

LABOR PROBLEMS ARE DISCUSSED

In House of Commons—Borden's Structures on Work of North Atlantic Trading Co.

Ottawa, December 17.—When the motion to go into supply was reached today an interesting discussion took place. It was opened by Mr. R. L. Borden, who again brought up the matter of the North Atlantic Trading Company. He stated that according to the government returns during the past three years, the company had not made a profit, but an expenditure of \$31,428, and thus made a profit of \$181,591, or an average of \$60,530 per year.

Mr. Oliver answered "No." That statement covered the government's knowledge only, and the government had no knowledge whether the company proposed to make claims for damages. Mr. Owen (Con.) asked for the names of the N.A.T. company. "I don't know," replied the Minister of the Interior, "and I do not care any more than I care for the shareholders of the C.P.R. or any other company. We made a contract for the work and when the results were not satisfactory we cancelled it."

ITALIAN LABORERS KILLED.

Negroes Slaughtered—Two Others Seriously Injured.

Monroe, Ala., Dec. 17.—Another Italian was killed, standing among negroes in Trenton, La., by negroes, making three Italians to lose their lives on account of prejudice against their replacing local lumber mill laborers at Chathamville, La. Two other Italians were wounded near Chathamville and 23 were robbed.

LORD KELVIN, SCIENTIST, DEAD

Great Scottish Scientist Whose Researches Have Benefited World Died Last Evening.

London, Dec. 17.—Lord Kelvin, the noted scientist, died this evening. He was 84 years of age. Lord Kelvin was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1824. He was a physicist and mathematician. He is best known for his work on the second law of thermodynamics and the absolute temperature scale.

RUSSIA WARNS CHINA.

Japan and China Must Come to Terms at Once.

Peking, Dec. 17.—The Russian government has warned the Chinese government that unless Japan and China within a reasonable time came to an agreement similar to that embraced by the Russo-Chinese telegraph convention, signed last October, Russia will present its notification that this convention terminates with the year.

RAILWAYS OPPOSE W. F. MCLEAN'S BILL

They Claim that the Reciprocal Demurrage Clause Would Be Impracticable.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—C. M. Hayes, William Wainwright and George Biggar, representing the G.T.R. and Charles Drinkwater, representing the C.P.R., today interviewed the minister of railways with reference to the proposed legislation for this session affecting the railway companies. The railway representatives presented their objections to the railway act proposed amendments to the railway act which are already in force.

THE WORLD ARMS; FRANCE DISARMS

Attention of France Brought to This Fact by Letter in Temps, Parisian Newspaper, Showing Preparations of Other Countries.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Le Temps last evening gave a conspicuous place to a remarkably pointed article under the caption of "The World Arms, France Disarms." It was intended to demonstrate, that while the whole world is increasing its armaments, this once powerful military nation is, relatively speaking, disarming with a tacit expression of willingness to accept the consequences of such a policy.

DOMINION FAIR BY-LAW

Voted on in Calgary—Passed by Large Majority.

Calgary, Dec. 18.—By an overwhelming majority the ratepayers of the city yesterday decided to raise thirty-five thousand dollars to add to the building fund already provided for the Dominion fair, which is to be held here from June 29 to September 1, 1910.

TO-DAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, December 18.—The wheat markets today have been fairly strong but nervous and erratic. Liverpool was higher and closer 2 1/2, higher than yesterday. The American markets opened firm and a shade higher, but became nervous, fluctuating between 1 1/2 and 1 3/4.

G.T.R. WILL APPEAL

From Decision of Railway Commission To Enforce Two Cent Rate.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Representatives of the Grand Trunk Railway Company will appear before the Railway Commission on Friday next to ask for a reversal of the decision of the commission of the board of July last providing for second class fares at two cents per mile on at least one G.T.R. train per day each way between Toronto and Montreal.

A GREAT COUNTRY.

A. Harrison, Who Was in Edmonton, Speaks Before London Society.

London, Dec. 18.—Before the Royal Geographical Society last night, A. Harrison read a paper entitled, "In Search of an Arctic Continent." He gave a glowing account of the far north, where he travelled in a flat boat. He said: "The country one passes through from Athabasca Landing to the Arctic is full of vegetation, but the water power is abundant and natural gas comes out for miles along the bank of the Mackenzie river. If railways were run to this great waterway the benefits would be great."

LAI D OUT THE FIRST EDMONTON TOWNSITE.

Montague Aldous, Who Has Retired From Land Department of Hudson's Bay Company, is Well Known Throughout Whole of West.

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