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The Last of the Good Old Summer Time. From the Minneapolis Tribune.

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CHINESE MINISTER CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION.

THINKS HIS BROTHER INSULTED

Immigration inspectors are asked to explain the detention of Consul—After Facts Causing Clerk's Arrest—Consular Employee Who Killed Himself May Cause Some Friction.

WASHINGTON.—The Chinese minister is awaiting the return to Washington of Secretary Hay, when he will file an official protest against the treatment accorded his brother, Lang Hsun, consul general to the Philippines, and a party of women who accompanied him by the immigration inspector at San Francisco on their arrival at that city recently.

Although the inspector was instructed to facilitate their landing, they were detained for some time, finally being permitted to land after the minister had made representations to the state department.

The immigration officials claim that their action in the matter was entirely justified in view of the fact that only two of the party had passports which served as a means of identification, as the law in such cases requires. Further, they say there were three members of the party whose names had not been previously furnished as entitled to the courtesies of the port. These were Mrs. Chang Choh Fan, wife of the Chinese consul at Honolulu, her daughter and a maid. The Chinese minister subsequently to giving advices concerning the intended arrival of his brother and the two women at San Francisco, asked the state department to facilitate the landing of the others at Honolulu. The immigration bureau officials claim that inasmuch as other Chinese arrived on the same steamer it was necessary for the minister's brother and his entire party to be identified, and say that on this being done they immediately were shown every courtesy and their landing facilitated.

The Chinese minister does not intend to drop the matter of the arrest of Tom Kim Yung, the Chinese consular clerk at San Francisco, which is said to have been the direct cause of the young man's suicide, until he is fully satisfied that the whole affair has been probed to the bottom. Should the investigation which the secretary of the Chinese legation who was sent to San Francisco and who will report in person to the minister, is now making, confirm the information already received here that the arrest of Tom Kim Yung by the San Francisco policeman was unprovoked, the minister will make a vigorous protest to the state department. Relatives of Tom Kim Yung have employed an attorney and he is assisting in the investigation.

Preliminaries for Church Merger.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Committees of the Cumberland Presbyterian church spent Wednesday in conferring on the question of union of the two religious denominations and it was announced at night that all preliminaries had been completed and that each body is ready for the joint conference.

ACTIVE CONFLICT

FIRST FIGHT BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA.

THE TURKS AS THE AGGRESSORS

Moslems Accused of Attacking Frontier Post and of Pursuing Refugees Across the Line—Measure for Relief of Sufferers.

SOFIA, Bulgaria.—Serious news has been received here from the frontier of fighting between Turkish and Bulgarian troops at Demir-Kapia, both sides sustaining losses.

In official quarters all knowledge of the affair is denied, but the circumstantial details given seem to indicate that there is some foundation for the accounts of the conflict.

According to one report the Turks attacked the Bulgarian frontier post. Another version says the Turks pursued a number of refugees across the frontier. It is asserted that the Turks have frequently attempted to provoke hostilities, firing into Bulgarian territory and crossing the frontier to steal horses and sheep.

The war office here is working at high pressure and 24,000 recruits will be called three months before the usual time. Prince Ferdinand has sanctioned numerous other measures of a warlike nature. All the cavalry, with the exception of a single regiment, which is stationed at Sofia, has been sent into the frontier districts, with a strong force of artillery. Vigorous efforts are being made to prevent bands from crossing into Turkish territory. Two bands which were sent back have reached Sofia.

Dispatches from the frontier received at the revolutionary headquarters report that the refugees in the mountains are in a terrible condition through their pursuit by the Turks and cold and hunger. Many are dying.

Measures are being taken here to relieve the worst cases of suffering among the fugitives from the frontier districts. Madame Bahmetoff, wife of the Russian agent here, is taking a prominent part in this charitable work.

