

COL. EVANS DIES IN NEW YORK

FORMERLY HELD POSITION IN CITY

Was Well Known on the Pacific Coast in the Early Days

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, March 28.—Colonel Dudley Evans, president of the Wells, Fargo & Company, one of the most widely known common carrier officials in the country, is dead at the Roosevelt hospital here to-day following an operation performed here ten days ago, when he was suffering from a severe ailment. On Saturday he suffered a relapse and died last night.

Known in West. Portland, Ore., March 28.—Colonel Dudley Evans, who died in New York last night, was well known in Portland, Seattle, Victoria and San Francisco, in each of these cities being identified with the Wells Fargo interests. He first entered the service of the express company in 1868, when he was appointed local agent at Victoria, B. C. In 1888 he established an office for the company in Seattle. It was the first office of the company in the territory of Washington, the others being at Olympia and Port Townsend. At that time Seattle consisted of Yesterday's sawmill and a store at the place where the totem poles now stand. After four years' service in Seattle, Col. Evans came to Portland and took charge of the local office. Later he became supervisor and superintendent of the Northwest and eventually superintendent of the Pacific coast division at San Francisco.

Upon the death of A. J. Valentine, first president of the company, Evans was elected to take the place in 1902. Col. Dudley Evans was a Southerner by birth. He entered the Confederate army in 1862, and distinguished himself in several bloody campaigns. When the Southern forces surrendered to the Northern army the colonel came to the Pacific coast, utterly ruined and almost unknown. He attracted the attention of Lloyd Lewis, a wealthy capitalist, who was the head of Wells, Fargo & Company's express, and by him was sent to Victoria about 1868 as assistant manager under the late F. Garsche.

The colonel was a most genial and affable gentleman, and he soon became a popular favorite. There was scarcely a Victoria home circle that did not regard him as a welcome visitor. After a few years passed at Victoria he was promoted to the Seattle agency of the company, and shortly was advanced to the more important office of agent at Portland. Step by step he rose until he reached the position of president, which office he held at the time of his death on Sunday night. Colonel Evans married a New York girl. His eldest son died about a year ago, an event which cast a gloom over his spirits. It is believed that he never fully recovered from that shock. Col. and Mrs. Evans visited Victoria last summer and passed several days in renewing former acquaintances.

The deceased gentleman was aged about 70 years, and the news of his demise will be received by his many friends here with feelings of deep regret.

Labor Leaders to Bring Suit to Dissolve Corporation in Indiana

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., March 28.—President Campers, of the American Federation of Labor, expects to leave for Indianapolis to confer with Governor Marshall in connection with a suit which the labor leader is planning to press against the steel trust in the Indiana state courts.

Campers, in an interview, is quoted as having said that the American Federation of Labor will not wait for the department of justice to attack the steel trust. According to officers of the federation, the suit will be brought to dissolve the steel trust in Indiana on the ground that the charter has been violated. Members of the federation charge that every stipulation in the charter is disregarded and in addition the alleged conditions of labor in the mills are far worse than those at McKees Rocks, Pa., ever were.

STAKE LIVES ON BUDGET.

London, March 28.—Speaking in the House on the Finance Bill, the British War Minister has said that a general election was not far off, and that the government members would stake their political lives on the passing of the budget.

SETTLERS WILL POUR IN.

Ottawa, March 28.—W. J. White, superintendent of Canadian immigration agency in the United States, has returned to Ottawa enthusiastic over the prospect of an unprecedented large influx of settlers to the prairie provinces.

DUNSMUIR CASTLE CHANGES HANDS

SOL CAMERON AND P. CLARKE GET IT

Interesting Drawing for Lots Was Held on Saturday Night

As the result of the drawing held last Saturday night in connection with the disposition of the lots in the property surrounding what is familiarly known as "Dunsmuir Castle," possession of the castle itself passes to Sol Cameron and Parker Clark, of the Westholme Lumber Company. The new owners, it is believed, will dispose of their new acquisition, having no intention of occupying the premises. With the castle goes about three or four acres of land immediately surrounding it and occupying the most commanding position in the city.

The castle was built by the late Robert Dunsmuir at a cost of about \$300,000. Constructed of stone in the most substantial manner, this striking feature of the city remains unimpaired. Upon the death of Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, when it was decided to subdivide the immense area surrounding the residence, a difficulty was met with in the placing of the castle. It was realized that nothing like the value of the building could be obtained after a few lots had been disposed of. The management passed into the hands of Griffith R. Hughes, who devised a scheme which was concluded on Saturday night. In accordance with that scheme over 120 lots were sold at \$2,750 each, but the allocation of these lots was left to be decided in a drawing. All who bought had equal chances on the different lots and all got a lot.

