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ENGLISH ARMY MANOEUVRES.

According to *The Daily News*, at the manoeuvres in Wiltshire the transport column of the Red Army broke down several times on Monday night, so that the operations had to be suspended until noon on Wednesday. The journal remarks hereon that the mishaps of the last two days must direct the strictest attention to the fact that the third and fourth Divisions of the army were unable to move owing to the want of adequate organisation of the Army Service Corps.

The *Morning Post* reflects with alarm on the fearful confusion which must be expected in case of a hostile invasion, when such things occur in peaceful manoeuvres in which only 20,000 men are engaged.

IRISH HOME RULE.

A demonstration in favour of Home Rule took place in Dublin on Tuesday under the chairmanship of the Lord Mayor. The Irish leader Mr. Redmond made a speech in which he said that no reforms would satisfy Ireland until she had Irish laws and an Administration of her own. He called for an energetic demonstration throughout Ireland

PROTECTION IN AUSTRALIA.

The Shipping Committee in Melbourne has expressed its opinion that only English-speaking British subjects should be employed in ships entered in the Australian shipping register. The majority voted in favour of reserving the whole coasting trade for ships that fulfil the conditions prescribed in Australia, of subjecting British mail steamers to those conditions so long as the State-aided West Australian railway remains under construction, and of excluding foreign ships from the coasting trade.

STRIKES ILLEGAL IN NEW ZEALAND.

Wellington, September 3.

The Court of Appeal, including the Chief Justice, has reversed the decision of Judge Williams, and affirmed that of Judge Cooper, namely, that strikers refusing to pay a fine imposed on them for taking part in a strike are liable to imprisonment.

The Court of Appeal has now finally declared that New Zealand workers who take part in a strike are violating the award of the Arbitration Court, and may be fined, and in case of non-payment, imprisoned for a term not exceeding one year.

All those who took part in the recent slaughtermen's strike here will have to pay a fine or go to prison. It is now contended by the authorities that the Arbitration Act contains effective means for preventing strikes and punishing strikers.

THE HEALTH OF THE GERMAN EMPRESS.

A report from Cassel states that the Empress took an hour's drive on Wednesday afternoon from the Castle at Wilhelmshöhe to the Rasenallee. The healing of the wounds was making good progress, so that Her Majesty will probably be able to return with the Emperor to Potsdam on the 18th of the month.

NEWS FROM AMERICA.

TRAIN WRECKED.

New York, September 3.

Yesterday, a train running on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, by the banks of the Knawha River, became derailed, owing, it is believed, to a broken axle. Seven persons were killed and 17 injured.

RIOTING IN SAN FRANCISCO.

New York, September 3.

Serious rioting has been going on in San Francisco lately. Owing to labour troubles yesterday a large body of workmen paraded the city



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with banners. On their way they quarrelled with a number of carmen, and attacked them with stones and sticks. The carmen were armed with revolvers, and retaliated by firing several shots, with the result that one man in the crowd was killed and five others injured. A large force of police ultimately dispersed the mob.

FATAL RACE.

Denver, September 3.

A wealthy inhabitant of this place, named W. B. Felker, who was taking part in a 50-mile motor car race, was killed owing to a tire bursting. The machine skidded and ran through a fence, and Mr. Felker was hurled against a post.

In the same race Mr. E. V. Dazey was thrown out, when rounding a curve, and instantly killed.

MUNICIPAL CORRUPTION IN SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, September 5.

Louis Glass, the Vice President of the Pacific States Telephone Company, has been sentenced to five years imprisonment for bribing a head controller.

CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES.

Shanghai, September 2.

Thirty-two Chinese corporations here are preparing a reception for Mr. Taft, United States Secretary of War, on his arrival here. The movement is approved by the Viceroy, and though unofficial, it affords evidence of a general feeling of friendliness.

THE AUSTRIAN MANOEUVRES.

ALARMING REPORTS EXAGGERATED.

