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FIFTIETH YEAR

# HUNDREDS DROWN IN GREAT FLOODS

### Parts of Europe and Asia Suffer From Disastrous Inundations—Heavy Toll of Human Lives Taken

## LOSS OF PROPERTY WILL BE IMMENSE

### Torrential Rains Visit Nearly All Countries of Europe—Many People Drowned in Armenian City

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 15.—Despatches received here say that terrible floods have swept over the province of Erzurum, Turkey. Half the town of Hasankaleh has been wrecked, hundreds of persons being drowned. The flood resulted from heavy rains.

MUNICH, Bavaria, June 15.—Oberammergau, the scene of the passion play, is today being ravaged by flood communication with outside points by the floods. Of the six hundred strangers in the place 200 are Armenians. It is believed that there are in no danger as the hotels are on high ground. The lower streets are filled with water. The meteorological observatory in the high Alps announces that the snow is melting rapidly and that greater floods are expected.

CONSTANCE, Baden, June 15.—Lake Constance has risen rapidly since yesterday, flooding the lower streets of the towns along its banks. The railway tracks have been submerged, and on several lines traffic has been suspended.

VIENNA, June 15.—Floods caused by the rain have done serious damage in many of the towns. The northern Tyrol railway has been completely cut off. All bridges over the river are closed. In the western part of Austria Hungary has been severely hit by the destruction of bridges and embankments. Many lives have been lost.

BELGRADE, Servia, June 15.—Floods following torrential rains have caused havoc in the valley of the Sava river. Thirty-five lives have been lost. The towns of Chapuria, Jagodina and Zemun have been inundated. Water to the depth of from seven to ten feet has filled the streets. Many houses, undermined, have collapsed. King Peter and the Minister of Public Works have gone to the scene today.

BRUSSELS, June 15.—Heavy rains throughout Belgium have followed in the lower lying districts by flood conditions, creating heavy losses. Bridges have been carried away and stocks drowned. A village of Moon has been devastated by the torrential waters.

BERNE, Switzerland, June 15.—Inundations in the eastern and central districts of Switzerland have caused great damage. A handmill at Aarberg, a factory, killing ten children, employees.

## WISHES TO START WITH CLEAN SHEET

PRETORIA, June 15.—In declaring his policy General Louis Botha, premier of United South Africa, said today that he had no other way possible than to form a government from the elements already existing. Other steps would have been most fatal to South Africa, as investigation had clearly proved that the majority did not wish for a coalition ministry.

He had come, he said, for starting with a clean sheet, and he hoped that the old party organizations, especially his own, would be dissolved and amalgamated into a great party with broad and wide principles and named the South African National party.

General Botha read a manifesto on the varied questions confronting the government, foremost among which is the task of welding the different races into a great people by applying sympathetic treatment to natives and colored people. It should also aim at the encouragement of the white population, the aid and promotion of Asiatic immigration. It should have a broad educational policy as to the needs of the country workers, its duty to the Empire in regard to the mining, development of its industries, mining, land settlement, encouragement of foreign capital, and the opening up of foreign markets.

German Capital for Canada  
CALGARY, June 15.—J. J. Blakelie, manager of the Canadian house established in Berlin, Germany, to promote interest in Canada, said today that "Financial interests now evince marked interest in Canada, in fact a large amount of German capital is now available for investment in the Canadian west mines, timber lands and agricultural lands being in demand. Syndicates desiring timber lands will introduce a new system of lumbering into Canada. They will follow the methods adopted in Germany whereby forests are preserved for all time. Great care will be taken to cut only trees that have reached their prime."

## Struck by Street Car

VANCOUVER, June 15.—A. B. Walters, an aged citizen, was probably fatally injured by being struck by a street car today.

## Good Roads Congress

WASHINGTON, June 15.—The third congress of the Good Roads Association was called to meet at Niagara Falls, N. Y., on July 28, 29, 30 and 31, 1910, by the executive committee of the organization which met here today.

## Imperial Unity

LONDON, June 15.—Speaking at the Colonial Institute today, Lord Milner said the number of strenuous advocates of imperial unity among the younger men in political life gave the greatest hope for the future of the movement.