The management drew likewise for a limited number of lots which are retained. After the lots had all been assigned by the drawing, all buyers of lots were given a chance in a second drawing for the castle and the lots or four acres which go with it. Some were formed by one of the holders of the shares in the company, but three out of the five last chances. An individual holder, however, in the Westholme Lumber Company, in which Sol. Cameron and Parker Clark are the interests represented, secured the prize. The drawing took place at the castle, the greatest interest being naturally shown by all interested and by many outsiders.

POLICE INQUIRY IS CAUSING MUCH INTEREST

Large Attendance Likely at the Proceedings Which Open Wednesday

The chief subject of conversation about town continues to be the forthcoming police commission inquiry. Rumors and surmises of all kinds are current, some probably far from the facts, while there is no doubt that others will turn out to be pretty shrewd guesses. One thing all are agreed on, and that is that with Judge Lamppan as commissioner the investigation will be searching, painstaking and thorough, and that if there is any truth in the allegations of graft which have been floating about in the air for some years he will find it. In this he will be ably assisted by H. B. Robertson, who has been named by the government as counsel.

In view of the interest taken the County Court room is sure to be crowded during the inquiry, which opens at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning. The lawyers alone in the case will make a large showing. In addition to those directly representing persons who may be affected by the evidence brought out there are likely to be some watching the ball for their own interests, while there is no doubt that the inquiry creditably, if rumor speaks truly.

INDIANS SUFFER FROM TUBERCULOSIS

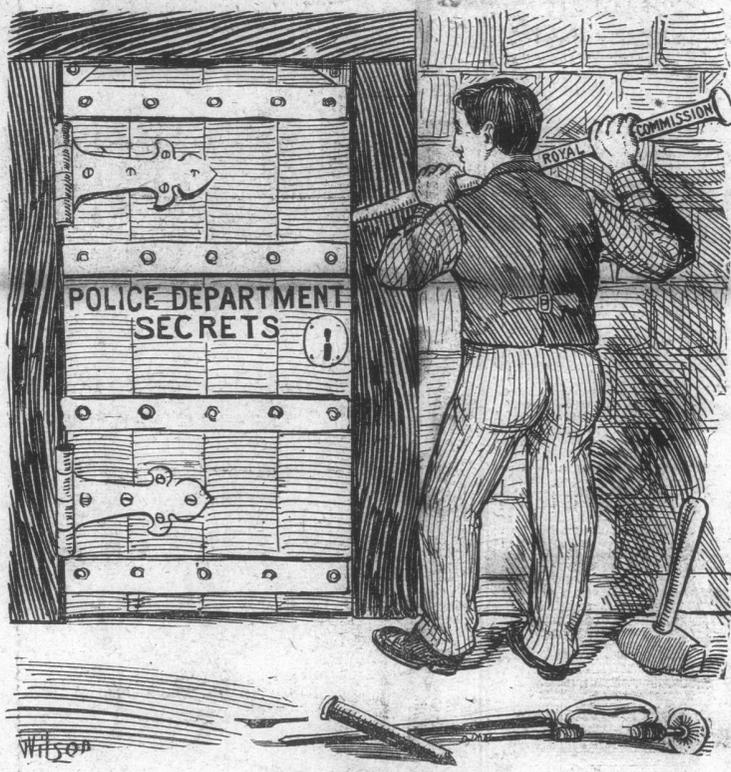
Sixty Per Cent of Inhabitants of Northern Island Are Afflicted

Washington, D. C., March 28.—According to a report from Surgeon Simpson, of the revenue cutter Manana, which has just been made public, approximately 60 per cent. of the natives of Unalaska, St. George and St. Paul Islands, off the Alaskan coast, are afflicted with tuberculosis. Simpson also asserts that there are only a few of the children on the islands who do not show some evidence of the disease.

Efforts are being made, said Simpson, to instruct the natives how to prevent the plague, which he ascribes to the lack of water to keep their homes clean.

GEORGE R. PROWSE DEAD.

Montreal, March 28.—Geo. R. Prowse, known to the father of the steel range business in Canada, died at his home here on Saturday aged 74 years. Three sons and three daughters survive.



ANOTHER SPRING OPENING.

