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GANG ORGANIZED TO START FIRES

State Fire Marshal that Widespread "Arson Trust" is in Existence

BURN BUILDINGS

Enormous Fire Losses in United States Every Year-Idea of Organization is Sceptically Received

CHICAGO, July 19 .- That there exists a gigantic, country-wide arson trust with headquarters in Kansas City and representatives in nearly all Building of C. N. B. Section Between of the large cities, the members of. which make a business of setting fire to buildings to enable the owners to collect large sums of insurance, was State Fire Marshal C. J. Doyle, in an address delivered before the Chicago Association of Commerce.

"The tentacles of this octupus," said Doyle, "have extended into a dozen or and Sudbury, Ont., for \$12,000,000. nore cities. They have been found at work in Bloomington, Springfield, Ills, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Buffalo, St. Louis, Chicago and other cities. Two of the gang have been convicted and are now mprisoned in a southern city. The others will be behind the bars before ong if we are successful in following 1913. the clues we are now working on.

"The firebug problem is one of the arson the fire losses of the country ite. In Chicago the loss is \$5,000,000

European cities." sas City is the headquarters of an ar Fire Marshal C. J. Doyle of Illinois be-fore the Chicago Association of Com-merce today, the police here have trust, as was declared by State never learned of the fact." Chief of Detectives S. W. Sieckfose laughed at

HAYTIEN TROUBLES

U. S. Cruiser Des Moines to Be Sent to Port au Prince-Porces to Garrison Capital.

BOSTON, July 19 .- Sailor and naval fficers were hustling to and fro aboard protected cruiser Des Moines at the Charlestown navy yard today making final preparations for her voyge to the scene of the Haytien rebelon. The Des Moines will leave Bos-Port An Prince.

town has temporarily relieved the are well represented. anxiety of the people, who feared the capital might fall before an attack of revolutionists.

The cruiser Antoine Simon, which as been repaired, left today for St. Marie and Gonives, both of which are occupied by the revolutionists. It is the intention of the cruiser to bombard these towns if the revolution-

ists refuse to withdraw. The diplomatic corps met this afterhe threatened bombardment.

SHORT OF BREAD

Residents of Mexico City and Monterey

Made Uncomfortable by Strike of Bakers MEXICO CITY, July 19 .- Residents

Mexico City will be forced to curtail their consumption of bread tomorrow and before the end of the week thousands of families will be using the home-made variety, unless an agreeent is reached between bakers and bakery owners.

A large part of the bread makers walked out today after being unable to secure accession to their sole demand, that for an 8-hour day. They expect to gain general support tomorrow.

MONTEREY, Mex., July 19 .- This city of 66,000 inhabitants is in the midst of a bread famine owing to the strike of the bakers and is practically subsisting on tortillas. Thirty of the more important bakeries have closed. The strikers want increased wages.

CRASHES THROUGH BRIDGE LORDS EXPECTED Wrecked and Six Persons Injured

MUSKOGEE, Okla, July 19 .forthbound passenger train No. 5, or the Midland Valley Railroad, crashed through a bridge one half mile west of Avant, Okla., late, today. The Allegation Made By Illinois of Avant, Okla, late total high, had been weakened by a swollen creek. A wrecking train has been sent from here to the scene.

According to reports received here late tonight, at least six persons were injured, among them Conductor J. C. Smith, of Muskogee

The engine passed completely over the bridge before the pier gave way. FOR INSURANCE The baggage car is hanging at the west end of the bridge and the "Jim Crow" car, which crashed through lies at the bottom of the creek, nearly buried in water.

CREATION OF PEERS

Likely in Any Event

creation of peers.

icy would be suicidal.

Monday's Sitting of Com-

graph, a staunch Unionist paper, in to-

has now fallen into line with the Tele

Lord Selbourne, Lord Curon, Lord Sal-

that day the prime minister will move

the excision of the lords' amendments,

and is expected to make an important

created before the bill is sent back to

the lords, as an earnest of the govern-

display a disposition to be obdurate. It

in the Morning Post, which counsels a

Guilty of Murder

GERMAN OFFICER

of War

CONSUL EXPRESSES

firm policy of no surrender.

ments for the coming debate

The smoking car is hanging over the trestle, about to fall. The two rear passenger coaches remain on the track. A severe electrical storm put the

telegraph and telephone wires out of commission and further details of the wreck are unobtainable tonight,

