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**Dismissal of Fishery Officers.**

MONCTON, Aug. 3.—The wholesale dismissal of the fishery officers of New Brunswick is imminent. It is said that of nearly thirty overseers in the district, over twenty have been dismissed or will shortly receive notice, so that practically the entire service will be disorganized. Rumors are also concurrent of impending changes in the Intercolonial staff and of further dismissals of working men.

**GERMAN PRESS OPINIONS.**

**Denunciation of the Treaty.**

European Trade League.

BERLIN, Aug. 1.—The German press actively discusses Great Britain's denunciation of the Commercial Treaty. Suggestions are made for an European trade league against America with threats of serious consequences should England refuse to join such a league.

**TURKEY AND THE POWERS.**

**The Draft Treaty Will be Maintained.**

PARIS, Aug. 3.—A despatch from Constantinople says that the Ambassadors have determined to maintain the wording of the draft treaty of peace without any change.

Palmyra Island.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Curzon replying to a question, said that the British occupation of Palmyra Island would be maintained.

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**NEWS NOTES**

News has been received at Madrid of the flooding of one of the mines in the Balearic Islands by the sea. Nine of the men employed in the inundated workings were drowned.

A severe shock of earthquake was felt at Pontedra, Italy, and other places in the Arno valley. Many buildings were wrecked and a large number of persons are reported to have been injured.

Li Hung Tsao, grand councillor and member of the Tsungli Yamen of China, is dead. He was a believer in a strong anti-foreign policy, and was the chief opponent of Li Hung Chang, who will probably be promoted.

The Belgian Chamber of Deputies has passed a bill compelling all foreigners who have had a year's residence to enroll themselves in the civic guard. It is expected that the Senate will kill the bill.

A farmer near Whittemouth, Man., reports that he saw a baloon twice the size of his house floating in a northeasterly direction, and the question is asked, "Can this be Andree?"

Severe storms have prevailed throughout Catalonia, Spain. Out of 130,000 hectares of vineyards scarcely 5,000 have escaped. In the districts of Ragoga and Gerona at least 80,000 hectares of vineyards have been seriously damaged.

The demand of the German ambassador at Constantinople, Baron Saurma De Jeltsch that a provision be inserted in the peace treaty between Greece and Turkey for a European control of Greek finances meets with disfavor among the other ambassadors. Even the Turks oppose the project.

Uganda has advanced enough in civilization to have a hospital established by the government at Mengo, the capital. It will have a men's ward with six beds, a women's ward with four beds, and operating room, and a storeroom. A missionary doctor will be in charge.

It has been estimated that the amount of dowries carried off by American wives to Europe has reached \$275,000,000. The drain of meeting the interest on this amount will grow with each addition, and will create what the mercantile school call a favorable balance of trade.

A treaty was signed on June 15 by the representatives of the five central American states or republics of Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador. This treaty will go into effect on Sept. 15, if ratified by that time. The union is named the Republic of Central America, and the countries forming it will now take the name of states.

At Bessemer, Alabama, the citizens showed their dislike of smallpox by going in a mob to the hospital where the patient was being treated, and firing a hundred or so shots into the building, forcing patient, nurse and guard to flee for their lives. Is the south of the United States either a civilized or a Christian country?

A keg of beer and a luncheon are very ancient institutions at a funeral. Indeed, they have scarcely been discontinued in some parts of the country. But a dance is somewhat new. On Tuesday night last a number of women assembled in Vassel's Hall, Hoboken, to dance in honor of the death of Mrs. Livermore. It appears that Mrs. Livermore gave testamentary instructions in her will regarding this matter. It is reported that the ladies, and they were twenty-five in number, did not particularly enjoy themselves, but wept when the deceased lady's name was mentioned.

A returned member of the Canadian contingent at the Jubilee remarked to a Hamilton newspaper reporter: "What amazed them most was the ignorance of the ordinary English people whom they met about Canada and Canadians. It was not uncommon to hear such remarks as "Why they are not Indians," and "They speak pretty good English," from among the crowds of people they met. Nearly forty years ago, when the 100th Regiment arrived in England, precisely similar remarks greeted the Canadian soldiers on their landing at Liverpool.