From insurgent sources it is reported that the Bulgarian villagers of Obiditt and Kremen have been pillaged and burned. Many of their inhabitants were slaughtered. The Bulgarian quarter of Belitza is in flames. Seven hundred refugees from Belitza are reported to have been killed in a Turkish ambush near Samakoff, province of Kirk-Kilisse.

AWARDS SATISFY GERMANY.

Well Pleased with Amounts Granted Against Venezuela.

CARACAS, Venezuela.—The Venezuelan-German mixed tribunal has officially closed seventy-three claims presented against the government, involving a total of \$1,317,817. Two claims amounting to \$116,250 were withdrawn and one of \$558,000 for the closing to navigation of the river Cataumbo, on the Colombian boundary, and the causing thereby of losses to German traders, was disallowed by the umpire, General D. M. Duffield of Detroit, Mich. The other claims, which aggregate \$643,800, were discussed and recognized and the claimants were awarded \$389,085. According to the protocol, the awards are payable in gold. The German railroad obtains payment in full of its claim and in addition a sum of \$300 a day as indemnity for the interruption of traffic during a period of seventeen days. The Germans here are much pleased with the awards and compliment Umpire Duffield upon his decision.

Schwab Disappoints Them.

BALTIMORE.—Much disappointment was expressed at the failure of Charles M. Schwab of Pittsburg to be present at Music hall Sunday afternoon when the last meeting in the nature of a reunion of the national boys' brigade was held. During the day the visiting delegates to the convention, which closed its business sessions Saturday, visited the various Protestant churches of the city in squads.

Earthquake at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A slight shock of earthquake was felt in Carondelet, the southern part of the city, at 8:56 o'clock Sunday night. The seismic disturbance lasted one minute and caused alarm among the citizens. At the same time a slight shock was felt in the western portion of the city.

MANDERSON ON COMMITTEE.

Appointed with Others to Arrange for Congress of Lawyers.

ST. LOUIS—President James Hagerman of the American Bar association has announced the appointment of a committee of members of the association to act in co-operation with the committee of authorities of the Louisiana Purchase exposition for the convention of the Universal Congress of Lawyers and Jurists in St. Louis during September, 1904. Fifty-two members are appointed to constitute the committees, with Jacob Klein, St. Louis, chairman, and including Robb of Boise, Idaho, Adolph Moses of Hugh Butler of Denver, Ramford A. Chicago, Clifford L. Jackson of Muskogee, I. T., Emil McLain of Iowa City, Ia., Charles Blood Smith of Topeka, William W. Dixon of Butte, Mont., Charles F. Manderson of Omaha, Bayary T. Hainer of Perry, Okl., Bartlett Tripp of Yankton, S. D., P. L. Williams of Salt Lake City, George M. Foster of Spokane and Charles N. Potter of Cheyenne.

KING EXPECTED TO PARDON.

Conspirators, Although Convicted, Are Likely to Be Set Free.

BELGRADE.—The trial of the army officers charged with conspiracy against the murder of King Alexander and Queen Draga was concluded Tuesday. Captains Kovacovitch and Lazarevitch, the former being the ringleader, were sentenced to two years' imprisonment and the loss of their commissions.

Dr. Velikovitch and Captain Lotkijevitch, the former aide-de-camp of King Alexander, each received sentences of a month's imprisonment. Other officers who took a less prominent part in the conspiracy were condemned to from three months to a year in prison.

It is anticipated that King Peter will pardon all the conspirators.

WESTERN MEN NOT AFFECTED

Packing House Employees East Not in Same Organization.

DENVER, Colo.—Replying to rumors that a strike was brewing among the packing house employees of the west in sympathy with a possible strike of Chicago packing house employees, the representatives in Denver of the American labor union and the Denver Butchers' union gave out a statement denying that the butchers west of the Missouri river contemplate going on a strike. The butchers west of the Missouri are affiliated with the American labor union, while the eastern butchers are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Western butchers have no grievances.

TURKS WITHDRAW TROOPS.

Supposed to Be in Compliance with Bulgaria's Request.

