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THE POWERS TO ACT

A European High Commissioner for Armenia.

TO BE GIVEN VICE-REGAL POWER

Signers of the Berlin Treaty Are Said to Have Finally Decided Upon Taking Such Action.

London, August 6.—The Anglo-Armenian Association learns from Constantinople that the signers of the Berlin treaty have agreed to send a note to the porte announcing that, as Turkey is unable to protect the lives of her Christian subjects, the powers have decided to appoint a European high-commissioner, with vice-regal authority to administer Armenia in place of the sultan. Baron Kalloway will be appointed. He comes from an ancient family in Hungary. In 1881 he was minister of foreign affairs for the empire, during the interim between the death of Count Von Haymerle and the nomination of Kalnoky. In 1882 he was minister of finance in the Austrian cabinet, and at the same time administrator of Bosnia and Herzgovnia, under the Berlin treaty, and has given attention to the Eastern question all through his public life.

The Anglo-Armenian Association's advices from Constantinople says Lord Salisbury has demanded the unconditional and immediate release of all Armenian political prisoners not convicted by a legally constituted tribunal.

Reply of the Porte.

Constantinople, August 6.—The reply of the porte to the demands of the powers for reform in Armenia is conciliatory, and on many points agrees with the powers' demands. It proposes to appoint Christian assessors to assist the Turkish provincial government, and to admit a proportion of the Christians among the minor officials, police and gendarmes. The porte also promisies to restrain the Kurds from violence. It also declares that some of the powers' demands are impossible of execution. It is probable that the powers will not be satisfied with the reply.

MOST DARING IN OKLAHOMA.

Zip Wyatt Captured After a Desperate Fight Mith His Pursuers.

Wichita, Kan., August 6.—Dick Yeager, alias Zip Watt, was captured today near Sheridan, O.T., after a desperate fight with the officers pursuing him. Six months ago the authorities of Oklahoma set out to break up Wyatt's gang, which has been murdering, robbing and committing almost every crime in the calendar. Its last sensational crime was the robbing of the Rock Island train near Dover, the shooting of Messenger Jones and the looting of the passenger coaches. After that robbery the authorities began a merciless pursuit of the gang. Three of Wyatt's pals, Tulsa Jack, Bill Doolin and Ike Black, were killed and a dozen others of the gang captured.

Alone and single-handed, Zip Wyatt made a last stand before his pursuers, and put up a desperate fight for his life. Wyatt was on his way for the Glass mountains, in the Western part of the Indian reserve, when the officers engaged him yesterday. They ran him across the Rock Island track near Waukomis, into a cornfield, which they surrounded. The officers played a waiting game. Thirst finally made Wyatt desperate, and he came boldly out from his cover, evidently determined to sell his life as dearly as possible. He emptied his Winchester at the posse, which was headed by Marshal Smith, of South Enid. The fire was returned. Smith's men aimed to cripple Yeager, and soon his left arm fell by his side, so that he could not use his gun. The outlaw then drew his pistols, and advanced step by step toward the men who had been hunting him. They backed slowly away, just enough to keep out of range of his pistols, and at the same time keeping near enough to use their rifles. Wyatt soon fell with a bullet in his hip, but he continued to draw himself toward the officers, shooting as he crawled. Another butllet in the shoulder finally disabled him, and the posse gathered in on him. But even then, with both arms useless, he fought them, kicking and biting until overpowered by main strength.

Wyatt was taken to the Kingfisher jail, where surgeons were brought to dress his wounds. They say he will live. Tonight the crippled outlaw was taken to the Garfield county jail.

This breaks up the last gang of bandits in Oklahoma. The campaign against them has cost the government a mint of money, but the law officers have finally triumphed.

Colored People Excited.

