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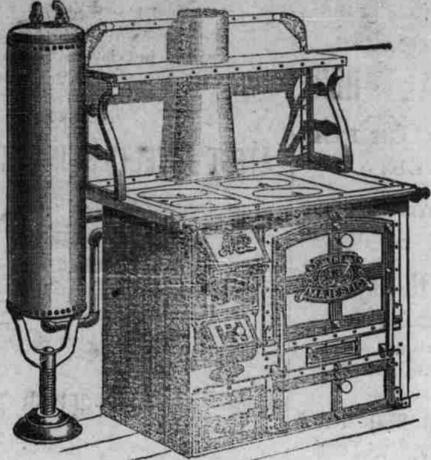
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FOUGHT LIKE CATS.

A Riot Starts up in the House of Commons

IS EXCITING IN PARLIAMENT.

A Fatal Accident--The Victoria Court Martial--Getting Ready.

There was a regular riot in the house of commons, the scenes enacted there being unprecedented in parliamentary history. Ten o'clock Friday evening was the hour set for the closure debate in the committee on the home-rule bill. The early part of the evening was tame enough, being occupied by obscure members. At 9:45 Joseph Chamberlain arose to deliver the final broadside of the opposition. He was still smarting under the lash administered by Gladstone Thursday evening, and spoke with much bitterness, giving his opinion of the closure as applied by the government. He was frequently interrupted by jeers from the Irish and cheers from his own side. After one period of the interruption he proceeded.

"The prime minister calls black, and his adherents say it is good. He calls white, and they say it is better. It is always the voice of a god. Never since the time of Herod has there been such."

Chamberlain got no further, for with his half finished reference to Herod, there came from the nationalists such a roar of indignation as has not been heard in the commons since the time of Parnell. Chamberlain was plainly startled, but tried to talk on. His voice was inaudible. T. P. O'Connor sprang to his feet and leaning toward Chamberlain, shouted "Judas" so loudly it was heard throughout the house. The rest of the Irishmen took up the cry and for half a minute shouted "Judas" in chorus.

When the clock struck 10, Chairman Meller tried to put the closure, but his voice could not be heard. Then he gave the customary directions, but several conservatives shouted he must first call O'Connor to order for calling Chamberlain names. Meller protested he had not heard the epithets in question. Then everybody started for the front bench, the unionists shouting "Gag." Others struggled in the aisles or between benches with radicals, liberals or Irish antagonists. John Logan, liberal, ran down to the first opposition bench and began upbraiding Edward Carson, Windham and Fischer jumped to Carson's assistance, seized Logan by the neck, threw him to the floor head first, and bundled him under the bench. Somebody smashed Tim Healy's high hat over his eyes and as soon as Tim got off, he jumped into the aisle in fighting posture just as Hanbury was trying to get past. Hanbury was knocked over a bench by the force of collision. A free fight then broke out at the gangway, led by William Redmond, Parnellite, who pushed over Colonel Sanderson, the champion of the Ulsterites. Sanderson was rescued and headed an attack of Parnellites.

Blows were struck right and left. The whole space between the front benches was filled with a struggling, cursing mass of members, striking, claying and upsetting each other. The sergeant-at-arms were powerless. Finally, Gladstone begged Edward Majoribanks, a sturdy liberal, to help stop the affair. Majoribanks dug his way through the belligerents and by dint of repeated appeals in the name of the premier, succeeded in stemming the conflict. Colonel Sanderson emerged first from the crowd of fighters, holding a bunch of keys to his black eye. Others followed in a more or less damaged condition. Just as peace was restored the door leading to the lobby, opened and the redoubtable Dr. Tanner, who had just heard of the fight, came rushing in, leaping over the benches in his eagerness to get into the melee. He was quickly seized by the sergeant-at-arms, Gladstone, sitting upright, had surveyed the whole scene with an inflamed face and an expression of sorrow, indignation and astonishment which will never be effaced from the minds of those who viewed him.

Fatal Accident.

About 4 o'clock last Saturday afternoon Edsel Hoover, aged 20 years, was thrown from a horse and killed. The accident happened at the Plummer place, about three miles from Prineville. Young Hoover rode a pony to the school house where Miss Effie Vanderpool was teaching on lower McKay creek, and carried two of the smaller children home on the horse.

After letting the little ones off, the pony, which is apparently gentle but inclined to run, and Hoover remarked that he would give the animal all the run he wanted. It appears that after running a short distance decessed attempted to check the horse by turning him toward a fence in which was a gateway closed by bars. The animal attempted to jump the bars, but fell headlong over them, turning a complete somersault. Hoover was thrown violently to the ground, striking on his head, and producing concussion of the brains.

The Victoria Court-Martial.

