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### GIGANTIC THEFT AROUSSES FRANCE

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Liquidator of Religious Or-  
ders, Are Made Use of by  
the Opposition

### MILLIONS STOLEN FROM PROPERTIES

Swindler Shown to Have Sub-  
sidized Large Number of Per-  
sons—Receipts Are Signed  
in Cipher

PARIS, March 12.—The scandal in connection with the liquidation of the property of religious orders has aroused political passions in France to a pitch only comparable with the Panama, Dreyfus and Boulanger affairs. The entire country is shocked, but the moral side is overshadowed by the political side.

The opposition is preparing to exploit the affair in the coming elections, and strange enough, the backing of the adherents of ex-President Combes, who are intriguing to return to power. It may try to overthrow Premier Briand on Monday, when the debate on the interpellation concerning the embezzlement of Duez is expected in the chamber.

It is believed that the liquidation of the church properties was taken advantage of by political spoilsmen in preceding administrations. The developments in the affair are amazing. The authorities have not been able to get the receipts signed by Duez. It is believed that the stock gamblers, but they have discovered shady enterprises in which he was engaged.

Martin Gauthier, an accomplice of Duez, was arrested today admitted to having embezzled \$400,000 from Stanislaus College. In connection with the affair, promises big developments.

### VANCOUVER LADY KILLED

Victim of Automobile Accident in Seattle While on Way to Aviation Meet

### BLOWN TO ATOMS

CHICAGO, March 12.—The city of Chicago will spend more than \$30,000 a year to stamp out the Black Hand, an ordinance drawn yesterday by the Council Day on the suggestion of Chief Police Stearns, to pass the city council. It will be introduced for the appointment of a civil service examination of 30 or more "foreign operators," the salary of each to be \$1200 per year. This squad will be an adjunct of the police department.

### TRAINS GET THROUGH

No Further Interruptions to Traffic on Canadian Pacific—Delayed Trains Come

### WORK ON G. T. P.

Section Between McLeod River and Tete Jaune Cache Soon to Be Under Construction

YANCOUVER, March 12.—Early this morning summer Messrs. Foley, Wells and Stewart, the contractors, will have under construction the entire section between the Grand Trunk Pacific railway between the McLeod River and Tete Jaune Cache, a distance of 180 miles. About 15 miles of the Premier Briand on Monday, when the debate on the interpellation concerning the embezzlement of Duez is expected in the chamber.

### MAY BE STRIKE OF COAL MINERS

Possibility That Failure to Agree on New Wage Scale Will Cause Great Walkout in Central Field

CINCINNATI, March 12.—The coal miners are not talking strikes, and don't want to strike, but if a strike must follow a failure by this conference to agree upon a new wage scale, 600,000 men and every industry dependent upon coal will be affected.

### SCHOONER LUCY WAS BLOWN NORTH

PORT TOWNSEND, March 12.—With her ladder empty, the schooner Lucy was towed here last night from the Cape. The Lucy sailed from San Francisco February 20 for the Umpqua river and six days later she was thirty miles off the mouth of the stream. A strong gale sprung up from the south-southwest, which drove the little craft under double reefed sails to a point off the Columbia river.

### LADYSMITH WINS

NANAIMO, March 12.—At Ladysmith today the home team defeated the Victoria A. O. F. by three goals to nil, winning the Island soccer championship. The visitors being completely outclassed. At half time the score was two to nothing. The home team scored in the first half, and the visitors in the second half, the visitors disputing the goal. Lorimer for Victoria and Dowell for Ladysmith were the best men on the field.

### HAS REPORT UPON SURVEYS

Canadian Northern Engineer Has Checked Up Projected Route of Island Division of Railway

### D. D. MANN COMING TO HASTEN WORK

Mr. D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern, is leaving Toronto for the coast this week, and is expected to come through to Victoria direct, to take in hand arrangements for the immediate inauguration of operations on both mainland and island sections of the Canadian Northern Pacific.

With regard especially to the Victoria & Barkley Sound section of the new transcontinental road, it now develops that even while the legislature was considering the associated measure identified with the ratification of the agreement with the Canadian Northern and the incorporation of the British Columbia company, Mr. Wickstead, the chief locating engineer of the Canadian Northern, was going carefully over the route of the Victoria & Barkley Sound Railway Co., and generally overlooking the line of march. His report has been completed, and he has now left for Toronto to lay it, with his suggestions, before his principals.

### AVIATOR INJURED AT SEATTLE MEET

Charles Hamilton Hurts Himself and Wrecks Machine by Involuntary Dive Into Pond at Meadows

SEATTLE, March 12.—Chas. K. Hamilton, the aeronaut, was injured at the aviation meet at the Meadows this afternoon when his airplane took a dive into a pond. He sprang from the Providence Hospital, and is believed to have sustained internal injuries.

### TEN BOUTS FOR J. B. A. A. TOURNNEY

Ten bouts, or thirty rounds of milling, are assured those who attend the Vancouver Island championship boxing tournament next Wednesday evening at the A.O.U.W. hall under the auspices of the James Bay Athletic Association. Yesterday another entry was received for the 135 lb. class. Treman, an employee of the B. C. Electric Railway Co., is the new aspirant for honors. He will compete with Cowan, the Y.M.C.A. crack.