## Alberta Land

LONDON, June 15.—At a meeting today of the Southern Alberta Land Co., Sir R. B. Lane said that it was obvious that the longer they hold lands pending the completion of irrigation works, the better prices they would eventually obtain. During the year they hoped to start another town near Bow river, also that canals and reservoirs will be doing their full duty. Lake McGregor, he added, will be nearly filled, and the future was full of promise.

## Accountable for Death

TORONTO, June 15.—After hearing all the evidence available in the case into the death of the late Thomas Horder, proprietor of the Queen and Sobers streets, who died on June 1 from injuries inflicted by a man he was ejecting from the hotel, an adjournment was made till the 24th instant to enable the police to look for a man named Charles Hardy, an Englishman, who is said to have inflicted the wound. Hardy is supposed to be in England now.

## RELATIVES GET HEAVY DAMAGES

Mrs. Robert S. Lyon and Her Children Awarded \$42,000 by Jury on Account of Mr. Lyon's Death

VANCOUVER, June 15.—A verdict for the plaintiff for \$13,000 and costs was returned by a jury today in the action brought by Mrs. Robert S. Lyon against the B. C. E. R. Co. Mrs. Lyon's husband was killed in the accident on the Vancouver and New Westminster line last week. According to the verdict, Mrs. Lyon will receive \$4,000, while each of her two children will receive \$3,000.

The defence was that Lyon was riding on an employee's pass, and that his relatives were not entitled to recover. Mrs. Lyon testified that the pass possessed by her husband was good in New Westminster. She said that her husband had been residing in Vancouver. The night before the accident he had shown her a letter which she said he intended to use on the following day. Mr. McClelland endeavored to upset this evidence by calling witnesses to show that conductors were in the habit of passing employees of the company without question, and that there was a strong probability that this had been done in the case of Lyon. Mr. McClelland objected to such evidence, which, he said, was simply conjecture, and Mr. Justice Murphy ruled out the greater part of it. His Lordship said the jury would have to decide simply whether Lyon was traveling on a pass or as a passenger. If as the latter, his wife and children were entitled to compensation. If on a pass, they were not.

Mr. McClelland made a vigorous appeal on behalf of his client, and asked the jury to award \$15,000. The late Mr. Lyon was a brother of Mr. Stewart Lyon, a Toronto journalist. This, with the previous verdicts, brings the total in suits arising out of this accident to nearly \$100,000.

## CON JONES PAYS LARGE SALARIES

MONTREAL, June 15.—Jimmy Hogan and Alex O'Reilly of the Shamrocks leave for the coast tomorrow morning and will play for the Vancouver team the balance of the season. Hogan has a contract that is said to call for \$125 a game for seven games and a position at his trade at \$8 a day. O'Reilly's contract is said to be in the neighborhood of \$100 a game for seven games and a position at \$25 a week.

## Papke and Monte Atell Winners

PHILADELPHIA, June 15.—Billy Papke tonight knocked out Al Goodell in the second round of what was to have been a ten round bout.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 15.—In a 15 round fight before the Eureka A. C. last night, Monte Atell of California defeated Young Britt of this city.

## C. P. R. Vice-Presidents

MONTREAL, June 15.—It was announced at headquarters of the Canadian Pacific railway today that the system of numbering the vice-presidents of the road had been abandoned, and henceforth they would all rank as vice-presidents in charge of specified duties. David McNeill is vice-president and director; Wm. Whyte, vice-president in charge of western lines; G. G. Denven, vice-president in charge of finances and accounting; and G. E. Bosworth, vice-president in charge of traffic and all eastern steamship lines.

## WARM WELCOME FOR MR. BORDEN

### Great Meeting Held at Toronto Representative of City and Surrounding Ridings—Thousands in Attendance

## KEEN CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT

### Opposition Leader Convincingly Shows How Resources of Country Are Squandered Under Laurier Regime

TORONTO, June 15.—The good old Conservative stronghold of Toronto, which will always cheer for Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but never vote for him, gave R. L. Borden a royal welcome today. The opposition leader addressed a monster crowd at Long Branch, and the splendid reception he was accorded was convincing in its whole-hearted spontaneity.

