

WHY THERE IS AN ELECTION

SIR WILFRID LAURIER ANSWERS HIS CRITICS

Prime Minister in Speech Tells Opposition Why Dissolution Took Place

(Hansard, July 24.)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend rose for the purpose of trying to convince this House, and the country at large, that his Majesty's opposition in this House is not obstructing the business of the government, and is not obstructing the reciprocity agreement, which has been before the House now since the 26th of January last. However, my hon. friend had not proceeded very far before he gave away his whole case. He protests that the opposition is not obstructing you, at the same time, he says, "Let reciprocity wait." If he is not obstructing, why should not reciprocity go on? That is what we on this side of the House want. We do not want reciprocity to wait. The hon. gentleman on the other side of the House told us that what we already knew, and I thank my hon. friend for being so candid in the statement that he did not want the reciprocity to go through, but wanted it to wait, and that they are trying in this House to prevent it from going on. We have had speeches of one kind and another—we have heard the same arguments repeated ad nauseam.

The other day one of the most respected members in this House pre-ferred his remarks by saying that there was nothing new to be said upon this question. That is perfectly true. Yet he took three hours or more to say what had been said over and over again.

My hon. friends ask us: "Why should we not have a redistribution?" Well, the question of redistribution is not before the House to-day, neither is the census, but the reciprocity agreement is before the House, and we can go on with it. If the hon. gentlemen will present an amendment to go on with the reciprocity agreement, and there will be no objection. I have nothing to hide in this matter, but will speak to the House with perfect candor. When I saw evidence of obstruction taking place in this House day after day—

Some hon. members—No, no.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—When I read the reports of the speeches made here, when I was in England, and when I learned that my hon. friend (Mr. Borden), the leader of the opposition was making a triumphal tour of the country, I was making a triumphal tour of the country.

Some hon. members—Hear, hear.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—I did not need these cheers to know that hon. gentlemen opposite are satisfied with cheap triumphs. Any way, my hon. friend, the leader of the opposition, was making his triumphal tour of the country, and I saw it stated that the opposition would not allow this reciprocity agreement to go through. As soon as I saw that I gave instructions to my secretary to prepare the lists so that if the hon. gentlemen opposite should continue to wait reciprocity to wait, we could appeal to the people as to whether it should or not. We do not want reciprocity to wait. We want it to pass, either in this House, or before the country. I have nothing whatever to conceal about the matter. We are before the people, and if our government is to be made a farce, let the minority abuse the privileges of a minority in order to prevent—

Some hon. members—Oh, oh.

Some hon. members—Hear, hear.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—Then, sir, there are judges over us following before the government and the opposition. Surely these hon. gentlemen do not object to an election. They say they want an election, and when I tell them they do not object, they say, "But when we take steps to have an election, they find fault. But we understand all this. The last thing they want is to go before the country. Well, there is one way in which it is possible to go before the country, and that is to pass the agreement, that the farmers of Canada may have the markets of the United States opened to their products. That is our position. My hon. friend tells me that they want redistribution. Well, redistribution bills have been passed before now, and the usual regular course has been to take the census one year and have redistribution the following year. The census was taken in 1881, 1891 and in 1901, and on every occasion the redistribution bill was passed the following year—1882, 1892 and 1902. If we follow the usual course, we have plenty of time for redistribution.

It is true, my hon. friend the leader of the opposition (Mr. Borden, Halifax), told us on the 8th of March that we should have passed the redistribution first. But he did not reflect on the time that the census could not be taken before the 1st of June. The census at that point was changed some days ago. At the time of confederation the 1st of April was fixed as the date for the taking of the census. But everybody knows that the census work is a good season for taking the census. The roads in many parts are not then favorable for travel, but the census season for the census work. The date was changed and nobody objected. Does my hon. friend believe that it is possible to have redistribution in Canada within three months of

