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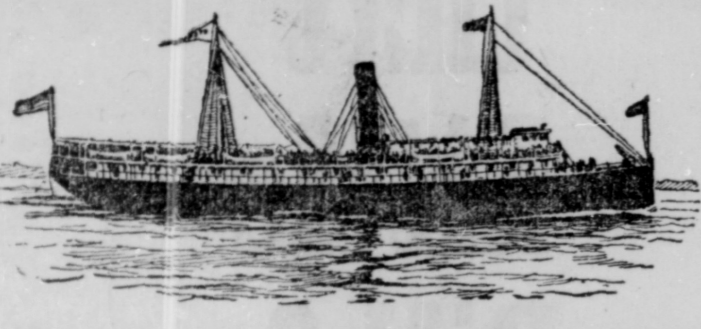
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An Exchange of British West Indies For the Philippines Suggested

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

MANILA, Aug. 25.—A petition from the Filipinos is on the way to the British Government urging an exchange of the Philippines for the British West Indies.

Great Forest Fire.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, Aug. 26.—A great forest fire is raging near Rothiemurchies, Invernesshire, the suburb woods around Lochellen being involved. Two hundred men are engaged in an effort to circumscribe the conflagration.

Crop Failure in New York

ROCHESTER, Aug. 25.—No rain in amount sufficient to meet the needs of the dying crops has fallen, in over two months, and the drought has become alarming in its long continuance. The damage to the crops is great. The fields are dry, the ground is baked like burnt clay, and the dusty trees and all green things are slowly yellowing as if they had been held close to a hot fire. The wheat crop, while not a failure, has decreased in yield and value fully one-third below the average. Beans, which have been one of the most reliable mainstays of the farmers hereabouts, are small, dry and scanty. The crop is a failure, the ears do not fill out, and many growers refuse to buy green corn for market use. Fruits, especially peaches, are small and half-formed. Apples look well and plentiful, and are about the only fruit that the drought has not injured. Many farmers have been forced to feed stock on the remains of last winter's fodder while the outlook for next winter's supply is alarming. The wells and springs are drying up one by one, and men who own herds are thoughtful for the future. The lack of water has caused no end of trouble along the line of the railroad, and freights have been stalled on account of empty tanks. The farmers whose lands are bordered by timber stretches, keep watch night and day, for a fire once started in the tinder-like underbrush would be disastrous in its results. Old men who have lived in Western New York all their lives say nothing like it has ever been known. If rain does not come in two weeks, they say that the suffering among farmers and stock this coming winter will be appalling. This must seem exaggerated, but one who has driven about through the country will see its force and truth.

Chinese Exclusion Laws.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—The State Department has been informed through a diplomatic channel that General Otis has applied the Chinese exclusion laws to the Philippines. The information was a surprise to the authorities here, both state and military, as the matter has been under consideration for some time, and it was not known that General Otis had put the exclusion laws into force.

The Chinese Government has shown more anxiety as to the course of this Government toward the Chinese in the Philippines than towards those in Cuba or other parts of the world, mainly because the Philippines are nearer China, and large numbers of Chinese are already established there.

They carry on the bulk of the retail trade, have an extensive quarter in Manila and send out travelling salesmen, carrying packs, to the remote interior of the islands.

The only action taken here as to the Chinese laws has been in ruling that they are not a part of the immigration act and do not apply to Cuba or Porto Rico.

A German Opinion

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—The Cologne Gazette referring to the recent developments in Paris, says that the affairs of the Republic are becoming more and more entangled and fast approaching anarchy. The play being enacted at Rennes, it says means nothing else than a solemn affirmation of contempt for the Supreme Court of Justice. The convocation of the Chambers, which is being clamored for on all hands, is equivalent to an avowal that the Republic is in danger and a ministerial crisis provoked by the Chambers would have the effect of precipitating anarchy generally.

"Only a few steps further," the Gazette concludes, "and no government based on order will be disposed to assume responsibility for the course which events may take."

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PRICES GOING UP.

