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GENERAL NEWS.

KING EDWARD THANKS AUSTRIAN EMPEROR.

Vienna, September 4.

The *Neue Freie Presse* states that King Edward sent a telegram today to the Emperor Franz Josef at Ischl, announcing his impending departure, and expressing once more in cordial terms his thanks for the kind reception accorded to him at Ischl on the occasion of his late visit to the Emperor.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

THE MURDER OF MRS. LUARD.

London, September 4.

The *Central News* Maidstone correspondent says:—Investigations in the Maidstone district indicate that the police attach considerable importance to the story of a man who is known to have left Ightham on the afternoon when Mrs. Luard was murdered, and who is supposed to have cast a revolver into the Medway while crossing Maidstone Bridge.

It is stated here that a diver from London is to be engaged in furthering the dragging operations, and the greatest interest is manifested in what it is hoped will prove a valuable clue.

I have made inquiries along the route said to have been taken by the suspected man, and many strange rumours and statements are afloat. In a small wayside public-house on the outskirts of Maidstone, close to a pretty village known as Larkfield, I gathered information which on the face of it appears to have an important bearing on the case.

A man employed on a barge working between Maidstone and Rochester was telling a story of a man, agitated and trembling violently, who at six o'clock on the evening of the murder hurriedly entered the public-house and called for a drop of brandy. News of the murder had not then reached Larkfield, and the man's manner was, therefore, not particularly noticed, although my informant states he offered for sale a ring to one of the customers. The price asked was five shillings, but believing the stranger to belong to the tramp fraternity, and thinking that the ring was a cheap imitation, nobody offered to buy it.

The stranger then drank his brandy and left, and nothing further was thought of the incident until the next day, when news of the murder reached the village.

The man struck off in a direct line for Maidstone, and was, so far as I can gather, not seen again.

NEWS FROM AMERICA.

WYOMING TOWN RAVAGED BY FLAMES.

New York, September 5.

News reaches here today that the mining town of Raw Hide, Converse Co., Wyoming, has been partially destroyed by fire. Three thousand people are shelterless, and a number have sustained injuries. There is pressing need of provisions and temporary shelter.

SHOCKING TRAGEDY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

New York, September 5.

News comes from Boston of a fearful family tragedy, of which the young wife of the actor

Chester Jordan was the victim. Mrs. Jordan was also on the stage. It is alleged that Jordan shot his wife during a quarrel at their home in Somerville, that he afterwards cut off her head and legs and put them into a furnace in which they were entirely consumed; and that he then packed the body in a travelling trunk with a view of taking it to New York. Mrs. Jordan was only 25 years of age.

COUNT TOLSTOY AND THE HOLY SYNOD.

St. Petersburg, September 4.

On the occasion of the celebration of Count Leo Tolstoy's 80th birthday, the Holy Synod has made an appeal to all true believers, in which, while the great literary merits that up to the 70th year of his age rendered him famous as a writer throughout the world are acknowledged, it is not denied but affirmed that the Count has in the last ten years completely altered the character of his literary work, by opposing Christian teaching and showing himself a determined opponent of the orthodox Church. To honour those that have fallen away from the Church of Christ might give offence to the young and weak in faith. Therefore the Holy Synod calls upon all true believers to abstain from taking part in the celebrations of Count Tolstoy's birthday. The clergy are admonished to have a care for the circulation of the Count's controversial literature.

Another St. Petersburg telegram of the same date states that Countess Sophia Tolstoy has informed her friends that her husband, in consequence of his last illness which was complicated by influenza, is obliged to keep to his bed and cannot receive any visits.

MR. WILBUR WRIGHT'S AEROPLANE.

Le Mans, September 4.

Mr. Wilbur Wright made a flight this evening which lasted 2½ minutes, and was quite successful in spite of the squally weather.

ENORMOUS CONFLAGRATION IN JAPAN.

Tokio, September 4.

A fearful conflagration is raging at Niigata. Four thousand houses are in flames. Great distress prevails.

Niigata is a thriving town on the Sea of Japan coast, and is the capital of a Prefecture. It is distant some 200 miles from Tokio.

THE MOROCCAN CRISIS.

MORE ANGRY FRENCH COMMENT.

Paris, September 4.

The French Government's attitude concerning Germany's latest move in calling upon the Powers promptly to recognise Mulai Hafid as Sultan of Morocco is one of complete mystification. Yesterday the Government was content to accept implicitly the explanation offered of Dr. Vassel's sudden departure for Fez; today the German Consul's journey considered in the light of the verbal note from Wilhelm Strasse assumes a different complexion. "The whole matter," said an eminent authority at the Foreign Office, yesterday afternoon, "is an

enigma, which it is not for France to seek to solve, but for Germany to explain.

"The action of the French Government, as indicated on Thursday, has been studiously correct and perfectly loyal. No objection was raised in any quarter, and no new development has arisen. Why this sudden change of front? Are we to understand that Germany's policy changes from day to day, or that it is governed by the extreme Pan-German Press? In any case, France will continue to pursue the line of conduct which she adopted, and which she has repeatedly, fully, and frankly explained. She is confident that the opinion of Europe will approve, while recognising the difficulties of the situation, and the necessity of obtaining guarantees for the important European interests concerned before acknowledging or pledging itself to support any new authority in Morocco."

Madrid, September 4.

El Correo says that the Vassel affair is of very great importance, and that it is calculated to bring out once more the distrust and suspicion which already existed in France against the attitude of Germany in questions touching Morocco.

Paris, September 4.

The newspapers continue to devote considerable attention to the latest development of the Moroccan question.

The *Petit Parisien* declares that the statement made in the *Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* has caused a feeling of stupefaction, to which unanimous testimony is given by nearly the whole European Press. Continuing, the paper says it is to be hoped that the Berlin Cabinet will admit its mistake. The German semi-official statement is considered to be of a nature irritating to France and Spain.

The *Petite République* remarks that Germany has thrown aside the mask, and wishes to play a single-handed part in spite of the Powers. Her attitude, however, will not change the line of conduct followed by France.

The *Radical* also considers that the German communication cannot alter the attitude of France. It would be impossible to recognise Mulai Hafid without having guarantees.

The *Action* asks whether Germany wants to put forward Mulai Hafid outside the Algeiras Convention, and to force France to leave Morocco without the indemnities and guarantees to which she is entitled. To act in such a way would be to deliver up Algeria to Mussulman fanaticism.

The *Aurore* speculates as to the meaning of the noisy and unexpected demonstration on the part of Germany.

The *Siècle* is of opinion that with coolness and decision the Government may yet retrieve the position of France in Morocco, but that the time for temporising has passed.

Paris, September 4.

The *Agence Havas* is authorized to state that the Minister for Foreign Affairs has not made any communication as to the contents of the Franco-Spanish Note to any newspaper. The wording of the Note has been submitted to the Spanish Government, but no answer had been received up to a late hour this afternoon.