BURGAS, Bulgaria.—Dispatches received here from the insurgent chief Gerjikoff, who has been conducting operations in the Kirkilisz district, announce that the Turkish troops have been withdrawn from Zabernovo, Karlovo and Gratlaticoco, three points on the Turkish frontier.

It is understood that this movement was in accordance with the request of the Bulgarian government that Turkey withdraw her troops from the frontier as a sign of the sincerity of her pacific declarations.

The positions vacated by the Turks are now occupied by insurgents.

BIG BATTLE IS IN PROGRESS.

Turks and Insurgents in a Desperate Fight.

LONDON.—According to a special dispatch from Constantinople an irade of the sultan intimates that the advance of \$5,000,000 in the new loan will be spent entirely on war material. Another dispatch says that in the neighborhood of Lucovo, on the Serbian frontier, 8,000 Turks have engaged five bands of insurgents and desperate fighting is reported. The insurgents are employing bombs and the Turks have lost 300 men and several officers. The battle continues. Lucovo is said to be in flames.

Wages Cut at Steel Furnaces.

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—The Empire Steel and Iron company, which operates six furnaces, and the Thomas Iron company, which also operates six stacks, posted notices of a 10 per cent cut in wages to go into effect October 1. The reduction affects 900 men.

TWO TRAINS MET

DISASTROUS COLLISION ON THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

CONDUCTOR HARPER IS KILLED

Twenty or More Are Injured—Discharged Soldiers Render Aid—Many Remarkable Escapes from Death Told by the Passengers.

BEOWAWE, Nev.—A disastrous head-end collision occurred Thursday night on the Salt Lake division of the Southern Pacific at this station. The first section of train No. 6, the Atlantic express from San Francisco, collided with a freight train. One passenger was killed and twenty injured.

The dead: Allee Harper, aged about 34 years, Pocatello, Idaho a member of the Order of Railway Conductors and a Knight Templar.

Relief trains were sent to the scene of the wreck from Winnemucca and Carlin, carrying doctors. Among the passengers on the train were a doctor and a trained nurse and two discharged soldiers. The latter had served in the hospital corps. They rendered great service to the injured before the arrival of other medical assistance.

The concussion was so great when the trains collided that a passenger coach telescoped the smoking car for half its length. Three engines are now locked together.

Mr. Harper was sitting in the rear end of the smoker and was pinned in the wreckage, being horribly mangled. Death was not instantaneous, but nearly two hours were consumed in extracting the body.

Many remarkable escapes from death are told by passengers. The second section of No. 219, the freight train, came down the main line at Beowawe to allow another freight to pull out. Conductor Dorsey, in charge of No. 219, saw what the engineer was doing, and, as No. 6 was about due, turned the air on the train, breaking it in two. The head brakeman went back to chain up, while the fireman went to flag the first section of No. 6, which was coming. It being on a curve, the passenger engineer did not see the flagman until the trains were almost together and it was impossible to prevent the crashing together of the powerful engines. Both engine crews jumped and both engines were demolished.

The dead and injured were taken on the second section of No. 6 to Ogden, with the exception of Fireman Stone and Grant Byle of San Francisco, who were sent to that city.

THREE DIE IN DEATH CHAIR.

Brothers Are Executed for Murder of Their Uncle.

DANNEMORA, N. Y.—Without one unforeseen incident to mar the perfect and dignified execution of the death penalty imposed by the trial court, sustained by the court of appeals, and not interfered with by Governor O'Dell, Willis, Frederick M. and Burton Van Wormer were put to death in fifteen and one-half minutes at Clinton prison Thursday for the murder of their uncle, Peter A. Hallenbeck, at Greendale, on Christmas eve, 1901. The motive for the murder was ill-feeling growing out of the foreclosure of a mortgage on the Van Wormer home by Hallenbeck.

The men walked from the doors of their cells in the care of their priest and flanked on either side by prison deputies, with calm demeanor but extreme pallor.

