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RAILWAY MAN DEAD.
John Strachan, General Agent of the Erie Railway.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 24.—John Strachan, for many years general agent in Toronto of the Erie railway, and one of the best known officials among railway men is dead, aged 67 years.

TORONTO FIRE.
One of the Exhibition Buildings Totally Destroyed.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 24.—The National history building at the exhibition grounds was totally destroyed by fire shortly before noon today.

OIL IN ONTARIO.
Well at Wheatley With Fifty Barrel Capacity.

Wheatley, Ont., Oct. 24.—A valuable oil well was struck here yesterday. It is estimated that its capacity will be 50 barrels a day.



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Prince of Teck's Gold Watch Has Been Found on the Ophi.

Joint Survey Between Canada and New York State in Progress.

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KING'S BIRTHDAY.

His Majesty's Wishes Sent to the Governor-General.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 24.—(Special).—The Governor-General has received a cablegram from Nicola, Joseph Chabambain to the following effect: "It is His Majesty's wish that the usual birthday dinner in the colonies be given in 1901 and 1902 on November 14th, the day on which His Majesty's wishes as far as Canada is concerned."

C. P. R. SURVEYS.

Two Parties in the Field in Similkameen Country.

Vancouver, Oct. 24.—(Special).—The Canadian Pacific railway have parties surveying the route for a railway in the Similkameen country, from Spence's Bridge to Nicola, and so on through the valley. There are two survey parties, one starting at Keenecome and one at Spence's Bridge. The parties will work under another meeting at Spence's Bridge. It is claimed that the object of the C. P. R. is to estimate to approximate the cost of such a road, with a view of submitting a proposition to the Provincial government at its next session to build a road through the Kootenays to the Boundary country via Spence's Bridge, Nicola and Princeton.

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Sails this Morning

The Ophi Leaves New Foundland on Final Stage of Royal Trip.

Children Present Dog and Cart For Little Princess and Her Brothers.

Duchess Taken With Faintness During Reception at Government House.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 24.—The programme of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York was carried out today amid frequent rain showers. The Royal party landed at 11 o'clock, not any of them wearing uniforms, and drove to the Government House, under an escort of mounted police, through streets lined with sailors and marines from the fleet. At the Government House, Sir William White-way, chairman of the Citizens' committee presented an address of welcome, to which the Duke replied in suitable terms.
The Governor of Newfoundland, Sir Cavendish Boyle, then presented the people's gifts, two splendid caribou heads, mounted for the Duke, and two albums containing photographs of native scenery. The Duke, later laid the commemorative stone of the new court house, where children numbering 5,000 in the rink, presented the Duke and Duchess with a Newfoundland dog, harness and cart for the Royal children. The Duke thanked them.
The only function this afternoon was a reception by the Duke and Duchess in the Government House, which was attended by about 500 persons. When the affair was partly over it was suspended for a time as the Duchess became somewhat faint in consequence of the disordered condition of her stomach. The reception closed at 10 minutes past 4.
The Royal party drove to the dock and went on board the Ophi, where the Duke and Duchess rested for a few hours, returning at 8 o'clock to attend the state and banquet at the Government House, and to drive through the city at 10 for a view of the illuminations. At 11 o'clock the Duke and Duchess returned to the Ophi, which will sail for England at daylight tomorrow.

SCHELEY ON THE STAND.

Gives Testimony on His Own Behalf in Inquiry.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—Admiral Scheley today took the stand in his own behalf at the court of inquiry, which is investigating his conduct as commander in chief of the fleet during the Santiago campaign. He was summoned a few minutes after the court convened at 2 o'clock for the afternoon session and when the court adjourned at 4 o'clock he apparently had only got well under way in his testimony.

SCOTTLISH LIBERALS.

Pass a Resolution Calling For the Party to Unite.

PILOT AGAINST SHAH.

Not so Serious as at First Reported.

WEDDING CATASTROPHE.

Ninety Out of a Hundred Guests Suddenly Stricken With Strange Malady.

Bath, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Physicians of this place were today telephoned to hurry as fast as possible to Cass Corners, Campbell creek, where a wedding at South Heron, all of which places are hamlets within a short distance of Bath. The aid of the doctors was needed to attend about 90 people who were suffering from symptoms, the nature of which has not yet been determined. One hundred guests were at the wedding party last night of Clarence and Miss Nellie Thomas, at the home of James Thomas, of Cass Corners. After the party over 90 of them, including the officiating clergyman, the Rev. George Chivers, were prostrated by the illness. Grant and Stewart of this place, who answered the call, today report that some cases are serious, though not necessarily fatal.

CANADIAN FISHERMEN.

Admiral Hopkins Pays High Tribute to Them as Sailors.

Toronto, Oct. 24.—The Evening Telegram's London cable says: "Admiral Hopkins, at a dinner given by the London Chamber of Commerce, said that if some one would make a movie by holding up a hand in favor of the idea, ten thousand of the forty thousand Canadian fishermen would join in the past year. Those who had joined in the past had proved to be the very best seamen."

