

DEATH CLAIMS BALMACEDA.

Driven to Despair the Ex-President Took His Own Life.

LAST WORDS OF THE CHILIAN DICTATOR.

His Heart Was All With Chili and He strove to Make Her the First Republic of South America.

Copyright 1891 by James Gordon Bennett. VALPARAISO, Chile, (via Galveston, Tex.) Sept. 19.—(By Mexico cable to the Herald—Special to THE BEE.)—Ex-president Balmaceda of Chile shot himself through the temple in his room at the Argentine legation in Santiago at half past 5 o'clock this morning.

The story became known here this afternoon and created the greatest excitement. Every part of the city this evening is brilliantly illuminated and on every hand is heard the sounds of rejoicing.

Later accounts from the capital confirm the sensation and give details of his suicide. It now seems that Balmaceda left on August 29 last in the hope of making his escape from Chile; but seeing every road cut off he returned there on September 3 and went to the Argentine legation. The government and everybody else became convinced that the ex-president was in Chile. There seemed to be a general belief that he had sought refuge in a monastery and all in which it was supposed he might be concealed were searched.

I had meanwhile been making every effort in my power to get some trace of the ex-president. In looking up information in the rumors concerning his movements, I was all the time making efforts to find him. In common with many others I was convinced that he would endeavor to set on board one of the foreign warships, several of which were about to sail.

Balmaceda's Efforts to Escape. I learned today the route taken by Balmaceda from the city of Valparaiso and the surrender of Santiago on August 30, in company with ex-Alcalde Victor Echaurren, he took a carriage and drove to a point eight miles outside of the city. Here a special train of one car and a locomotive was in waiting. Balmaceda disguised himself with a heavy Spanish soldier. He was recognized, however, by the driver of the carriage, a Scotchman named Gilmore.

The train went at a high rate of speed as far as Lindero, forty-five miles south of Santiago. There more carriages were in waiting. Balmaceda and his companions then entered the carriages and were again driven rapidly away. The route was toward San Antonio bay. All traces of the fugitives were lost at this point. Balmaceda learned of the route taken and searched for the carriages. They were unsuccessful but on September 3 the carriages were traced to the outskirts of Santiago.

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CHRISTIAN INDIANS IN SESSION.

Important Work of the Body—Many Queer Characters Present.

GREENWOOD, S. D., Sept. 20.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The largest body of Christian Indians in the United States is now in convention at Greenwood. The annual gathering of the native Congregational and Presbyterian churches brings together delegates from all the missions in the Dakotas, Minnesota and Montana. Over 300 delegates are in the meeting.

The subjects for discussion are those which interest and affect the life of the Indian directly and immediately. In the evenings the Dakota Young Men's Christian Association here has its meetings. Mr. Fred B. Smith, general secretary of South Dakota, is here in attendance. James Garvie, a Sisseton Indian and graduate of the University of Chicago, is here to act as general secretary for the Indian associations this year.

Among the speakers is the pastor of the Platte River church and brother of Dr. Charles Eastman of Pine Ridge agency is president of the Dakota Young Men's Christian association.

The women's society of these churches has raised almost a thousand dollars for missionary work among their own people. Among the pastors and elders present are quite a number who were condemned to death for participation in the Minnesota outbreak of last year, but who were pardoned by the Christian ministry for over twenty-five years.

A few delegates are from the Omaha Indian reservation. The Omaha are the only Indians in the west who are carrying with them a kitchen outfit with which they cook Indian corn in all the different parts of the country. The Omaha are credited free to all who can be induced to accept and partake of them, their purpose being to familiarize the people with the use of maize as one of the best and cheapest breadstuffs.

They feed their products of corn to the people who crowd about to see the latest thing from America. The Agricultural department also has its agents over there helping on the good crop. A demand for corn meal which the western and southern farmers will be only too glad to supply. The reports being received from the agents are exceedingly encouraging.

CIVIL SERVICE CHANGE. There is very little if any doubt now that President Lyman of the civil service commission will soon be succeeded by a republican. It is insisted that President Lyman has an abnormal head. His disinterestedness is a great asset. Mr. Lyman, being a mugwump, has had little sympathy for the efforts put forth to make this an administration for the people, but his successor will be a man who will be able to lead the way. It has unofficially been tendered to ex-Congressman McCoombs of Maryland, a man of energy and a gentleman. Mr. McCoombs does not want the place, but may be induced to take it.

MANY WERE CALLED.

Grain Death Raped a Heavy Harvest Yesterday.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 20.—A freight wreck occurred on the Pennsylvania near Greensburg this morning. A freight train parted on a grade and fell into a ravine, causing a wreck. Then an east-bound cattle train crashed into it, finishing one of the worst wrecks ever seen. Engineer Roger and brakeman Wadsworth were fatally and Fireman Starbuck seriously injured. An unknown tramp was buried to death. Twenty carloads of cattle were lost. The loss will reach way up in the thousands.

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DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN PLAN.

By Means of Investigation They Will Try for Favor.

WILL BEGIN ON THE KEYSTONE BANK.

An Effort Will Be Made to Draw Postmaster General Wanamaker Into the Complications Surrounding the Failure.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE, FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 20.—Arrangements are being made by the democrats in the house of representatives to conduct a large part of their campaign next summer by means of investigations. This can be done very easily, and the public funds will meet the expense. To conduct a campaign in a regular and legitimate way would cost somebody in the democratic party something. The constitution of the United States shields everyone from a course of libel laws when they utter a libel in a congressional investigation.

