

RAILWAY IN CHINA

Mackenzie, Mann & Co. in far Cathay AS RAILWAY BUILDERS intend to Extend Their Operations into the Chinese Empire.

MONTREAL, July 28.—The Gazette says: "Mr. Donald D. Mann, of the firm of Messrs. Mackenzie, Mann & Co., left this morning on the Imperial Limited for Vancouver, where he will take passage the latter part of this month on board the Empress of India for Shanghai. He stated last evening that three months would pass away ere his return to the shores of Canada. It is being stated in pretty well informed circles that this great Canadian firm of railway builders intend to extend their operations to the Chinese Empire. Mr. Mann was asked what truth there was in the story:

"I cannot make any statement at present that would be of interest to the public," he said. "It is true that I will leave in the morning for China, and I expect to be gone three months, and I go partly on pleasure and partly on business, and this is about all I can say just now."

Mr. Mann was here reminded that an excursion to the Orient was not the most agreeable thing in the world during the summer months, and that there must be a good deal more business in the trip than pleasure. He said his family would only go to Vancouver, and coming back to Banff they would wait his return, some time late in October. Then Mr. Mann was lost in thought for a few moments and he let a little more light on the Oriental railway question. It was not, however, as big as the open door so much spoken of in the East. He said the firm had no concession, neither had they anything to do with the schemes which certain New Yorkers are held to have in hand. He would simply look over the ground and if there happened to be an opening, it was quite likely they would take a hand or build a few railways in that country.

THE PROPOSED RAILWAY.

This was all he could say, but the following description of the Chinese railway route, in which MacKenzie & Mann, will in all probability labor, will be of interest just now. Hankow is the Montreal of the Middle Kingdom, situated on the mighty Yangtse-Kiang, the St. Lawrence of the empire. It has a million inhabitants, and, though 600 miles inland, is reached by deep draught ocean-going steamships. What great resources, then, will be accomplished by joining the commercial centre of the interior with the principal seaport of Southern China!

The St. Lawrence of China, as the Yangtse-Kiang has been called, runs from west to east across the kingdom proper, and is navigable by small steamers for 2,000 miles from its mouth. Hence the great importance of Hankow, which is the distributing centre for products of the interior, and especially of the grain grown in the western province of Szechuan—a region somewhat resembling Ontario and Manitoba, with a population of 43,000,000. From Shanghai, which corresponds to Montreal commercially, it gets a great sea trade, and so may be said to hold in its hands a very large part of the business of the empire.

The proposed railway from Hankow to Canton is the only road for which up to now Americans have obtained a concession. It is about 600 miles in length and passes through a rich and important agricultural section.

The route is almost due north and south, and at Hankow it connects with a proposed Belgian line which will bring it into direct communication with Peking, the capital of the empire. The concession referred to was granted in April, 1898, under an agreement executed after due imperial sanction by the present Chinese minister at Washington.

The 400,000,000 people of China are now served by 350 miles of railway, or less than one mile for each million of people. More than ten times this

CAUGHT A SERPENT

Ferryman Captures a Strange Animal. A TERRIFIC STRUGGLE. Before the Serpent was Finally Stunned and Pulled Ashore.

SULLIVAN, Ind., July 28.—Jesse Plunkett, a ferryman on the Wabash river, at Merom, captured a strange animal closely resembling a sea serpent this afternoon. Man and serpent had a terrible struggle before the serpent was finally stunned and pulled ashore.

Plunkett observed a large black object about twelve feet long, with a number of large feet or fins and big eyes and mouth, floating down the river. As he rowed towards it the object showed signs of life and uttered a terrible hissing sound which was heard by F. B. Frawley and a party of fishermen, who were several hundred yards away. When the ferryman was within fifteen feet of the serpent it rose from the water with a leap and appeared as though about to fly. Plunkett attempted to change the course of his boat, and the serpent, evidently intending to pass him, made straight for the frail skiff. As it approached it darted a fork-shaped tongue and rose above the water by leaps.

