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Caldwell's Case.

London, Feb. 17.—The report that
Robert Caldwell, the American who
gained considerable notoriety during
the recent hearing in London of the
Druce case, has been committed to
an asylum in the United States came
as a surprise here. It is understood
that a representative of the British
Home Office will make an independent
investigation of the alleged commit-
ment in New York. If this agent is
satisfied of the genuineness of Cald-
well's insanity the extradition proceed-
ings against him on a charge of per-
jury will be stopped, otherwise steps
will be taken to have the ruling of the
court set aside.

ISLAND'S VOICE IN COMPLAINT

Little Province's Grievances
Again Ventilated in House
of Commons

IMMIGRATION IS DISCUSSED

Mr. Pringle Proposes Series of
Amendments to Banking
Act

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Private members' day in the house was taken up with the grievance of Prince Edward Island in the matter of railway facilities, the need of extending free mail delivery to the municipalities adjacent to Moncton, the utilization of the services of students with technical knowledge on public works and the old story of immigration.

Mr. Wilson, of Lennox, and Addington gave a long disquisition on the need of better inspection and selection of immigrants, moving an amendment to that effect, and argued that the United States did those things much better than we did.

A characteristic complaint from Prince Edward Island was voiced by Alexander Martin, of Quebec, who moved for all papers in possession of the government respecting the construction of branch railway lines in that province. The railway reports, which showed that large sums of money were paid in the island in railway construction, were not correct.

What was needed by the people of that province was that the original comprehensive scheme before confederation of equipping the island with branch railway lines should be carried out, and this could be done without a very large expense. The industry of the government was confined to the time of a general election, when there was much activity in regard to surveys; then when the fight was lost or won, there was nothing done further. Confederation had done little for Prince Edward Island in comparison with what had been done for the other provinces. This was due to the neglect of the government in the matter of railway development.

Mr. Graham argued that from 1870 to 1896 there had been expended for construction of railways in the island \$340,650. From 1896 to 1907 the present government had spent \$3,550,000. He could assure the members from that province that a full investigation of the need of railway lines would be made, and if possible would be met.

The talk on Mr. Cocksbutt's resolution doing away with assisted immigration was first moved on July 15th, was objected by Mr. Wilson. He strongly urged the policy of the government in bringing in Doukhobors and such classes. He had a strong suspicion that the North Atlantic Trading company was still the power behind. Mr. Wilson wanted a more careful selection of those from which immigrants should be sought and a more rigid inspection and the abolition of the bonus system. This was seconded by Mr. Elgin. Mr. Cash moved the adjournment of the debate and the house adjourned at 11:30 p. m.

R. A. Pringle, M. P. for Cornwall, will propose today to the house a motion calling for amendments to the bank act.

1. To provide for government inspection of banks.

2. To provide more stringent regulations as to circulation.

3. To make provisions as to percentage on capital and reserve that may be loaned to any one borrower.

4. To make provisions as to percentage that a bank may loan to its connected directors.

5. To limit the amount of interest or discount that banks may contract for.

To revise the powers of the bank's association.

Mr. Pringle will also ask for the appointment of a royal commission to investigate the whole banking situation in Canada.

For Dominion Fair.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—A deputation representing the city council and the central Canada Exhibition association, accompanied by the city members, who waited on the city council, were met by the mayor, who expressed his sympathy for a Dominion fair here in 1909, was informed that it is the turn of another province but should its claims be urged. Ottawa might stand a good chance of securing it.

BRITISH PREMIER MAY LEAVE OFFICE

Sir Henry Does Not Recover
Health—Not Likely to Be-
come Peer

London, Feb. 17.—Rumors were numerous tonight in the lobbies of the House of Commons of the imminent translation of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman to the peerage from the premiership.

Inquiries in the best informed quarters, however, indicate that the premier's position has not changed since the latter part of January, when it was said that he would give his attention to the more important matters of state. Sir Henry is still far from regaining his robust health, and, therefore, unless he becomes stronger, some definite course must be taken.

It is understood, however, that no decision is likely to be taken before Easter, when, if he still finds the duties of the premiership too great a tax, he will resign his position in favor of Herbert H. Asquith and retain his seat in the Commons, rather than accept a peerage, thus following Gladstone's example.