REFORMED CHURCHES.

Montreal, Oct. 24.—The semi-annual meeting of the executive committee of the Western section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the world was held here today. Delegates being present from all sections of Canada and the United States. It was decided to hold the next meeting in Pittsburgh in April, 1902. No business of public interest was transacted.

ISTHEMIAN CANAL.

London Spectator on the Subject of Construction.

London, Oct. 25.—The Spectator, dealing with the question of the Isthmian canal, says: "The Isthmian canal, made by the United States, opened to the world on equal terms and held so strongly by that no power at war with Great Britain will be able to violate its neutrality, the British nation will realize that, instead of the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, proving an injury and sustained such injuries that it is against the United States enemies in case of war, whatever jurists may say. We should do the same in case of the Suez canal."

BULGARIA PROCEEDS.

Says Miss Stone's Abduction Did Not Take Place in That State.

Sofia, Oct. 25.—It is semi-officially asserted that no section has yet been declared in Bulgaria. The Bulgarian government is determined to annihilate the Bulgarian army and to deal with the Bulgarians who complicity shall be proved. Great resentment is being expressed in the country on account of Bulgaria of a crime committed in another state.

TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

New Professor of Mineralogy Appointed by Ontario Government.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 25.—(Special).—The Provincial government has appointed Dr. T. L. Walker assistant superintendent of the geological museum in the University of Toronto.

CAUGHT BY THRESHING.

Farmer Injured Seriously at Georgetown, Ontario.

Georgetown, Ont., Oct. 25.—(Special).—Robert Swackhammer had his right arm caught in the belt of a threshing machine and sustained such injuries that it is hardly possible he will survive.

Nurses in St. John N. B. Hospital Attacked.

SEVENTEEN CENT COPPER.

Amalgamated Company Curtails Output to Keep up Prices.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 25.—The announcement is made that the policy of the Amalgamated Copper company to curtail production in order to keep the price of copper up to 17 cents is now in force. The Anaconda and Boston and Montana mines and smelters have been closed, and the suspension will only be temporary.

INVITED TO LONDON.

Sir Robert Bond Asked to Attend King's Coronation.

St. John's Nfld., Oct. 25.—During the Royal tour today Sir Robert Bond received an invitation from King Edward to attend the coronation ceremonies in London next June as the representative of Newfoundland. The cruiser Diadem will precede the Ophi, and will connect by wireless telegraph with the welcoming cruisers near the Irish coast.

ROSSLAND SHIPMENTS.

Report of Ore Output for the Past Week.

Rosslund, B. C., Oct. 26.—The ore shipments from the Rosslund camp for the week ending tonight total 5,600 tons, made up as follows: Le Pot to Northport, 2,400 tons; Trail, 1,800; Le Pot No. 2, 900 tons. The total for the year to date is 242,378, and for the period since the resumption on September 21st 25,070 tons. Since work started 523 men have applied for work, and this is approximately the number at present working. The total late production being unwatered and work will be resumed on November 4. This will add substantially to the weekly shipments.

SALE OF SHARES.

A Large Purchase of Pacific Improvement Stock.

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The Fast Service

Lord Strathcona and Dominion Ministers Discuss Proposed Canadian Line.

North West Territories Are Making Demand for Provincial Autonomy.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Receives an Invitation to the King's Coronation.

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Ottawa, Oct. 26.—Lord Strathcona was in the city again today and had another long conference with Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Fielding on the subject of a fast Atlantic service. It is believed that the High Commissioner acquiesced the ministers with Sir Christopher Furness' views on this subject. Some considerable time was spent discussing the conditions of the proposed service. Lord Strathcona still retains his preference for Sydney as a summer port of call for the proposed line.
The conference between Messrs. Haultain and Sifton, representing the executive for the North West Territories and sub-committee of council, took place today. The North West delegates presented a strong plea in support of their contention that the Territories should be given provincial autonomy.
A striking figure at the coronation of His Majesty next June will be the Premier of the Dominion. It is understood that all colonial premiers are to be invited to attend, the idea being to make the coronation ceremonies as impressive as possible, and to keep the representative of every portion of the territory under British rule. A formal invitation to Sir Wilfrid has just been received.
Although Australia has adopted a protective tariff, it is not thought that the Government for the present will abrogate the Canadian preference now enjoyed by New South Wales as it is admitted that the new tariff is largely experimental.

THE FIRST OF ONE HUNDRED

French Minister of Marine's Remarks at Launch of New Cruiser.

Brest, France, Oct. 26.—Presiding at the launching of the cruiser Leon Gambetta, the Minister of Marine M. de Lanessan said she was one of a new contingent of upwards of 100 warships. Unless unforeseen difficulties occurred abroad the naval programme would be completed in the time fixed by the chamber and then France would enjoy at sea the security of her numerous solid battalions assured her on the continent of Europe. While the French vessels were more costly, they were also worth more than the ships of other maritime nations. The French navy was directing its efforts to the fighting quality of its ships rather than to numbers. Only strong nations could hope to preserve peace and liberty.