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Extra from Santiago about the suicide. The news which they published is not to be compared with the news which I have received you last night. One instance of this is the fact that the Argentine minister at Santiago absolutely refused to furnish any information as to the whereabouts of Balmaceda. He is the representative of the Argentine government in this city and Santiago was able to get a copy of this interesting statement from the Argentine minister at Santiago. It is the general belief that Balmaceda's death is the result of a conspiracy for the restoration of peace throughout Chile. Now that the chief enemy of the junta is no more, it is likely that his followers will be shot to pieces.

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FAMINE RATHER THAN WAR.

Shortage of Food Will Spare Europe the Horrors of Carnage.

CONTINENTAL POWERS SUPPRESS FACTS.

Enormous Imports from America Proves that Europe Regards the Situation as Worse Than it Has Been Painted.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—An exhaustive study of the world's food supply in the forthcoming number of the American Agriculturist emphasizes the grave importance to both America and Europe. It declares that the half has not been told about the European famine in breadstuffs, which not even a bountiful crop this year would have relieved. The continental powers, especially Russia, suppress the facts so far as possible. In any Russian province the scarcity of food has been pronounced as far back as February last. In the Konstantinople district many families have not cooked a meal since Easter, but subsist on bread soaked in water, and, best of all, on a mixture of rye and wheat. The prohibition of rye exports is followed by a clause forbidding the shipment of bran and other cereal waste. The astounding shortage in Russia's field of rye announced a month since by the minister of finance, proves even greater than the most extravagant estimates, and effectually obliterates all possibility of Russia exporting any of her scant wheat crop. That eastern Germany is practically in the same plight admits of no doubt.

EUROPEAN RESERVES EXHAUSTED.

The European reserves have been heretofore looked upon as the most extensive everywhere exhausted. The parade made by Russia of the existence of such stores in the hands of her provinces is done for effect—to convey the impression that military stores are abundant.

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Thousands of Homeseekers Preparing for Tuesday's Mad Rush.

SUNDAY LOST ITS SANCTITY AT GUTHRIE.

Bedlam in the Streets and Confusion Everywhere—No Serious Conflicts Anticipated Next Tuesday by the Authorities.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Sept. 20.—Sabbath lost its sanctity in Guthrie today. The date set for the opening of the new lands is only two days in the future, and in the face of that event affairs sacred are almost ignored. The streets are filled with the mad rush of thousands of homeseekers. The streets are filled with the mad rush of thousands of homeseekers. The streets are filled with the mad rush of thousands of homeseekers.

FEARLESSLY AWAITING THE FUTURE.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—The Temps, criticizing the present army maneuvers, says: "Everything that is not perfect. The army was utilized as it might have been. Yet it was shown that the french army is a veritable army, with clever chiefs. General Sausser has shown himself to be in reality the head of the army. He has shown himself to be in reality the head of the army. He has shown himself to be in reality the head of the army."

LAST WEEK'S CLEARINGS.

GROSS EXCHANGES OF THE COUNTRY AS REPORTED BY THE BANKS.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 20.—The following table compiled from dispatches to the Post, from the clearing houses in the cities named, shows the gross exchanges for the week ending September 19, with rate per cent of increase or decrease as compared with the corresponding period last year.

Table with columns: CITY, CLEARINGS, PERCENTAGE. Rows include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.

NO SERIOUS TROUBLE EXPECTED.

One notable feature of the preparation for the race is the quiet which attends it. The only serious disturbance so far has been at Lagro, where a riot broke out on Saturday night. The riot was caused by the closing of the Cimarron valley, an extremely fertile country.

DEATH RECORD.

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AFTER MANY YEARS.

Special Condition of a Veteran's Brain Produced by a Bullet.

PENNSYLVANIA, Pa., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—One of the most remarkable cases in medical history was discovered today at the post mortem of Charles C. Barons, an old soldier who died last Friday. He was wounded in battle twenty-nine years ago. The bullet which entered his head never being recovered. The wound never healed but he lived for many years. The examination disclosed the fact that the ball went through the left orbit, impairing but not destroying his sight, then passed back and down four inches, through the vital part of the brain and lodged in the occipital lobe of the brain.

LOWA AND ILLINOIS CROPS.

BURTONS, Ia., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—Specials from all parts of Iowa and Illinois give the most flattering reports of the corn crop. Corn, as a rule, is now out of danger of frost and will make a greatly increased average crop. Wheat and oats harvest is about over, and yield in some cases is phenomenal, running from fifty to seventy bushels per acre. The weather generally has been excessively hot and rain is needed.

CANADA'S RAILWAY SCANDAL.

QUEBEC, Sept. 20.—From official sources it is learned that the Royal commission to inquire into the Bais Des Chateaux railway scandal will consist of Judges Jetté, Bay and Davidson. A meeting of the cabinet was held today at which the lines upon which the commission will work were decided. The commissioners, who it is understood will start on their journey to Quebec in two weeks.

GENERAL JOSEPH KNAPP.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Joseph Knapp, president of the Metropolitan Insurance company of this city, died on Monday last aboard the French steamer La Champagne, which arrived here today.

IRA BERRY.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 20.—Ira Berry, grand juror of Maine of Maine, died today, aged 90 years.