Washington, August 6.—The funeral of the negro, Earnest Green, who was shot last Friday by Miss Flagler because he was taking fruit from a pear tree in the yard, was held today, and was attended by a large throng of colored people. Two colored preachers, the Rev. J. A. Taylor and the Rev. W. H. Brooks, made brief remarks touching on the subject. Both were temperate, but the words of the latter were several times drowned by interruptions of the excited hearers. Referring to the action of the coroner's jury in exonerating Miss Flagler, he said that eventually the taking of human life without cause would be no crime in Washington. Life here was not worth much, so far as the colored race was concerned, but God would have a reckoning.

Reavis Wants His Release.

Santa Fe, August 6.—J. A. Reavis, husband of the Baroness Peralta Reavis, in the United States prison in default of $5,000 bail, charged with attempting to defraud the government in connection with the famous Peralta land-grant claim, has applied to the New Mexico supreme court for release under habeas corpus account.

Five of the Buried Miners Rescued.

Glasgow, August 6.—Five of the miners imprisoned by the flood of the colliery at Saltcoats have been rescued alive.

TO RESTORE QUEEN LIL.

Another Alleged Plot Said to Have Been Unearthed.

San Francisco, August 6. — The Chronicle prints a story exposing an alleged plot to restore Queen Liliuokalani and loot Honolulu. Rudolph Spreckles, youngest, son of Claus Spreckles, is said to be backing the scheme. The paper says:

One of the best contrived and most dangerous filibustering expeditions ever fitted out on American soil was unearthed in San Francisco yesterday. Its object is, or was, to take possession of the Hawaiian republic by force of arms, restore to the throne ex-Queen Liliuokalani and divide lands, money and goods worth approximately $27,000,000 among some 200 freebooters, picked up by ones and twos in Western America.

The active agent of the conspirators is W. P. Morrow, a native of Connecticut, aged 31, and he says, recently a resident of Grass Valley. He is still in San Franscisco under surveillance, so that the federal authorities can get him if they wish to do so.

The headquarters of the filibustering expedition has been 711 Bush street, in a dingy flat-fronted boarding house. There the agent of the conspirators has been receiving day and night a motley company of men, who came in response to his cautiously-worded advertisements, published in this city and elsewhere. Morrow admitted, when he was forced into a corner, and told that the game was up, that he had been engaging men to go to Hawaii and overturn the little republic. He had told to a reporter how the thing was to be done, and had stated who the men were behind the scenes. Among them he enumerated one of the exiled Ashfords, and he declared that Rudolph Spreckles was the man with money who was backing the project. Spreckles, he said, had already concealed a large number of rifles in the island of Maui, so that they would be ready when the filibusters reached the islands.

THE KU CHENG MASSACRE.

Ten British Missionaries Killed, But No Americans Hurt.

Washington, August 6.—The state department today received later intelligence of the killing of the missionaries in Ku Cheng, China. The dispatch, like the one received yesterday, was from Consul-General Joinigan, and shows that no Americans suffered, but that the massacre of British subjects was greater than at first reported. The consul-general's dispatch is as follows:

"The Americans are all safe; none is hurt. Ten British were killed."

Although Mr. Joinigan does not use the word "missionaries" in his dispatch, there is no doubt felt by the officials of the state department that it refers to them, and that his dispatch is intended as supplementary to that of yesterday. The cablegram was at once forwarded to Secretary Olney, at his summer home for his information.

Up to this time, so far as ascertained, no steps have been taken by the navy department toward sending any naval force to the district where the reported massacre has occurred. When word came of the trouble yesterday the customary instructions were sent to Minister Denby, at Peking, to see that American interests were protected. A message received last night from the minister says that small boats could reach the place quicker than marines. Admiral Carpenter, in command of the Chinese station, has authority to use his vessels and men to assist in affording any protection which may be regarded as necessary. The lack of ships of light draught which can penetrate the shallow waters of the Chinese rivers is a serious embarrassment to the authorities.

CATHOLIC ABSTAINERS.

Questions of Importance to Come Before the Temperance Convention.

