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## YUKON IN THE HOUSE.

### The Premier Refuses to Discuss Railway Contracts in Debating the Address.

### Sir Charles Tupper Replies to Recent Slanders and is Criticized by a Conservative.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—This has been an exciting day in the Commons. The debate on the address was commenced and not finished. Mr. Balfour, the mover, endorsed the Yukon deal in all its features.

Sir Charles Tupper spoke for four hours, severely criticizing Mr. Laurier's speeches in England and his rejection of preferential trade. He severely attacked Lord Aberdeen for delivering a speech in Toronto in favor of the Liberal policy. On the Yukon question he denied that his company had secured a permit from the British Columbia government to send 50,000 gallons of whiskey into Northern British Columbia. The man who sent out that report from Ottawa was in plain terms a liar. He emphatically denied that he had any connection with the Mackenzie & Mann contract. He was a firm believer in an all-Canadian route to the Yukon in the interest of Canadian trade, and he had not hesitated to present that view on the floor of the House.

Mr. Sifton. Personally he knew nothing of the contract with Mackenzie & Mann until he saw it in the newspapers. He severely castigated the Toronto World for slandering him in this connection. He urged the government to reduce the royalty on gold to one per cent. and to mete out to Americans in Canada the same treatment as they accorded to Canadians in the States. If they declined to grant mining licenses to Canadians we should treat them in the same way.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier made a brief reply, declining to discuss the Yukon railway matter and the question is properly brought before the house.

W. F. Maclean (editor of the World) closed the discussion, defending the course of his paper in condemning Sir Charles Tupper for rushing to print in defiance of the government a poll without consulting his party and without an accurate knowledge of the facts.

Mr. Blair gives notice to-night of a bill to confirm the agreement with Mackenzie & Mann to lease the Canadian-Yukon Company.

## ESCAPED MURDERER'S JOKE.

### He Telephones to the Sheriff Who is Anxiously Searching for Him.

FORT SCOTT, Kans., Feb. 4.—George W. Finch, a murderer who broke jail here, called Sheriff Heeler up on the telephone from Lamona, Mo., to-day. Finch said he had returned to a Lamona constant and would be brought here this evening. Finch is a daring and reckless man and the sheriff believes he is being made the object of a joke. He recognized the murderer's voice.

## WORKERS' UNION.

### New Scheme to Combine Politics with Trade Unionism.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The recent defeat of the official trades union has prompted Tom Mann, the well-known labor leader, who is backed by certain other labor leaders, to issue a manifesto urging the formation of a new workers' union. This union is intended to be essentially political as well as industrial, because it has been shown that trades unionism without political action is not a sufficient solution of the labor problem. The aim is to organize the bulk of the country's workers, of whom barely one-fifth are enrolled in the existing unions, and to embrace all classes of workers, skilled and unskilled, brain workers and hand workers. The organization is to be used on every possible occasion to advance the interests of its members by political efforts until collectivism shall supersede capitalism. A preliminary conference held last evening endorsed the scheme.

## KILLED WIFE AND CHILDREN.

### Horrible Crime of a County Cavan Farmer Whom the Law Has Overtaken.

BELFAST, Feb. 4.—Phillip King, it is announced in a despatch from Cavan, capital of the county of that name, has been arrested on a charge of murdering his mother-in-law, wife and two children. King, who is a farmer residing near Shearrock, is alleged to have committed the crimes on Monday last, but the bodies were only discovered to-day, and King, who has been arrested, was soon afterwards taken into custody.

## CALIFORNIA FRUIT PESTS.

### German Authorities Taking Steps to Prevent their Introduction.

BELM, Feb. 4.—The Reichsanzeiger this afternoon publishes the following: "The American agricultural department report on the San Jose louse led to an official inquiry here as to the circumstances under which American fruit is imported. Prof. Frank on January 29 found on California pears arriving at Hamburg numerous living, breeding shield lice. He consequently expressed the opinion that fruit cultivation was exposed to a grave material danger thereby. A conference of other prominent specialists and the reports of the imperial office of health confirmed this view in every particular. Thus the necessity for prompt measures for protection was fully demonstrated."

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## NO CREDIT FOR SHIPS.

### Japan and Spain Both Negotiating for War Vessels But Short of Cash.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The negotiations which have been conducted by Japan for the purchase from Brazil of war ships now building in England and France have been broken off, Japan not being able to lay down the necessary spot cash. The Spanish government, which has endeavored to purchase these vessels, is in the same dilemma as regards cash payments, and Brazil will now offer the ships to the United States.

