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**GENERAL STRIKE IN S. AFRICA
---MARTIAL LAW IS DECLARED**

**Trades Federation and Rand Miners Voted to Join
Railwaymen—Government Prepares to Escort
200,000 Natives Out of the Country.**

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Jan. 14.—A general strike throughout South Africa was proclaimed last night by the Trades Federation and the Rand miners by a two-thirds majority voted to join the movement. Governmental retaliation was swift. It took the form of the proclamation of martial law. This was the only step the authorities believed adequate to meet the situation, for the strike of the miners meant not only the turning loose of turbulent spirits in the Rand, but raised the whole question of the position of the native workers. If the miners actually obey the strike order the government will immediately take steps to send the natives under escort back to their kraals. This means that about 200,000 natives must be marched back by road to their homes at enormous cost. It will be most difficult after the end of the strike, to recruit them again. In brief such a step would mean disaster for the Rand for many years.

Although official reports from Johannesburg show improvement in the train service, reports from the other districts are less encouraging. In Natal the situation is one of great tension, and it is feared that the loyalty of the policemen will not stand the strain much longer. An instance of the men's temper is shown by the action of an engine driver, who quitted his train on the veldt and left his passengers stranded. Practically no information is at hand as to conditions in the Orange River Colony, but improvement there is not considered probable.

From the government's standpoint about the only ray of light was the assurance from the Indian leader, Gandhi, that the passive resistance movement by the Indians against their grievance would be dropped during the present trouble.

The Union Government remains firm in its attitude. The premier, General Louis Botha, is said to have

**OVER A HUNDRED
MAY HAVE
PERISHED**

**Relief Vessels Unable to
Get Near Cobeguid
in Bay of Fundy**

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 14.—All doubt as to the fate of the Cobeguid and her passengers and crew was dispelled this morning when wreckage floated ashore near Yarmouth, bearing true testimony to the extent of the disaster.

The ship went ashore on the Trinity Ledges, less than ten miles north-east of Yarmouth. Captain Howson, who thought that she had struck off Brier Island, was therefore upwards of one hundred miles off in his reckoning.

A wireless message received from the Government Steamer Lady Laurier, sent out from Halifax yesterday to the scene of the disaster, was reported early this morning as being off the Lucheren Lightship. This is in the immediate vicinity of Trinity Ledges, and the Laurier has been ordered to proceed there. A tug also has been sent out from Yarmouth.

No bodies have as yet been washed ashore.

Included in the passenger list were two sisters of charity, one of whom was Sister Baptiste, a native of Halifax.

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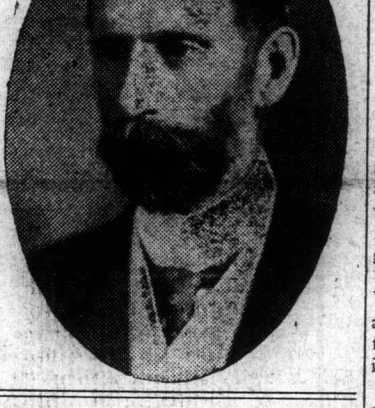
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**BRANTFORD CONSERVATIVES
UNITED AND ENTHUSIASTIC—
FINE MEETING LAST NIGHT**

**Officers for the Year Are
Chosen at Rousing
Rally.**

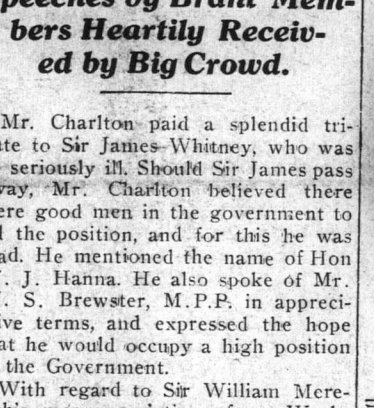


MR. W. F. COCKSHUTT, M.P.

Mr. Charlton paid a splendid tribute to Sir James Whitney, who was so seriously ill. Should Sir James pass away, Mr. Charlton believed there were good men in the government to fill the position, and for this he was glad. He mentioned the name of Hon. W. J. Hanna. He also spoke of Mr. W. S. Brewster, M.P.P. in appreciative terms, and expressed the hope that he would occupy a high position in the government.

With regard to Sir William Meredith's recommendations for a Workmen's compensation bill, he believed it would go through with only slight alterations at least.

During the nine years the Conservatives had been in power there had



MR. W. S. BREWSTER, M.P.P.

