to the civilized world for charitable contributions. Continuing, the appeal says that, having failed to induce Great Britain to grant further assistance, it only remained for them to address themselves to people of Europe and America. "The small Boer nation" goes on the manifesto, "can never forget help it received in its dark hours of suffering. Our people are completely ruined. It has been impossible to make a complete inventory, but at least 30,000 houses, Boer farms, and many villages, were burned or destroyed by the British during the war. Everything was destroyed and the country was completely laid waste. The war demanded many victims, and the land was bathed in tears and our orphans and widows were abandoned. We are appealing to the world for contributions to assist the destitute and help in the education of the children." The generals repudiate all desire to inflame the minds of the people, and all differences are silent in the presence of such great misery."

ALLEGED EMBEZZLER.

York, Pa., Sept. 23.—County Treasurer Wm. O. Thompson, charged with embezzling county funds to the amount of \$73,574, was arrested to-day and placed under \$50,000 bail. Thompson waived a hearing and will take his case direct to the October grand jury. He was arrested on ten special charges, a warrant having been sworn out on each offence.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

He Underwent Operation Yesterday For Removal of Abscess on His Leg.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 23.—As a result of the trolley accident at Pittsfield, Mass., the President received several bruises. One of these on the left leg between the knee and ankle, has developed into a small abscess. The President is entirely well otherwise and has continued the several engagements of his itinerary, but in view of the continuance of caution, Doctors Oliver and Cook, of Indianapolis, were requested to meet Dr. Lutz, the President's surgeon, at Indianapolis. Dr. Richardson, of Washington, D. C., being also one of the number. In the opinion of the doctors, the trouble necessitated an operation.

As after the operation the President will require rest, possibly for at least ten days or two weeks, it has been necessary to cancel the remaining engagements of his trip, and he will go directly from Indianapolis to Washington this evening. The physicians say that the case is not in any way serious, and that there is no danger whatever. This statement is made so that no false rumors may disturb the people, and that they may be authoritatively advised of the exact nature of the case.

The operation, which was a slight one, was done at 10 o'clock. The President was not put under the influence of ether, and remained in good spirits while it was being performed. After the operation the President was placed in bed. After 7:30 p. m., he was conveyed on a stretcher to his train, which had been packed up on a "Y" near the hospital, and at 10 minutes before 8 o'clock the train left for Washington. The President's condition was so good that nothing material is likely to result. Joseph H. Choate, the United States ambassador to Great Britain, has broken up his holiday in Scotland and returned to London to-day. He is likely to spend the next few days in dealing with the Roumanian matter. The hopelessness prevailing by the British foreign office of effecting a change of heart on any part of the Roumanian government will not be allowed, however, to interfere with the external course of the negotiations.

Richmond, Ind., Sept. 23.—President Roosevelt's train arrived here at 9:45 p. m. The President was resting easily, and the operation on his leg shows no bad results. On the contrary, the President suffered less pain than he has for several days. He spent the time during the run here in reading. He is cheerful, and he will be in bed with his leg propped upon a pillow. The train will run on a slow schedule of about thirty miles an hour, and is due to arrive at Washington at 4:30 o'clock to-morrow evening.

TROOPS AT LEBANON.

Battalion Sent to Assist Sheriff in Keeping Order.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 23.—Gen. Gobin, who is commanding the troops in the hard coal strike regions, was ordered by Governor Stone to-night to send the 1st Battalion of the 12th Regiment to Lebanon, to assist the sheriff in preserving the peace where the iron and steel works of the American Iron & Steel Manufacturing Company have been on strike for five months. The battalion which has been on duty at Shenandoah ever since the troops were sent there, left that town to-night for Lebanon in command of Col. Clements. The troops reached Lebanon shortly before 8 o'clock.

A Conference.

New York, Sept. 23.—A meeting of the directors of the Temple Iron Company was held here to-day. There were present when the meeting began, Presidents Baer, of the Philadelphia & Reading; Truesdale, of the Lackawanna; Fowler, of the New York, Ontario & Western; Oliphant, of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company; Wallers, of the Lehigh Valley; E. B. Thomas, chairman of the board of directors of the Erie Railway; John Markle, of G. B. Markle & Co., independent coal operators. In the afternoon, Mr. Markle went to J. P. Morgan's office and had a long conference with Mr. Morgan. When leaving, Mr. Markle was asked if the conference had anything to do with the coal strike. He refused to say what the nature of his business had been. President Baer, before leaving for Philadelphia, said that the meeting to-day had been entirely informal. After the main meeting, President Baer and three others, including Presidents Fowler and Truesdale, held a private conference for half an hour. Regarding the situation in the anthracite fields, President Baer said that every day showed a larger proportion of striking miners returning to work. When asked how much longer he thought the strike would last, he said: "I am not a prophet. The strike will end, that is the one thing we may all be certain of, but I will not attempt to say when it will end."