## BIG RAILWAY DEAL.

### Lake Shore Road Passes into the Hands of New York Central.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The Lake Shore railway to-day became the property of the N.Y. Central railway. The final arrangements for the transfer of the Lake Shore system were made this morning, when the directors of the Central met here to consider the proposition made some time ago for a union of the two roads into one system, to be operated under a single management. Nearly all the directors were present, and those who could not be on hand sent proxies favoring the union. Chas. M. Dwyer, president of the Central, presided and represented the Vanderbilt's interests in both the Lake Shore and the Central.

## SUFFERING PUBLIC INDEED!

### The Globe's View of Trans-continental Railway Rivalry and the Reduction of Rates.

TORONTO, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—The Globe, referring to the bickering of the two big railways, says: "Experience has invariably shown that it does not pay. No doubt a compromise will be effected between the two Canadian lines, and it will be gladly welcomed by the suffering public. The situation emphasizes the need of an independent tribunal with authority to adjust all such differences."

## RAILWAY CAMPS HEALTHY.

### Denial of Report of Black Diphtheria on Crow's Nest Pass.

LETHBRIDGE, Feb. 3.—Dr. F. H. Mewburn has just issued the following bulletin: "Please contradict as being without foundation reports of black diphtheria being prevalent in camps of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. I have just returned from an inspection of these camps and the health of the men and the sanitary condition of the camps are excellent."

## NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

### Ice Company Pays a Dividend—Cup for Prize Cattle—Westminster Customs.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 3.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the International Ice and Cold Storage Company held yesterday, Mr. J. M. McKinnon, in the chair, it was decided to pay 10 per cent. on the capital stock.

Francis J. "Old Madrid" drew the prize cattle last night. The company presented a very clean and pleasing comedy and the audience was appreciative. The handsome cup presented by the Governor-General for the best herd of prize cattle in the Westminister exhibition arrived yesterday and is now the property of the Kirkland estate.

The duty collected in Westminster for January was \$10,989, \$1,400 more than for the corresponding month of last year. There is, however, a decrease in imports and exports. The imports were \$37,574 and exports \$36,745.

## MILAN GRAIN DEALS.

### Rome, Feb. 4.—The Minister of Finance, Signor Luzzatti, in the chamber of deputies, answering a question on the subject, said the government was willing to prolong the reduction of the duties on grain from seven lire to five lire, from April 4 to May 31.

## LOCOMOTIVE WORKS INSOLVENT.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Feb. 4.—The Rhode Island Locomotive Works this afternoon filed a petition in insolvency in the supreme court, placing its assets at \$513,000 in round numbers and its liabilities at \$616,700. Poor business and a multitude of attachments added to recent embarrassments, it is said, proved too much for the company.

## NO BACKDOWN IN CHINA.

### Mr. Balfour Declares That No Government Action Can Be So Construed.

### Loan Negotiations May Turn Upon the Action of Japan as to Weihaiwei.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Times on Tuesday published a despatch from St. Petersburg saying there was reason to believe that if the Russo-German loan to China had not yet been accomplished it was on the point of being settled, an almost certain indication of the fact being that the minister of finance had ordered the suspension of all sales of stock on the market. The same correspondent telegraphs to-day that he was still unable to confirm the reports that the loan had been concluded, but the rumors to that effect continued to be circulated. On the other hand China, it is said, is no longer inclined to accept any loan unless by so doing she is enabled to play off Russia against England. It is rumored that one of the Chinese excuses for now declining a loan is that the Japanese have refused, or will refuse, to quit Weihaiwei before the stipulated time when the war contribution will be paid by China. The Times says on the subject: "If it is true that China is indisposed to accept any loan, we should not have much cause to grieve. No British interest would be deeply prejudiced if China failed to pay the indemnity and Japan remained at Weihaiwei. The Times denounces the eager haste with which the press and public have put the worst possible interpretation upon the Tallenwan matter. It characterizes the outcry as inconsistent and ungenerous and says that the portentous vision of surrender and strife which the jingoes have conjured up is merely the result of an influence based upon a quite, indecisive incident in the course of long and delicate negotiations. A despatch to the Central News from Shanghai says that the reported Russian occupation of Manchuria and the arrival of a large body of Russian troops at Kirin is untrue."