STENOGRAPHER LURED TO DEATH

Revolutionary Murder of Girl in New York

Murderer Tries to Cremate the Body of His Victim

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, March 28.—Albert Wolter, a white-faced, anaemic youth, accused of attacking, strangling to death and burning Ruth Wheeler, 19 years of age, a stenographer, to-day denied all knowledge of the crime. The police, however, are endeavoring to weave a net of circumstantial evidence about him which will send him to the electric chair, if substantiated. The murder of Miss Wheeler was one of the most revolting recorded in New York's criminal annals.

The girl had been lured by her murderer to the room occupied by Wolter under pretext of employment. She was attacked and strangled to death. The murderer then sought to remove all trace of the crime by burning the body. Finding that the corpse would not fit in his fireplace, he broke the bones of the arms and legs. The body then was thrust upright into the fire, the clothing saturated with kerosene and a match applied. The attempted incineration failed. The murderer then dismembered the charred corpse. He sewed the trunk and head in a sack, and placed it outside the room. He endeavored to cremate the limbs.

The police have established that the suspected man occupied the room in which the murder was done, that he owned the sack in which the trunk was found, and that he advertised for a stenographer.

The police are endeavoring to prove that Wolter is guilty of a number of revolting crimes, and that he headed a "white slave" gang. Katchen Mueller, who posed as Wolter's wife, is being held by the police as a witness. They declare that she has already told them many damaging things concerning the accused man.

Katchen Mueller made a statement to the police to-day. "About midnight Thursday," she said, "I was awakened by a crashing in the front room. I called out, asking 'who is there?'"

"Albert answered, telling me that that part of the fire place had fallen and he was fixing it. He told me to go to sleep. About 2 o'clock in the morning another noise wakened me. I went to the front room and found Albert shoving something into the grate.

"I offered to help him and he ordered me to go to bed. "He said he would choke me to death if I did not go. I went back to my own room."

DECLARES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Roosevelt Denounces Murder of Premier

People Must Be Trained to Fit Them for Constitution

(By a Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)

Cairo, Egypt, March 28.—Disregarding the warning of the Nationalists, former President Roosevelt in an address before the University of Egypt, to-day took a square stand for law enforcement, denouncing the assassination of Premier Boutros Pasha so vigorously that it surprised even those knowing the colonel's fearless reputation. The Nationalists, it is believed here, are responsible for the assassination. Despite the fact that many members of the faculty and many students are in sympathy with the Nationalists, there was so much in Roosevelt's address appealing to enlightened Egyptians, regardless of politics, that the colonel was roundly applauded and heartily congratulated at the end of his address.

The nearest Roosevelt came to repeating statements in his address at Khartoum, in which he said British rule in Egypt is beneficial, came when he said: "It will not make people self-governing merely to give them a constitution. There must first be training of the people to fit them for a constitution. This usually is a slow, though steady development."

Referring to the assassination of Premier Boutros, Roosevelt said: "The assassination was a greater calamity than any wrong of the assassin's victim." Then he went on to say that the assassin type possessed all the qualities alien to good citizenship and severely arraigned all persons who directly or indirectly encouraged assassins, or who defend the crime afterwards. At the conclusion of his speech the university conferred the degree of doctor of laws upon Roosevelt.

TWO CANNERIES BURNED AT NANAIMO

Wharves Are Also Damaged—Loss is Estimated at \$20,000

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, March 28.—Fire at 11 o'clock last night destroyed two canneries owned by Japanese and damaged the loading wharves. The total property loss is \$20,000. The fire originated in an Indian shack and was started, supposedly, by a tramp and fanned by the high wind, spread rapidly. The official work of the bucket brigade saved the residence of James Brown and checked the progress of the flames.

ORDER WOLTER IS HELD OVER TO THE GRAND JURY WITHOUT BAIL

The police believe they have discovered clues which will aid them in unearthing Wolter's slave crime, and will question Katchen Mueller regarding other women said to have visited Wolter's room and then disappeared.

EIGHT KILLED ON U. S. CRUISER

Breach Plug Blows Out During Gun Practice

Inquiry Being Made Into Disaster on Board the Charleston

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Eight men were killed by an explosion on the protected cruiser Charleston at Olongapo yesterday, according to a dispatch received to-day at the navy department. The vessel was at target practice when the accident occurred. A breach plug on a three-inch gun blew out, killing the greater number of the gun crew.

The dead: John McKee, master at arms; Walter Amsted, seaman; Henry A. Heuter, seaman; Leo Renneke, seaman; Harry Reeves Gradon, seaman; Ralph Barkman, ordinary seaman; Maxie Barnard, ordinary seaman; Edward Albert Moilin, private U. S. marine corps. The men were buried at Cavite.

