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It is thought Italy may even try to force the Dardanelles and dictate her terms of peace with Constantinople.

Russia's Attitude.

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### It is Believed Premier Will Try to Crush Rebellion by Force

Nanking, Nov. 25.—(Wireless to Shanghai).—The rebel forces to-day captured Tiger Hill fort, outside the walls of the city, which commands the city and river. Several big guns were taken. A number of Imperialists have joined the rebels.

Imperialists Repulsed.

Pekin, Nov. 25.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai's position is becoming more intolerable daily. Neither the Manchus nor the Chinese trust him, and the Manchus are becoming more suspicious.

The moderates do not hesitate to say that if Yuan had remained at Chang Pei the court would now be at Jehol and the rebellion ended.

Many believe that while Yuan is reassuring them with a view of obtaining a loan and placating the merchants with pretended peace measures, he is in reality intent on crushing the rebellion by force.

The continued fighting at Hankow and near Nanking is taken as lending color to this belief.

The Imperialists after an attack on Hankow, that lasted 36 hours, were repulsed last Thursday and driven back across the Han river with great loss.

Populace Aroused.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 25.—Efforts on the part of Premier Yuan Shi Kai to prevent numerous provinces from declaring their independence has aroused the populace of those provinces, and the people are clamoring to have the officials who have done the premier's bidding imprisoned, according to a Hongkong dispatch received to-day by the Chinese Free Press.

The premier telegraphed to the new authorities urging them to use every effort to prevent the people from declaring against the Manchu government.

### McNAMARA TRIAL

### Work of Selecting Jury Delayed by Death of Brother of a Juror.

Los Angeles, Nov. 25.—Death which has hovered over the progress of the McNamara murder trial, struck to-day Charles Sexton, brother of Juror J. B. Sexton, died after an extended illness at 7 o'clock and Judge Bond was adjourned court until Monday morning. It was stipulated that Sexton could go home at any time he wished with permission of the court.

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### Vancouver, Nov. 25.—Walter J. Nichols, of 815 Richards street, who is employed at the C. P. R. stores, at the corner of Drake and Homer streets, was seriously injured by the elevator yesterday. He was engaged in unloading the elevator when it dropped some distance below the floor, and then raised again. His shoulder was caught under the floor and his neck and the side of his head were lacerated. The police ambulance was called and he was removed to the General hospital.

### FLAT RACING OVER.

London, Nov. 25.—Flat racing closed for the season to-day when the November handicap was won by Mr. Richard Brassey's Ultim'us 2 to 4. J. Lang's Fort, 10 to 1, was second, and A. C. Mandarass Donnez Moi, 100 to 7, third.

MR. JUSTICE GRANTHAM ILL.

London, Nov. 25.—Mr. Justice Granttham, who recently visited Canada, is dangerously ill.

LIGHT ON TORY-NATIONALIST PACT

SIGNIFICANT SPEECH BY MEMBER FOR ZAMASKA

H. Bourassa Looks to Premier Borden for Relief for French-Canadians

Montreal, Nov. 25.—The opposition has sought strenuously throughout the debate on the speech from the throne for an explanation of the Conservative-Nationalist alliance, and it has been pointed out that there is nothing to explain. But if A. Monodou, member for Yamaska and avowed champion of Henri Bourassa, has the courage to speak for the government, then certain statements which he made yesterday afternoon at the resumption of the debate might be considered as having some significance in connection with the problem.

The leader of the Liberal party said the speaker, had disappointed the French people in Quebec on the Remedial Bill and in the north-west by depriving the French of their language. Mr. Bourassa had lost confidence in him.

"But," said Mr. Monodou significantly, "Mr. Bourassa now looks toward Mr. Borden and his party to solve these questions to the satisfaction of the minority." Whether the member for Yamaska spoke advisedly or not can only be conjectured. Few of the leaders of either party were in their seats when the speaker had finished and it was received with dead silence. Mr. Monodou's speech was throughout a championing of the Nationalist leader.

With the exception of a strong reference to Ne Temere Decree by J. H. Burnham, West Peterboro, little new matter was broached in the debate yesterday and the benches were sparsely occupied. The member for West Peterboro characterized the decree as a type of all attempts of the church upon the laws of the land, and denounced it as something which ought not to be tolerated. The Dominion member declared the speaker had power to deal with and legislate upon the decree under the B. N. A. Act. It had been in issue in Ontario and was one of the causes of the late government's defeat.

Alphonse Verville, who swept Malsouneuve in the recent election on the labor ticket declared that the recent Conservative victory was the success of trusts over the masses and indicated that the present government was partially at least under the jurisdiction of the trusts.

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### DUNCAN IS THE SCENE OF DISASTROUS FIRE

### It Destroyed Fine New Department Store and Spread to Adjoining Structure—Loss Was Heavy and Insurance Light

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Fire destroyed the three-story brick block of the Cowichan Merchants at Duncan this morning, and also burnt out their neighbors, the Odd Fellows block, with two stores beneath, and jumping across the street destroyed the livery stable of Keast & Blackstock.