C. P. R. PLANS FOR HOTELS IN WEST

CHIEF ARCHITECT AND LONDON EXPERT HERE

Enlargements for City, Vancouver, Lake Louise, Banff, Glacier

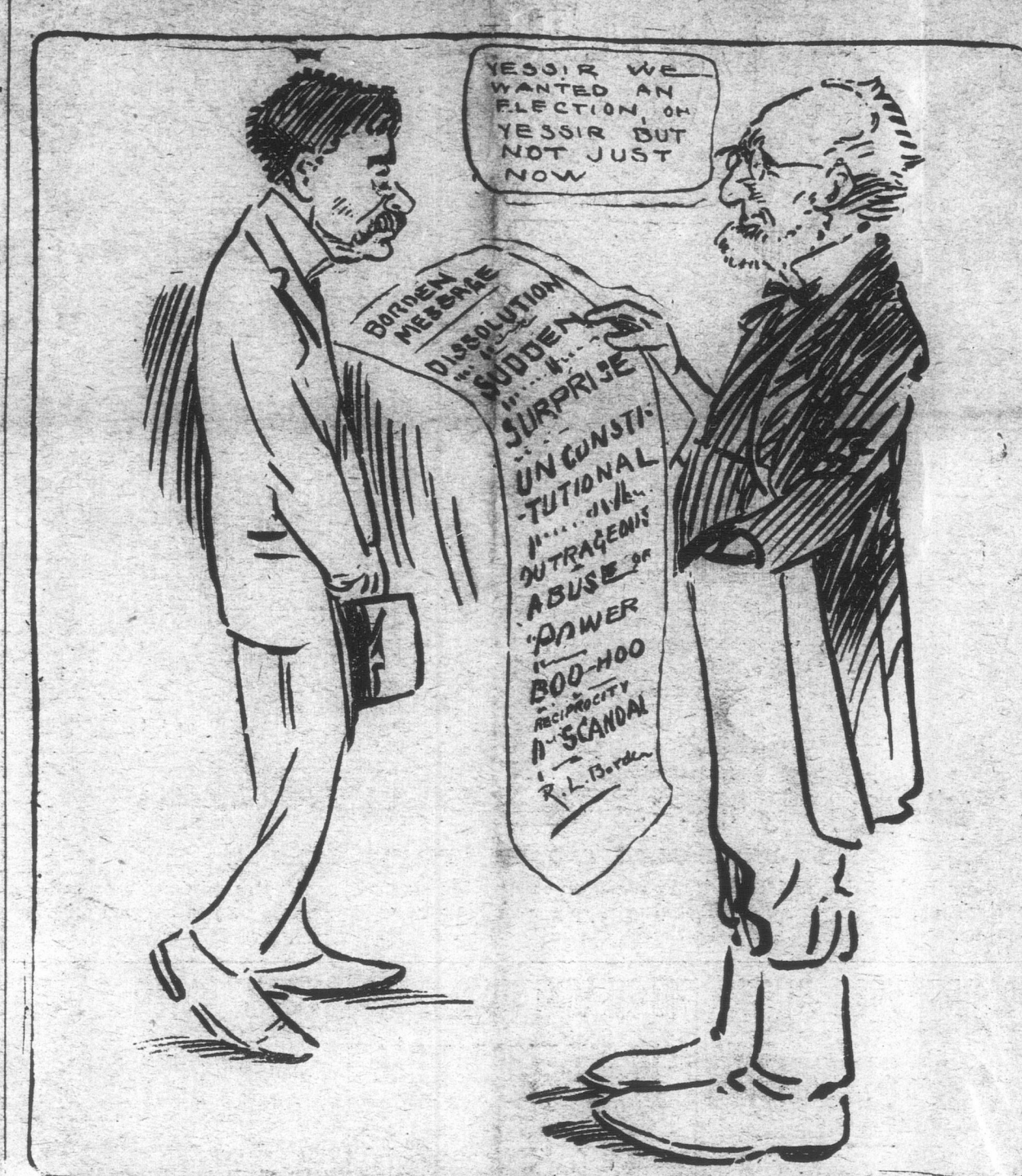
Frances S. Swales, of London, the well known architect and architectural critic, who is retained by the C. P. R. to do whatever work is necessary for them in Europe, is at the Empress along with H. L. Painter, chief architect for the company, whose offices are at Montreal. The joint visit is in connection with the proposed additional wing to the Empress, on which subject they came here yesterday to confer with Manager Jackson before drawing up plans and calling for tenders.

