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BOYCOTT TO PUNISH CASTRO; FRENCH FLEET NEAR COAST

France May Take Revenge for Insult by Cutting Off All Commercial Relations.

Caracas, Thursday, Jan. 25, via Port of Spain, Trinidad, Jan. 27.—Twenty-five members of the diplomatic corps today delivered to the Venezuelan Government a formal joint note stating that they could not accept Venezuela's position that M. Taigny, the former French charge d'affaires here, had been deprived of his official character, and that he returned only as a French citizen at the time of his forced departure from this country. The diplomats have communicated the text of this note to their respective governments.

The Dominion Going Home.

London, Jan. 27.—The British admiral says that the rumors that the British battleship Dominion is going to Venezuela are groundless. She will leave Halifax this afternoon for home.

Protest Against Insult to Taigny.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Jan. 25.—The French armored cruiser De Saix, the Trousse, the flagship of Admiral Bevoe De La Peyrere, and the cruiser Jurien De La Graviere arrived here today from Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad.

Paris, Jan. 26.—President Loubet presided today at a council of ministers at the Elysee Palace, in the course of which it is said on good authority that a decision was reached relative to France's eventual action towards Venezuela.

The measures to be taken have not yet been made known, but it is understood that the United States has been advised of France's course of action, which is entirely approved at Washington.

Referring to the Venezuelan situation the Journal Des Debats today says:

"France does not need to ask the permission of other powers in order to give a lesson to President Castro. Venezuela has insulted France, which ought to inflict punishment. This would be very easy without risking diplomatic or other complications. Our squadron has merely to force the entrance to La Guaira, Porto Cabello and Maracaibo, and the United States probably would intervene and demand a settlement of the quarrel at the Hague, which would not be disagreeable to us after we have displayed our power; but we must absolutely affirm the principle of our rights and raise up the outraged French flag."

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—As a preliminary to a naval demonstration, France is now considering the initiation of a boycott of all Venezuelan products of which she is the largest foreign purchaser.

No plan of action has been finally determined upon, but the apparently complicated situation at Algeiras has caused a suspension in the programme (Continued on Page Three.)

MEXICO SUFFERS FROM COLD WAVE

The Poor in Capital's Streets Perish From Exposure—Temperature Remarkable.

Mexico City, Jan. 27.—The great cold wave which has caused so much suffering in Central Mexico and even on the Gulf coast has abated and the warmth of the sun has been most welcome after three days of clouds and north winds.

The police report that night before last twelve members of the lower class perished on the streets from cold and exposure, being poorly clad and most of them being victims of alcoholism. The cold produced congestion of the lungs, and the victims died sitting in the doorways of business buildings.

Governor Landia had built fires in the streets for poor people out at night. The poor have suffered greatly during this remarkable period of cold.

LONDON KNIGHTS SHONE

Temple's Fine Installation Work Astonishes Windsorites.

Windsor, Jan. 26.—The delegation of London Knights Templar arrived here this afternoon, and were courteously received by a deputation of the local members who after preliminary escorts them to the Masonic Hall, where work in the Preceptory of Installation was in progress.

At 3:30 p.m. a council of the Illustrations of the Red Cross was opened by the officers of St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, of Sarnia, who conferred the degree on several local brethren. Their work was very fine, and elicited praise from all who witnessed it.

Later the London Knights opened an assembly of the Order of the Temple, conferring the novitiate and installation ceremonies on the candidates.

At the close of these ceremonies an adjournment was had for supper, and shortly after 7 o'clock the Londoners once more took up the work, this time exceeding all previous efforts in the rendition of the consecration ceremony.

St. Elmo Preceptory of Stratford concluded the day's work by conferring the Order of Malta upon the newly-made Knights Templar.

Subsequently refreshments were served by the local caterers and a pleasant time enjoyed until train time.

C. P. R. TO ELECTRIFY SYSTEM.

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company are considering the advisability of substituting electricity for steam as a motive power, and are undertaking the necessary initial experiments in the operation of trains drawn by electric motors. The section between Montreal and Quebec will be first equipped and the tests will begin some time within the next six months. Should electric motor cars prove successful the system of electrification will gradually be extended to other C. P. R. lines. Shawinigan Falls will furnish electrical energy for the preliminary tests, and in the event of these trials proving a success Niagara Falls will undoubtedly be drawn upon for power with which to operate some of the Ontario lines.