Mr. Charlton's Reply

When replying, Mr. Charlton said that he had been actively associated with the Conservative party in South Brant for 22 years. He felt gratified especially for the progress which had been made during the last 8 years, and he believed that the meeting felt as he did. He paid a tribute to the leader at Ottawa.

Continuing, he made reference to numerous bills which the Senate was fit to veto. He trusted that the navy bill would again come up at the next session and would go through, thus enabling the Dominion to give to the Mother Country \$35,000,000 for three dreadnoughts. The Senate had also vetoed the good roads bill. This the president also hoped would be brought up and put through at the next session.



MR. W. M. CHARLTON

President-elect South Brant Conservatives.

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**JAPANESE CITY IS ENGULFED
EXACTLY AS WAS POMPEII**

**Nearly 100,000 Persons Dead in Greatest Volcanic
Disaster Since the Destruction of St. Pierre—
Flood of Fire Rained Down on City.**

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
TOKIO, Jan. 14.—Official reports this afternoon from Southern Japan, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes have caused heavy loss of life, panic and great property damage, are that the eruptions of the volcano of Sakurajima, which has caused the most devastation, is abating.

Just how heavy has been the loss of life cannot yet be estimated. Sakurajima, where the greatest loss of life undoubtedly occurred, cannot be visited because of the eruption of Sakurajima continues. So the story, in this respect, must wait. Troops and warships are now in the vicinity and a search of the island will be made at the first opportunity.

Kagoshima, the nearest big city to Sakurajima, which suffered great damage from the earthquakes does not appear to have sustained a severe loss of life. H. Tjinn, former Japanese minister to China, who lives in Kagoshima, sent a despatch to the foreign office in which he said that ten persons had been killed and thirty injured there. He also stated that great confusion prevailed in the city.

Other telegrams report that the barracks, governor's residence and the temples were among the buildings wrecked in Kagoshima. The soldiers are camped in the squares of the city while the population has sought refuge in the shrines and temples in the hills.

The post office was one of the first buildings to collapse in Kagoshima at the start of the earthquake disturbance. The staff escaped and after the first panic created a hut in a field and are now busily engaged in repairing the telegraph equipment.

Kagoshima is protected from looters by patrols of police and troops.

**CHEER UP, WORST
WEATHER SAID TO
BE OVER**

**Mercury Took a Drop to 22
Degrees Below Last
Night.**

For a twenty-four hour stretch yesterday was about the coldest Brantford has had in many a year, although the records at Mohawk Institute say there have been colder periods. The mercury this morning dropped to 22 degrees below zero. In fact it did not go above zero at any time yesterday, three below being the highest temperature for the day. The figures are the official at Mohawk Institute, and it might be pointed out that invariably in other parts of the city the mercury goes to further extremes than the Mohawk register shows. Undoubtedly in other locations the weather was a degree or so more chilly than at Mohawk. The weather probabilities call for a moderating temperature. In fact after 6 o'clock this morning the mercury began to ascend.

**ALL READY FOR THE OPENING
OF FEDERAL HOUSE THURSDAY**

**Ottawa is Welcoming the Statesmen With a Tem-
perature of 30 Degrees Below Zero—Important
Measures Referred to in Speech From Throne.**

OTTAWA, Jan. 13.—Every incoming train to-day brought its contingent of legislators, chiefly from the Maritime Provinces and the far West. The Ontario and Quebec members will come in to-morrow, and the indications are that the opening of Parliament on Thursday will see a full attendance of members on both sides of the House. A few of the senators are also here.

The Dominion capital is welcoming these statesmen with one of the worst cold dips in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. The thrifty representative who gets here early in order to pick out his boarding house (terms moderate) is doing his huting in a fine bracing temperature 30 degrees below zero. Moreover, the weather man predicts this sort of weather, or something very like it, for opening day, and the members of the guard of honor are viewing the prospect with alarm.

Speech From the Throne.

Thursday will see the usual picturesque formalities, the meeting of the Commons and their summons to the Senate, where his Royal Highness the Governor-General will read the speech from the throne. That important document has already been prepared. It is not unduly long, and will not take up much time in the reading. It will, of course, contain some reference to the increasing prosperity of the country, and will enumerate the principal legislation to be offered by the Government. The different heads under which this legislation will come are already fairly well known. There will be a measure of civil service reform along the lines recommended by the Minister of Finance, and largely in accord with the recommendations of Sir George Murray, including the provision of superannuation. There will be bills to amend the Insurance Act and to standardize loan company legislation. Another bill will carry into effect the arrangement agreed upon

between the British and Canadian Governments in regard to the problem of naturalization. Later in the session there will be in all probability a measure of prison reform, to be introduced by the Minister of Justice following the report to be made by the Penitentiaries Commission which is now at work. Redistribution, the consideration of the Railway Act, and the report of the commissioners who investigated the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway are among the subjects to come before Parliament. The Highways and Branch Lines Bills may be reintroduced.

