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A TOUCHING SCENE

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Faloniki cable: The body of the slain King George of Greece after embalming was moved from the hospital to the palace. A humble military stretcher, borne by Prince Nicholas, son of the late ruler, and several of the King's aides-de-camp, was the centre of the procession of mourning.

It was as a king that George lived, but it was as a soldier that his popularity won its height, and it was as a soldier that his body was carried through the streets. Close to the wooden platform were military men of high rank, resplendent in the gold braid and splendor of their position, while back from them came the rank and file of the army, whose clothes were soiled and shabby, whose bodies bore wounds won in fighting, under the leadership of the King, the nation's foe, Christian and Muslim, civilian and soldier, Crete and Greek, thronged the streets. The procession passed by the spot where King George was shot down yesterday.

Before the palace a troop of light infantry, picturesque in their kilts and tasseled caps, was drawn up. The wide entrance way was clear, and at the head of the steps, just inside the hall, a bier had been prepared. Before it stood the Metropolitan.

The procession slowly mounted to the hall, and the stretcher bearers placed their burden upon the bier.

BOLDIERY AND CIVILIANS WEEP.

The Metropolitan then read a prayer, while the thousands of heads within sight were bent. Those who were not within earshot could see plainly, and as the priest chanted his solemn words many burst into tears. The soldiers were not more dry-eyed than the civilians.

Then the soldiery and the people were allowed to file past the body, while the honor guard, composed of priests and military men, remained close to the bier, kneeling.

These ceremonies were over when King Constantine arrived. He hastened directly to the palace and met his brother, Nicholas. The King fell on his brother's neck, sobbing, when they met. After he had recovered his composure, he was led past the body of his father.

Later from another room in the palace, the King assumed command of the troops, and then gave orders about the removal of his father's body to Athens. This will probably be done tomorrow. The King himself will leave here at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. He will take his oath of office on Friday.

THE ASSASSIN TALK.

King Constantine heard from Col. Francoudis, who captured the assassin, the story of the shooting.

A prolonged examination of the assassin, Schinas, produced nothing that would indicate that the assassination was the result of a plot or that he had an accomplice. The man is not mad, but a degenerate and a profligate. He studied medicine at Athens and qualified for his degree, but he never practised. After this he taught school for a while. Then he became an idler and sank to the level of a booby. He talked socialism and anarchism on various occasions, but has been for a long time without any serious occupation and was often in the direst poverty. His family repudiated him long ago.

The assassin's answers to questions were frequently contradictory. At one time he intimated that the murder was in revenge for his repulse at the palace at Athens when he asked for assistance.

Schinas also talked about socialistic equality. He said he expected to die soon of neurosthenia, and wanted "to die famous."

Queen Olga, accompanied by several of the members of the royal family, is now on her way to Salonika. She suffered greatly from the shock of the announcement of the King's taking off, but before her departure showed that resolution which had actuated her early in the war in going to the field to care for the wounded.

TOLSTOI'S ESTATE

Will Go to Peasants as He Willed It.

Tula, Russia, March 24.—The will of the late Count Tolstoy, providing for the partition of his Yasnaya Polyana estate among the local peasantry, will be carried out by means of a notarial deed, by which 1,847 of the total area of 2,489 acres will be transferred by Count Leo's three sons, Ilya, Michael and Andrew, to his daughter, Alexandra, in compensation of \$200,000, which she has raised chiefly from the sale of her father's works. The rest of the estate, including the manor house and the portion where the Count is buried, will remain in possession of the widow.

The daughter, Alexandra, now becomes the owner of the greater part of the estate, which she will turn over to the peasants on the basis of a rent and lease in perpetuity, the whole probably to be under the supervision of the Tolstoy Society. It will be left to the peasants to subdivide the land according to their needs.

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HOME MISSIONS

Presbyterian Board Meeting in Toronto.

Want Government Aid For Indian Work.

Toronto despatch: It is reported at the meeting of the Presbyterian Home Mission Board yesterday, by Rev. Dr. Somerville, treasurer, that the general contribution of the church showed a most gratifying increase of \$115,000 over that of the year before. This brings the total contributions to about \$1,000,000. Of this increase, \$59,000 is for the Home Missions, while \$10,000 more of this increase is for augmentation.

Following the report brought in on the work among the Indians, especially those in the Northwest, the board look the stand that the Dominion Government should build and equip all buildings for school purposes. The Indians were the care of the nation and the Government should look after them. It was also suggested that the Government make adequate provision for preserving the results of the education thus given to the Indians by giving them permanent occupations, especially along agricultural lines. This would prevent them from drifting back to their less civilized people and thus going back again to their old habits.