THE BOXER RISINO

Correspondent Says They Are Now Threatening Three Cities.

London, Sept. 22.—In a dispatch from Shanghai the correspondent of the Standard declares that Boxerism in the province of Szechuen has not been subdued. The members of the China inland mission at Meihau have been destroyed, but no lives lost. The Boxers, according to the correspondent, are threatening three cities, Tanlien, Hung Yen and Kailing Fa.

KILLED BY POSSE.

Rancourt, Neb., Sept. 21.—Peter Olsen, who shot and killed his sweetheart, Mary Peterson, in Omaha on September 8th, was to-day killed in a fight with a posse three miles north of this place at noon to-day.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Methodist Missionaries in British Columbia to Receive Aid.

Winnipeg, Sept. 22.—The general board of missions of the Methodist church opened to-day at Brandon, Gen. Superintendent Carman, presiding. The annual report shows an income of \$306,429, and expenditures, \$276,628. A basis was adopted for the current year of \$24,000 expenditure for domestic missions. The basis of salary of missionaries remains the same as last year, except British Columbia, which gets an advance of \$25 for each of three classes, and \$100 for each of two classes. Single unordained, making \$700, \$400 and \$350. A continuance of fine weather over the West bids fair to bring the receipts of wheat up into even figures. For one week to-day. On Saturday 225,000 bushels of wheat were marketed in the rain. The C. P. R. loaded 325 cars for shipping for Port William. A general election trial opens at Carman to-morrow.

GREAT BRITAIN AND VENEZUELA

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS STRAINED AT PRESENT

The British Minister May Be Recalled, But Hostilities Are Not Contemplated.

London, Sept. 22.—The Associated Press is in a position to announce that diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Venezuela are on the verge of being severed. Almost any hour may bring the announcement that the British minister at Caracas has been given his passports with corresponding action towards the Venezuelan representative in London. The cause of the crisis does not seem to be confined to any particular incident, but consists in various difficulties which culminated in Venezuela assuming such an angry attitude as to leave Downing street fully impressed with the belief that the Venezuelan government intends to force matters to a crucial issue. That a diplomatic rupture would result in hostilities is a contingency thus far scarcely contemplated. The present diplomatic relations are so strained that it is possible that a British official, "It would make really very little difference if the fact became public property by the absence of the diplomatic representatives from Caracas and London."

The view of the foreign office is that affairs have reached a stage where it is impossible to deal satisfactorily with Venezuela in any matter which may come up. In proof of this contention the foreign office instances the report of the United States minister at Caracas, Herbert W. Boyer, announcing that the Venezuelan government had protested against the British flag being raised over Patois (or Goese) island, over which the Venezuelan government claims sovereignty. According to the British government's understanding Patois island belongs to Great Britain just as much as Trinidad, and so as known no question as to its ownership has ever arisen. Inhabitants of the island have recently been shot or otherwise endangered through the action of Venezuelans, whether government or revolutionary partisans is not known. For purposes of protection the local West Indian authorities ordered the British flag to be prominently displayed on the island, hence the protest which the foreign office says is only one of many.

LATE QUEEN OF BELGIANS.

The Remains Removed to Chapel—Revelation of Quarrel Between King and His Daughter.

Brussels, Sept. 22.—The funeral train, bearing the body of Queen Marie Henrietta, arrived at Leuven at 2:40 p. m. The engine was draped with a cross-covered flag. The King and other members of the royal family, the men in full uniform with crepe scarfs and sword hilts covered with crepe, descended and gathered in the waiting room to which the coffin was removed. The procession afterwards started for a neighboring church, the Grenadier band playing a funeral march. The coffin was borne into the church where the Archbishop of Malines pronounced the absolution, after which the coffin, followed by the King and other notabilities, was taken to the crypt. The remains later will be placed in the mausoleum of the Queen. The scandal arising from the revival of the family quarrel between King Leopold and his daughter, the Princess Stephanie (Countess of Longchamps), to the church where the Archbishop of Malines pronounced the absolution, after which the coffin, followed by the King and other notabilities, was taken to the crypt. The remains later will be placed in the mausoleum of the Queen. The scandal arising from the revival of the family quarrel between King Leopold and his daughter, the Princess Stephanie (Countess of Longchamps), to the church where the Archbishop of Malines pronounced the absolution, after which the coffin, followed by the King and other notabilities, was taken to the crypt. The remains later will be placed in the mausoleum of the Queen.