New York, August 6.—Questions of paramount importance to the Catholic temperance Union of America will be discussed at the twenty-fifth annual convention, to be held this week. The most important business will be the election of officers. The present president of the organization is the Rev. James Cleary, of St. Paul. So far as is known, no serious opposition to his re-election has been developed, but it is said that the friends of Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, one of the strongest apostles of total abstinence among the Catholic hierarchy in the United States, are eager to put him forward for the place. One question to be discussed will be that of the business substitute for the saloon, on which some action may be taken. It is proposed that this convention shall eliminate the insurance feature from all the societies connected with the national union in the future, for it is believed by many that this feature is a detriment rather than a help. An earnest attempt will be made to make the temperance movement in the Catholic church an entirely religious movement.

An Anarchist's Death.

Doual, France, August 6.—During the fetes in the mining districts of Anyche, to celebrate the jubilee of M. Vuillemin, manager of the Anyche Colliery Company, an anarchist named Decoux in the crowd fired five revolver shots at Vullemin, while he was leaving the church. Three of them took effect, though the wounds inflicted are not serious.

Directly afterwards a tremendous explosion was heard and Decoux's body was hurled several yards, while ten of the bystanders were injured by the explosion. Decoux's father rushed up to the body of his son, and kicking him, exclaimed:

"Canaille, assassin."

Decoux had been carrying a bomb beneath his coat and it was prematurey exploded. Decoux was disemboweled and terribly mutilated and expired immediately. He was discharged in the colliery after a strike in 1893.

A Price for General Campos.

Tampa, August 6. — The steamer from Cuba tonight brings little news. General Maceo offers $5,000 to the soldier or band of soldiers who will capture General Martinez de Campos, who is now reported to be at Baracoa.

QUINLAN CONFESSES

The Arch Fiend's Right-Hand Man Has Confessed.

POLICE WILL REVEAL NOTHING

From Him the Police Have Positive Proof That Pitzel Was Murdered in Chicago by Holmes.

Chicago, August 5.—The police have at last obtained a partial confession from Pat Quinlan, the janitor of the Holmes' "castle," and have, they believe, positive evidence that Benjamin F. Pitzel was murdered in this city by Holmes, and the corpse sent to Philadelphia. The confession was wormed out of Quinlan by means of a tip given the local officers by Detective Geyer, of Philadelphia, who arrived here today. The exact nature of the story told by the Quinlans the police will not reveal, and, in fact, Chief Badenoch and Inspector Fitzpatrick have both denied that Quinlan or his wife made any confession at all. Notwithstanding the denial, however, it is positively known that Quinlan made and signed a confession because it was left where Quinlan's signature on the document could be seen, although the subject matter under which he wrote his name could not be ascertained. Tonight, however, it was learned that a confession was made covering all the details of the murder of Pitzel, with the exception of the actual place where the crime was committed. This the police declare they will have tomorrow.

The confession was obtained from the Quinlans only after the hardest kind of work and at the price of a promise of immunity from punishment for all part the Quinlans may have borne in the murder of Pitzel or other crimes committed by Holmes.

Mrs. Quinlan knew of the disappearance of Mrs. Connor in Holmes' "castle" and saw the body of the woman after she was dead. She further knew and has admitted that Pearl Connor disappeared in the castle after her return from a trip to the Quinlan farm at Lakeview, Mich.

Chief Badenock took Mrs. Quinlan and her husband to the "castle" today with Inspector Fitzpatrick and Detectives Fitzpatrick and Norton. The object of the trip was more for the purpose of letting Quinlan and his wife meet than any other.

The chief now has positive proof that Mrs. Connor and Pearl, her daughter, or Cora Quinlan, were murdered in the building while the mother was in Holmes' employ. Quinlan has given information within the last twenty-four hours which brings the charge of murder nearer to Holmes than it has been in Chicago any time since the case opened. Quinlan and his wife, while demonstrating to the police that they were at no time guilty of the crime themselves, have made admissions by which the chief could use them as valuable witnesses against Holmes in proving that Mrs. Connor and child were made away with by Holmes for the purpose of securing the insurance which Mrs. Connor carried on her life in favor of her daughter. Further, Quinlan and his wife have proved to the police that Mrs. Connor was so well aware of the schemes which Holmes was operating that it became necessary for Holmes to put the woman out of the way.