Toronto Unemployed.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Three hundred unemployed marched to the city hall this morning and asked for work. They claimed the labor bureau established by the city has not worked out properly, and that while regular men are given steady employment, men who are unemployed are not given any work. There were 2,500 registered at the bureau waiting work. No promise of work was given.

MINERS CAUGHT BY DREDGE

Twenty-Eight Men Imprisoned
in Part of Pennsylvania
Colliery

STRONG HOPE OF RESCUE

Gangway Where Men Are Con-
fined Filled for Distance
of 350 Feet

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 17.—Twenty-eight miners were imprisoned in the Midvale colliery, near Mount Carmel, today by the breaching of a dam of water which had formed in a drift, gangway where the men were at work. All day long a party of rescuers endeavored to reach the entombed men, and about 4 p. m. they were given encouragement by the sound of digging from the inside. Later a shot was also heard, indicating that the men were at work to effect their own rescue, and also giving assurance that the air is good.

Among the men entombed are a number of experienced miners, and it is believed that it will be possible to effect a rescue of all the men unless some should have met death by being smothered in the rush of mud when the gate broke through the gangway.

Several of them are Americans. They are P. Robert, miner, Mount Carmel; George Smith, driver, Mount Carmel; Wm. Farley, loader, Connorsville; Jos. McGovern, sorter, Midvale; Albert Ford, loader, Mount Carmel; Charles Becker, miner, Midvale; Bernard Shannon, miner, Midvale. The other entombed men are foreigners.

The men had been employed in number 4 drift of the eastside gangway, driving to the surface. The drift was heavily rained and the last few days had caused a large amount of water to accumulate in number 2 drift and the pressure became so heavy that it finally broke through and a great sea of mud flowed into the gangway where the men were at work. It filled for a distance of 350 feet, and it will be necessary to dig through the barrier of mud to get to the workmen from this direction.

Three different rescuing parties have been put to work in an endeavor to release the entombed men. One force is digging away the great bank of mud which filled the headway, another gang is engaged in driving a headway from an adjoining headway, while a third has been put to work at a point where the entombed men were to have driven the heading to the surface from the gangway in which they are now imprisoned.

It is believed that the last-named gang will be the first to reach the entombed men. Great crowds of people have gathered around the mine, and have announced their intention of remaining all night. They include the families of the entombed men.

CINCINNATI'S TURN TO FEEL THE FLOODS

High Water Stage Expected
Today—Rivers Recede at
Pittsburg

Cincinnati, Feb. 17.—The flood stage of the Ohio river at this point, 50 feet, will probably be reached tomorrow. Prospects of a higher stage depend on weather conditions at up-river points, but at least 55 feet is the expected stage. This would seriously cripple all train service to the Grand Central.

Already along the Ohio river, thousands of acres are inundated, many people have been driven to high ground, and much damage has been done. Acute suffering, however, will not ensue until the 50-foot stage is reached. Riverside parts of Seaside, Pittsburg bottoms and sections of the river towns will be inundated.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 17.—The rivers in Pittsburg and its suburbs have receded to the limits of their banks, and the flood is over.

Friends fear that David Reed, a steamboat fireman, and Edward Hesse, who had been drowned in two Pennsylvania avenue houses that collapsed during the flood, nearly a score of others had narrow escapes. Steel and iron mills and other industrial plants have begun the cleaning up process, and some of them will be able to operate tomorrow.

Many families are in distress on account of the flood, and charitable institutions have demands far in excess of their resources.

The body of one man was found floating in the river today, and two others are missing. Over 20,000 men are temporarily thrown out of work. Thousands are living in the second floors of their houses, and the patrolmen in shifts are distributing the necessities of life. In one of the homes a woman gave birth today to a young son, and it has been named Robinson.

Efforts to reach the bodies of the two men who were drowned in the houses that collapsed have been abandoned. The bodies of the two men who were drowned in the houses that collapsed have been abandoned.

Conservative estimates place the damage done to \$2,000,000.