SURVEY BEGINS TO-MORROW.

D. R. Harris With Party of Six Will Seek Railway Route to Alberni.

D. R. Harris, C. E., will leave to-morrow morning to commence work upon the preliminary survey which he is to make to test the feasibility of a railway route from Cowichan lake to Alberni. He will have a party of about six men, and will make Cowichan lake his starting point. From there the route is to run in the direction of the Nitinat valley and thence to Alberni. The work will be hurried as much as possible in order to take advantage of the good weather which may still be expected. The time occupied in the survey will depend very much upon the condition of the weather. At least a month will be required to complete it, under the most favorable conditions.

REVOLT CAUSES SUFFERING.

Business at Colon, Colombia, Is Suspended—Rebel Sympathizers Imprisoned.

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 23.—The British steamer Antilla, which has just reached here from Colon, Colombia, brings a report of the situation on the Isthmus of Panama extremely critical when she left there last Sunday. The rebels at that time were reported to be massed near the railroad, between Colon and Panama. The government was sending troops from Panama to Agua Dulce, to cut off the rebels' retreat, should they be beaten on the Isthmus. The main rebel army, under Gen. Herrera, was reported Saturday and Sunday to be within seven miles of Colon. Officers of the Antilla said the business at Colon had been suspended and that the privations there were very great. The government soldiers at Colon are mainly youth and are apparently unable to stand the hardships of a campaign. The decree preventing Liberals from appearing on the streets is being strictly enforced at Colon. Enormous prices are being charged for food stuffs, according to reports brought by the Antilla, and a number of prominent people in Panama are being imprisoned because they sympathized with the rebel movement.

MARINES AT PANAMA.

Colon, Colombia, Sept. 23.—Three companies of United States marines, who arrived here on the auxiliary cruiser Panther, reached Panama this morning. They are commanded by Lieut.-Col. Benj. R. Russell, and will be quartered in the railroad station. Another company, consisting of 80 men, under the command of Major Geo. Bartlett, will be kept in Colon and quartered on the dock of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The men of this latter company will be used to guard trains across the Isthmus. The confidence of foreigners on the Isthmus has been greatly restored by the arrival of a United States man-of-war and the landing of troops.

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ASKS FOR TROOPS.

Further Outbreaks in the Strike Region of Pennsylvania.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 22.—Sheriff Schadt, of Lackawanna county, to-night telegraphed Governor Stone to send troops to his assistance. The worst of tonight's outbreaks occurred at Archibald. A crowd of 200 strikers, mostly foreigners, ransacked the barracks occupied by the 40 men employed at the Raymond washery while the men were at work, and then meeting with the men as they were returning, drove them back to the refuge of the washery. The mob then returned to the colliery proper, drove out the engineers, firemen, pump men and mechanics, and took possession of the breaker. The plant of the Crescent Electric Light Co., which is supplied with steam from the breaker, had to shut down, and the whole region around was left in darkness. In the breaker two men were shot, one a striker and the other a workman. Their names or condition could not be learned. Chief Deputy Sheriff Miles McAndrew was attacked and shot at by a mob at Olyphant. The steam pipes of the Pennsylvania colliery at Olyphant were blown up with dynamite to-night. Two colored cooks at William A. colliery were rescued by the deputy sheriff from a crowd that was threatening to lynch them.

FOUGHT IN POST OFFICE.

Four Men Killed and One Mortally Wounded—Remain of an Orally Fend.

Pulaski, I. T., Sept. 23.—Describing the feud fight between the Brooks and Riddle factions at Spokoece, I. T., in which Willis, John and Clifford Brooks and "old man" Riddle were killed, and John Brooks was mortally wounded, James McArt, of the Riddle party, last night said: "Willis Brooks and his two sons, Cliff and John, came to Spokoece armed and met Riddle at the post office. John Brooks stoned the old man and threatened to kill him. I was standing on the corner when Riddle ran and Willis Brooks threw a brick at me and I returned the gun and said he would kill Riddle for me. He fired and missed, but Cliff Brooks then shot Riddle in the back of the head, then he ran out. He fell dead. He was unarmed. John Brooks then told his father to look at me standing on the corner. Willis Brooks and his boys began firing at me and I returned the gun. Willis Brooks fell, and soon afterwards he was shot in the head and died. The boys then went down, shooting to the last." McArt and the other Riddleites surrendered and are in jail.