Although today's meeting was held under the auspices of the Conservative party, it was in the nature of a general way of the misdeeds in the government. Concrete cases of the wanton manner in which the money of the people is being wasted by the "band of wasters and prodigals," as Mr. Borden put it, are given, and in a quiet logical way. The audience is not to be deceived. The speaker's denunciation is unworthy stewards of Canada's heritage, with a record of mismanagement and extravagance which would be sufficient to sweep them from power were the country only setted of the real facts of the case.

## MR. BORDEN'S TOUR

CAMPBELLFORD, Ont., June 15.—The opening meeting of the tour of R. L. Borden was held here this afternoon, and the speaker gave the Conservative leader a hearty welcome. The speeches were delivered in Ferris Grove and over 1,000 people from all portions of the riding gathered to hear Mr. Borden, C. K. Docherty, Hon. J. H. G. Stewart and Mr. Owen, the federal member for the constituency.

The main feature of Mr. Borden's address was his criticism of the government "which has shown itself unable to cope in an intelligent manner with the problems facing the country at the present time." Mr. Borden expressed confidence that the time was not far distant when the bulk of the Canadian people would again entrust the destinies of Canada to the Conservative party.

Nor was the reception given to Mr. Docherty any less hearty. The orator, who was the first to speak, received the favor of the crowd and he received an ovation at the close of an address in which he dwelt upon the government's disregard of the high standards of purity and honesty in public life, its refusal to trust the people and let the light of day shine upon the departmental transactions.

Canada's Grain Export  
OTTAWA, June 15.—During the nine months ending May 31, according to figures furnished to the Trade and Commerce Department, 7,250,000 bushels of grain from the western provinces were shipped out by water route and 13,254,000 by rail, a total of 20,504,000 bushels, the largest shipment on record for a similar period. The returns show \$5,026,055 bushels of wheat inspected, \$6,611,400 bushels of oats, 4,242,000 bushels of barley and 3,782,000 bushels of flaxseed, a total of 11,334,055 bushels for the nine months.

## President Cabrera's Son

NEW YORK, June 15.—Estrada Cabrera, son of President Cabrera, of Guatemala, arrived here today on the steamer Kron Prinzessin Cecilia, accompanied by a nurse and two doctors and apparently little the worse for the wounds found him to be suffering on his arrival there on the steamer from Paris, and which were said to have been self-inflicted. Young Cabrera's wounds were broken bottles, and the wounds were broken bottles, and the wounds were broken bottles.

## Magdalena Aboard

CARTAGENA, Colombia, June 14.—The Royal Mail steamer Magdalena is ashore at the entrance to the harbor, and is apparently in no danger. The steamer left Southampton May 25, via St. Michaels, May 30th, for Barbadoes, Colon, Kingston and New York. She struck yesterday.

## Militia Camp at London

LONDON, Ont., June 15.—Nearly 4,000 men are in camp at Carleton Heights, according to the estimate of the Army Service Corps, who are making bread. The 8th Regiment brought out by the Canadian Pacific accounts for the decrease of about 200 from last year. Lieut. Boardman, Toronto, and Capt. W. E. Linton, Hamilton, are among the staff officers from outside. One man was arrested last night for striking an officer. The sights of all Lee-Enfield rifles will be replaced during camp by Sutherland sights, the men using the Ross rifle at the camp.

## TAKES POSSESSION OF COAL PROPERTIES

The sale of the Dunsmuir coal properties on Vancouver Island to Mr. William Mackenzie, of Newcastle, Mann, was completed yesterday. The final payment was made and Mr. Mackenzie formally takes possession today.

This statement was authorized by Mr. Mackenzie late last evening, and he by Mr. Vancouver on route east. The president of the Canadian Western railway will visit Victoria again in a few weeks time. During the visit just concluded he met Hon. Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, and discussed railway matters with him. He could say nothing with regard to the projected route of the Island railway, pending the receipt of the report of the engineers.

## THREE ARE ARRESTED BY P. O. INSPECTORS

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## PARENTS LOSING THEIR CHILDREN

Refinement of Cruelty Practiced by Russian Authorities in Connection With Expulsion of Jews

KIEV, June 15.—The Kiev authorities have been ordered by the central government to revise the extended system of the United States mail. The specific instructions are to grant those persons amenable to the decree of expulsion a period of shorter delay for the settlement of their affairs as may be needed in each particular case, and further to make no allowance for the last of the 1,602 families, who received official notification of their expulsion leave Kiev. One hundred and fifty individuals were expelled from this city today. 51 of whom had been given time to prepare for their departure, and 1,000 people from all persons within any fixed date.