The court-martial inquiring into the loss of the battleship Victoria decided that Captain Bourke was not responsible for the disaster, and was therefore acquitted of all blame. The court expressed regret that Rear-Admiral Markham, on board the Camperdown, did not carry out his original intention and ignore the signal displayed by order of Admiral Tyrone. The court added, however, relative to Markham, that it would be fatal to the best interests of the service to say he was to blame for carrying out the directions of the commander-in-chief present in person. The verdict was that the accident was entirely due to the order given by Admiral Tryon. All the survivors were acquitted of blame.

Russia Getting Ready.

It is learned through the authoritative Russian sources that the Russian fleet now at New York are under orders to join the French Mediterranean squadron at Toulon. It was also stated three of the Russian warships now here have received preparatory orders which may cause them to continue, after reaching Toulon, to East India waters. The informant, when asked if the orders had any connection with the Siam imbroglio, professed entire ignorance. This ignorance was emphasized by a peculiar shrug of the shoulders. The date of sailing will depend upon cable orders from St. Petersburg.

A Fight With Indians.

A special to the World from Omaha, Neb., says: For some time the Indian Soldiers stationed at Fort Omaha have been in the habit of raiding the orchards near the fort. Yesterday sixteen redskins, led by High Eagle, a chief of considerable fame in the Sioux nation, took possession of several trees in J. V. Vickery's orchard. He got a double barreled shotgun and fired among the soldiers. Several were struck by the shot and Chief High Eagle fell mortally wounded. The Indians drew their revolvers and the farmer retreated to the house. The Indians surrounded the house, and prepared to attack it in front and rear. Just then A. N. Hanson, a well known scout, dashed up from the fort with a revolver in each hand, called upon the excited redskins to quit the premises. They knew Hanson to be a terrible fighter and they scattered for a few minutes. Before they had resumed their attack, however, further assistance came from the fort and the farmer was saved from the vengeance of the Indians. He was placed under arrest.

The Wheat Outlook.

Enough is now known of the present wheat crop to make safe and certain the statement that the yield this year will be exceptionally light in the United States. On the Pacific coast the prospects indicate an exceptionally heavy crop; but in the States of Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota the acreage is light and the yield will be far below the average. The significance of this fact to the wheat growers of the Pacific coast becomes more apparent when it is stated that last year these states produced 390,000,000 bushels of the total crop of the 355,949,000 bushels. These conditions were first brought out by the last government crop report.

Philip Robinson, a boy about 16 years of age, of Grant's Pass, while out hunting in the mountains near Birdseye creek one day last week, came suddenly upon a large cougar in a thicket of brush. The boy raised his gun to shoot the cougar, but the dog ran at the brute, and in the struggle that ensued the boy was knocked down and both the dog and the cougar ran over him. The dog finally succeeded in treing the brute, but Philip was too badly shaken up and frightened to shoot him. Mr. Shoemaker, who lives in the mountains near by, came to the rescue and killed the cougar.

"SONNY" ONCE AGAIN

A Breezy Letter From Him Describing the

BAKER COUNTY'S GOLD FIELDS.

The Siamese Outlook--Three Banks in Portland Closed.

BAKER CITY, July 30th, 1893.

Ed. Press.

Owing to oppressive heat and other causes, we are still detained in the Denver of Oregon which by this time we like quite well.

There is not much excitement here over the gold discoveries, they are so frequent that nothing but the richest strikes are hardly ever heard of.

There are at present here five men for every job and it is not advisable for those without means to come here for the present. This country, in a mineral sense, is all right and in a few months possibly will furnish employment in the mines for thousands. While, as I have said previously, more work has been done here in the mines this year than for several years previous, there are many times more men here hunting employment from the silver districts. Baker is said by all travelers to be the liveliest point east of the Cascades. There is nothing at present to warrant any more laboring men to come here.

The Virtue mine has turned out over \$75,000 in gold since the strike about ten days ago. The property is again in litigation and may be closed down again. The White Swan mine continues to send in good clean up of the "glittering" while the Mable mine is holding its own and getting better every foot.

A man by the name of Black, of Kansas City, dropped dead at the hotel yesterday afternoon. I was talking to him an hour before he took with a hemorrhage of the lungs. He was then remarking how excellent he felt; never before in 15 years, and remarked, "Well, sir, I am going in business right here, and camp here the remainder of my days." He little suspected the truth of his remarks. Being a member of the K. of P. order he died not among strangers but among friends and brethren. His wife was telegraphed in Kansas City and the remains were sent East today for burial, accompanied by two members of the order here. The course of human life is much like our present financial disturbances,—hard to prophesy one day in advance. Last week I was in the Auburn placer mining district. The old diggings are being worked over again, and some men are doing first rate, but water is scarce. I saw the remains of the old log hut erected by Geo. Griffin at the head of a gulch of the same name. Mr. Griffin was with a party of emigrants crossing the mountains to reach the Willamette valley in the fall of 1861 and by accident discovered a nugget of gold, which was the beginning of mining east of the Cascades. At one time Auburn district contained over 25,000 bourns and a town by the name of Auburn, the land marks of which in the shape of large, canal pipe lines and tumbled down houses still exist, contained a population of 7,000. When the country was pretty well worked out, the Florence, Idaho, excitement broke out and a general stampede was made to the new strike.