Wholehearted relief, Feb. 17.—The crest of the Ohio river flood was reached at 9 o'clock with 42.7-10 feet. It is expected to recede this afternoon. All railway lines and railroads except the Pennsylvania and two lines of the Baltimore and Ohio are out of commission. All the flooded streets are frozen over. Hundreds of destitute families are being cared for by the board of trade and the city authorities.

Young Hargis' Defence.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 17.—In the defence of B. H. Hargis, who is expected to be indicted tomorrow for the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis, the expenses will be paid out of the \$50,000 which is the boy's share of his father's large estate. Counsel for young Hargis will claim self-defence, that his father choked him and knocked out several of his teeth before the son fired.

RUSSIA EXCITED OVER WAR IDEA

Matter of Readiness for Con-
test With Turkey Comes
Up in Duma

MOVEMENT ON FRONTIER

Ambassadors of Several Coun-
tries Look on Affair as a
Bluff Game

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—The alarmist reports of the possibility of hostilities between Russia and Turkey, which have permeated all strata of Russian society have now assumed the proportions of a veritable war scare, to which the official press is devoting its biggest headlines. The situation is taken seriously, not only in military circles, but also by conservative politicians.

M. Guchkov, the leader of the majority in the Duma, tonight announced his intention of raising at the next meeting of the national defense committee the question of the nation's readiness for war, which he believes is of most vital importance in view of the news from Caucasus and all parts of Europe. He also proposes to interpellate the minister of communications on the ability of the railroads, trans-Caspian, to transport troops quickly to the south and southwestern frontiers.

M. Kovinski, the vice-commissioner, stated that the situation is grave, and takes issue sharply with a number of generals who appeared before the commission and stated that in their opinion the possibility of hostilities this year was excluded. The general staff continues to give the situation the most serious consideration.

Since the Emly Reed struck, however, state that for several months there has been an unbroken movement of Siberian troops to the southwest in the direction of trans-Caspian districts. Turkish troops, from which points they could be most easily concentrated on the Turkish frontier.

Tiflis advises to the Associated Press that the Russian army is steadily making for any eventualities.

A competent diplomatic opinion, however, takes a more optimistic view. The ambassador of five of the leading powers, when interviewed today, considered the possibility of hostilities as being almost out of the question. They gave it as their opinion that the Turkish mobilization in Asia Minor and the warlike preparations in Russia are parts in the "gigantic game of bluff," which, neither side would be inclined to finish on account of lack of sinews of war.

Turks on the Move.

Tiflis, Feb. 17.—Reports received here from Armenia declare that all the Reddi or Turkish army service forces in Van, Mush and the other vilayets of Asia Minor, have been called to the colors, and are proceeding there for mobilization. At the same time, a league of all the Turkish revolution parties is increasing the revolutionary agitation. Appeals and proclamations are being issued exhorting the population to protest in every way possible against the warlike plans of the Sultan. The league holds that war would be raising an army of 1,000,000 men, as there is a famine in Asia Minor. At Tiflis the apprehension of hostilities has not abated. The Russian military authorities have ordered that all horses in the Caucasus suitable for military purposes be registered. The doctors of Tiflis held a meeting to discuss the possibility of a case of war. The concentration of Turkish reserves on the Persian and Russian frontiers in Asia Minor, if confirmed, is a source of great difficulty with Persia. Turkish troops crossed the Persian frontier in the vicinity of Urmiah and committed depredations. Russia, under her treaty obligations to Persia, objected to this, and commenced the concentration of a strong force on the frontier of the Caucasus. This show of military aggression was thought to have been sufficient to put a stop to the Turkish aggressions, but the Russian movement was and volubly been discontinued. If the reports from Armenia are true, the difficulty down in Asia Minor, which is connected with the railroad aspiration of the powers in the Balkans, may assume serious aspects.

SUNDAY CAMPAIGN WAS TOO STRENUOUS

Winnipeg Police Commission-
ers Decide to Moderate
the Pace

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—The announcement that the police commission had decided to display more reason in the prosecution of Lord's Day act violations created much satisfaction throughout the city, especially among business men.

The police expressed relief. They made no rounds yesterday, and probably do nothing more in that direction until the more important cases now on the lists are disposed of. Some will be made today.

