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ROYAL WEDDING.

Heir to Belgian Throne Will Be Married on the First of Next Month.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Brussels says:

According to an official announcement just issued, the marriage of Prince Albert and of the Duchess Elizabeth of Bavaria will take place here in the ancient church of St. Gudule on October 1. Great preparations are being made for the event, for the prince, who spent some time in the United States, is the most popular member of the royal family.

It is persistently reported that immediately after the wedding, which will be celebrated with a good deal of pomp, Leopold will abdicate in favor of Prince Albert, whose father, the Count of Flanders, younger brother of the king, is so deaf as to have decided him to abandon his own rights to the throne to his only surviving son.

Leopold knows that his unpopularity is a source of weakness to the dynasty and is moreover heartily sick of his crown and anxious to spend the remainder of his life according to his own desires without duties or responsibilities.

It is therefore probable that the beginning of October will witness not only the marriage of Prince Albert but likewise his accession to the throne, which would be shared by a princess who in her native land of Bavaria has already won the love of the people by the manner in which she has seconded and assisted her father, Duke Charles Theodore, in his labor of charity and beneficence.

The wedding was to have taken place several weeks ago at the time when the bride's sister was married at Munich to Prince Rupert, future king of Bavaria. But the ceremony had to be postponed owing to the death of Prince Albert's grandmother, the old Princess of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen.

THE HAGUE COMMISSION.

McKinley Offers Appointments to ex-Presidents Harrison and Cleveland.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—A special to the World from Washington says: President McKinley has received a reply to the invitation he addressed to former President Grover Cleveland to accept an appointment as a member of the Hague Commission.

Mr. Cleveland's reply will not be made public, but it is understood that he has attached certain conditions to his acceptance. Former President Harrison agreed to act as commissioner in a letter just received at the white house. The additional commissioners will be appointed by the president. Former Secretary of State Olney and former Secretary of State Day are mentioned in connection with these appointments.

UMATILLA FROM NOME.

Brings a Million and a Half in Gold and Some Disconsolate Passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—The steamer Umatilla has arrived from the north bringing about \$1,500,000 in treasure from the Klondike and Douglas Island and a few nuggets from Nome.

One of the passengers from Dawson was L. Paltanau, who went to the Klondike three years ago as a penniless prospector. He was stalked by three friends when he left here, they furnishing him outfit, he to divide in certain proportions all he made. He has sent out from the Klondike \$11,000 to each of his partners and is reported to have brought home with him \$50,000. The passengers from Nome all tell stories of hard luck.

BOERS STILL ACTIVE.

British Forces Compelled to Burn Their Stores to Prevent the Boers From Capturing Them.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Lord Roberts' annexation of the Transvaal is generally regarded as proof that in the opinion of the military authorities both at home and in South Africa the war is practically over.

The war office received a dispatch from Lord Roberts giving an account of a slight engagement north of Pretoria in which the Boers were driven off, losing a hundred rifles and a large supply of ammunition and a few prisoners. About the same time a party of Boers made an unsuccessful attack on the Johannesburg water works.

More serious fighting took place on Monday in the mountain pass near Lydenburg, where General Buller was fighting.

The burghers were 2,000 strong with

ENGLAND SENDS MORE TROOPS

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and persecuted for declining to join in the recent anti-foreign movement, and unless pressure can be brought to bear in their favor by the powers their lives and liberty may be in danger.

This revelation of the persistent anti-foreign policy of the Chinese government makes the Russian proposal seem more than ever impolitic. So far from being frightened into repentance the empress dowager and her faction are steadily engaged in carrying on the crusade against alien influence. Some more striking measures may be required to produce the requisite impression, whereas if the troops should withdraw from Peking Chinese insolence and audacity will be indefinitely postponed.

It is possible that the replies of Germany, Austria and Italy to the Russian proposal may take the form of a statement of the conditions under which those powers will be prepared to conclude peace with China, with reasons against withdrawal from Peking until the terms can be arranged.

The edict addressed to Li Hung Chang in the name of the Chinese emperor and dated August 19, en route to Tai Yuen Fu, explains that although the foreign powers have given assurance that their only object in bringing troops to the capital is the suppression of disorder and that no harm is intended to the imperial house, the emperor has felt it his duty, in view of the dangers apprehended from the assault on Peking, to comply with the wishes of the empress dowager and accompany her westward, after instructing Yung Lui, Hsi Tung and Tung Chih to remain in the capital and continue to carry on the government.

The Times commenting upon this news, which is reported by its correspondent in Shanghai, says that if it is genuine it shows that the movements of the titular sovereign are still directed by the imperial will of the empress dowager, to whose initiative and support the outbreak of the Boxer movement is attributed.

The Standard's correspondent in Tien Tsin sends an account of the arrival of the first party of refugees from Peking. Most of them were American missionaries. The journey to Tien Tsin by boat occupied four days. No hostile Chinese were encountered on the way, but it was impossible for the refugees to take a rest and all the party seemed completely worn out.

From the stories told by these refugees it would seem that the reports which had been circulated regarding the sufferings of the inmates of the legations during the siege were exaggerated. Nobody actually went hungry and the chief strain on the besieged was the constant fear lest the enemy should rush the defenses.

BOSTON, Sept. 5.—Rev. F. E. Clark, D. D., president of the society of Christian Endeavor, has reached Boston on the steamer Cestrian after an eventful journey around the world. His purpose in making the journey was to attend Christian Endeavor conventions in Japan, China, France, Spain and Germany, which were all very successful, and also the great world's convention in London, which was attended by more than 50,000 people.