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Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 21.—The British steamer La Plata arrived here to-day from Colon, bringing a large number of refugees from the Isthmus. It is reported that owing to the fear of rebel attacks a great many people are leaving Colon and Panama. The Colombian government is still sending reinforcements to the Isthmus, and the La Plata carried 1,000 government troops from Savannah to Colon. The Colombian revolutionists are said to be massing in the neighborhood of the railroad on the Isthmus. The refugees declare the situation at Panama and Colon to be extremely critical. The officers of the La Plata say they were informed while at Colon that several Liberal sympathizers had been imprisoned at Panama because they violated the order recently issued by the government and appeared in the streets of that city. Business at Colon is entirely suspended. The plan of the revolutionists would seem to be to attack the government forces without interfering with railroad traffic over the Isthmus.

MILITIA TRAINING.

Lord Dundonald Favors Manoeuvres Being Carried Out on a Large Scale.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—It is reported that Lord Dundonald is in favor of the government purchasing a large tract of land, the same as the British government has got at Aldershot, so that the training of the Canadian militia could be conducted on a large scale.

REIGN OF TERROR IN STRIKE REGION

FURTHER REQUESTS TO GOVERNOR FOR TROOPS

Present Force of Deputy Sheriffs Unable to Keep Order—Non-Unionists Assaulted.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 24.—A reign of terror was felt in this portion of the strike country last night and this morning. No sooner was one outbreak suppressed than another broke out. At Nanticoke the street cars were boarded by the mob in search of non-union men coming from or going to work. A sheriff's posse and a crowd of strikers exchanged shots at Wanamie, after the latter had derailed a train of coal cars. At Plymouth a number of non-union men on their way home from No. 2 mine were held up and beaten so badly that they were left on the roadway for dead. Early this morning a demand for more deputies was received from no less than ten places in Luzerne county, those applying for aid saying that if help was not sent at once there would be loss of property and possible bloodshed. Sheriff Willis, after consultation with his attorney, decided to take no more chances, but to appeal to the governor at once. Shortly before 2 o'clock this morning the sheriff telegraphed Governor Stone telling him the situation in the Wyoming region was beyond his control, and that in order to protect life and property troops would have to be sent here immediately. The governor's secretary replied that the matter would be laid before the former at once.

At Exeter this morning a mob of 500 gathered in the vicinity of a washery and prevented the employees from going to work. A deputy sheriff, named Burke, was beyond his control, and he was knocked down by stones and severely injured. Three dozens of men are gathered around the washeries and mines in operation, and the situation is very threatening.

IS Investigating.

Harrisburg, Sept. 24.—Troops will be sent to Luzerne county before night, if it is found that the situation there is such that local forces do not cease. Governor Stone and Adjutant-General Stewart were in conference with Sheriff Jacobs at Wilkesbarre by telephone this morning. The governor does not want to order out additional troops unless it is absolutely necessary, and before doing so he will investigate the situation in the localities where there is trouble. Troops Called Out.

UNION OF CHURCHES.

Knox Independent, Presbyterian, Vancouver, Will Join the Congregationalists.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Sept. 24.—Knox Independent Presbyterian church, one of the largest congregations in the city, has decided to join the Congregational body, and the entire congregation will be accepted at the next meeting of the Congregational Union in October. This church was a branch of the First Presbyterian Congregation, having separated several years ago. The late action of the entire church changing the doctrine to Congregationalism is unique in the history of the church, and was openly announced last night. Rev. John Reid, Jr., has resigned, although he approved of the action. The new congregation will be one of the wealthiest in the city.

THE TOBACCO TRADE.

Evidence Now Being Given Before the Royal Commission at Toronto.

Toronto, Sept. 23.—The royal commission on the tobacco trade this morning heard the evidence of George Martin, retailer, who swore that because he refused to become a consignee of the American Tobacco Company, W. B. Reid, one of the leading handlers of the company's goods in Toronto, paid a largely increased rental for his store and drove him out. During a quarrel with Reid, the latter said he would drive witnesses out of business if it cost him \$5,000. Several retailers testified that the American company wished the signs of rival brands removed.

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Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 21.—The British steamer La Plata arrived here to-day from Colon, bringing a large number of refugees from the Isthmus. It is reported that owing to the fear of rebel attacks a great many people are leaving Colon and Panama. The Colombian government is still sending reinforcements to the Isthmus, and the La Plata carried 1,000 government troops from Savannah to Colon. The Colombian revolutionists are said to be massing in the neighborhood of the railroad on the Isthmus. The refugees declare the situation at Panama and Colon to be extremely critical. The officers of the La Plata say they were informed while at Colon that several Liberal sympathizers had been imprisoned at Panama because they violated the order recently issued by the government and appeared in the streets of that city. Business at Colon is entirely suspended. The plan of the revolutionists would seem to be to attack the government forces without interfering with railroad traffic over the Isthmus.