Mrs. West, representative of the W. H. M. S., addressed the board regarding the newly-organized Department of the Stranger. This work affects the immigrant from other lands, and also those migrating from one part of the country to the other. By it the Church keeps in touch with the members of the church who change their location. The results already obtained quite justified the work. So widely has the good quality of this work become known that a number of enquiries as to the working of the system have been received from several foreign countries. The question of summer schools was referred to the committee on Young People's Societies and Sunday Schools. Arrangements are being made, however, for summer schools to be held at Goderich and Geneva Park.

NEW KING TO ARMY

Constantine of Greece Ad- dresses His Soldiers.

Parliament Acclaims the Nation's Ruler.

Athens, Greece, March 24.—From the fortress of Janina, which he recently captured from the Turks, King Constantine addressed his first message to the Greek army to-day in the following words:

"The impious outrage on the sacred person of King George deprives us all of our leader at a moment very critical for the whole Hellenic nation. I am now called by Providence to succeed my never-to-be-forgotten father on the throne on which he for so long shed lustre and honor.

"I bring this news to the knowledge of my army to which I have devoted my whole life, and with which unsuccessful and successful wars have indissolubly bound me. I declare to it that marching always at its head I will never cease to concentrate my whole solicitude to my land and sea forces, whose glorious exploits have brought greatness and renown to our fatherland.

Premiere Venizelos, on announcing the death of King George to the Chamber of Deputies to-day, eloquently eulogized his Majesty's services to his country during his long reign, and referred in laudatory terms to his successor, King Constantine. When the Premier asked the chamber to acclaim Constantine as the new King the deputies responded with cheers, and the people in the galleries joined in the manifestations.

The leaders of the Parliamentary Opposition afterwards paid tributes to the late King, one deputy describing him as "that national martyr who has fallen at his post while guarding the interest of the nation." The Chamber of Deputies decided to go into mourning for six months, and a proposal to erect a national monument in honor of the dead King was voted by acclamation.

HORROR AT THE HAT

Details of Catastrophe in Albertan City.

Medicine Hat, Alta., despatch: Five are dead and ten are known to have been injured in the gas explosion here last night. The fire department was called to attend a fire in the Western Canada Cold Storage and Packing plant building, and were working at the fire when the building, full of escaping gas, was blown up.

A curious people, drawn by the fire, flocked to the scene, and were in close proximity to the building when the catastrophe occurred.

Three of the walls—two sides and the front—were blown out and raised high in the air. Those in the pathway of the flying debris were buried alive. They were fleeing for safety when death overtook them, and just getting out of the door or distant from the building a few feet, when an avalanche of bricks and timbers overtook them, and they were mowed down in their tracks. That the list of dead and injured should be so small is miraculous.

The force of the explosion totally ruined the building, which was one of the best built plants in the city. The bricks were blown to dust by the explosion, and huge timbers broken, like matchsticks.

Dead: Reginald Rimmer, 21, fireman, buried in ruins, body recovered six hours after the accident.

William Green, 13, died on way to hospital.

Charles Behanoun, 24, head crushed, came here a few days ago from Boston.

William Stewart, fireman, well-known painter, head crushed.

Johnston Briar, city employee, head crushed.

Badly injured: James Craig, William Lannon, Joseph Revest, Crist Topp, Wm. Buchanan, William Long, D. Sanderson, James Connor, Sam Schmidlan.

There were many more or less injured and discharged from hospital after being treated; others, but slightly injured, went home.

Fear of another explosion held the rescue back. It was feared that all the gas might have not spent its force; and that explosions might follow. The force of the mighty explosion was enough to extinguish the fire, for it did not make its appearance again.

BLONDE EKIMOS GET RELIGION

Dawson, Y. T., March 24.—Christianity has been carried to the Blonde Eskimos. Among the northernmost and remotest of the white people, whose existence was reported to the civilized world by Vilhjalmur Stefansson a year ago, the Rev. Mr. Fry, a missionary of the Church of England, is now at work. The fact is reported by Sergeant Dempster, of the Canadian North-West Mounted Police, who returned yesterday from Herschel Island.

Dempster relates that the missionary first landed in Ulton and Uela Straits, last summer, accompanied by four Mackenzie Delta Eskimos. His news is the first brought from the Arctic since then.

PREFECT OF PARIS QUILTS

Paris, March 24.—Louis Lepigne, the popular prefect of Paris police, resigned office to-day, after 20 years' service, interrupted only by an absence of two years in the department of Algiers from 1897 to 1899. Mr. Lepigne is 67 years of age. He served through the Franco-German war in 1870 as a sergeant-major in the fortress of Belfort.