Geo. Griffin was made immensely rich by his discovery. He "grub staked" thousands of men, and allowed no man to want. He was kind and charitable, but died a pauper and the cost of his funeral and burial was defrayed by subscription by those to whom he had been a benefactor in former days. But few of these earliest pioneers live here now. They have either joined the silent majority, or are living in some secluded place, delighting in telling of the "good old days when Auburn was a boom; when coffee, sugar, rice and such luxuries were worth a dollar per pound, and bacon scarcer than gold dust". Once in a while I come across some of these old fellows. They still cling to the miner's habits cannot give it up. Mining is something fascinating. For who stays with it any length of time will ever be content engaged at anything else. I have been pretty much all over Baker county, in the various mining districts and to say that I have been interested would be expressing it mildly. The world jittle dreams what wealth there is in the minerals existing in this section, and it will not be many years, I again say until there will be a home market here for a good portion of the products of Umatilla and neighboring counties.

Tomorrow (Monday) I leave for the John Day country via Baker City, where the Athens Mining Company's claim is located. I will report what I think of it, and also the opinion of reputable miners who will go with me. Those whom I have talked with about that section, say the ground is rich but water will be expensive to be gotten out.

This is a gold producing country (not a silver mine in it) and you find everyone here "silveritis". T. McQ.

The Siamese Outlook.

In view of the Siamese according to the terms of the ultimatum it is expected that France will withdraw the notice of a blockade and accept the Siamese surrender. It is understood that the provinces on the upper Mekong will be subject to future negotiations between France and Great Britain.

The Siamese government has accepted the full terms of the French ultimatum, and all prospects of a war are at an end.

There was a semi-official statement given to the press, saying that Siam's acceptance gives complete satisfaction to France and all who are desirous of making Siamese difficult the occasion of a fresh colonial enterprise. The statement adds: "The French government, desiring to give proof of its good will to Siam, probably will not raise further objections in the matter." Another semi-official statement says the republic will find proof that Great Britain has intervened. The journal accepts the statement with a grain of allowance. It says that something has been done behind the scenes that the French are likely to awake soon to the fact that Great Britain after all got the better of them in the diplomatic negotiations.

Portland Banks Closed.

Three Portland banks failed to open their doors Saturday. They were the Commercial National, the Portland Savings and the Ainsworth National. With the exception of a slight run on the First National there was no excitement. A notice was posted on each of the suspended banks saying that the banks were forced to temporarily suspend owing to the heavy withdrawal of deposits during the last sixty days and inability to realize on securities. Depositors will be paid in full. The Commercial National bank has a paid-up capital stock of \$250,000, Frank Dekum is president. The Portland Savings bank is under the same management. L. L. Hawkins is president of the Ainsworth National, which has a capital stock of \$100,000. The statement of the Commercial National and Ainsworth National, published July 12, shows resources as follows: Commercial, \$1,950,000; Ainsworth, \$687,000. Deposits in Commercial were \$1,455,000; in the Ainsworth, 447,000. The Ainsworth National is a United States depository. No statement is yet made of the condition of the Portland Savings bank. It has a capital stock of \$250,000, with a surplus of \$202,000.

D. P. Thompson was appointed receiver of the Portland Savings bank this afternoon. The statement of this bank shows resources estimated at \$1,950,000, which is considered a conservative estimate. Its liabilities are placed at \$1,475,000. During the last sixty days there has been a shrinkage of \$600,000, while \$900,000 has been withdrawn from the Commercial National during the same period. The Commercial National paid out \$100,000 yesterday. A small bank at Forest Grove has closed owing to the Commercial National suspension. The statement of the Union Banking Company, which closed yesterday, assets of \$95,000 liabilities of \$53,000. The city has a claim of \$13,000 and is the principal creditor.

A Parrot-Bill Salmon

Our fishermen, says the Illwaco Journal, have caught several specimens of a new species of salmon during the last two weeks. From its head to the tip of its tail it has every appearance of a steelhead, the only difference lying in the formation of its mouth. The lower part extends fully two inches farther than the upper, which has the appearance of a parrot's beak, only instead of overlapping the under jaw it is shorter, and blunt instead of pointed. No one seems to remember having seen any like it before, and the fact, that several of them have been caught dispels the idea that it is a deformed fish.

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