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## KING EDWARD'S VISIT TO GERMANY.

It is now settled that King Edward will arrive at Wilhelmshöhe this morning on a visit to the Emperor Wilhelm, and that His Majesty will remain at Wilhelmshöhe from 9 o'clock on the morning of that day until 8 o'clock in the evening, when he will resume his journey to Ischl, there to pay a visit to the Emperor of Austria. Besides Prince Bülow, who will have reached Wilhelmshöhe yesterday, the Secretary of State Herr v. Tschirschky will be present during the meeting of the King and Kaiser Wilhelm.

## THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The second reading of the Bill allowing women to be members of Municipal and County Councils, was passed by 132 against 13 votes on Monday.

## THE DISQUIET IN BELFAST.

Rioting broke out in Belfast on Sunday evening in the Nationalist quarter. The disturbances began as the police were taking two prisoners to the central barrack. As molestation was feared the police-van was driven through side streets, but nevertheless the police were attacked by hundreds of rowdies and stoned with the round paving cobbles. The mob were then charged by mounted police who succeeded in getting the van through. Foiled in their attempt to release the prisoners, the mob rushed after the van, and the uproar became general.

The police Depot barrack was attacked, troops were brought up in haste and were received with volleys of stones, thrown not only from the streets but from the upper windows of the houses. The troops thereupon received orders to fix bayonets and charge. The soldiers, although dozens of them were injured by the stone-throwing, showed literally the patience of angels. Only when they were gravely provoked did they make use of their bayonets. The mob sheltered themselves from the bayonet attack by pushing women in front of them, the women screaming "Jesus Mary, you would not harm women!"

At last the cavalry came up and charged with drawn swords. The streets were narrow and dark, the pavement slippery, horses fell right and left; nevertheless the cavalry charges were effective.

The magistrates who accompanied the troops called upon the rioters to retire to their houses, but received stones in reply. The rioting lasted far into the night.

The Nationalist quarter is surrounded by military and thus the trouble is localised. The Police, which consists partly of newly joined constables, behaved for the most part passively, confining themselves to arresting offenders and taking them to the lock-up.

## TROUBLE IN DUNDEE.

Excitement prevails also in Dundee. The workmen in the bleaching fields marched on Saturday to Dundee, and by their threatening speeches against the proprietors of the bleaching fields created apprehension on the Jute Exchange; insulting the manufacturers and shop owners with shouts of "Down with the masters! Death to the tyrants! Into the water with them!"

## TROOPS FIRE ON MOB.

The District Inspector of Police was on Monday pelted with stones while driving to the barracks. The riots became so violent that the troops had to fire on the mob, killing one person and wounding several.

Towards midnight the disturbances abated. The hospitals are full.

## NEWS FROM AMERICA.

### THE TELEGRAPH OPERATORS' STRIKE.

The statement made in New York on Monday by Mr. Small, the President of the Operators' Union,



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and a similar statement of the national secretary Mr. Russel in Chicago, that the strike of the telegraph operators would within 24 hours become general throughout the United States and Canada, have put an end to the optimism hitherto indulged. Russel in his statement turns to the publishers of the States and of Canada and says that the Union has no wish to bring the newspapers into difficulties, but that the operators are fighting for their rights and consider that they are insufficiently remunerated. The Union approved of the demands now made; if they are not satisfied, the operators will be instructed to cease work.

The Western Union Telegraph Company operators in New York City joined the strike at noon on Monday.

It was reported from New York on Monday that thousands of meetings of delegates representing all branches of trade and commerce had been held throughout the country, and thereby the deputies of some 3,000,000 workers had pledged themselves to support the telegraph operators morally and financially. Resolutions to that effect were passed at all the meetings. Up to the present the strike has spread to fifty towns. The leaders of the movement are making preparations to paralyse the whole telegraphic service throughout the United States and Canada, if the Companies do not accede to the demands of the strikers.

The strike has spread to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Cleveland. The operators in the Exchange,

as well as those of the *Associated Press* and in several newspaper offices have also struck; so have the Postal operators in New York.

The operators of the Postal Telegraph Company in Washington struck work on Monday evening.

## NEWS-SERVICE PARALYSED.

The spread of news in America has been completely paralysed by the strike of 830 operators in the offices of the *Associated Press*.

## ANTI-TRUST MOVEMENT.

From a competent source in Washington we learn that steps are about to be taken in order to compel Mr. Harriman to answer some questions which he refused to answer when before the Inter-State Commerce Commission. No further measures are at present contemplated either against Mr. Harriman or the Union Pacific Railway company.

The examination of witnesses in the matter of the indictment against the Standard Oil Company has been fixed to take place in New York on September 3.

## THE KING OF SIAM.

The King of Siam in the company of the Regent of Brunswick attended a grand military review in Brunswick on Monday.

His Siamese Majesty and Prince Paribatra left Brunswick yesterday morning. The Duke Regent Johann Albrecht accompanied his Royal guests to the railway station, where a cordial parting took place. The King and Prince were to make a short stop at Cologne and then to continue their journey to Paris, whence they will travel to Homburg von der Höhe, for a month's cure.

## POSTPONEMENT OF THE PEARY EXPEDITION.

Commander Peary's expedition has been postponed until next year, as the steamer selected for the purpose could not be got ready in time.

## THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway at the Annual General Meeting at Montreal on Monday declared a dividend for the half-year ended on the 30th of June of 2 per cent on preference shares and 3 per cent on ordinary shares. Out of income from sales of land the ordinary shares receive a further dividend of 1/2 per cent. The gross receipts in the year ended June 30 were 72,217,528 dollars; the working expenses 46,914,219 dollars; the net receipts 25,303,309 dollars, and the total net income 27,667,790 dollars. The amount available for dividend was 18,376,054 dollars; 9,339,005 dollars were carried forward to the next account.

## MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

The *Agence Havas* confirms the report that Spain had asked France whether in the opinion of the Government it would be expedient to address a Note to the Powers in order to make sure of a community of views and action between the two countries with regard to Morocco. The diplomatic negotiations continue. The French Government has no intention of sending more troops to Morocco, as the force under the command of General Drude is considered sufficient to re-establish order and to organise the Police. That programme will not be enlarged. The sending of a force to Oran is only to be looked upon as a precaution taken for security's sake against all kinds of emergencies that are happily beyond the bounds of probability.

In Casablanca the weekly Mahomedan services of prayer were held on the 9th instant and had a favourable influence on the native population. The French flag was hoisted over the Governor's Palace; for that fact and for the French protection Mulai Amin has expressed his gratitude.

From Mazagan it was reported on Monday that for the time all was quiet, but that the people's fury might break out at any moment and cause fresh disturbances. Tribes had approached the gates of the town and demanded money. The Captain of the "Amiral Aube" had informed the Governor that if any attack was made he would land troops and bombard the outskirts of the town. The cruiser "Galilée", which had just arrived from Casablanca with nine severely wounded men, had brought the news that the streets of Casablanca would be purified by burning the dead bodies in the presence of the native authorities. Troops had penetrated far inland in pursuit of the Kabyles.

A wireless telegram from Mazagan on Monday stated that 500 French troops had been landed for the protection of the town.