Work on the new wing is to be commenced within the next few weeks, said Mr. Painter to the Times to-day, and is to be completed ready for next summer. This will be the second addition to be made to the hotel, and it will be on the southern side. The foundation was laid when the Empress was built, and when the wing is completed the second floor will probably be used as writing rooms, smoking rooms and extra lounge, while the upper stories will provide slightly additional bedrooms, the necessity for which has been acute during the present season.

This need of accommodation or building on too small a scale—according to Mr. Swales—is the great mistake the C. P. R. made when building, not only the magnificent Empress, but all the hotels on the company's system. It is his present mission, in company with Mr. Painter, to inspect all the hotels along the line in a critical capacity, and advise as to what is best to be done here, four for carrying over the present needs, but the requirements of the future.

"Within the next year," said Mr. Swales, "the visitors from Europe who will come to the C. P. R. hotels will be at least three times as many as the company has ever yet had. There is, therefore, and more of the hotels are anywhere like big enough for the business."

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HEDGING
—Montreal Herald.

OLD MAN CANADA—Look here, Robert, I thought you wanted me to decide this reciprocity question as soon as possible.

CITY HAS VISIT FROM SHIPPING MAGNATE

Vice-President of White Star-Dominion Line Has Eye on Victoria

When the vice-president of a shipping company of such importance as the White Star-Dominion line visits Victoria for the first time it may reasonably be inferred that there is some extension of shipping business in contemplation.

With the opening of the Panama canal the trade routes of the world will probably see great alterations. Both in regard to freight and passenger service, and there are more unlikely events than the White Star-Dominion then opening a service between Liverpool and Victoria.

P. A. S. Franklin, the very active vice-president of both the International Mercantile company of New York, and the White Star-Dominion line, and the Empress on Saturday afternoon from Vancouver, accompanied by Mrs. Franklin and their sons Jack and Phillip. It was Mr. Franklin's first visit to either this city or Vancouver, and he expressed himself as delighted with what he had seen of "your splendid country here, and your beautiful city." Mr. Franklin's experience of various climates is necessarily considerable. He said he had heard a great deal of Victoria's perfect all-the-year-round climate, and quite agreed with the description.

The cause of the visit, he said, was to take in Victoria in the course of a short pleasure tour on the Pacific coast, but as T. H. Larke, the agent at Seattle, of the company's line, came to the Empress to meet the vice-president it is by no means certain that the company are not studying the situation with an eye to the shipping trade developments which are sure to largely affect Victoria by the opening of the Panama canal.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin and family left yesterday for Seattle.

the taking of the census? It is impossible to have it done. It never has been done either under a Conservative government or under a Liberal government. The country is too large and the means of communication too imperfect. You must wait until the last return is in before you begin your redistribution. We will have redistribution next year. If the opposition chooses to go on with tactics of obstruction, as they have been doing, then we shall have to consider what is to be done. And if, in the last resort, the only way is to appeal to the people and ask them to pass judgment between us and the opposition, we are quite prepared and ready for it.

HARVESTERS FOR CANADIAN WEST

Over 9,000 Arrive at Winnipeg Bound for Manitoba and Saskatchewan Farms

Winnipeg, Aug. 7.—Between 9,000 and 10,000 harvesters arrived here to-day en route for the Canadian west. The Great Northern brought in many Americans, the Canadian Northern a thousand from the east and the C. P. R. the rest. Most went to Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan points.

Five were arrested shortly after arriving here, four for carrying revolvers and one for stealing a bicycle. The latter excused himself by saying he was short of cash.

MARY'S FIRST TRIP

The C. P. R. steamer Princess Mary, Capt. Gillan, returned from her first trip to Clayoquot and the west coast points shortly after noon Saturday, bringing many passengers and considerable freight.