KINGSTON CHILD SHOT.

Kingston, despatch—Norma Richards, aged 12 years, is at the Hotel Dieu as a result of being accidentally shot while she was visiting on Corrigan street. It appears that she was sitting on a chair in the dining room, when without warning a 22-calibre revolver, picked up by the hostess to show her visitor, went off and the bullet entered the child's head. She is expected to recover.

BANK STATEMENT

February Report Shows Fi- nancial Improvement.

Ottawa, March 24.—The February bank statement, out to-day, furnishes some slight evidence of improvement in financial conditions. Circulation has increased by three millions, current loans by eight millions, and call loans outside by three millions. Domestic call loans are stationary. The figures for February, compared with January, follow:

Circulation	\$97,208,113	\$94,575,054
Demand deposits	349,961,830	354,518,964
Notice deposits	630,467,518	635,000,056
Deposit outside	91,868,886	83,284,404
Liabilities	1,232,299,981	1,247,586,414
Call loans, Canada	71,286,799	71,376,510
Call loans, outside	95,229,407	92,387,847
Current loans, Canada	882,112,798	874,705,616
Current loans, elsewhere	37,873,798	40,098,146
Assets	1,491,418	1,485,457,458

POPE IS ILL AGAIN

Physician Fears He Will Not Last Long.

Former Delegate to Canada May Succeed Him.

Rome, March 24.—During the past two days the Pope has suffered from insomnia and loss of appetite. The liquid diet which he has been taking has failed to overcome the weakness resulting from his illness. To-day, on his name day, the feast of St. Joseph, he was compelled to remain in bed and for the first time since he was ordained a priest was unable to celebrate mass on that occasion.

Professor Marchiava, the Pope's physician, said to-night that he was afraid that the Pope would not last long, in any case he will not resume his audiences for a month.

GOSSIP AS TO SUCCESSOR.

Paris, March 24.—Rumors which reached here from Rome to-day in regard to the serious illness of Pope Pius X started gossip as to his possible successor. The name most frequently mentioned is that of Cardinal Domeglio Falconio. A prominent Catholic prelate said to-night:

"Cardinal Falconio is the man above all others who would satisfy the clergy and laity. He is an Italian, although a naturalized American citizen. He is a diplomat who knows Europe thoroughly. He has been apostolic delegate to the United States and Canada. He is aligned with no clique or clan. He is modern and up-to-date. He is noted for his piety, being a member of the Franciscan Order. There could be no objection to him from any quarter."

"How about Cardinal Rampolla, the Secretary of State under Pope Leo XIII.?" asked the correspondent.

"Well," replied the prelate, "it was some time ago that he would be a strong candidate for the succession, but things have changed. The present Pope has broken up all the old cliques and relegated the former prominent men to the background. Besides that, Rampolla is too old. If he were elected it would be necessary to elect another Pope in a few years."

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NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

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LASH FOR A BRUTE

Montreal Friedmann Patient Makes Much Progress.

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Ernest Brown, architect, of Regina, Sask., has been appointed Deputy Minister of Public Works, succeeding J. F. Robinson.

Professor Ramsay Wright, of Toronto, has been appointed the Canadian delegate of the International Congress of Zoology at Monaco.

Miss Marie Dubois, one of the patients treated in Montreal by Dr. Friedmann last week, has made most marked progress towards recovery.

Peter Adams, charged with setting fire to the factory of the Brantford Cordage Company some weeks ago, was exonerated by Judge Hardy.

John Hinds, an American highwayman, who was captured by a Vancouver policeman Monday morning, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

James Sherlock, a fire department driver for 25 years in Ingersoll, was seized with paralysis while exercising his team and died shortly afterwards.

Christopher Begram was found dead in bed at his home just outside St. Thomas. The deceased was 40 years old. He is survived by his widow and one son.

James Paresse, one of the men injured in the pistol duel at Niagara Falls, is dead and the condition of Antonio Strange, the other man shot, is said to be hopeless.

While out shooting with a friend, Wm. Barrett, Ridgeway, aged twenty-five, was injured so severely by buckshot from the accidental discharge of a shotgun that his life is despaired of.

Pulp and paper manufacturers from all parts of the Dominion are meeting in Montreal, their intention being to form an organization similar to the American Pulp and Paper Manufacturers' Association.