Frawley and the party of fishermen witnessed the race which followed, and attempted to reach Plunkett with a flat-bottomed scow. Plunkett rowed with a will born of desperation, and was keeping a safe distance away, when the serpent glided into the air and in one leap covered the intervening space between it and the boat and struck the skiff, shattering the stern and almost sinking it. Frawley and his companions had by this time reached the scene, and they pulled Plunkett who was thoroughly terrified, out of the water and turned their attention to the serpent which lay stunned in the water.

After some rowing about, Frawley assisted by Plunkett, succeeded in fastening a line about the serpent's neck, and it was towed ashore before consciousness returned. Another terrific struggle followed the return of consciousness and Plunkett was struck by the serpent and dashed to the earth. Only by the timely action of Frawley in striking it over the head with an empty flask was the struggle ended. The serpent is believed to have escaped from some circus, although persons living here have never before seen an animal like it. It will be preserved in alcohol, and in all probability will be sent to some public museum.

BORN.

At Lennox Island, on the 27th inst., the wife of Chief Sark of a son.

length of railway, however, is now projected, and much of it is being pushed forward with the prospect of early completion. The roads thus far constructed belong to the Chinese government, and were built under its direction, and at its expense. They connect Peking with Tien Tsin, the most important treaty port of northern China, and thence run to Shan-hai-kwan, on the Gulf of Pechili, while another part of the line runs southwest from Peking to Paoting, the capital of the province in which Peking is located. It is now hoped that Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, with their accustomed Canadian energy, will be able to enter and take possession of this, the laud of promise for railway men.

The cost of these proposed railway lines in China will be enormous, and, though the profits expected by the projectors are on a corresponding scale, it is not wholly apparent that the latter may not come out at the small end of the horn. In the first place, the imperial government has granted the concessions only on the condition that after a term of years the roads and their out-lets shall become absolutely its own property, without its paying a cent for them.

All that the concessionaries get is permission to work their own lines for the limited time.

MOSQUITO INVASION

A Man Received a Bite on the Temple CAUSED HIS DEATH. The Doctors Scoff at the Idea of a Kissing Bug In New York.

NEW YORK, July 28.—In the Post Graduate Hospital William Wiesbusch died Monday night from the effects of what is believed to be a mosquito bite. The doctors scoff at the idea of a "kissing bug," and say it is a plain though exceedingly rare, case of fatal mosquito bite.

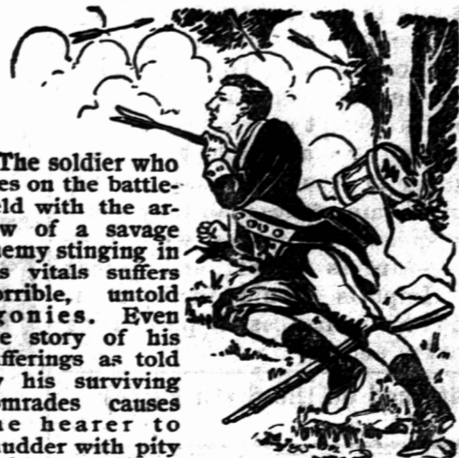
One week ago last Wednesday Wiesbusch was bitten on the temple in his home, No. 425 East Twelfth street. He believed it to be an ordinary mosquito bite, and did not pay any attention to it until two days later, when the wound was found to be greatly inflamed.

The family physician was called in, but by that time blood poisoning had set in, and Wiesbusch was sent to the hospital. There two operations were performed, but it was impossible to reduce the swelling, one side of his face being abnormally enlarged. He became unconscious Monday night and died soon afterwards.

OTTAWA, July 28.—Ottawa was invaded by an army of bloodthirsty mosquitoes last night. The hotels, churches and even the sacred precincts of the House of Commons was infested by the ferocious insects. All through the city and suburbs "smudge" were burning and frenzied citizens were making ineffectual slaps at the marauders.

At the parks the insects were in undisputed possession. At Victoria Park the bright lights of the auditorium attracted myriads of the pests who proceeded deliberately and with malice aforethought to make life a burden to pleasure seekers.

Mr. Harvey Lyon, of Wellington st., was bitten on the eyelid by one of the little insects last night. The eyelid swelled to a large size and became discolored. Dr. Scott reduced the inflammation.