Dr. Clark left northern China only a week before the trouble broke out and barely escaped being shut up in Peking with the other foreigners. He declares that the foreigners were living in utter disregard of the coming disaster. Every one of course knew that the Boxers were mustering and thought that the disturbances might mean the overthrow of the present dynasty. But no one in the legations or among the merchants or missionaries conceived that foreigners would suffer severely, much less that the legations would be besieged. Dr. Clark spoke in the highest terms of Major Conger, the American minister, as a man of great ability, courtesy and common sense.

Dr. Clark returned home by way of the trans-Siberian railway, and the Amur river, being one of the first travelers to cross Siberia by the all-steam route, which was only opened on the 15th of May last.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Mr. George Jamieson, former consul-general of Her Britannic Majesty at Shanghai, is passing through New York on his way to China by way of Vancouver. Mr. Jamieson is one of the best-known authorities on Chinese affairs and has made a study of the finances of the empire which has supplied the materials for most that has been recently written on that subject.

He returns to China as the representative of the Peking syndicate which has received important mining and railroad concessions in the province of Shan Si, and he has consequently an immediate interest in the settlement of the present troubles and in the political and material future of the empire. Mr. Jamieson is also one of the founders and an honorary secretary of the China League, an organization recently formed in London for the purpose of supplementing the work of China as soon as possible by educating the public mind of the United Kingdom in regard to the magnitude of the commercial and other interests dependent upon the "open door" in China. Concerning the work of the league Mr. Jamieson said:

"Its purposes are similar to those of your American Asiatic Association with which I hope it may establish close and friendly relations. Like those here who know anything about this subject, we are impressed with the importance of China as an open market for our manufactures and with the immense possibilities which that country

presents as a legitimate field for these enterprises. We think we have some reason to take exception to the lack of a definite line of policy on the part of our government in its dealings with China, but we recognize the fact that the absence of a strong popular sentiment on the subject may be held to excuse much of the hesitancy which has been apparent in English diplomatic action.

"Mr. Hay very properly insisted in his communications to foreign governments a year ago that a reform of the administrative system of China was absolutely bound up with the preservation of the integrity of the empire. But there can be no such reform under the rule of the empress dowager and her corrupt ring of advisers. If the Russian proposal means anything it means a return to the status quo anterior to the state of things under which the Boxer movement was promulgated and encouraged and the life of every foreigner in China was placed in jeopardy.

"There are a great many things yet to be explained in regard to recent events in China, but this much is certain, that had the empress dowager and her satellites been allowed their own way the whole country would have been in a flame of anti-foreign insurrection today and the fiction that the powers are not at war with China would have to be abandoned. It is time that we must have some kind of responsible government with which to make terms for the settlement of the future of China and of the status of our foreign interests there. There is no such government in China at the present moment because the emperor, if he is still alive, is under duress and the empress dowager can answer for nothing except the perpetuation of the blind and ignorant hatred of the foreigner which she and her advisers cherish in common. It may be to the interest of Russia and Li Hung Chang to make easy the restoration of the authority of the empress dowager, but it is certainly not to the interest of any power that wants to see China preserved from dismemberment and launched on a career of peace and progress."

CANAL CONCESSION ANNULLLED.

Way Is Now Open for Granting of Exclusive Rights to the United States.

(Special to the Associated Press.)

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Aug. 13.—El Comercio, a daily semi-official newspaper published here, in its issue of August 12 contained an editorial announcement that the government of Nicaragua had informed the Inter-Oceanic Canal Company that its concession had been annulled August 3rd of the present year because of the failure of the company to deposit \$400,000 in American gold in the treasury of Nicaragua within four months after the organization of the company, as required by article 33 of the canal concession granted to Messrs. Eyre and Cragin, October 30, 1898.

This apparently leaves the Nicaraguan canal route free from any complications other than the demand for the sum of money which the Caribbean and Pacific Transit Company may ask for its concession, obtained in 1897 or early in 1898, granting to it, the company declares, the sole right for 30 years of steam navigation on the Rio San Juan and Lake Nicaragua—the canal route—qualified however by the reserved right of Nicaragua to, in the meanwhile, grant a canal construction concession to any one it saw fit to do so.

It was agreed that the receivers of such a concession should pay the Caribbean and Pacific Transit Company for the Lake Silala and San Juan River railroad (a few miles in length), for such improvements as it made in deepening the San Juan River and for their steamboats, lighters, etc., referred to in the concession they received. This company is an offshoot of and a feeder to the Atlas Steamship Company of Liverpool, England.

STORY A FAKE.

Dawson Men Were Not Drowned When Their Launch Was Wrecked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—Mayor Querre, of Eagle City, Alaska, completely refutes the story of the drowning of five prominent Dawson men, which was recently brought to Seattle by the steamer Humboldt from Skagway.

The story was to the effect that the launch Aquila struck a rock on Healy Bay in the Yukon, and that all on board perished. They were Sidney R. Hibbard, Maurice M. Marsden, both from London; Captain Jack Lawrence, Amiel Crompton and E. Seely. In telling of the accident Mayor Querre, who has arrived here, said:

"The men were all safe when I left them some days after this occurrence. I cared for them after the accident. They were thrown into the water but all were rescued."

COPPER EXPORTS INCREASE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—The exports of copper during the month of August, according to returns kept by the Metallurgical Exchange, were 13,345 tons. This is considerably in excess of the July record, when shipments were about 11,000 tons. Copper producers continue very confident over the outlook.

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