STILL SMOULDERING

Toronto's Big Fire of Four Years Ago Not Extinguished.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—Contractor McGuigan, who is excavating in the area covered by debris from the great fire of four years ago, has come upon a spot where the fire is still smoldering. The excavations are being made for the recovery of the valuable building stone and other materials. Six and seven feet under the surface the excavators have found tons of paper still burning. At the bottom of the pile, where the fire has kept on burning, the ashes are as fine as flour.

DR. SHERATON BURIED

Head of Wycliffe College Borne to Last Resting Place.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—The remains of Rev. Principal Sheraton, of Wycliffe College, were laid at rest today in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The service at the house was private, being conducted by Bishop Sweetman, of Toronto, assisted by Rev. Canon Baldwin, Rev. C. J. James and T. C. Desbarres.

The pallbearers were Revs. Professor Wrong, B. Bryan, L. E. Skye, F. Williamson, T. B. Smith and F. J. Lynch. The services at the grave were conducted by Rev. Canon Cody and Rev. T. O'Meara.

The cortege contained representatives from the educational bodies and institutions of the city and Province.

SPOTS A NEW COMET

In the Northeastern Sky and Moving Towards Northwest.

Geneva, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Dr. William R. Brooks, director of Smith Observatory, and professor of astronomy at Hobart College, discovered a new comet this morning in the northeastern sky. Its position is right ascension 16 hours, 19 minutes and 30 seconds; declination north 47 degrees, 10 minutes. It has a moderate motion in a northwesterly direction. This is said to be the first comet of the year, and is the twenty-fifth discovered by Professor Brooks.

BRADT IS IMPROVING

Motorman Injured in Crossing Accident Doing Well as Expected.

Wm. F. Bradt, the street railway motorman who was injured in Thursday night's accident at the Richmond street crossing of the Grand Trunk, is doing nicely at Victoria Hospital, and should be able to improve at the present rate it will be possible to remove him to his home in a couple of weeks.

Bradt suffered injury to his back, but fortunately it will not affect his spine. The injured motorman is a brother of Mr. Ernest Bradt, of Dufferin avenue, with whom he resides. The latter's name was given in mistake in the report of the accident.

The other persons injured in the accident are reported to be doing well. The funeral of the conductor, Jutson Moore, will be held tomorrow. The employees of the street railway will attend in a body.

PERISHING ON BOARD VALENCIA; MINER OFFERS \$15,000 FOR RESCUE

His Gold Lay on the Broken Deck, No One Bothering About It.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27.—Among those who are supposed to have perished when the steamer Valencia went to pieces was J. E. Graham, a passenger, and with him went a bag containing \$15,000 in gold. Survivors of the wreck say that Graham frantically offered the money to any one who would place him on shore. But the others

THE SURVIVOR



Joseph Chamberlain—"Everything is lost but me eye-glasses!"—Toronto Telegram.

Committee Places Cost Of Institute at \$75,000

Three Departments Are To Be Requested—Maintenance Item \$12,000 a Year.

The committee named some time ago to frame up a document to be presented to the Ontario Government, asking for a hygienic institute for London, met in the city hall last night and completed its task. Dr. Roome occupied the chair, Dr. English acting as secretary. Copies of a circular which was also decided upon will be sent to 800 medical men and prominent citizens in the district west of Guelph, as well as to all the boards of trade, boards of health, etc., in the district. The co-operation of all such persons and bodies is asked to secure the institute for London, on the ground that it will be a direct benefit to the entire district which lies west of Guelph. The county councils of Middlesex, Elgin and Kent are also being asked to co-operate.

THEY CALL IT TORONTO THE GOOD

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Jan. 27.—The close of the Torrey-Alexander meeting in Toronto is being marked today by a presentation of a magnificent cabinet of silver to Dr. Torrey by the local committee. There is also something for Mr. Alexander. Four thousand five hundred hymn books have been stolen from the mission on the Massey Hall congregations, the books being valued at from 5 to 25 cents each.

COULDN'T BRIBE REPORTERS

Alleged Attempt of Beef Packers to Corrupt Press Collapses.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—The Record-Herald today says: The revelations from Washington, dealing with an attempt to influence public opinion in favor of the Chicago beef packers, were not wholly a surprise to the majority of the newspapermen who have been connected in a professional way with the Government investigation of the packing business. The federal grand jury which voted the indictments had been in session but a short time when certain newspaper reporters had been approached. Proof that offers of money had been made to reporters came into the possession of United States District Attorney Morrison while the grand jury was making its investigation. No evidence could be given, however, that any of the offers had been accepted. As a matter of fact, the Government's information was first obtained from newspapermen who had been given the indirect hint that they might make some "easy money" if they wished.