The report of the cession of Kassala to Great Britain is quite likely to be correct. Italy took up the task of African colonization at the suggestion and request of Great Britain, and ever since the disaster at Adowa, she has been anxious to lay down a burden which has proved too much for her strength. The fact is Italy has enough to do at home, and since the Abyssinians gave them such a thorough beating they have no heart for the work. The imperial spirit which inspired the Romans has passed to other nations. England mourns her slaughtered sons and avenges them. Italy mourns and submits.

The latest excitement in Springhill, N. S., is the disappointment and indignation over the apportionment of the I. C. R. coal contracts. Springhill's share has been considerably cut down, and now amounts to only 45,000 tons of screened coal and 5,000 tons of slack. Considering that Cumberland county gave the Government a member under the bait of great promises for the benefit of the county, the non-fulfillment of the promises came as a severe shock to the local industry, the mainstay of the town and of the miners. Last year Springhill supplied 72,000 tons to the I. C. R., and a few years ago the contracts from the same source were much larger.

The United States statute debarring British and other foreign miners from taking up mining claims in the United States is enforced in at least some of the states. A Canadian in the State of Washington writing to Mr. Maxwell, the representative in parliament of Burrard, B. C., complains of the one-sided condition of things obtaining in Canada and the United States. He says:—"In British Columbia American citizens can take up claims without becoming British subjects, while in the State of Washington we British subjects cannot take up claims unless we become American citizens." Even where foreigners are allowed to take out claims without ques-

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tion, if their claims were afterwards disputed, they could not be upheld by the courts. Mr. Sherman, the United States Secretary of State is, it seems, very ill-informed in regard to the mining laws of his country.

The renewed trouble at Chitral will not cause any great surprise. The tribesmen were known to be belligerent and unruly, and the garrison left in the country by the British Government was criticised from the first, by some who knew the district, as insufficient. A small force was kept at the head of the Malakand Pass to control a very large district. It is this force which has been attacked, with some loss. But reinforcements are kept within call, and before long the tribesmen will be again chastised and taught that though the British Government makes no great display of force, it has a long arm and can reach from far.

It is predicted by the manufacturer of horseless carriages that within ten years these vehicles will supersede the ordinary vehicle drawn by horses. There are many things in favor of the new invention—cleanliness, noiselessness of movement, and economy in maintenance. Carriage making as at present carried on will not, however, become a lost art until the price of the horseless affair is greatly reduced, nor will the ranching business become obsolete, no matter how cheaply they may be produced. The sewing machine did not drive the needle out of the world, nor did the telegraph banish the mail service.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., August 2.—Prof. Otta Friel Debenleben declares that there is a mountain of gold in Alaska, situated at 65 degrees, 25 minutes and 11 seconds north latitude, and 172 west longitude. The mountain is called Mount Debenleben, in honor of the professor, and was named by Prof. Gen. Davison. It was in 1866 while he was a member of the famous Western Union Telegraph Russian extension expedition that Prof. Debenleben first saw the mountain. It is the highest peak in all that region, he says, and is full of gold.

Many scientists have been of the opinion that all gold that crops out on this coast came some time from a great deposit in the north, and the professor thinks that mighty floods that moved everything before them carried the golden particles from the mother lode to fields further south. It was Prof. Debenleben who prepared the report on the resources of Alaska that went to Secretary of State Seward which Mr Seward declared to be one of the most comprehensive documents of its character ever compiled. It was on this report that the secretary principally relied when urging the purchase of Alaska from Russia by the United States.

**IN MIDSUMMER.**

Watching the reaper in the harvest field—  
The mingled paths of the falling grain,  
And Summer's glory, now so soon to wane,

A new life-picture seems to me revealed:—  
How gently Nature's leading is concealed!  
How deftly she deceives the eye and brain.

While airs and scents, intoxicating feign  
A youth-time in the year so soon to yield!

As we implore no Season to delay,  
But follow eagerly the brave advance  
Of bird and bud, of kernel, fruit and frost:

So, kindly, Fate beguiles our haunted way  
With dear Delusions, that before was dance  
And pipe the music of "The world well lost!"

—Charles H. Crandall, in Harper's Magazine for August.

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