The new steamer was much admired by the residents at the various points of call, and when she tied up at the new wharf at Port Alberni there was quite a crowd to see the ship. She discharged her freight, and will make another trip to Clayoquot before the steamer Tees goes on the run again.

The Princess Mary received orders Saturday afternoon to proceed to quarter and take from there to Vancouver the Chinese who were quarantined from the R. M. S. Empress of India, their term of detention having been completed. Yesterday afternoon she brought those booked for Victoria in from quarantine.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 7.—The Pacific Northwest Tennis tournament opened to-day on the courts of the Tacoma Lawn Tennis Club. Over 125 names appeared on the drawing slip to-day, when the committee had finished its work, among those present being May Sutton, former national champion, Nat Emerson, Charles E. Foley, Bob Breeze, Joe Tyler, International champion, Sam Russell, Captain J. C. Foulkes and many others.

Miss Sutton will play her first game with a Tacoma girl, Miss Dorothy Kershaw. Miss Sutton will play in the doubles with Miss Mary Browne, who accompanied her from the south.

Immediately after the competition of the Tacoma tournament, Miss Sutton will travel to Niagara-on-the-Lake to compete in the tournament, one of her chief opponents being the national champion, Miss Hazel Hitchkiss.

The competition between the men in the singles promise to be between Tyler, Foulkes, Emerson and Breeze.

FACES TRIAL ON CHARGE OF MURDER

STARVATION SPECIALIST TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Dr. Lina Hazzard Says "Medical Trust" is Responsible for Trouble

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 7.—In a cheerful mood and repeating her declaration that her trial on the charge of murder in the first degree will result in her vindication and the confounding of what she calls "the medical trust," Dr. Linda Burfield Hazzard, who is held at Port Orchard on a charge of murdering Miss Claire Williamson, by starvation, directed her efforts yesterday to raising the \$10,000 necessary to secure her release.

She states she will have all the necessary bonds in the hands of county officials for approval to-day, after which she will return to Seattle. Dr. Hazzard communicated with Prosecuting Attorney Stevenson of Kitsap county, yesterday, saying that she wished to make a sworn statement with a stenographer Mr. Stevenson went to the home of W. A. Breed, where Dr. Hazzard is in custody, but on arrival there Dr. Hazzard stated that after consulting with her attorney she changed her mind and the promised statement was not made. Dr. Hazzard has engaged G. W. Gregory, of the Seattle law firm of Karr and Gregory, as her counsel.

Mr. Gregory were in consultation this afternoon in the matter of the approval of Dr. Hazzard's bonds.

One of the first bondsmen to offer security was John Karascher, a well-to-do rancher, one of the incorporators of the Hazzard sanitarium, who accompanied the head of that institution to Port Orchard on her arrest and has since been active in the work of getting bail.

Mrs. Breed, with whom Mrs. Hazzard is staying, is an officer of the court regularly deputized to care for female prisoners of the county. Her attorney, Mr. Gregory, cautioned her against making any further statements.

Rollin Burfield, son of the accused woman, went to Port Orchard yesterday to assist in securing bail for his mother.

The report that Dorothea Williamson was refused permission to see her sister, Claire, is utterly false," he declared. "Dorothea would often go into (Concluded on page 12.)

ADMIRAL TOGO GUEST OF PRESIDENT TAFT

Chief Executive Extends Invitation to Japan to Join in Arbitration

Washington, D. C., Aug. 7.—President Taft Saturday night extended to Japan through the nation's guest, Admiral Count Togo, at a dinner in the White House in honor of the Japanese naval hero, an invitation to join the United States, Great Britain and France in the great world movement for international peace as exemplified in the general treaties of arbitration between the United States, Great Britain and France signed on the day of your arrival in this country.

"I gladly acknowledge the important part which Japan has played in facilitating this notable achievement by its prompt and unreserved recognition in the recent Anglo-Japanese agreement, of the great moral principle of arbitration, and I entertain the hope with confidence that the time may not be far distant when Japan will see fit to join in the movement now so auspiciously inaugurated."