The soldier who dies on the battlefield with the arrow of a savage enemy stinging in his vitals suffers horrible, untold agonies. Even the story of his sufferings as told by his surviving comrades causes the hearer to shudder with pity and horror. There are tens of thousands slowly dying every day with the arrow of some insidious disease poisoning their vitals, and no one stops to pity or to alleviate. Where death comes to one man on the battlefield it comes to tens of thousands in their homes, through the agency of man's most relentless enemy—consumption. There is a widespread idea for which ignorant physicians are responsible, that consumption is an incurable disease. This is a mistake. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures 98 per cent. of all cases. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It gives zest to the appetite, makes the digestion and assimilation perfect, renders the liver active, makes the blood pure and fills it with life-giving elements of the food, and acts directly on the lungs, driving out all impurities and disease germs. Thousands who had been given up by doctors and lost all hope, are to-day healthy and robust as the result of the use of this great medicine. It is the discovery of an eminent and skillful physician, Dr. R. V. Pierce, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, N.Y. In writing to Dr. Pierce for advice the sufferer consults a physician whom his townspeople honored by making him their representative in congress but whose love for his profession caused him to resign that position that he might give his whole time to the sick and afflicted. He will personally answer all letters from sufferers without charge. His "Golden Medical Discovery" is sold by all good medicine dealers. Stomach and liver troubles with sluggish action of the bowels are cured by Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

TO JOIN OCEANS.

Karwiese Plans a Unique Panama Canal TO COST \$48,000,000. It Would be Ready in Two Years, and Four Ships Could Pass Abreast.

NEW YORK, July 28.—G. A. Karwiese, the German engineering expert, who was consulting engineer in the construction of the Suez canal, now proposes to build a still more remarkable ship canal across the isthmus between North and South America.

His plan is to tunnel through a mountain range. By this full-rigged ships with masts reaching up to 180 feet high could sail through the mountain range four abreast.

The object of such a tremendous and unheard-of undertaking as this is to make the quickest possible cut through the isthmus connecting North and South America.

A week ago this plan of Mr. Karwiese was submitted to Admiral Walker, of the Nicaragua Canal Commission, who will bring it before President McKinley when representing reports on canal surveys.

The proposed Nicaragua canal, which the United States government has held repeated surveys made for, will have to be 169 miles long.

Engineer Karwiese's proposed canal would be but 11 miles long. Only one and two-thirds miles of this would be a tunnel through the mountain. The other nine miles would be the enlarging of the existing waterways leading to the Atlantic and Pacific.

The interior of the ship tunnel could be lighted by electricity, and motor energy supplied by electrical power transformed from the tides by machines specially constructed for that purpose. Such a machine already exists, and has been patented.

A single lock at each terminus of canal construction would absolutely control the water level between the two oceans. These locks would, of course, be necessary to prevent a flood tide on one side of the isthmus from rushing through the artificial opening between the continents. By the method navigation through the isthmus in still water and on ocean level would be practically possible. No other plan ever suggested provides for an ocean level canal.

Engineer Karwiese claims that such a canal could be built in two years for \$48,000,000. The lowest estimate for the Nicaragua canal is \$118,000,000 and give five years' time for construction. So great an undertaking as boring a hole through a mountain range big enough for ships to sail through would seem impossible were it suggested by any less authority than Mr. Karwiese.

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Messrs. Mal. J. Gillis and R. J. McGown, P.E.I. CAPTURE MANY PRIZES At The Bicycle Races Held On Combination Park, Medford, Mass.

MR. MAL. J. GILLIS, a native of Hestherdale, P. E. I., distinguished himself in the bicycle races held on Combination Park, Medford, Mass., on the 15th inst. He took first prize in all the races, making the following very good showing: Half mile, time 1.16 2-5; 1 mile, time 2.24; 2 mile (handicap), time 4.50; 1 mile open, 2.20. Mr. Gillis paid a visit to the Island last summer, accompanied by Mr. R. J. MacGowan of Boston. The latter also captured first prize in the mile race held on the same park a few days later; time, 2.24. Messrs Gillis and MacGowan are considered to be among the fastest riders in Boston. [Messrs. M. J. Gillis and R. J. MacGowan took part in the electric sports in Charlot-town last year.

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