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Wilson was released in \$25,000 bail, and Bogart in \$10,000 bail for appearance on July 12. Tompkins was arrested on his farm near Mahopac Falls, N. Y., and brought here for arraignment. He could not find the \$100,000 bail required, and spent the night in the Tombs.

The complaint on which warrants were issued is drawn on information furnished by a transaction which was reported by him from the New York wireless telegraph company and the inspection of letters and envelopes sent by the post office inspectors of the United States through the mails is alleged fraudulent use of \$400,000 or more of the stock of the United States mail. The specific instructions are to grant those persons amenable to the decree of expulsion a period of shorter delay for the settlement of their affairs as may be needed in each particular case, and further to make no allowance for the last of the 1,602 families, who received official notification of their expulsion leave Kiev. One hundred and fifty individuals were expelled from this city today. 51 of whom had been given time to prepare for their departure, and 1,000 people from all persons within any fixed date.

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## WILL ESTABLISH LUMBER YARDS

### Owners of Coast Mills Preparing to Enter Retail Trade in Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan

## PRICES TOO HIGH AT PRESENT YARDS

### Proposal to Organize Selling Company With Large Capital—Will Have Ample Resources for Work

VANCOUVER, June 14.—Lumber manufacturers on the coast of British Columbia are arranging to invade the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba with lumber retailing yards in order to get into direct touch with consumers in that territory. The millmen declare that the high prices ruling in the existing yards are killing consumption.

At a meeting of the representatives of some of the largest saw milling companies on the coast held last night in Vancouver it was virtually decided to immediately organize a company with ample capital to establish retailing yards in the provinces named. This meeting was attended by men at the head of companies whose capital, roughly speaking, is approximately forty million dollars.

It is planned to have at least fifty yards in operation by the end of the present year, and this number will be rapidly increased till about 600 are established. It is proposed that the yards owned by the big company shall be divided into sets of fifty, each set to be separate in organization and management.

The lumber manufacturers of the coast are prompted in their action by desire to get the "drop" on the big lumber yards combination with headquarters in Winnipeg. It is claimed by coast millmen that the companies owning the majority of the retailing yards in Saskatchewan and Manitoba have unduly advanced the price of lumber to the consumer, and that the result that consumption is lessened, and the decreasing demand is a matter directly affecting adversely the mills.

"While the coast mills have at the present time all the orders they can conveniently handle," declared a lumberman today, "we believe that the time will come when the demand will fall off. The high price of lumber maintained by the big line yard companies in Saskatchewan and Manitoba is even now causing curtailment of consumption, and for their own profit they are taking six months or so to get into the field, but we can do it as those behind the movement have ample capital at their command."

Remarkable activity prevails on the Canadian railroads. Today's passenger traffic taken a tremendous leap forward, but also the freight traffic was working the company's employees to the limit at all points. In answer to the inter-rogation as to whether the traffic was better this year than in the same period last year, the reply was "it should say so." When the harvesting is over and the wheat goes east, the graph of business, the inter-rogation as to whether the traffic was better this year than in the same period last year, the reply was "it should say so." When the harvesting is over and the wheat goes east, the graph of business, the inter-rogation as to whether the traffic was better this year than in the same period last year, the reply was "it should say so."

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## Nearing Home

CAPE RACE, Nfld., June 15.—The steamer Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, which includes among its passengers former President Roosevelt, was 1,165 miles east of Sandy Hook at noon today. She should be off the Hook about 4 p. m. Saturday morning and dock about 11 o'clock.

## To Be Deported

QUEBEC, June 15.—A man named Macdonald, who was taken from the steamer Cassandra on the charge of forgery against him in Scotland, has been put in today on her way from Rotterdam to New York, with 292 passengers. Among them was one passenger sick with smallpox. The victim was landed at the quarantine station, as were all the passengers, last night for water second class and the balance stowed. The second class passengers will be released tomorrow and the steamer will be allowed to proceed at once.

## Rev. B. C. Freeman

ARRIVED IN CUMBERLAND WITH HIS FAMILY TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH AT THAT PLACE.