### REVEALSTOCK MAN DIES SUDDENLY

REVELSTOCK, March 12.—Thomas Skelton, a well known pioneer land-scape gardener of Revelstoke and vicinity, died suddenly while sitting on a bench in the park here. It was not known that he was dead until a companion attempted to arouse him by pinching his nose and was startled to find that his mate had preceded him on a longer journey.

### FOR RECIPROCAL USE OF CANALS

Canadian Vessels Supposed to Have Right of Passing Through New York State's Artificial Waterways

### MATTER MENTIONED IN OTTAWA HOUSE

Premier States That State Had Enacted Necessary Legislation, Which Was Afterwards Upset by Regulations

### RAILWAY SETTLEMENT

B. & O. Road Concedes Wage Increase and Other Points to Conductors and Trainmen

### MAY MEAN TARIFF WAR

WASHINGTON, March 12.—James Macdonald, editor of the Toronto Globe called upon President Taft today to talk over the tariff situation at the White House. The president informed Mr. Macdonald that the tariff experts who had been sent to Ottawa were preparing a report, which would be submitted to him by Monday, and he would then be in a position to discuss with him the tariff situation. The report, which is somewhat strained because of the inability of the experts to reach an satisfactory agreement with the Canadian government for the acquisition by the United States of the right of transit terms accorded by the Dominion to France, in the special tariff arrangement between Canada and that country.

### WIN CHESS MATCH

NEW YORK, March 12.—Great Britain's best chess player, J. H. Wood, won the honor of being the first to win the Newnes trophy to the British, in case of another American defeat.

### OLD AND TOUGH

NEW YORK, March 12.—Although he is 72 years old and very feeble, Philip Bender of Long Island City will be taken to Sing Sing prison next week to serve a term of four years and nine months for burglary. He will be the oldest convict in the prison. Bender finished a heavy sentence for bigamy only a few months ago. A few days later he was arrested on an indictment of vagrancy, but was saved from prison by a Long Island farmer, who took him to the farm and agreed to care for him. Bender repaid his kindness by a slap over the head and a neighboring town some weeks after.

### HEIRESS DROWNED

LAKKWOOD, N.J., March 12.—The body of Miss Helen Bloodgood, daughter of Wm. Bloodgood, of New York, and an heiress to a large fortune, was found in Lake Caratage this afternoon. The young woman disappeared from her home on Wednesday night.

### GERMANY'S AIRSHIP EXPERIMENTS

COLOGNE, Germany, March 12.—An extensive series of aerial evolutions, approaching as near as possible to actual warfare conditions, have been arranged to begin here April 1 and continue for six weeks. Three of the most recently constructed airships, the Goppelin, Parsival and Gross, representing the rigid, flexible and semi-rigid systems, will be used, and a large number of army officers and engineers will receive instruction in the art of manoeuvring the airships. Practical experiments with wireless telegraphy will be made between the airships themselves and also between the flying machines and the land stations.

### FATAL FIRE IN BOSTON

BOSTON, March 12.—A fire which caused damage of \$200,000 and resulted in the death of one fireman and a serious injury to another, destroyed the workshop of the Boston and Maine railway in the south end today. Two firemen, Captain Lannigan and hoseman Hartman, were buried under a falling wall. Tonight Captain Lannigan died of his injuries. Hartman will recover. The heaviest loss came through the destruction of a large amount of valuable machinery. The fire started from the explosion of a gas can at the second floor of the three storey brick building at Harrison avenue Albany street and Union park.

### RAILROADS OF THE WEST IS THREATENED

Brotherhood of Firemen and General Managers Fail to Reach Agreement—Great Blockade of Traffic Probable

### REACHED HONOLULU UNDER JURY RIG

Ship W. F. Babcock Puts Into Hawaiian Port Listed to Starboard in Need of Repairs

### C. P. R. LINE CLEAR

VANCOUVER, March 11.—Passenger and freight service on the main line of the Canadian Pacific through the Selkirk and Rocky Mountains has resumed, all the slides having been removed from the tracks.

### FIFTIETH YEAR

### ALL PEACE PLANS STILL GO AWRY

Efforts to Secure Mediation in Philadelphia Labor Troubles so Far Resulted in Failure Yesterday

### PRESIDENT TAFT DOES NOT SEE WAY

Bankers Also Refuse to Act—Journeyman Bakers Apparently Inclined to Join Ranks of Strikers

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—Two of the four mediums through which the people of this city hoped a strike settlement might be reached were today practically eliminated as possible assistance in bringing an end to Philadelphia's labor troubles. Yesterday it was hoped that either President Taft or the Bankers of Philadelphia, the National Civic Federation or the local conciliatory bodies would find a way to end the strike. The first two mediums were virtually abandoned.

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Whether the National Civic Federation will agree to "go over" the strike situation and to a settlement can be forced to take action remains to be seen. The Civic Federation has declined to act unless both parties appeal to it, but the offer was sent today to Seth Low, head of the controversy. Mr. Low tonight sent this reply: "Under the existing conditions National Civic Federation would gladly offer its services if you can assure me that the offer would be acceptable to both sides."

### REACHED HONOLULU UNDER JURY RIG

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 12.—A tentative proposal that he act as arbitrator between the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company and the striking street car men and the striking street car men of that city was made today by former Governor Hiram W. Folke, by Charles H. Burton, who claims to represent both sides, and who came to St. Louis from Philadelphia to see Mr. Folke.

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