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TO PAY DUTY IF MORE THAN ROUGH SAWN

Canadian Lumbermen's Association's Memorial to Government at Ottawa

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Great Increases in Lumber From the United States—Matter of Railway Tariffs Also Discussed at Private Session in the Capital

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KING MANOEL PLOTTING TO REGAIN HIS LOST THRONE.



While there is no doubt that the meeting at the Lord Warden Hotel, in Devon, of Dom Manoel, the exiled King of Portugal and Dom Miguel, the Pretender, foreshadows further royalist activity in Portugal, the story that the King and the Pretender met for the first time and signed an entente cordiale is absurd.

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CABLE REPORTS THE CABINET ARE NOT ALL OF ONE MIND

Matter of Fiscal Autonomy for Ireland Under Discussion—Toronto Orangemen and Home Rule.

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New York, Feb. 7.—A London cable says "The cabinet meeting called for yesterday lasted long hours, as the home rule bill was known to be under discussion, this unusually prolonged session is regarded as strong corroboration of the belief that the question whether Ireland should or should not be granted fiscal autonomy is a subject of serious ministerial difference."

With the opening of parliament set for next week, proposals of a split in the cabinet will grow far between the opposition and the government.

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BANDITS HOLD UP TRAIN IN DARING STYLE

Five of Them Carry Out Dime Novel Robbery in South

(Canadian Press)

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 7.—Seven masked men held up the Rock Island passenger train number 44, near Hubbert, Ark., early this morning, and dined the safe in the express car, but it is believed secured only a small amount of loot.

It is said at the offices of the railroad that their information is that the men were frightened away before they could gather their plunder and that none of the passengers were molested.

(Canadian Press)

The hold-up was a cleverly planned and executed with such precision that none of the train employees could offer resistance, and few of the passengers knew anything had happened until they awoke to find their train stalled.

The value of plunder the robbers got has not been determined. They ransacked the postal car, blasted the Wells Fargo Express safe, apparently overlooking anything that might add to their profit. This was the second hold-up near Hubbert within the last four months.

The train left Memphis about midnight. After it cleared the western terminus of the Mississippi river bridge was looted by two masked men. They climbed over the tender and covered the engine over with guns, then the train was halted. The engineer was bound and gagged, then kicked off into a ditch. The freeman ran the train on several miles until it was brought to a halt at a camp-five alongside the track, where three other bandits waited.

Here the baggage and mail cars were despoiled. The passengers, however, were held in the train car, where what was happening, the locomotive with its light load, was hurrying further into the country. While one of the bandits had a gun over the fireman, the remaining four of the band clambered into the express and mail coaches and held up the messengers and clerks.

The engine with the two cars meanwhile proceeded to a point a mile east of Hubbert, Ark. Then the robbers ransacked the postal car, blew open the safe in the Wells Fargo Express car, gathered their plunder and made off in the darkness.

(Canadian Press)

Ontario Legislature Opening of Session Today—The Speech From the Throne

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 7.—The first session of the thirteenth legislature of Ontario will be opened this afternoon. The ceremony will follow the usual course, except for the election of W. H. Hoyle of North Ontario as speaker.

The usual indication of new policy in the speech from the throne will be in the references to co-operation between the federal and provincial governments regarding immigration and the development of Northern Ontario.

The speech will make reference to the departure of Earl Grey, and the coming of his Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught to Canada. Among other subjects will be the completion of the hydro-electric undertaking as originally projected and the further extension contemplated.

The progress made with the new central prison at Glouch, and the progress of the Grand Trunk to have running rights over the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway.

Mention will be made of the satisfactory progress in mining development, also of success in the efforts of the department of agriculture in the direction of agricultural instruction. It will be said that the government legislation of last session in regard to technical education has been well received by the public.

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Terms of Settlement of China's Troubles

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London, Feb. 7.—The Nanking assembly has accepted in principle Yuan Shi Kai's terms for a solution of the crisis, says a Times dispatch. Some modifications were proposed and these were left in the hands of the executive for arrangement.

The assembly insists that the emperor shall be styled "Emperor of the Ching (pure) Dynasty," not the "Ja Ching (great pure) Dynasty." They agree to a civil list of \$1,600,000 and the continuation of the pensions of the banner men until occupations have been found for them, rendering them independent.

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