MILITIA TRAINING.

Lord Dundonald Favors Manoeuvres Being Carried Out on a Large Scale.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—It is reported that Lord Dundonald is in favor of the government purchasing a large tract of land, the same as the British government has got at Aldershot, so that the training of the Canadian militia could be conducted on a large scale.







HOTEL WRECKED BY ANGRY GUEST

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION FOLLOWED BANQUET

Man Who Quarrelled With Proprietor Supposed to Be Responsible—He Afterwards Suicided.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The Golden Eagle hotel, on the corner of the New Jersey avenue and "D" street, was dynamited early this morning, it is alleged, by Frank McKee, one of the guests, who subsequently committed suicide.

Between twenty and thirty guests were thrown from their beds by the explosion, but only the proprietor, Louis Brandt, and his wife were injured, the latter seriously. The roof of the building was blown off, and the falling wreckage crushed through the basement, leaving the structure as if wrecked by a tornado.

The affair is involved in some mystery. The proprietor gave a banquet last night in honor of his wife, who had just returned from Germany, and McKee was a guest. During the evening McKee and Brandt quarrelled over the former's attentions to Mrs. Brandt, and McKee left the hotel with threats of revenge.

WAS UNDOUBTEDLY INSANE.

Body of Chas. B. Rabson, Formerly of This Province, Recovered From Saginaw River.

Eastern papers received contain a full account of the drowning of Charles B. Rabson at Saginaw, which was announced some days ago in the Times. The deceased was a native of Esquimaux, being the son of Thomas Rabson, of Kent, Eng. He has friends still living in the city.

The recovery of the body afterwards from the river into which he had thrown himself bore out the story told by his wife, and removed any suspicion of foul play. He had written a letter, mentally deranged, and under the spell rushed into the river. His wife was connected with the family of Gen. U. S. Grant. She was a graduate of several colleges, and had reputed as a speculator and writer.

They had been married but a day or two before the occurrence. Waking his wife on the morning that he died, he committed to her to be his "revolutionized," and that she had done it. Forcing her to go with him he started to find the clergyman who had married them to have him and his wife. The wife escaped and Rabson hurried into the river. He refused aid himself in the way of saving his life, and while assistance was being procured he disappeared.

CUMBERLAND NEWS.

At the first meeting of the Cumberland Athletic Association of the following officers were elected: Patrons, F. Little and I. A. Mounce, M. P. P.; hon. president, Hon. James Dunsuir; president, Geo. Clinton; first vice-president, Dr. Gillespie; second vice-president, J. Matthews; third vice-president, T. Carey; secretary, J. B. Bennett; treasurer, Dr. Staples.

Managing committee—Messrs. H. F. Pullen, J. Thomson, R. Simpson, Alex. Walker, Hudson, A. McKnight, and Rev. Messrs. Cleland and Hall. Literary committee—H. F. Pullen, J. Matthews, J. B. McLean, A. Hamilton, J. B. Bennett, B. E. Simpson, and Rev. Messrs. Wilkinson, Hall, Cleland and Glassford.

The association intends to build a gymnasium and equip it at once. The city council have given a commodious room to be used as a reading room.

PASSED A GOOD NIGHT.

Roosevelt in a Satisfactory Condition, But Absolute Repose is Necessary.

Washington, Sept. 25.—President Roosevelt passed a comfortable night, and this morning Dr. Rixey, surgeon-general of the navy, Dr. O'Riley, surgeon-general of the army, and Dr. Lung made an examination of the wound, and reported that it was in a satisfactory condition. They expect that the inflammation will be allayed without complications. Absolute quiet has been enjoined upon the patient. The President is in excellent spirits, but has acquiesced in the decision of his physicians for absolute repose.

BARTHAUQUE SHOCK.

Alarm Caused in a Number of Towns on Gulf of Mexico.

Mexico City, Sept. 25.—An earthquake shock was felt here on Tuesday afternoon. Although appearing to be a slight one and causing little alarm, it caused a large number of buildings, and yesterday police reports show that the water pipes burst on several streets. The earthquake was quite sharp in Puebla, causing some alarm. Reports coming in show that seismic disturbances were felt eastward to Vera Cruz and other cities and towns on the Gulf of Mexico.

A. Gettrich, of St. Paul, chief contractor for the Great Northern railroad, is at the Grand.

TENNIS PLAYERS' TOUR.

No American Pair Can Equal the English Team—Proposed New Rules For Tournaments.