Vienna, September 5.

With reference to the reports published by the newspapers, that on the march of the Sixth Infantry Division an officer and 7 men had died and 500 men had fallen, out of whom 200 had been admitted to hospital, the Minister of War publishes telegrams from the Commander of the Third Army Corps. These state that the Infantry regiment No. 17 had 142 stragglers, of whom on the following day 42 were still ineffective, that number being ultimately reduced to 12. No death occurred. Among the rest of the troops the number of ineffectives was normal and small and there were no deaths. The Commander of the Second Army Corps reports that in the 25th Infantry Division nothing unusual occurred on the 31st of August or 1st of September; in a Bosnian regiment one case of the mildest form of sunstroke had been reported,

otherwise there had been no accident on the march. The health of the Landwehr Infantry regiments Nos. 14 and 25 had been remarkably good throughout the whole time of the exercises and on the return march. The number of sick was quite normal. Of deaths or cases of sunstroke there had been none; only in the regiment No. 14 one case of exhaustion and collapse had occurred and the soldier had very speedily recovered. One man only had been punished for repeatedly and falsely reporting himself sick. Both regiments had returned to their quarters in the best condition.

ANTI-JAPANESE FEELING IN CHINA.

Tokio, September 3.

The attitude of China towards Japan is gradually becoming more and more unconciliatory, and is now verging on an anti-Japanese crusade. Indignation is felt here at China's sudden change of front, and the situation at Peking is attracting the attention of public thinkers. It is felt that, for the sake of tranquillity in the Far East, the present condition of things should not be maintained.

It is believed in some quarters that it is absolutely necessary to impress upon China the unreasonableness of her present position, and for this purpose to send one of the foremost statesmen in the country to represent Japan in China. The name of Count Okuma is suggested for this office. He has already done much for China. The Marquis Ito might be asked to go after the settlement of affairs in Corea, which is expected in the near future.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

One of the passengers by the train that ran off the rails near Strausberg, Bank Director Kraschatski of the Ostbank in Königsberg, is missing. Herr Kraschatski wanted to get to Hamburg for a meeting of Bankers there, and had arranged to meet some gentlemen at Berlin. Up to yesterday, however, he had not arrived at Berlin and could not be found anywhere.

THE STRIKE IN ANTWERP.

Antwerp, September 4.

The disorder in the vicinity of the docks continued throughout yesterday evening. The police charged the mob several times, a number of persons being wounded. The strikers attempted to set on fire the offices of the Northern Corporation (Unloading and transport company). Again the police used their swords, several persons sustaining injuries, and about 30 arrests were made. At 10 o'clock the fire department had to put out a fierce fire in a lumber yard, which the strikers had started after pouring petroleum over the lumber piles. Several trucks loaded with cotton were also set on fire. The Civic Guard were dismissed at 10.30 p. m.

Antwerp, September 4.

A few detachments of infantry will be withdrawn from the furthest harbour basin to do patrol duty here, by way of precaution.

Antwerp, September 4.

The Minister for Industry and Labour, M. Hubert, has arrived here and had a long conversation with the Mayor. It is believed that they discussed the question whether a basis for mutual understanding can be found.

ENGLISHMEN ATTACKED.

Antwerp, September 4.

Englishmen who were to embark on board a steamer for Harwich were attacked on the Cockerill Quay. Police and Civic guardsmen restored order.

TREMENDOUS CONFLAGRATION.

Antwerp, September 4.

A great fire broke out at the harbour basins. 18 sheds have been burned down; a large block of buildings is in flames.

Later.

The fire is still raging. A regiment of pioneers is assisting the fire-brigade. Embankments are being thrown up to prevent the spread of the fire. At midnight fire broke out in two other places. The fire in the lumber harbour is spreading.

Antwerp, September 5.

Five people were arrested in connection with the fire in the timber yards, among them a Dutchman who was caught in the act of stealing. The fire threatens to destroy all the stock of timber. The

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