In toasting the Emperor of Japan, Mr. Taft said: "To one who has shown himself a great ruler, who has given all of his time and energy and intellect to the progress of his country and the preservation of the interests of the people, whose wonderful power in the selection of great men to accomplish great tasks has lifted Japan to a place among the great nations of the world, and whose sense of humanity and justice can always be counted on to contribute effectively to the peace of the world—His Majesty the Emperor of Japan."

The toast was drunk standing.

Count Togo acknowledged the toast through Commander Trenchard, his aide. He said: "Mr. President: It is my pleasant duty and great honor to convey to His Majesty the Emperor, my august sovereign, the most kind words you have just said of him. As for me, words fail to express what I feel deeply at heart. I can only say that I thank you most heartily for the honor you have done me."

The dinner was held in the state dining room and a magnificent old service was used.

Following the dinner a reception was held in the east room, at which several thousand people were present to honor the Japanese admiral.

YUCATAN LOADING FREIGHT FOR NOME

On Expiration of Present Charter to Be Converted to Passenger Use on Coast

Seattle, Aug. 7.—Navigating under her own steam for the first time since February 16, 1910, when she struck an iceberg in the dense fog while passing through Icy Straits, the steamship Yucatan, which lay for months at the outer wharf, went to Seattle Saturday afternoon from Eagle Harbor to begin loading for Nome. Only those acquainted with her past could have told from the Yucatan's appearance that she once lay for three months beneath the northern waters. At the time she was wrecked the Yucatan was a passenger vessel, but she now is equipped for handling freight only. Her present owners, the North Pacific Navigation Company, of San Francisco, expect to fit her with passenger accommodations at the end of this season when her charter to Schubach & Hamilton expires.

The Yucatan will begin taking on 3,000 tons of general cargo for Nome and St. Michael, including the last freight of the season for the Merchants' Yukon fleet. She will steam north from here August 15.

The Yucatan's history has been a singular one. After being wrecked in Icy Straits she was raised May 22, 1910, and towed to Juneau two days later. June 7 she was towed to Victoria, where she lay looking more like a heap of scrap iron than anything else. Owing to a dispute over the question of insurance nothing was done with her for nearly a year, until she was sold to the North Pacific Navigation Company. This concern chartered her to Schubach & Hamilton, and the necessary repairs were made here and at Eagle Harbor, constituting one of the largest jobs of this nature ever undertaken on the Sound.

When her Schubach-Hamilton charter expires she has been fitted with passenger accommodations, the Yucatan will be operated between San Francisco and Portland.

BRITISH CRUISER GOES ON ROCKS

GOES ON ROCKS WHILE ON WAY TO AID THE NIOBE

The Cornwall Floated at High Tide and is Towing Canadian Warship to Port

Halifax, Aug. 7.—The government steamer Lady Laurier and several wrecking vessels were hovering about the stranded British cruiser Cornwall off Cape Sable at high tide to-day, ready to haul the Cornwall off the ledge that the fighting ship encountered during the night.

The three hundred cadets and the three hundred regular officers and crew of the disabled cruiser were on deck ready to assist in the operations.

Wireless despatches from the disabled cruiser stated that the Cornwall was going at a reduced speed when she struck, and that there should be no difficulty in pulling her off the ledge.

The cruiser now is used as a training ship and was on her way from St. John's, N. F., to Clark's Harbor to tow the damaged Canadian cruiser Niobe to this port. The Cornwall struck on a ledge, only a few miles from where the Niobe went on the rocks July 30.

The wrecking vessels that came to the Cornwall's assistance had been at work on the Niobe.

The Cornwall Floated.

Halifax, Aug. 7. (Later)—The British cruiser Cornwall, which ran on the ledge off Cape Sable two miles from where the Canadian warship Niobe struck, was floated at high tide early to-day and proceeded to Clark's Harbor, apparently undamaged.