Another Advance in the Price of Cottons.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

TORONTO, Aug. 26.—Advices received here state that the Dominion Cotton Mills Company have advanced the price of gray cottons 1/4 cent per yard; bleached sheeting, 1-8 cent, crash towelling, 1/4 cent. These increases follow the advance of from 5 to 8 per cent recently made by the coloured cotton company.

Another Senator Gone.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WINDSOR, Aug. 25.—Senator Temple died here last evening. His remains will be sent home to Fredericton to-day.

A LEPER COLONY

Sad Case of Mrs. L. M. Todd.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Immigrant inspectors sent by Commissioner Powderly have reported it as their belief that a colony of lepers exist on the border of Canada, and this country in the northern part of Washington. The lepers do not live together, as that would attract attention, but they live in the same neighborhood, and have an association for mutual defence and protection.

Commissioner Powderly ordered Mrs. L. M. Todd, a British subject, who is suffering from leprosy, to be returned to Honolulu. This woman caught the malady while employed as a nurse at the pest-house in San Francisco. After contracting the disease she went to Honolulu and remained there until November 18 of last year, when she returned to this country. She boarded the steamer City of Rio de Janeiro and went to Japan. From there she went to Victoria B. C., and then came to the United States, arriving at San Francisco last December. Her condition was recently discovered by an immigrant inspector. After giving the case careful attention Mr. Powderly ordered her return to Honolulu, as there is no place in this country where Mrs. Todd can be cared for.

Manitoba Wheat.

WINNIPEG, Man., August 25.—Wheat harvesting is now becoming general throughout the country. Twenty per cent of the crop has been cut on the Mennonite reserve in Southern Manitoba, and if the weather continues favorable for a fortnight the bulk of the crop will be saved. The weather has been showery of late, and in some localities so heavy that the grain has been lodged. Labor is scarce and wages are high.

Eleven Vessels Wrecked

PORTSMOUTH, Va., Aug. 24.—Eleven vessels were wrecked on the stretch of wild shore between Cape Hatteras and New Inlet. It is known that several lives were lost, but how many is uncertain. Thirty-two men who escaped drowning when the various vessels went ashore in the storm arrived here today.

Coming Home.

MANILA, Aug. 25.—The transports Valencia and Zelandia with 799 men of the Montana regiment and 400 men belonging to other organizations on board, sailed yesterday for San Francisco.

The Old Story

SYDNEY, Aug. 25.—Some of the land owners are very much dissatisfied at awards made by appraisers. They claim that exorbitant prices were paid to some and not enough to others.

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WELSH COLONISTS FOR CANADA

A Large Migration to the Dominion in the Near Future.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Welsh may invade Canada in large numbers. In the sixties 3,000 Welshmen went to Patagonia, and, in spite of the sterility of the country they triumphed, and now send to Europe some of the finest wheat grown in South America.

The Argentine Republic which, until recently made no claim on Patagonia, now demands military service from the settlers and compels them to drill on Sundays. They are beginning to look to Great Britain for assistance.

Other Welshmen who desire to emigrate have been looking about, and following the invitation of the Canadian High Commissioner, David Lloyd-George, member of Parliament for Carnarvon, and two others are to sail on Thursday for Canada. Mr. Lloyd George said he and his companions were going to spy out the country and that he could say nothing further until the end of the visit.

Cartwright Apologetic.

TORONTO, Aug. 25.—The Cartwright meeting in Toronto last night was fairly well attended, but the crowd at Massey hall did not nearly correspond with the attendance at Tupper's last meeting. Mr. Bertram, who was the only other speaker announced, failed to put in an appearance. Those who expected a rousing speech were sadly disappointed, Cartwright being mainly apologetic throughout. He was frequently interrupted with cries of "What about free trade?" and how about the sixty-million expenditure? His reply was: "Better a large population and a large expenditure than a small population and small expenditure." The meeting was over at ten o'clock.

Canadians Defeated.

TORONTO, Aug. 25.—The Genesee beat the Beaver yesterday by ten minutes, and now takes the Canada cup, having won three races. The Canadians are chagrined over the result, but say the weather happened to be constantly light, and this suited the American boat.

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