Estimates Well Advanced.

It is expected that a new record will be made in the bringing down of the estimates. These have been under preparation for some time under the new system of Treasury control, and will be placed before Parliament at an early date.

As to the probable length of the session, there are the usual speculations. So far as the Government programme warrants, there is nothing to keep Parliament in session after the end of May. The duration of the session is in the hands of the Opposition and among Liberals there is much talk of a very big fight in the House, to be completed in the Senate. This fight, if it takes place at all, will likely centre upon the Redistribution Bill, which the Liberal majority in the Senate is said to have marked down for slaughter upon some pretext yet to be selected. There is even some talk of renewing the effort which failed last session to force a dissolution before the Government has had an opportunity to carry to completion the important national improvements which it has undertaken.

Few of the Old Guard.

Of the men who are now finding their way to Ottawa for the third session of this Parliament, only seven

**BELIEVED TO HAVE
TAKEN OWN LIFE
ON TRACK**

**Man Killed Yesterday Ident-
ified by His Ruthenian
Friends.**

That having escaped some time ago from the Brantford General Hospital, where he was suffering from what the doctors termed more imaginary than real trouble, the unfortunate man whose body was found on the Grand Trunk tracks yesterday morning deliberately committed suicide, is the belief of his friends. His name was discovered through the efforts of Mr. Louis Stander, as Ivan Nepochechik, who formerly resided with his brother-in-law at 147 Pearl St. He was a Ruthenian. Since his escape from the hospital several weeks ago, Nepochechik had been wandering around without a home, sometimes living at the camp at Blue Lake and sometimes finding shelter in the city. He was mentally unbalanced, according to his friends, who will likely take charge of the remains and look after the burial.

TURKISH TRAGEDY

**Right in the Heart of Paris—
Two Shot Dead at
Pasha's House.**

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
PARIS, Jan. 14.—A double tragedy connected with Turkish political intrigue, was enacted to-day at the Paris residence of General Mehmed Cherif Pasha, one of the chiefs of the radical Turkish party.

A strange Turk called to see the Ottoman politician and was refused admission by the valet, Ismael Hakki, whom he immediately shot dead.

Cherif Pasha's son-in-law, Salim Bey, hearing the detonation, then ran into the corridor, where he shot and killed the assassin.

The Pasha has been the object recently of numerous threats, which he says emanate from the adherents of the young Turks.

Cherif is the editor of a newspaper published here in the interests of constitutionalism in Turkey, and he also directs a widespread agitation in Turkey.

Mr. E. Channing of Walkerton is seeking her husband, who has been missing for some time.

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**WAS BRIGHTER THIS MORN-
ING BUT FELL BACK IN-
TO A DELIRIUM.**

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—After a sleep of eleven hours, Sir James Whitney was for a while much brighter mentally this morning.

Dr. Hermon Biggs of New York, and Dr. R. A. Pyne, the premier's cabinet colleague and medical adviser were unable to conclude that bulletin this morning indicated that little more than a halt in the retrogression in the patient's state which began Sunday could be registered.

The doctors could not say whether the cessation of the sinking which had been noted marked the beginning of a fluctuation towards an improvement. At one o'clock there were no evidences of a step forward.

Sir James fell asleep at 11 last night and did not awaken until ten this morning. His doctors who usually begin this morning tests about 9:30 did not disturb him. When the premier awoke he recognized Lady Whitney and the doctors and asked what day it was. After being told he lapsed into silence, passing later into a delirium, emerging from it at intervals when the members of his party entered or left his room.

The bulletin issued at 11:30 a.m. to-day by Drs. Biggs and Pyne relative to the condition of Sir James Whitney read as follows:

"Sir James Whitney's condition remains the same as yesterday."

Jury Empanelled

The following are the members of the jury which will inquire into the death of the Ruthenian, who was yesterday found dead: Lloyd Miller, (foreman), Lewis Stander, Edward James, Joseph Bond, Sam Burnley, J. P. Browning, Jas. Mounce, Jack Johnson and Jack Kenney. The inquiry will be held at the police station one week from to-night.

The inaugural meeting of the Hydro Commissioners will be held this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the office of the system, when the report of work done will be received and the work to be done in the future will be taken up. The policy of the commission will be gone into.