Rain was falling at the time or else the conflagration would have been disastrous to the town, and most of the business premises in Station and Craig street would have also gone. However, the brigade under Chief Rutledge worked splendidly from the moment they received the call at two o'clock this morning, and at four had the blaze under control.

The cause of the fire, which is a mystery, had its origin in the handsome brick building of the Cowichan Merchants, general merchants, the finest building of the character on the island outside of this city. It was occupied about twelve months ago by the company, of which A. Peterson is managing director, upon leaving their old premises on the opposite side of Station street.

The premises were left safely at ten o'clock last evening, and no caretaker resides on the property, therefore it is impossible to know the incentive stages of the outbreak. The fine building was a mass of flames when the brigade arrived, and working with a 50-lb. pressure with 1000 feet of hose, and helped by a plentiful supply of water from the town main, they spent no efforts to check the conflagration, which was of a serious character. The flames jumped an alleyway between the Cowichan Merchants' property and the Odd Fellows block, a frame structure built more than a dozen years ago, and remodelled three years since, which houses on the street level the baker's store, and contained the lodge rooms of the Duncan lodge of the I. O. O. F. above. This property was soon

boys got on the scene the only thing to be done was to save the outside property. All worked hard and the force of water was good and three by drafts being used. By 2:30 the fire had the above mentioned buildings, the heat and water and all the buildings on the opposite side of the main street had their windows cracked and broken and the paint scorched. Luckily there was a very heavy rain and it is a wonder that the whole place was not wiped out. All the horses, harness and carriages were saved from Keast & Blackstock's stable. This building was to have been torn down shortly and this loss should not be so very heavy.

The Cowichan Merchants' building was a new brick three-story structure, the best one in the town. It carried an enormous stock, nothing was saved and they only hold a small insurance. W. P. Jaynes is president, T. Pitt, vice-president and Andrew Peterson, managing director.

Fire Chief J. Rutledge says everyone worked splendidly and they are not sure that the cause of the fire to the insurance. All the business men were called up over the phone and arrived in Duncan in all sorts of confusion, ready to help and to look after their own places.

Had this fire started in dry weather or had there been a wind of greater part of the town would have been destroyed.

ALLEGED SHORTAGE

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 25.—Elmer W. Moore, treasurer of the Federal Gas & Gas Company, has arrested his secretary on a capias issued by Judge Charles Orr of the United States circuit court. It is alleged that there is a shortage of \$100,000 in the accounts of the company. Moore's bond was placed at \$50,000, which a friend furnished.

SAVED BY C

Vancouver, Nov. 25.—An accident dismissed a party acting as a chauffeur, brought by Mr. and Mrs. Seventh Avenue West, Hall of the Hall Auto claim was for \$1,000. The chauffeur was fined \$25 for result of being run over by an automobile.

The accident happened according to the report of the coroner, and the driver, Thompson, who was mobile behind Mr. H. H. was coming down the hill at eight miles an hour, when turning a street children suddenly ran into the middle of the street and the chauffeur, who was driving at a fast pace, swept her towards the curbstone and the child fell. It is reported that it took her some time to get up and she was suffering from a broken leg. The case was dismissed.

THE DUKE AND

Ottawa, Nov. 24.—The Duke of York, who will not visit any more of the provinces in his term as governor Dominion.

NO NEW CITY FOR

By-law for Property Among Number Withdraw

Vancouver, Nov. 25.—The first reading of the by-law at the end of the second meeting of the city council yesterday was postponed by a vote of 10 to 5, which would stipulate a amount stipulated of \$57,050. The reduction of materially altered by by-law for the amount of \$510,000. The withdrawal of the proposal by-law for \$750,000.

INTERNATIONAL

New York, Nov. 24.—The international convention Show last night was the first victory for that more than fifty countries, two abreast, were Naughty Percy, Walter Brooks, York Tait, and Harmon P. A. Kennedy, Second of England, while the third aid fourth.

MUST MERGE

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 25.—The Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of America by July 1, next, or lose their charter in the American Federation of Labor, was the decision made yesterday at the convention of the two organizations.

After President Gompers had answered the attack made on labor by the Association in New Orleans, the convention adopted resolutions condemning the expression of confidence in Burns by the state secretaries' section of the bankers' convention.

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### LARGE EXPENDITURE BY CANADIAN NORTHERN

### Cheques Exceeding \$500,000 Will Be Paid to Contractors in B. C. This Month

Vancouver, Nov. 25.—The large amount of railway construction in progress in British Columbia is apparently a big factor in the prevailing prosperity. T. G. Holt, executive agent of the C. N. R., is authority for the statement that his company will issue cheques exceeding \$500,000 to contractors for work done on Vancouver Island and the mainland during the month of November. As the work will occupy at least two years more in completion at this average alone the company will have spent \$12,000,000. This, however, by no means represents all the expenditure of the company as hundreds of thousands of dollars will be devoted to acquiring right of way, terminals etc.

### IMMIGRATION SCHEME.

Vancouver, Nov. 25.—Arthur Hawkes, special Dominion commissioner of immigration, is on his way from Ottawa to Victoria for the purpose of securing the co-operation of the provincial government in a project for securing immigrants for British Columbia.

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