The entire proceeding from the start of the first man from his cell to the doctor's declaration of the death of the last consumed but fifteen and one-half minutes, and no untoward incident marred the execution of the law.

Available Supply of Grain. NEW YORK—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's this week show the following changes in available supplies, as compared with last accounts:

Wheat, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 2,969,000 bushels. Wheat in and for Europe increased 4,700,000 bushels. Total supply increased 7,669,000 bushels.

Corn, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increased 1,212,000 bushels.

Oats, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 593,000 bushels.

INCREASE IN IMMIGRATION.

Nearly Twenty Thousand Greater Than August of a Year Ago.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The bureau of immigration, in a statement given out, reports a heavy increase in immigration to the United States during August, 1903, compared with August, 1902. The total number of immigrants was 64,977, against 45,549 a year ago. The statement shows marked increases in the immigration from Austria-Hungary, Denmark, Finland, Germany, England, Italy, Russia, Scotland and Wales. A slight decrease is noted in immigration from Asia, while Chinese immigration increased slightly. There were 810 immigrants debarked, of whom 545 were paupers, 146 diseased, six convicts, seven polygamists, ninety-five contract laborers and one idiot. Out of the total arrivals, 48,000 were at the port of New York. The increase in immigration for the first two months of the fiscal year is 48 per cent.

BELIEVES GERMANY SEEKS WAR.

A Strong Undercurrent Against the United States.

CHICAGO, Ill.—In plain English, the attitude of the Germans toward us, the United States, is, 'We like you awfully, but we've got to fight you all the same.' This does not mean trade hammering with tariff regulations. It means sooner or later shooting to kill.

Prof. Albion W. Small, on arriving at the University of Chicago Tuesday, after a summer's tour through Europe, uttered these words and gave as the reason for this German intention of provoking war with the United States, Germany's desire for trade expansion in South America and the east.

"The Germans are making extraordinary efforts to please the Americans and if we want those efforts to continue we haven't a minute to waste till we have a navy a little stronger than theirs," he said.

POPE PREDICTS HIS FREEDOM

Surprise Members of Religious Orders.

ROME.—According to the Tribuna, Pius X., on receiving the abbot of the celebrated monastery of Monte Cassini, in Campania, said: "We shall soon meet, most reverend father, at Mont Cassini." Then, noting the effect that his words produced—the impression that his holiness would some day leave the Vatican precincts—he added: "Pray, for all things are obtained by prayer."

The pope is said to have told the abbot of the Benedictine monastery at Cava Dei Tirreni, that he himself would inaugurate the jubilee of the Immaculate Conception.

TO PROTECT THEIR VISITOR

Anarchists of France Under Strict Surveillance.

PARIS.—In anticipation of the approaching visit of the king of Italy to Paris the French police have instituted a strict surveillance over the anarchists in this country. Several detectives have been sent to Marseilles to maintain a strict watch over the Italian colony there. Two suspected anarchists were arrested today at Nice upon information furnished by the Italian government.

The police at Marseilles today seized some compromising anarchist correspondence and made four arrests on clues given by the Italian government. The two Italians who were arrested at Nice are charged with complicity in the anarchist conspiracy.

Reported Massacre of Jews.

VIENNA.—The Czernowitz, the newspaper which first announced the Kishineff riots, reports that another massacre occurred at the town of Motilev-Podolsky, near Kishineff, yesterday, in which 300 Jews and 100 Christians were killed. This report is not confirmed from any quarter. Motilev-Podolsky is a town on the Dniester, with a population of 18,128, comprising many Jews.

Concussion of a Larger Gun.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The concussion caused by the discharge of the 12-inch gun on Angel island, which was fired by the artillerymen in practice, shattered windows in Sausalito, shook houses, knocked down plaster and caused much excitement among the people. The boom was also well shaken. The boom of the heavy gun made the general hospital unsafe for a few moments.