The Toronto charge of murder is the strongest one against Holmes, and if taken there he will probably be hanged.

AGAIN THE BLOOMERS.

San Francisco's Second Bifurcated Hop a Complete Success.

San Francisco, August 5. — The bloomer-ball craze has caught San Francisco, and functions of the kind are scheduled to take place nearly every night for a week to come. The first of the bifurcated hops, which was given Tuesday evening, was frowned on, but a large crowd attended a ball given last night by the South Side Cycling Club. They had to knock the partition out of the cyclery on Howard street to make room for the bloomers.

Judge Campbell was there, and after being an interested spectator for a few minutes he left his official dignity in the cloakroom and rushed madly into the mazes of the modern dance.

With an expert by his side the learned jurist scanned the glittering throng until he found a bloomer girl that suited his fancy. Then his honor danced the hours away. She had a saucy eye and buff hair, and was regarded as the belle of the ball. The judge was not in uniform, though the regulations called for bicycle clothes. Enough of the other members observed the day to pair off with the bloomer ladies, and thus lend proper eclat to the affair.

It was just like a regular function, except for the wheels, which prevailed everywhere. Half the young men rode their bicycles to the dance and scorched over the ballroom floor while waiting for the band to play. Now and then a new woman essayed to show her sisters just how the thing is done, but usually ended by bumping into a post or running down the rattled spectators. What with posts, bicycles, populace and bloomers, the cyclery was somewhat crowded, but the undoubted success of the first social made up for lack of room.

To Locate in British Columbia.

Vancouver, B. C., August 5.—It is understood that the Kansas City Consolidated Smelting & Refining Company has decided to erect a large smelting plant at Nakusp, in West Kootenai. Representatives of the company have been for some time carefully looking over the district and have decided that Nakusp is the most eligible location. It is understood that the Canadian Pacific railway has done everything possible to secure the establishment of a large smelter in British Columbia by giving special facilities in the matter of freight on shipments of bullion.

Eight Miles an Hour the Limit.

Cincinnati, August 5. — The law committee of the board of legislation last night decided to report favorably an ordinance limiting the speed of bicyclists to eight miles an hour within the city limits and attaches a penalty of $25 for violation.

A MIDSUMMER HALT.

The Expected Slackening Up of Business Reported.

New York, August 5.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

There is a perceptible halt which may deceive, if attributed to wrong causes. Trade, two months late in the spring, pushed forward into July a large share of business belonging to April or May. Seeing a rush of orders out of time, many imagined it would continue, and hurried to give other orders. The jam of two months' business into one lifted prices. Then other orders came to anticipate a further rise. But the midsummer halt was inevitable, and it is yet somewhat uncertain how much improvement will appear after it. The crop of corn promises to be the largest ever grown, and it is almost out of harm's way. The crop of wheat appears from later accounts perhaps 20,000,000 less than was expected a month ago, and had the best hopes realized it would have been more than 100,000,000 bushels short of a full crop.

The general advance in many products causes reluctance to purchase, and the distribution of the past half year has been in part to make up for stocks and individual supplies depleted during the two years of economy. On the other hand, there has been an enormous increase in the working force and a considerable increase in wages paid, which enables people to buy more freely.

Strikes of some importance appear, but do not yet threaten to last long, though a strike of coal miners may for a time affect business somewhat extensively.