Gerald Balfour, chief secretary for the Central News, said this evening emphatically denied that there was any foundation whatever for the rumors that the government had yielded to pressure from any power or had accepted from the position it had taken up in the Chinese negotiations.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 4.—The Japanese fleet is manoeuvring prior to a cruise in Chinese waters. A despatch to the Central News from Shanghai says that the fleet is silent on the situation in China, and it is believed that the premier, Marquis Ito, is awaiting a settlement of the German claims before commencing Japan to any policy.

The Russian squadron is without smokeless coal, and the supply is small.

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Instructions are issued that all permanent and city corps militia are to keep a stock of ammunition on hand ready for emergency.

All provisionally appointed officers above the rank of 2nd Lieutenant must qualify before January next, otherwise their appointments will be cancelled.

The Marquis of Lorne has accepted the honorary Colonelcy of the 15th Ontario Battalion Argyle Light Infantry.

## BOY MURDERER HANGED.

### Expresses Sorrow for His Crime and Hopes It Will Not Be Cast Up to His Family.

BERLIN, Ont., Feb. 4.—Allison, the boy murderer of Mrs. Orr, was hanged to-day. It was four minutes to 8 o'clock when Radcliffe, the hangman, entered Allison's cell. Allison stood up and replied steadily, "I am ready," to Radcliffe's interrogatory remark, "Well, Allison," Radcliffe then bound his arms to his side. The prisoner did not say a word while this proceeding was going on, but followed Radcliffe out into the courtyard, where the scaffold was ready. The scaffold was commenced. Alfred Boomer, magistrate of Linwood, with Jailer Cook, walked at the head. Then followed Dr. Webb, coroner of Berlin, with Constable Bowly, and the Rev. Mr. Atkinson walked ahead of Allison, who was between Otto Gostmier, the death watch, and Thomas Tracy, the turnkey.

Just before entering the yard Jailer Cook asked the boy, "Have you anything to say?" "Nothing," Allison replied, but at the same time he handed Mr. Cook an envelope, on the back of which was written and signed by himself these words: "I am sorry for my crime. I did it out of ill-will. I hope those who I injured will forgive me and that no one will turn this up to my people. My sentence is just and I hope God will have mercy on me."

The door of the shed where the execution was to take place was reached and Allison for the first time looked upon the scaffold. He gave a quick, eager look up to where the rope would hang, and then he turned his head in another direction. He walked firmly on to the scaffold platform and stood on the trap which he knew would in a few seconds give way under him. He turned around to those who accompanied him, and, as well as he could with his arms bound, shook hands with them. Executioner Radcliffe shot the bolt, a third was heard, and Allison disappeared. The rope tightened, and switched backward and forward slowly with the motions of the body. Allison died without a struggle. The drop altogether was 12 feet 11 inches, 11 inches more than usual.

At the expiration of half an hour the body was cut down, and Dr. Bowly made an examination. Allison, he said, must have died instantly, although his heart was found to beat for eight minutes after the drop fell, which was at one minute after 8 o'clock. This was the first execution that ever took place in Waterloo county.

## A CRACKER COMBINE.

### Fifty Millions of Capital to Control Immense Territory in United States.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—All the biscuit and cracker companies between Salt Lake City on the West; Portland, Maine, on the East; St. Paul on the North, and New Orleans on the South, to-day passed under one management. The name of the new combine, which has been incorporated in the state of New Jersey with a capital of \$25,000,000 of preferred and \$30,000,000 of common stock, is the National Biscuit Company.

## MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

### Cartage Workers' Burned—Contractor Mackenzie in Winnipeg—Romance of an Indian Captain.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The chief of police has received a letter from Mrs. Turton, of Cannington Manor, Moose Mountain, stating that a young girl recently found living with the Indians by Rev. Mr. Sproule, of Pierre, S.D., is undoubtedly her lost daughter. Mr. Sproule sent Mrs. Turton a photo of the girl and she had no difficulty in recognizing it as being that of her child. Mrs. Turton is going to Pierre to bring back the daughter so strangely recovered.

The premises and stock of O. E. Wood, a carriage builder, were this morning completely destroyed by fire. The loss is \$2,000; insured for \$1,000.

Wm. Mackenzie, Canada's leading contractor, reached Winnipeg to-day to pay a hurried visit before starting for the old country to float the Yukon railway scheme.

There are a large number of visitors in town to attend the curling sports and attractions next week. One hundred rinks will be here for Monday.

## SIR ADOLPHUS CHAPMAN.

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Instructions are issued that all permanent and city corps militia are to keep a stock of ammunition on hand ready