While the aviator Primares was flying from Milan he fell 900 feet into Lake Lugano and disappeared. His body has not been recovered. The lake is very deep and the body is probably entangled in the wreckage.

endeavoring to pass in front of an automobile on River street, Toronto, while on his way to school, Gordon McCormick, the ten-year-old son of Mr. Andrew McCormick, was struck by the machine and fatally hurt.

Two years less one day in the Central Prison and twenty lashes was the Judge's sentence on Robert H. Wood, in the Toronto sessions. Wood was found guilty of indecently assaulting a child five years of age, the offspring of the people with whom he boarded.

OLD BRITAIN LEADS

New Army Airship is Best in the World.

London, March 24.—The British army possesses the best aeroplane in the world, and has perfected a type of flying machine far superior to any in the possession of other nations, according to Col. John Seely, Secretary of State for War, who caused a sensation by making this announcement in the House of Commons when introducing the army estimates to-day.

For British purposes, Col. Seely said, the great problem had been to secure an aeroplane that could fly both slow and fast. The British army now had machines that had beaten 80 miles an hour, and which also were able to reduce their speed to 40 miles an hour. An army biplane yesterday had passed all the tests at an average speed of 91.2 miles an hour.

Col. Seely said the British army would have 148 aeroplanes by next May. He claimed that Great Britain had deliberately rejected large airships as being useless for her purposes. The War Department was devoting its attention to small dirigibles which could be picked up and sent abroad with expeditionary forces.

The Secretary for War said that the mechanical problem of repelling attacks on air craft had been solved by experiments carried out by the army service.

WINDSOR APPEALS TUNNEL CASE.

Toronto, Ont., despatch: Mayor Gray, of Windsor, accompanied by a number of prominent citizens, interviewed Hon. Dr. Reame, Minister of Public Works, this morning, and made a vigorous protest against the decision of the M.C.R. tunnel. It was pointed out that the City of Detroit collected taxes on their end of the tunnel, and the decision was manifestly unfair to the City of Windsor. Reame replied that it was a matter of law, but he would take it up with the Cabinet and see if any relief could be secured.

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CANADA WINS

Prize For Best Oats on the Continent.

Columbia, S. C., March 24.—Canada has just gained world-wide renown for its oats, the growers of this prize-winning cereal being J. C. Hill & Sons, Lloydminster, Sask., who have been awarded the Colorado trophy for the best bushel of oats shown at the National Corn Exposition held here.

This prize of \$1,000 was open to the whole of the North American continent. J. C. Hill & Sons are now famous as growers of prize oats, as they captured the \$1,000 prize for the best bushel at the Columbus, Ohio, Corn Show last year. The family belong to the Barr colonists, and ten years ago when they left London they had absolutely no knowledge of farming. Since starting in the west, however, they have given up most of their time and efforts to growing oats.

SPEND \$1,000,000

Is Plan for Northern Ontario Roads.

Work in Many Districts This Year.

Toronto despatch.—While the legislators have been discussing the propriety of the method adopted by the Government for the expenditure of the \$5,000,000 grant to New Ontario, Mr. J. F. Whitson, who has been placed in charge of the work, has been quietly preparing his report, and that interesting document was tabled yesterday afternoon by Hon. W. H. Hearst.

Last year Mr. Whitson spent \$208,446 out of the fund, and cut or improved 233 miles of road. This year he proposes to spend \$1,000,000. Work for the current season will be carried out in the districts of Rainy River, Kenora, Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Algoma and Saint Mary's, Nipissing and Ontario west for the same distance, and northeast of Port Arthur for a distance of fifteen miles.

In the district of Thunder Bay some of the roads recommended are trunk lines through the agricultural sections tributary to Port Arthur and Fort William, extending northwest along the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Pacific Railways for a distance of thirty miles, south and southwest for the same distance, and northeast of Port Arthur for a distance of fifteen miles.

In the district of Sudbury there will be trunk roads to agricultural and mining sections west and north of the town, and northeast through the Wahmanitau Lake district, and a mining road north of the Shining Tree district. The Sudbury-Soo trunk road will also be pushed under the grant. In Timiskaming roads will be constructed along the Elk Lake, Carlton and Charlton branches of the T. & N. O. Railway, extending west to the Montreal River, and east for a distance of twenty miles. Also short roads will be cut into the more important parts of Gowerland and Swastika districts. A road will also be constructed into Porcupine, and shorter roads into the townships along the railway between Matheson and Coburne. The district along the National Transcontinental, from the Quebec boundary to about sixty miles west of Coburne, will be opened up for a length of twelve miles on each side of the line. Nipissing and Algoma districts will each have a certain amount of work done during the year. In the latter district the principal construction will be around Hearst, where the Alcona Central effects a junction with the National Transcontinental.

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