For the first time since the rise in prices of iron products began, there has been some concession to retain business, and the efforts of new works to get orders tend to check the advance. In spite of this, the general average of prices is a shade higher, bar having risen relatively more than mill iron has declined. The market for pig is quiet, and on the whole remarkably strong, with the prospect of an increasing output. Finished products are generally strong, with more demand than can at present be met for plates and for bar. The structural demand continues large, but the demand for rails is yet delayed. Great speculation in copper stocks has brought out some extravagant statements of demand profits, but 11 3-4 cents has been paid in some cases for lake, and the demand is actually heavy. Tin has remained strong in spite of large arrivals, and the visible stock of 5,000 tons is larger than usual. Lead is stronger in tone.

Business in cotton goods has been the largest in July for several years, reckoning goods delivered, but not as large as to new orders. A further advance of 1 1-4 cent per yard has occurred, with a moderate demand for some bleached and brown goods, and prices are firm for sheets and drills, while colored cottons are quiet, with occasional advances.

Sales of wool have been only 6,072,450 pounds for the week, against 9,336,400 in 1892.

Wheat suddenly rose 3 cents on bad reports of condition, but has dropped all the gain as the scantiness of exports is felt, shipments in July having been only 3,495,064 bushels, flour included, from Atlantic ports, against 9,865,633 last year. Western receipts continue very small and farmers appear to be holding for higher prices. Corn is a shade stronger, although the reports are decidedly favorable. Cotton has risen 1-8 cent in price, wholly on bad condition reports, but at the low estimate the year's yield with stock carried over will exceed the world's demand.

Heavy sales of coal are reported at pirces at least 70 cents below the circular, and the market is much demoralized with the fear of auction sales.

Failures for the week have been 261 in the United States against 230 last year, and 28 in Canada against 44 last year.

Country Editors Quarrel.

St. Joseph, Mo., August 5. — T. Williams, editor of the Stanberry Herald, and F. A. Weimar, editor of the Stanberry Sentinel, have been indulging in a newspaper quarrel. Williams stated in his paper yesterday that he had accumulated all his property himself, and while his taxes were not as much as those of the editor of the Sentinel, none of his wealth had come in the way of a hymenial contract, made at the altar. Mrs. Weimar considered that the paragraph reflected on her. She is the daughter of J. W. Hampton, a Denver millionaire, who lived for many years at Mount Pleasant, Ia. On the day of her marriage to Weimar her father presented her with a check for $10,000, and it was to this present that reference was made by Williams. In the afternoon Mrs. Weimar, accompanied by her husband, went to the Herald office and horsewhipped Williams, while Weimar struck his rival over the head with a revolver.

Canada's School Question.

Winnipeg, August 5. — Sir John Schultz, governor of Manitoba, has transmitted to Premier Greenway a communication from the Dominion government, asking Greenway to state just how far he will go in compromising the Catholic school difficulty. Sir John, after transmitting the communication, took the train for Banff, in the Rocky mountains, where Sir Mackenzie Bowell, premier of Canada, now is. In Winnipeg today the startling rumor was circulated that if Premier Greenway persists in his refusal to remedy the Catholic grievances, he and his ministers will be dismissed from office by the Manitoba government. The governor has the power to do this, but a high-handed course would be calculated only to intensify the trouble and bitterness. Certain it is, however, that the Dominion government is contemplating some decisive movement.

Northern Pacific & Montana Bonds.

New York, August 5.—The Northern Pacific & Montana bondholders committee announces that out of a total of $5,631,000 bonds listed, $4,042,000 in amount have been deposited with the Knickerbocker Trust Company, but the company has decided to extend the time for deposit until August 19, after which date a penalty of $10 per bond will be imposed.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE

Fifty Houses Destroyed in a New Mexico Town.

GREATEST FLOOD IN ITS HISTORY

Bodies of Six Mexicans Have Already Been Recovered, and It Is Believed Many More Were Drowned.