The report of the accident was made to the department by Commander-in-Chief Hubbard, of the Asiatic fleet. An official court martial has been ordered to investigate the circumstances of the accident. Hubbard expressed the belief that the explosion was the result of a premature discharge of the gun. He said that it was possible that the firing pin in the breach-lock became jammed and that after the shell was put in place, the breach-lock was set hastily and the jammed pin exploded the cartridge prematurely. After taking the dead to Cavite, the Charleston returned to target practice.

HALF MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 28.—Three large industrial establishments in the northern section of this city were burned Saturday night. The combined losses are estimated at \$500,000. The places destroyed were O. F. Surn Company's lubricating oil warehouse at Broad and Somerset streets, loss \$150,000; Hancy-White, manufacturers of mantels, loss \$250,000; Terman & White, lumber yards and mill, loss \$100,000.

FARMERS FOR WEST.

London, March 28.—A pioneer party of 15 families for the Canadian Pacific Railway company's "ready-made" farms in Canada, sailed on the Empress of Britain. The capital possessed by the head of each family ranges from £500 to £1,000. Numerous relatives, who in many cases traveled hundreds of miles for the purpose, saw the party off.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DEAD

FLAMES DESTROY INN DURING DANCE

Panic Stricken Dancers Block Exits and Are Burned to Death

(Times Leased Wire.) Matamoras, Austria, March 28.—Two hundred and fifty people were killed in a fire which destroyed the village inn at Pakoerite while a dance was in progress there to-day. The building was built of wood and the fire spread with great rapidity. A panic occurred and the dancers jammed the doorways, cutting off escape. The roof of the building fell while the dancers were trying to make their escape, and many were caught under the timbers and held while the fire raged around them.

Scores were hurt in the first mad rush for the door, and only a few of those in the building escaped without injury. The building was consumed so rapidly that efforts to check the blaze were futile. A great crowd gathered around but could render no aid to the imprisoned martyrs. After the fire had buried itself out great piles of dead bodies were taken out. At each entrance bodies, stacked on one another were found, many of them so horribly burned that efforts to identify them were useless. It is believed that some of the bodies were entirely consumed. Oakeerite is in mourning to-day over the tragedy. There is hardly a family in the town that has not lost some members. Business houses have been closed and general mourning has been proclaimed.

BODY CREMATED.

Candies in Mortuary Chamber Start Fire Which Destroys Dwelling.

(Special to the Times.) St. George, Beauce County, Que., March 28.—Fire which started from lit tapers in the mortuary chamber yesterday destroyed the dwelling of Jean Dulac, together with the body of a man. The contents of the house, including several hundred dollars in money secreted in a bureau drawer, were destroyed.

LONDON PRESS ON TARIFF SETTLEMENT

Canada Congratulated on the Stand Taken on the Question

(Special to the Times.)

London, March 28.—There is little comment in the papers here on the tariff agreement between Canada and the United States. Two or three papers, by prominent headlines, claim a victory for Canada, and the Daily Mail elaborates the claim editorially, saying among other things that Canada owes her triumph not only to her courage but to the fact that she is equipped to meet industrial rivals with their own weapons. The Times says the welcome accorded here to the settlement will be as cordial as it is sincere. It also comments congratulatorily on the probable arrangement of the boundary waterway question as follows: "Sir Whitbir Laurier thus has the pride and pleasure of achieving a complete adjustment of outstanding questions which he endeavored to attain nearly twelve years ago."

On the other hand, the Morning Post, which lately berated the United States for bullying Canada, does not find much comfort. It says: "Canada, unsupported by her Imperial partners, has capitulated to America's fiscal intimidation." Hon. L. P. Brodeur continues to improve. Minister of Marine will probably return to Canada in a month. (Times Leased Wire.) Ottawa, March 28.—Hon. L. P. Brodeur has concluded his stay at Pinehurst, N. C., and will now go to Atlantic City, N. J., where he will stay for two or three weeks. If his health continues to improve it is likely one of the government steamers will go to New York for the minister of marine, from which port he will proceed to Halifax and Sydney and thence up St. Lawrence for a tour of inspection.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE.

Antwerp, March 28.—A group of Belgian merchants has decided to form a national shipping line between Antwerp and Boston and Quebec. An order is to be immediately placed in England for a large steamship for this purpose.