The commissioners' decision was in reference to a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction throughout the city over the methods of the police who were acting under the police commission's instructions not to discriminate. The feeling became so acute that the Lord's Day Alliance thought it necessary to disavow responsibility for the crusade. Rev. W. M. Rochester issued a lengthy statement to that effect.

Lawyers Look to Pockets

Toronto, Feb. 17.—It is not likely that the proposed government resolution looking to the measure of law reform will be introduced in the legislature at once. The attorney-general has received a number of communications from the bar association of the province in opposition to the measure. The principal objection to the bill appears to be that it will cut down law costs.

LIFEBOAT FROM THE EMLY REED

Mate and Two Seamen With
Cook's Body Reach Neah
Bay on Sunday Night

ROWED OVER 200 MILES

Shipwrecked Men Suffer Terri-
bly Without Food or Water
and Cook Succumbs

Port Crescent reports that a lifeboat from the wrecked ship Emly Reed, which drove ashore near the mouth of the Nehalem river, Oregon, last Friday, reached Neah bay Sunday night with first mate M. Scube and two seamen, Arthur Janukie and Ewald Abdelstedt, with the body of the cook, who died Sunday morning from privation, in the bottom of the boat. The three survivors are emaciated and suffering terribly from the privations they have endured. They had no water or provisions.

This message received by the Colonist yesterday morning told of the terrible experience of more survivors of the Emly Reed, which left Newcastle, N.S.W. November 3, with a cargo of coal for Portland and was wrecked when nearing the Columbia river last Friday. Six survivors, including Capt. Kersel and wife, Second Mate Thompson, and three seamen, Sullivan, Franchise and Bertell, reached the Oregon coast in one of the ship's boats soon after the disaster, and reported the remaining eleven of the crew had been lost. Four of these, however, had escaped in another boat, which was driven ashore with awful hardship, for nearly 200 miles and more, to Neah bay, having been unable to land previously owing to the heavy sea and high surf.

Since the Emly Reed struck, and soon afterward broke up, spilling her cargo along the shores for two miles or more, on Friday last the four men had rowed until fatigued, with not a bite of food or any water to slake their thirst. For two days they starved, fighting their way with energy born of the desire for life, until Sunday night when they found Cape Flattery in a long-rolling swell, and reached Neah bay where sympathetic residents who gave them food and shelter.

The revenue cutter Perry, which had been commissioned to remain at Neah bay to give assistance to shipwrecked men when required, pending the construction of the life-saving tug constructed for use at the Neah bay station was at Seattle coaling when the news of the arrival of the survivors was received and proceeded yesterday to take the shipwrecked men on board and convey them to Seattle.

GET OUT OF CHINA

Celestial Empire Said to Be Preparing
to Issue Mandate to Euro-
peans

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—At a meeting in the Young Men's Christian association headquarters the Rev. N. G. Poon Chow, editor of the Chinese World, told his audience that China was raising an army of 1,000,000 men to drive the European nations from the empire.

"But she will never be a menace to America," said the editor, "because among other things we have learned recently is that the United States is the only nation on earth with a conscience."

The journalist talked on "China's possibility and the church's responsibility," and he interspersed his address with epigrams and figures of true Chinese terseness.

"China," he continued, "is just awakening from her slumbers and she is getting ready to go to war. When she does, she will send Germany, France, Russia, England and other robbing and robbing nations home in a hurry. If Russia ever tries again to grab any Chinese territory we will fill her full of glory holes, just as Japan did. China was denied to be the greatest nation on earth."

Massey-Harris Official Dead.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 17.—Geo. A. Whitaker, assistant manager for Ontario of the Massey-Harris Co., died this morning. He leaves three young sons.

Suicide's Funeral

Toronto, Feb. 17.—James J. Feehley, who shot himself after attempting to kill his wife, was buried in St. Michael's cemetery today. Roman Catholic clergymen refused to conduct a service, but there was no ceremony by the Canadian Order of Foresters. Neither Feehley's parents nor his widow would pay the cost of burial.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., February, 1908.

Date	Time	High	Time	Low	Time	High	Time	Low
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The time used is Pacific Standard for the 12th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height are distinguished. High Water from Low Water.

The height is in feet and tenths of feet above the average level of the lowest Low Water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the Datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

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