Socorro, N. M., August 3.—A tremendous roaring started the people of Socorro yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Soon after huge waves of water came rushing down an arroyo, which drains the eastern slope of the Magdalena, and almost encircles the town. At first it was hoped the flood would be confined to the lower portions of the city, but soon the water came above the town, and three feet of water began rushing through the principal streets. The shrieks of women and children mingled with the dying wails of those swept into eternity. The water came in waves, each succeeding one being apparently higher than the others. Portions of houses, household furniture, baby carriages, stoves and farming implements mingled with huge boulders, railroad ties and bridge timbers, all being borne through the streets by the madly rushing waters. For two hours the work of destruction continued, the horror being increased by vivid lightning, crashing thunder and a blinding rain.

Gradually the waters subsided sufficiently to allow a partial inspection of the destruction. Only two bodies were taken from the waters before dark, a mother and her child. An attempt was made to reach the people living in the river bottom, but darkness and the absence of boats prevented. All night homeless people were brought in and cared for.

This morning a scene of desolation was presented. A majority of the business houses have met heavy damage or destruction. Hundreds of poor people have lost everything and are homeless, penniless and almost naked. More than fifty houses are known to have been destroyed, while almost every residence in the city is damaged. Since the water has receded, many adobe house have fallen, and many others must be abandoned.

The two bodies recovered were identified as members of the Duran family, seven of whom are missing. Five more bodies were taken out this morning. Four were recognized as members of the Duran family, making six recovered. The fifth was an infant son of E. C. Bac. Other bodies are reported as being seen, but owing to the treacherous nature of the ground, they cannot be reached. The waters spread over the entire city, and carried death everywhere. Many are reported missing.

Reports coming from towns north and south of here tell of heavy losses.

For twelve miles south the destruction of property was terrible, farm houses and crops being entirely swept out. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe track was taken out between here and San Antonio in several places. The branch road from this city to Magdalena is practically destroyed for ten miles, and many bridges are gone.

The dead are: Leandro Duran, Celia Duran, Thomas Duran, J. B. Duran, and two others of the same family whose first names are not known. But two members of the Duran family are alive. No estimate of the loss can yet be made, but it is more than $1,000,000.

Prosperity in Mexico.

City of Mexico, August 2.—Notwithstanding the fact that the largest cotton and print mills in the country are running overtime to supply the domestic demand, imports of cotton textile from England the half of the year increased over 7,000,000 cubic yards. The increased prosperity of the country and the prospects of a large crop this year are causing great augmentation in the demand in this line. Mexican bonds in Europe continue to rise, partly owing to the certainty that this government can meet its interest and the improved financial condition of the treasury. The government receipts from internal taxes and customs are likely to exceed the anticipated reports of Finance Minister Limantour, who has taken a conservative view of the probable receipts.

Electric Headlights.

San Francisco, August 3.—Electric light will soon succeed oil lamps as headlights on all the passenger locomotives of the Southern Pacific company. The company has been experimenting with electric headlights for some time, and has at last perfected a light that can be made by a dynamo on the locomotive which will illuminate the track 2,000 feet. Oil lamps light only 200 feet ahead of the locomotive, and when running at high speed, engineers are frequently unable to stop after observing an obstruction in time to prevent an accident. The Southern Pacific will be the first railroad in the United States to equip all passenger train locomotives with electric headlights.

Changes in Classification.

Chicago, August 5.—The five days' session of the Western roads classification committee ended after agreeing to many radical changes in rates, weights and classifications of about 100 commodities. The classification committee, which includes all the roads between Chicago and the Pacific coast, agreed to lower the minimum carload weights of about 100 articles, but it was resolved to advance the rates on nearly every commodity that is to take a lower carload weight.

An Attorney Sued for Neglect.

San Francisco, August 2.—Attorney E. F. Preston has been sued by Joseph M. MacDonough, Agnes M. Agar and William O'B. MacDonough, children of Millionaire Joseph MacDonough, lately deceased, to recover $25,000. Preston is said to have caused his clients a loss of $25,000 through neglect of business interests which they had confided to him. The purpose of the suit is to compel Preston to make good the loss.

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