RUN DOWN AT LAST

Man for Whom Police of World Were Searching Caught.

New York, Jan. 27.—Central office detectives of this city arrested yesterday a man for whom they declare the police of the world have been searching for more than four years. The prisoner, who was picked up on the street by a mere chance, is declared to be James Munn, formerly an American bookmaker, who is wanted in connection with the famous Bank of Liverpool robbery of Nov. 22, 1901, in which the English institution, through forgery and conspiracy, was defrauded of more than \$800,000. Subsequently \$580,000 of this amount was recovered from the conspirators, the bank having sustained a net loss of more than \$400,000.

Gomel, Russia, in Flames; A Fresh Rising of Reds

Revolutionists and Peasants Battle With Troops—Hundreds Killed in Mutiny at Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—A dispatch from Gomel says that half the town is in flames and that fighting is going on in the center of the town between the troops and the revolutionists, who have been reinforced by the peasants of the surrounding districts. The disorder has extended to five counties around Gomel. The peasantry, as in the Baltic provinces, have deposed the old authorities and elected revolutionists to fill their places.

Killed Traitor in Hospital.

Lodz, Russian Poland, Jan. 27.—Three unknown persons today gained access to the hospital and killed with daggers a man named Lukizevski, who was shot and mortally wounded in the streets on Jan. 25. The murderers thus completed the sentence of the local revolutionary tribunal, which condemned Lukizevski to death as a traitor for informing the police of the location of bomb depots.

Mutiny at Vladivostok.

London, Jan. 27.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post says it

is reported that the Vladivostok Squadron mutiny resulted in casualties to the number of 200.

Burned Two Hundred Castles.

Wenden, Livonia, Thursday, Jan. 25.—The pacification of the Baltic Provinces is reaching the final stage, so far as the Agrarian movement is concerned. Nearly 250 revolutionists have been shot, several thousands are under arrest, and 5,000 rifles have been captured by the troops.

Generals Orloff, Meinhardt and Wendt are now operating in the Wenden district with 10,000 troops, completing a circle in which the revolutionists are being gathered. The generals have the names of the leaders of the revolutionists, who will be tried by court martial when caught, and either shot or imprisoned. The majority of those already executed were Lithuanian teachers or students.

The revolutionists have stopped burning buildings, but occasionally they fire on the troops. Altogether, the revolutionists in this district burned 200 castles, valued at \$4,000,000, without including the articles of value which they contained.

GERRY PRESIDENT OF LIBERAL CLUB

Alderman Chosen Head of the South London Organization—Cane Given Treasurer.

The annual meeting of the South London Liberal Club last night was held in the rooms, corner of the Worley road and Craig street, and was largely attended. Officers for the year were elected as follows:

Honorary Presidents—Hon. C. S. Hyman, Minister of Public Works, and Aid. G. W. Armstrong.
President—Ald. Gerry.
First Vice-President—Robert Southcott.
Second Vice-President—William Kennedy.

Secretary—Frank Millson.
Treasurer—John Laing.

Executive Committee.—The chairman of the different subdivisions and the officers-elect.

Mr. Laing, who has been the treasurer for the past two years, was presented with a gold-headed cane as a mark of the club's appreciation of his efforts. The presentation was made by Mr. F. E. Parnell.

A vote of thanks was also tendered to Mr. Frank Miller, the retiring secretary, and a vote of condolence with the family of the late Col. Leys was passed unanimously, and will be forwarded to the widow and family.

In addition to the South London Liberals, there were very many present from other parts of the city, several of whom made stirring speeches.

10 YEARS FOR CAPTAIN

For Failing to Have Fire Drill Aboard Inflated Slocum.

New York, Jan. 27.—Captain Wm. H. Van Schaick was today found guilty of criminal negligence in failing to have fire drills on the steamer General Slocum, which he commanded in June, 1904, when that steamer burned with the loss of over 1,000 lives.

He was immediately sentenced to ten years' imprisonment by Judge Thomas, of the United States district court.

The jury disagreed as to two other counts on which he was charged with criminal negligence by the employment of life preservers of poor quality on the steamer.

Will Be Made an Embassy.

Tokio, Jan. 27.—It has been decided to raise the Japanese legation at Rome to the rank of embassy, and it is understood M. Nuchida, the Japanese minister at Pekin, will be appointed ambassador to Italy.

