

or not, they meant to continue to develop protectionist tariffs on the narrowest colonial lines.

They showed, he continued, that they regarded imperial preference not as giving them an opportunity of advancing in the direction of free trade within the Empire, but as presenting an occasion for increasing their duties on foreign goods.

Mishap at Cowes.

During the regatta at Cowes the Marquis of Ailsa's yacht Bloodhound, while racing, fouled the yacht L'Esperance.

The Bloodhound tilted and sank. The accident was noticed by the fleet of pleasure craft in the vicinity, and many yachts, including that of King Edward, sent launches to the rescue of the Marquis of Ailsa and his friends.

An English Millionaire.

The will of the late Lord Derby has been lodged for probate. Personality is set down at £752,139, and the value of the real and personal estate £3,777,139. The death duties amount to half a million.

Miss Ada Crossley Sails.

Miss Ada Crossley and her concert party have sailed for Australia by the R.M.S. Orontea.

Miss Crossley had enormous audiences in her closing provincial concerts, seven thousand being present at Llandridno.

Mammoth Liners.

The two new White Star liners in course of construction will be 860 feet long, their tonnage will be between 45,000 and 50,000 tons, and their speed 19 to 20 knots.

EUROPE.

Reform in Turkey.

The Committee of the Union of Progress is receiving numerous communications, demanding the withdrawal of the foreign gendarmerie officers now that Constitutional order has been established. The committee express the hope that the Powers will voluntarily recall their representatives.

The committee prevented Turkish warships anchored in the Gulf of Salonika from leaving for Dedeaghat, though the Sultan had ordered the ships to proceed to that port.

Constantinople has resumed its normal aspect.

Fifty-four Bulgarian, 16 Greek, three Servian, and 32 Moslem bands, totalling 700 members, have surrendered and returned to their homes, trusting to the new Constitution.

Numbers of high Turkish officials, including the Ambassador at Paris, have been dismissed.

Altogether, £400,000 was seized in the houses of arrested personages.

Affairs in Turkey.

Kiamil Vievka has formed a Ministry on a broadly liberal basis. All are new men, except Ahmed Tevfik Pasha (Minister for Foreign Affairs).

Sir Gerard Lowther (the British Ambassador), in presenting his credentials, received a warm welcome from the Sultan and populace.

Sir Gerard Lowther conveyed the British Government's and Britain's warm congratulations on the Sultan's wise decision to grant a Constitution.

The elections are to take place in October, and Parliament will meet in November. One deputy will be allowed for every 6000 electors, who must be Ottoman subjects, of at least 25 years of age.

The soldiers at Smyrna broke open the prisons and liberated all the criminals. They then marched through the town demonstrating in favour of the Constitution.

Another Fiasco.

Most of the trade unions failed to respond to the appeal of the Confederation of Labour for a general strike of 24 hours on August 3, in Paris, as a protest against the troops being ordered to suppress the builders' strike of the previous Thursday.

The strike was a pitiful fiasco. The Government has decided not to prosecute the Confederation, but to prosecute its leaders individually.

The day passed quietly, except for one collision between the police and a hundred strikers, who were taking part in one of the demonstrations in the streets of Paris.

Russification of the Finns.

The Czar's opening address to the new Finnish Diet sternly warned the Deputies to no longer disregard the fact that the solidarity of Finnish interests was identical with the interests of Russia.

On May 21 the last Finnish Diet resigned owing to the unfavourable effect of the speech of M. Stolypin, the Russian Premier, regarding the proposal to nationalise Finland.

Count Zeppelin's Airship.

While the vessel was moored for repairing purposes at Echterdingen, a sudden and violent thunderstorm struck it, blowing one of the cars into the air. When the latter fell to the ground its motors exploded, igniting the rest of the airship.

Several soldiers who were holding the car were severely injured. Storms blew the blazing airship away, completing its destruction.

Fifty thousand people witnessed the incident.

When the blazing airship rose in the air, one of the mechanics in the car jumped from a considerable height, and was mortally injured. Others were badly burnt.

When informed of the destruction of his airship, Count Zeppelin burst into tears. Profound sympathy is expressed for him, and there is a movement to organise a great national gift.

The German Government has decided to pay Count Zeppelin £25,000 compensation.

Enormous sums have been subscribed in Germany to the Zeppelin fund. Enough has already been offered to provide a score of airships. Many individuals are contributing thousands of pounds.

Devastating Fire.

A disastrous conflagration occurred at Donneschingong, Germany.

The outbreak spread through several streets and destroyed a total of 150 houses.

Two thousand people were rendered homeless, and there is much distress in the town.

Theft From a Church.

A reliquary valued at £12,000 has been stolen from the Church of Vianca, Bordeaux.

Germany's Dreadnoughts.

The "Daily Telegraph" states that it has transpired that the four German Dreadnoughts have been authorised to carry 12 11-inch guns, also 12 6.7-inch guns, besides more machine guns and torpedo tubes than the British Dreadnoughts.