When the Cornwall reached Clark's Harbor, she took the damaged Niobe in tow and started for this port. The starboard engines of the Niobe are in excellent shape, but the port engines are disabled, making towing necessary.

LINING UP FOR THE ELECTIONS

CANDIDATES ARE BEING SELECTED

Three Members of Alberta House Resign to Enter the Federal Contest

Winnipeg, Aug. 7.—Three members of the Alberta legislature resigned on Saturday to run for the House of Commons. R. Bennett of Calgary, W. Buchanan, of Lethbridge, and Dr. Warnerich, of Pincher Creek. The former opposes reciprocity, and the two others favor it.

The Mormons, who are very strong in Lethbridge, decided at a public meeting to-day to come out strong for reciprocity.

The first nomination made in Manitoba for the coming elections, took place Saturday at Morden, in one of the border constituencies. T. C. Morris, leader of the Manitoba Liberals, spoke on reciprocity. He described the opposition as consisting of prophecies and superstitions. He was loudly cheered.

Twelve Liberals were nominated but all save Peter Wright of Myrtle, and Frank Greenway of Crystal City, withdrew their names. On voting Mr. Greenway was declared nominated.

Port Arthur, Aug. 7.—J. J. Carry, M. P., has cabled from England his acceptance of the Conservative nomination for Ratny River and Thunder Bay and will probably be definitely chosen at the Convention on Saturday to oppose James Connex. The Liberals have dispensed with the formality of nominating Connex.

Alexandra, Ont., Aug. 7.—Duncan McMartin of Montreal, former resident of Glangarry county, was unanimously chosen as candidate by Conservatives of the county.

Dresden, Aug. 7.—East Kent Conservatives on Saturday nominated Harry J. French to oppose D. A. Gordon, M. P.

Peterboro, Aug. 7.—Hon. J. R. Stratton has been unanimously re-nominated by West Peterboro Liberals.

Montreal, Aug. 7.—The Labor forces of Montreal met in the Labor Temple (Concluded on page 12.)

INCORPORATION REFUSED

South Vancouver, Aug. 5.—At the last regular meeting of the council, Councilor Burgess gave notice of motion to introduce a South Vancouver city incorporation by-law at the next regular meeting of the council.

Following routine work of the passing of plans, reading and passing of accounts, it was decided in all cases where work was done on ward boundary roads and where there was an appropriation in both wards, the cost of work was to be charged to each ward.

In future no person will be allowed to keep pigs in South Vancouver, as a clause is to be inserted in the health by-law to that effect.

The following section is to be inserted in the present plumbing by-law: "Every house fitted or equipped with water tap or taps shall be supplied with a sink, properly trapped and vented in accordance with the provisions of the plumbing by-law."

THOUSANDS IDLE

Lepale, Saxony, Aug. 7.—Ten thousand metal workers here and nine thousand in the Thuringia district were locked out Saturday because some of the men had struck. The National Organization of Employees have taken up the conflict with a view to a settlement, a failure to reach which will, it is expected, result in a lockout of 25,000 men at Dresden and Chemnitz.

DEATH TERMINATES SUIT

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—A tragic touch was given the separation case between Mr. and Mrs. George Papillon in the Hull courts to-day, when the son appeared and said the case would be dropped, his father having been run over and killed.

TWO SCALDED TO DEATH

Petersburg, Va., Aug. 7.—The engine and steam of a freight train were scalded to death to-day, and two others were seriously injured when a passenger train on the Seaboard Air Line plunged through an open switch and struck the freight train on a siding near here.

MURDERER EXECUTED

San Quentin, Cal., Aug. 5.—Demetri Trechenko, a Russian, was executed in the state prison here yesterday for the murder of Dorothy Milkkanoff, a ten-year-old girl of the same nationality, in San Francisco on February 12, 1909. He walked calmly to the gallows and said nothing before the trap was sprung. In four minutes he was pronounced dead.

Trechenko, who was 52 years of age, was infatuated with his child victim, who resented his attentions. He lay in wait for her as she came from school and shot her dead in the street.