LIBERAL MAJORITY OF EIGHTY OVER ALL OTHER PARTIES

FORMER MINISTERS LONG AND ASQUITH ELECTED

London, Jan. 27.—The voting is practically over and as a result of the general election the Liberals will find themselves at the meeting of the House of Commons, with a majority of over 80 above all the other parties combined. Only ten contests remain to be decided. The totals now are:

Liberals..... 371
Unionists..... 157
Irish Nationalists..... 82
Laborites..... 50

An interesting feature of today's returns was the election of Walter H. Long, former chief secretary for Ireland, who has thus wrested South Dub-

TEACHERS FAVOR A UNION MEETING

Three Associations May Hold One and Invite Noted Educationists—Officers Chosen.

A meeting of the London Teachers' Association was held this morning in the office of School Inspector Edwards, in the city hall.

President W. C. Ferguson occupied the chair. The association discussed at some length the advisability of holding a combined meeting of the East Middlesex, West Middlesex and London Teachers' Associations some time this year, probably in the spring, the object being to bring some notable educationists here to deliver addresses. It was pointed out that the three associations could muster something over 400 teachers, of whom about 160 would be from London, and that the combined sessions would be sure to prove very beneficial all around. The committee was instructed to bring in a report on the matter at once.

A resolution was adopted congratulating Mr. John McCool upon his appointment as public schools inspector of East Bruce.

The following officers were elected:

President—W. J. Snelgrove, of Lorne avenue school.
Vice-President—Miss Jeffery of St. George's school.
Secretary—Treasurer—Miss E. Johnson, Lorne avenue school.
Executive—Messrs. Ferguson and Beal, Misses Gahan, Farrey, Fleming and S. Macklin.
Auditors—Messrs. Wallace and MacRobert.

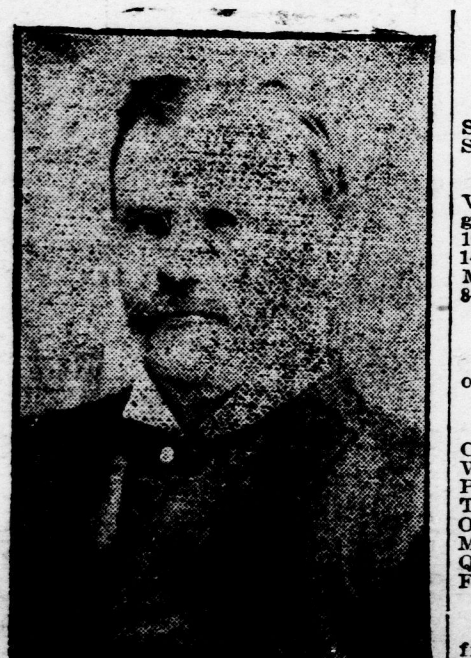
NEW C. P. R. LINER

The Empress of Ireland Successfully Launched at Glasgow.

Glasgow, Jan. 27.—The C. P. R. steamer Empress of Ireland was successfully launched today at Fairfield yards, Govan, in the presence of a large gathering, including many Americans and Canadians.

Tucker Dies June 10.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 27.—Charles L. Tucker, convicted of the murder of Mabel Page, of Weston, March 21, 1904, was today sentenced in the Middlesex superior court to death by electricity during the week of June 10. When asked if he had anything to say Tucker answered the court as follows: "Your honor, all I have to say is that I am absolutely innocent of this crime."



HON. L. B. BRODEUR, Minister of Inland Revenue, who is slated to succeed the late Hon. Mr. Prefontaine as Minister of Marine.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fine and Milder.

London, Saturday, Jan. 27.
Sun rises 7:40 a.m. Moon rises 3:21 a.m.
Sun sets 5:21 p.m. Moon sets 8:45 p.m.
Toronto, Jan. 28—8 p.m.
Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Victoria, 46—50; Edmonton, 26—28; Calgary, 26—40; Qu'Appelle, 30—35; Winnipeg, 16—28; Port Arthur, 10—22; Parry Sound, 14—24; Toronto, 18—24; Ottawa, 10—22; Montreal, 12—25; Quebec, 4—22; St. John, 8—22; Halifax, 8—20.

FORECASTS.
Saturday, Jan. 27—8 a.m.
Light to moderate winds; fine today and on Sunday; a little higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary..... 20 24 Fair
Winnipeg..... 16 12 Fair
Parry Sound..... 18 22 Fair
Toronto..... 24 22 Fair
Ottawa..... 24 22 Fair
Montreal..... 20 20 Fair
Quebec..... 20 12 Rain
Father Point..... 20 20 Rain

WEATHER NOTES.
Fine, moderately cold weather prevails from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and fine, mild conditions in the Northwest Provinces and British Columbia.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 27.5°; lowest, 17° above.