Germany intends to arm the four battleships, to be begun during the present year, with guns firing a shell of 981 lbs.

The first four German Dreadnoughts are slightly smaller and slower than the British. Germany has ordered from Blohm and Voss, of Hamburg, a 22,000 ton cruiser.

Wright's Aeroplane.

Wright Brothers' aeroplane, which was recently sold to the French Government, flew 2500 metres at a height of 30 feet in 106 seconds on August 8th.

The aeroplane was quite under control, circling easily, and was afterwards flown for some hours.

Press reports declare that the aeroplane displayed, remarkable bird-like qualities in soaring, skimming, and turning, and experts describe it as a revelation in aerial flight.

ASIA.

Wholesale Poisoning.

The three Tonquinese soldiers, who attempted to poison two hundred Europeans last month, have been sentenced to death at Saigon.

Last month a rising occurred in the French province of Tonking, and native officers were court-martialled on a charge of inciting the Tonquinese to rise against the French. After the arrests 200 European soldiers showed symptoms of poisoning, but all recovered.

Unrest in India.

The editor of the Calcutta newspaper "Marathi" has been sentenced to five years' hard labour on a charge of sedition.

Three Indians, accused of secreting bombs and explosives in Harrison-road, Calcutta, were sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

The Judge said he believed them to be members of a secret assassination society, plotting revolution. Three, who were acquitted, will be tried in another case at Alipur with 30 others.

AFRICA.

A Cape paper says that Mr. Burton, the Attorney-General, intends to draw only half his salary of £2,000 a year, and it is quite possible the other Ministers will agree to a reduction of their salaries.

Aliens in Natal.

The Natal Assembly has read a second time the bill terminating all Asiatic licenses on a certain day, after compensating the licensees.

Closer Settlement at the Cape.

In the Cape Assembly last week Mr. Jagger introduced a motion favouring a scheme of closer settlement similar to those of Australia.

Mr. Merriman, the Premier, replied sympathetically.

Australian Restrictions on Cape Fodder.

Dr. Viljoen's resolution in the Cape Assembly expressing the opinion that the reasons given for the tion of Cape fodder were unsatisfactory, and that if restrictions were necessary in Australia there were similar reasons for restricting the entry of Australian produce at the Cape, was passed without a dissentient voice.

An additional clause, advocating the discontinuance of the differential arrangements between South Africa and Australia was withdrawn.

AMERICA.

A fire at the Burlington Dock, Chicago, destroyed two elevators containing over half a million bushels of grain.

Fishing Schooner Sunk.

The German training ship Freya ran down and sank the fishing schooner Maggie May in a dense fog on the Newfoundland Banks.

Nine of the Maggie's crew were drowned, the remainder being rescued by the crew of the Freya.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr James Ferris, of the Waikato, leaves Auckland this week on a visit to Belfast, Ireland.

Captain J. O'Sullivan, Director of Military Stores, Wellington, came up from the South by the Barawa last week.

Mr. B. J. Hamlin, who has been station-master at Pakena for over 20 years, has been appointed to the Otahuhu station.

Mr Thomas Courtney, associate editor of the "Sydney Daily Telegraph," with Mrs. and Miss Courtney, is visiting Auckland for the week.

Mr Belcher has resigned the secretaryship of the Dunedin Wharf Labourers' Union, but retains the secretaryship of the Seamen's Union.

Mr. Rolleston, who has been appointed Board of Trade Commissioner in New Zealand, leaves London by the Athenic. His headquarters will be in Wellington.

Mr. A. P. Mackay, manager of the Kaipoi branch of the Bank of New Zealand, accompanied by Mrs. Mackay, is visiting Auckland on a month's holiday.

Mr. M. A. Phillips, general manager in New Zealand for Henry W. Peabody and Co., of New York, is visiting Auckland for the fleet celebrations, and is staying at the Grand Hotel.

The Rev. T. Evershed, M.A., of Devonport, has resigned the vicarship of Holy Trinity Church, on the grounds of ill-health. The resignation takes effect from February 1 next.

Major Robinson, whose term of engagement as Director of Engineer Services on the Staff of the New Zealand Defence Forces has now expired, will leave for England by the Arawa next month.


Another old colonist has passed away in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth Howell, widow of the late Mr. James Howell, of the 70th Regiment. The deceased arrived in New Zealand on May 27th, 1862, in the ship Mendin.

Major Robinson, whose term of engagement as Director of Engineer Services on the Staff of the New Zealand Defence Forces has now expired, will leave for England by the Arawa next month.

Canon MacMurray, the Bishop's Commissary, has appointed the Rev. T. J. Parry, M.A., who has been working on the home mission staff of the North of Auckland, as vicar of the parochial district of Mt. Albert-cum-Avonvale.

Miss Akemi Hori, the first State-registered Maori nurse in the Dominion to qualify by examination, has been transferred from the Napier Hospital to St. Helen's Maternity Home, Christchurch, where she will undergo a further course of training.

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