London, Sept. 25.—The official report of W. H. Collins, president of the Lawn Tennis Association, of the tour of British law tennis players in the United States, frankly admits that the recent contest demonstrated that Americans possess two single players as good as any on the best, but in doubles we have a pair better than anything they can for the moment produce. Mr. Collins refers to the differences in the games as played in America and England, and suggests that the United States and Great Britain adopt a uniform pattern of nets, centre straps, cords and post supports. He considers the American courts to be "above the average tournament courts in the United Kingdom," and acknowledges the excellence of American balls, but says they are dearer than the English, and thinks the elasticity of balls should be standardized, as well as their size and weight. Mr. Collins also criticizes the laxity of American officials in penalizing "fault faults," and recommends that future tournaments should include one day's rest, "so that this country might play the same men in singles and doubles."

THE LABOR UNIONS OF GREAT BRITAIN

Professor Grey Says the English Organizations Are Stronger Than Those in States.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 25.—After four months spent in the investigation of labor unions and their effects on production in England, Prof. Jno. H. Grey, of the Northwestern University, has returned to Evanston. While he refused to give out the specific results of his mission until his complete report has been placed in the hands of the United States commissioner of labor, Carol D. White, he admitted that surprising new light would be brought to bear on the subject by the statistics gathered.

"English labor organizations are much stronger than our own," said Prof. Grey, last night, "members of the unions in England hang together much better, and there is less internal strife to defeat the aims of the union. As a result these bodies are able to accomplish much more than their prototypes in this country. The recovery of the body afterwards from the river into which he had thrown himself bore out the story told by his wife, and removed any suspicion of foul play. He had written a letter, mentally deranged, and under the spell rushed into the river. His wife was connected with the family of Gen. U. S. Grant. She was a graduate of several colleges, and had reputed as a speculator and writer.

DISORDERLY STUDENTS.

They Took Possession of Train and Destroyed Furnishings—Fight at Bescon Prisoner.

Berkeley, Cal., Sept. 25.—As a result of a riotous diversion by students of University of California, one of their number, Winfield Reed, of Santa Barbara, is in jail on a charge of felony, and others are likely to be incarcerated. During a big rally of the football team, about 500 students took possession of the local train, put out lights, turned on the hand brakes and demolished the entire furnishings. Reed was detected in the act of putting on the air brake and was arrested. The students rushed to his rescue, and a desperate fight ensued, but Reed was finally placed in jail. The students tried to storm the place, but were repulsed. President Wheeler, of the university, said that he saw no reason why the law should not take its course in Reed's case, as his offence was serious. Other arrests are probable.

NO DISTURBANCES.

Men Working at Breakers Under Strong Guard—All Is Quiet at Lebanon To-Day.

Lebanon, Pa., Sept. 25.—President Sternberg, of the American Iron & Steel Company, expressed his satisfaction today with the situation at the plant, which is now in operation. There was no shooting at the colored iron workers inside the stockade during the night by outsiders, the presence of military having a quieting effect.

Guarding Workers.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 25.—The big breaker at Williamstown was operated yesterday and over 200 wagons of coal were handled. No interference was attempted by the strikers. The breaker at Lykens will be started to-morrow to run out the coal mined this week. Both buildings will be strongly guarded. There are over 350 men at work in the mines in the Lykens region, which is in the lower end of Schuylkill county.

Message From France.

Paris, Sept. 25.—The National Congress of French miners, in session at Commeny, for the purpose of discussing important mining problems, including the question of a general strike, has gained the following message to John Mitchell, president of United Mine Workers of America: "The French National Congress sends fraternal greetings to the striking Pennsylvania miners, and expresses its sincere wishes for the success of the strike."

COMING WEST.

It is Likely That the Minister of Railways Will Visit the Coast.

Ottawa, Sept. 25.—Hon. A. G. Blair is making arrangements for a trip to the West. He will likely go as far as the Pacific Coast.

Sir Henry Strong will preside at the opening meeting of the Supreme court on October 7th, and will deliver judgments on outstanding cases. After that he will retire and become president of the commission to revise the Dominion statutes.

WILL BE TRIED ON TUESDAY NEXT

ALLEGED SHOPLIFTERS BEFORE CHIEF JUSTICE

They Elected for Speedy Trial Without a Jury—Applications Disposed of in Chambers.