WHITE MURDER TRIAL.

Counsel Occupy Seven Hours in Addressing Jury.

Brantford, Ont., Oct. 25.—(Special).—Counsel in the White murder case occupied seven hours in their addresses to the jury today, and by doing so made the verdict which was expected this afternoon impossible. When court adjourned it was a difficulty for Mrs. White to get from the dock to the witness stand. The day was almost entirely given to addresses. Mr. Hoyd, prisoner's counsel, spoke for three hours and forty minutes, and Mr. Anglin for three hours and twenty minutes.

BROKEN OFF.

Bulgarian Government no Longer Negotiating With Brigands.

London, Oct. 26.—According to advices to the Morning Leader from Sofia, dated Tuesday, October 22, any negotiation that was pending between the Bulgarian authorities and the abductors of Miss Stone has been broken off. A despatch from Sofia says that the Bulgarian government has decided to discontinue negotiations with the brigands, and that they are to be treated as ordinary criminals.

MISS STONE'S RANSOM.

Report from Constantinople That Negotiations Are Proceeding.

Constantinople, Oct. 24.—The missionaries who are operating from Samakov, Bulgaria, are at last in touch with the brigands who abducted Miss Ellen M. Stone and her companion, Miss Talka, according to despatches received here today, though whether negotiations for the ransom have actually been opened is not stated. The missionaries at the spot are expected to conclude the business with the utmost despatch.

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SPANISH SENATE.

Government Asked Regarding Treaty With the States.

Madrid, Oct. 26.—In the Senate today Senator Molina interrogated the government regarding the negotiations being carried on between Spain and the United States for a commercial treaty, and the earnest desire of the shipping interest in Porto Rico that a treaty be concluded. The foreign minister replied that the government wishes to do everything to promote national prosperity.

SAFE BLOWERS.

Secure Plunder Valued at a Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Berea, Ohio, Oct. 26.—The hardware store of Lawrence & Brightman, in the heart of the village, was entered today; the large safe wrecked and the robbers made good their escape carrying with them booty worth more than \$100,000. Baldwin University, the nearest school, C. C. Brightman, junior member of the firm is also treasurer and trustee of the Baldwin district, and all of the valuable papers of the institution, including bonds, deeds and notes of the university, which were left in Brightman's custody were kept in the safe, and these were secured by the robbers. Many of the notes held by the university were of long-standing, and bore numerous endorsements, making it impossible to produce them in duplicate.
A fact regarded as most singular is that the explosion of the safe was heard by persons residing a half a mile north, and more than that distance south of the centre of town, while those residing in the business district heard nothing. The force of the explosion was most terrific. The safe was constructed on fire and burglar proof principles, yet the heavy doors were twisted from their hinges, as if made of paper, and large pieces of the safe doors were embedded in the walls of the building, one section weighing 50 pounds being blown clear through a board partition into an adjoining room. Six men are believed to have been engaged in the affair.

Germany And United States

Berlin Press Sceptical of Proposed Pan-American Congress.

Alliance Between Uncle Sam and Latin Countries Regarded as Chimerical.

Berlin, Oct. 26.—The Pan-American congress at the City of Mexico has caused much press discussion here, the general tone of which is belittling and sceptical of its success. It is interpreted as being a scheme of the United States to increase its influence over Latin-America. Any alliance between the United States and the latter is regarded as chimerical, owing to the racial differences, the only connection between them being pronounced to be mere geographical.
"Heraphroditus" says the Berliner Neueste Nachrichten, "pan-Americanism is more lacking in a practical basis than pan-Slavism." The paper continues: "The pan-American idea is solely capable of development on the basis of the subjection of all America to the hegemony of the United States. The responsibilities of Anglo-Saxon and Latin-American nations are greatly separated territorial conditions and the composition of the populations, that a closer union is only conceivable upon the pre-emption of a decided predominance of the United States."
Dr. Hans Wagner discusses the subject at length in Der Tag. He says the Monroe doctrine no longer means anything for Americans, but North Americans. Dr. Wagner hopes for an international combination which will prepare a well-merited grave for the "beautiful Monroe phrase."
The Cologne Volks Zeitung calls this Utopian, and also regards Dr. Wagner as being wrong in thinking President Roosevelt intends to adopt a harsher policy towards Great Britain.
The Cologne Volks Zeitung refers to alleged attempts in United States newspapers to create an anti-German sentiment by the assertion that Germany wants to establish colonies in South America, admitting that the pan-German newspapers have given abundant cause therefore. The paper classifies the whole idea as being among the most splendid castles in the air. The Cologne Volks Zeitung also says it will be 100 to 1 that suspicion will be cast upon Germany's policy because she has decided to establish an information bureau in Berlin for emigrants under the protection of an official who was formerly agent in South America.

U. S. PRESIDENT.

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