MUCH INTEREST IN NEXT MEETING

DEVELOPMENTS PROMISED TO-MORROW EVENING

Some Important Matters to Engage Attention of the City Council

(From Monday's Daily.) To-morrow evening's meeting of the City Council is expected to prove of more than usual importance and interest. It is highly probable that a lively debate will ensue when the report of Mr. Hughes' action is made to the board. At no time was a majority of the members enamored of the mayor's project calling for a complete reorganization of departmental methods at the city hall, and it was only by persistent effort on the part of his worship that the members of the finance committee were induced to endorse the plan and authorize the expenditure. It may be taken as a certainty that a number of the members of the finance committee will resist any attempt on the part of the mayor to secure the services of another actuary to continue on with the work, which Mr. Hughes has relinquished; and, this being the case, the whole matter will of necessity be allowed to drop, as the four members of the board not on the finance committee voted against the scheme at the meeting of the council two months ago.

Public expectation is that another special meeting of the board of health—and the mayor and council constitutes this board—will be summoned at once to deal with the case of the matron of the Isolation Hospital, and it is not improbable that this meeting will be held to-morrow evening, just prior to the session of the council. In view of the fact that the Medical Council has threatened to secure reform in the administration of the Isolation Hospital by independent action if needs be, the civic authorities have but little alternative in the matter. Another matter which will probably come up for discussion to-morrow evening in a report from the city solicitor is that of the application of the "Victory" to station privileges in the yard and station privileges in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the company and the corporation, which was made a decree of the court in settlement of the action which had been pending some months ago. The decision of the property owners of Blanchard street to resist the right of the city to grant the company the privileges proposed opens the whole matter up again, and a pretty legal tangle is promised. Just what the outcome of the matter may be is hard to conjecture.

The matter of the discharge of certain men who had been employed on cement sidewalk work will be revived by Ald. Fullerton to-morrow evening. His questions put last Monday evening to the mayor and the acting city engineer not having been answered to his satisfaction, Ald. Fullerton wants to know by whose instructions these men were "let out," at a time when there was considerable work to do. Mr. Bryson casts much of the responsibility for the action on the mayor, but he does not say so in specific terms, and therefore Ald. Fullerton will return to the charge.

CONVICT RISKS LIFE IN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE

Allows Comrades to Cover Him With Clay While Lying in Cart

(Edmonton, March 28.—"One month with ball and chain," was the sentence imposed on convict No. 234 by Warden McCauley, of the penitentiary, before whom the prisoner was summoned after having risked his life in a desperate attempt to make his escape from the wearisome round of a jail bird's toil.

A number of convicts had been set to work on excavation of a basement of the cell block. Clay was being loaded on wagons and hauled outside the jail yard to be dumped in a depression near G. T. P. tracks. While one wagon was out being unloaded at the dump the convicts in the basement among whom was Dickson, were unloading the wagon under close surveillance of a guard. Dickson had made up his mind to get outside the prison wall and take his chances at liberty. At about 9 a. m. on Saturday at the moment when he thought the guard was not looking, he hopped into the wagon box and allowed his comrades to cover him with clay, hoping to be carried with the load. The guard was aware of the plot, however, as ten convicts in the penitentiary had been dispatched to play a dangerous unrest ever since the opening up of spring and the guard had been given special instructions never to lose sight of these ten for an instant. Dickson was one of the number. The guard ordered the driver to take the load around to the door of the temporary cell block, where it was stopped. "Number 234," said the guard, "has better climb out of there." "No, 234 never moved. "Hand me that pick," said the guard, "I'll get him out," and to the astonishment of the driver, the convict beat his feet commenced to beave up and with some difficulty the convict extricated himself from his uncomfortable hiding place.

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TWO SOLDIERS ARE ACCUSED OF MURDER

Charged With Killing and Robbing French Woman in Train

Paris, March 28.—After a wrangle between civil and military authorities as to who had jurisdiction, a court martial will be called to try two soldiers, Georges Graby and Henri Michel, accused of murdering and robbing Mme. Jules Edouard Goulin on a train between Paris and Fontainebleau, last fall.

The crime is one of the most atrocious in the police history of France. Both civil and military authorities sought to place the two men under arrest. Finally the military authorities secured precedence. A mental examination has just been completed by the medico-major and the men pronounced sane. One of the alleged murderers is 20 years of age and the other 24.

UNCLE SAM'S NAVY.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—The naval appropriation bill, carrying \$125,000,000, was reported to the House yesterday by the naval committee. This amount is about \$2,000,000 less than the department's estimates. The bill provides for two first-class battleships, one repair ship, two fleet colliers and five submarines.

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