Mary Lewis, Mary Williams, Geo. Lewis, and Joseph Williams, committed by Police Magistrate Hall on charges of shop-lifting at Spencer's Arcade and the Westside, were brought before Chief Justice Hunter in the County Judges' Criminal court this morning to elect as to their mode of trial. To the charge of stealing and receiving stolen goods from Spencer's, they pleaded not guilty, and elected for speedy trial before a judge without a jury, and Tuesday next at 10.30 a.m. was fixed as the time of trial. The Deputy Attorney-General appeared on behalf of the crown, while the prisoners were represented by Geo. E. Powell. On the charge of stealing and receiving goods unlawfully from the Westside, Mr. Powell objected to the prisoners being called upon to elect for trial now, as they had already elected before the police magistrate. After some argument it was ordered that the commitment be returned to the police magistrates for amendment. It is probable that the trial of this charge also will take place on Tuesday.

Chambers.

The Chief Justice sat in Chambers this morning, and disposed of the following applications: Macaulay Bros. vs. Victoria-Yukon Trading Co. O'Brien, for plaintiffs, applied for leave to amend indictment on writ. The summons was ordered to stand over till next Chamber day, not being in the proper form. J. H. Lawson, jr. contra.

Stevenson vs. Williams. C. O'Brien for defendants, asked leave to appeal to Supreme Court of Canada, and for approval of security. This was stood over for one week also. J. H. Lawson, jr. contra.

Irving vs. Hayes. W. J. Taylor, K. C., for plaintiff, asked for leave to set down the civil action between the parties for trial. This action is brought by Capt. Irving to recover the amount paid for shares in the Nahmit Mining Co., concerning which so much has been heard in the police court the last few months. Mr. Taylor's application was dismissed with costs, not being a matter that can be heard in vacation. F. Peters, K. C., for defendant.

At the instance of Robertson, A. F. B. Martin, for plaintiff, applied for a special sitting of the Full court to hear an appeal here. His Lordship said that any special sittings in October was out of the question, as all judges would be on circuit. The summons was adjourned till the first Chamber day in November. W. J. Taylor, K. C., for defendant.

Robt. Ward & Co. vs. Walkley, King & Casey. R. H. Pooley, for plaintiffs, obtained leave to issue concurrent writ for service in Dawson. Three weeks for appearance was granted. The writ was issued on the 24th inst. Re Wm. Armstrong, deceased. F. B. Gregory obtained an order for letters of administration to the official administrator.

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Motions. The following motions also were disposed of: "Finlayson vs. Jennings. The motion to discharge injunction was adjourned till October 1st, to permit of cross-examinations. L. Duff, K. C., for defendant; B. McPhillips, K. C., contra. Turner, Beeton & Co. vs. Geo. Henry. A. Maclean obtained leave to sign judgment under Absconding Debtors Act.

Re Tribune Association, winding-up. Motion stood over for one week. W. J. Taylor, K. C., in support.

Spencer vs. Russell. A. L. Belyea, K. C., obtained an order charging defendant's interest in the Atlin Snowing Co. with the amount of judgment and costs herein, and for a receiver of such interest.

Balfour & Co. vs. Ingram. A. Muir was added as party plaintiff. Motion to continue injunction was not completed. L. P. Duff, K. C., for defendants, A. E. McPhillips, K. C., and F. B. Gregory, contra.

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Provincial News.

SLOCAN CITY.

Rev. Mr. McKee, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, leaves here early in October to take a post graduate course at the McCormick theological seminary in Chicago. He will graduate in this Presbytery in the spring.

GRANBROOK.

The promoters of the Kootenay Central railway, which is to run from a point near the Crow's Nest Pass railway to Golden, say that work on the line will commence in the spring.

George Gurd, father of W. F. Gurd, barrister, died on Thursday afternoon at his home in the Wardner townsite.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Bremm are mourning the loss of their only daughter, aged eight years.

REVELSTOCK.

There is a general satisfaction here in regard to the vote in favor of the waterworks, which was carried by 85 to 9. Public opinion here is almost unanimous in favor of such municipalization, the terms arranged being fair and mutually satisfactory to the selling company and purchasing city.

The members of the local syndicate which controls the mica deposits in the Big Bend country have just received from P. W. Bain, who has been working on the spot for several months upon development, very encouraging reports as to the extent and possibilities of the property.

ROSSLAND.

George A. Mitchell, preceptor of Roseland Precinct, No. 38, Knights Templar, was presented with a magnificent preceptor's jewel here on Sunday on the occasion of his election for the third term as presiding officer. The event is of general interest, inasmuch as it is the first time in this province that a Masonry that a past preceptor's jewel has been presented with the cognizance of the grand lodge, and it was found necessary in this case to have the grand lodge in coming from the quarry, which will be used hereafter in the manufacture of such decorations. Mr. Mitchell is a prominent railroad man.

PRINCEALF.

The Granby company has started work on a tramway to be used in connection with the new crusher recently ordered for the mine. The tramway will be 1,000 feet long, and will be of the three-rail type, except at the turnout. It will be used to bring ore from the upper benches of the glory hole of the Knob Hill mine, which will be crushed in the new ore breaker. Work on the tramway is being done as fast as the benches and grading where necessary, being in an advanced shape. It is expected that the tramway will be ready for use by the time the crusher is installed.

The ore crusher will be the largest of its kind in the Boundary, the largest in British Columbia, and it is believed in Canada. When running at full capacity it is capable of handling 3,600 tons of ore in six hours. The building for it has been completed, the ore to be dumped directly from the crusher into the C.P.R. dump cars and thence taken to the company's smelter at Grand Forks.

John Cropp, contractor for the substation for the electric power plant of the Cascade Water, Power & Light Co., Ltd., which has been in process of erection at the end of the line, has finished his work and turned the building over to the company. S. S. Fowler, manager of the London & British Columbia Goldfields, Ltd., owing to the control of the paper company in the city last week from Nelson arranging for details with the mining companies. It is understood that he expects to be able to enter the Boundary, the first of November. The branch line to the Granby smelter, to cost about \$12,000, is now under active construction, and the first power will be furnished there.

KAMLOOPS.

Kamloops annual agricultural exhibition was opened yesterday. The morning was spent in arranging the buildings. At midday a lunch was given to the exhibitors by the city. Mr. Henry Joly and the minister of agriculture, the deputy minister and guests. The usual loyal toasts were honored and Mr. Fenwick, in his speech, urged legislation to continue irrigation was not completed. L. P. Duff, K. C., for defendants, A. E. McPhillips, K. C., and F. B. Gregory, contra.

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at a cost of \$2.50 per ton. Both gentlemen are sanguine as to its profitability. The ore is in the worst state, the system is employed at present in Prescott, Arizona, where similar ores to the Slocan are being successfully treated, and has been for the past year. The Prescott plant was installed by Prof. Parks, the same company that own the Arlington being interested in the former property. The process consists in running the ore through the mill, creating all slimes possible which are then treated in vats with electrical and cyanide processes. In the year at Prescott 84 per cent of the values have been saved, and the present smaller system gives returns of 80 per cent of lead values and 95 per cent of silver. As an example of saving, the present cost of hauling ore by wagon from the Arlington to shipping point is \$3 per ton, and at other mines even lighter, without mentioning freight and smelter charges. 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Priestly's Cravette Waterproofs, 3 cases just opened; all marked to Sale Prices for cash. B. Williams & Co.

The Navy League at the meeting of the executive committee yesterday decided to have no marked demonstration in connection with the celebration of Trafalgar Day...

A report published in an up country paper to the effect that charges against Col. E. G. Prior, in connection with his election, were to be dropped, is learned to be incorrect. The charges are to be pressed, and there is no likelihood of dropping the case.

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ONE HUNDRED DEAD.

Cigarette Started a Fire During Wedding Celebration and Many Lives Were Lost.

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THE FIGHT LAST SUNDAY MORNING

FIRST CHARGE TAKEN UP IN COURT TO-DAY

It Was All Over an Innocent Looking Plank—Poundkeeper Curran Tells His Story.

Only a plank, two by twelve, but it caused a heap of trouble, illuminated visages, discolored optics, lacerated fingers, and to crown all the notoriety of police court inquiry. The ventilation of the Curran-Webster melee on Sunday last has commenced, and judging by present indications, and the crop of summonses issued, it will be a long time before the clerk of the court will be able to write final at the end of his chronicles.

The first charge arising out of the trouble is preferred by Poundkeeper Curran against Mr. Webster, whom he charges with assault. The complainant has engaged Frank Higgins to look after his interests, and W. W. Moresby has been retained for the defence.

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The project of sending an all-Canadian Rugby team on a tour of England, Scotland and Ireland for the purpose of pitting itself against the strongest aggregations of the Old Country has occupied the attention of prominent Rugby clubs of Eastern Canada for some time.

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SOUTH AFRICAN CONDITIONS.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Esmond Says Many Discharged Soldiers Are Unable to Find Work.

Quartermaster-Serg. Esmond, of the 24th Infantry, who returned from South Africa, has come back via the Old Country. Q. M. Esmond is a former Victorian, having lived here for a number of years.

Referring to the condition in South Africa Quartermaster-Serg. Esmond said: "Since the discontinuation of the war everything has been in a state of anarchy. It has been estimated that 60,000 soldiers took their discharges in South Africa confident of getting employment, but it is doubtful if 50 per cent. have succeeded."

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Local News.

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