LARGE CONTRACT

Sum of \$12,000,000 the sensational-charge made today by of Spokane, and his associates today were awarded the contract for the construction of 551 miles of the Canadian Northern railroad between Port Arthur

> This is the second large contract obsame company within a month, and constitutes a new record in the annals of railroad contracting. Several thousand men will be employed on the work. The time set for its completion is October,

The contract awarded today will be most important which confronts the Brothers and the Northern Construction conducted under the firm name of Foley country. Even without the cases of Company, those thus associated being Patrick Welch and J. W. Stewart, of are appalling. The fire loss in this Spokane, Foley Brothers, of St. Paul, country amounts to about \$500 a min- Minn., A. R. Mann and A. C. Mackenzie, of Toronto, the two latter constituting a year, while in Berlin the annual loss the Northern Construction Company. does not exceed \$200,000. We need to Precisely the same parties are interested fire protection plans of in the contract previously obtained for KANSAS CITY, July 19 .- "If Kan- west end of the same railroad system.

DICHMOND DANCE

with Favorable Conditions and that therefore the creation of fifty Some Good Scores Made by balance. Victoria Cadets

VANCOUVER, July 19 .- With ideal weather conditions favoring the contomorrow and within a week she testants, the British Columbia Rifle be at Guantanamo to take on association opened its thirty-eighth ancoal after which her commander, nual prize meeting at the Richmond aptain Oman, expects to proceed to rifle ranges this morning. Some of the near Fort Ross, on March 9. Although highest scores ever made in the prov-PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, July 19. ince on the first day were registered, President Simon arrived here this greatly to the surprise of a few of evening on board the German steamer the old time crack shots. The number Syria. He was accompanied by a of competitors entered this year is 144. arge force of troops, which have been the majority of whom are from Vancouwith him at Fort Liberte. The return ver and Victoria. The Okanagan country of a sufficient force to garrison the and Esquimalt and New Westminster

All the matches were exciting in the extreme. The surprise of the day, and there were many of them, was the crack shooting of some of the cadets from the University School in Victoria. Many of them came rather high for novices.

who will represent the province at the Dominion Rifle association meeting at noon at the call of American Minister Ottawa in a few weeks. The team will Furniss and decided to protest against consist of eight members of the active militia and one man from any civillan rifle association, providing his score is not less than the eighth man. The men are chosen according to their grand aggregate score.

No. 1 tyro mach, restricted to tyros who are members of the B. C. R. A., 200 yards, seven shots: \$6.00-Lt. W. S. Latta, 6th Regt., 33.

\$5.00-Mr. A. E. Menzies, Westmin-\$4.00-Cadet Capt. Crawford, Vic-

toria, 33.

Regt., 32.

V. R. A., 31; Mr. A. D. McLeod, V. R. A., for training purposes. 31; Private J. A. McFee, 6th Regt., 31. \$2.00—Cpl. A. R. Harkness, 5th Regt., 31; Mr. E. C. Creagh, Kelowna, 31; Sgt.

Mother Finds Her Son

UNITED WIRELESS

SEATTLE, July 19 .- All the property ondon Daily Telegraph and Other Unionist Papers Agree in Admission that No Other Course is Open London Daily Telegraph and eceivers for the United Wireless Con

The action brought by the receivers te said, at the recovery from FAILURE CHARGED Parker, of the commissions he received WOULD BE ALTERNATIVE for selling stock in the wireless concern and the return of this money to the

Double Tragedy

Urgent Whips are Issued for TACOMA, July 19 .- Without a word of explanation, Stanley Gujnewoey, mons -Fifty New Peers aged 28, a Russian, fired three shots at Mrs. Margaret Watkins and then stood before a mirror and killed himself this afternoon in a lodging house. The woman was removed to the Fannie Paddrck hospital and is not expected to LONDON, July 20 .- The Daily Tele-

Sugar Trust Case

day's editorial says not only that the NEW YORK, July 10 .- Although the House of Lords will pass the third readminutes of the meetings of the board of ing of the veto bill today without divisdirectors of the American Sugar Refinpass that, for the simple reason that committee with H. O. Havemeyer and there really is no practicable choice," Mr. Senff to acquire sugar refineries, and because it would form an evil and Mr. Thomas today told the special con- such as census-taking, northern Onconsent if the ministers required the the government report at Washington a fuel famine. few days ago. Practically the whole Unionist press

Cholera as New York

graph in the admission that this is the only reasonable policy for the lords to death from Asiatic cholera occurred in an imperial preferential trade at the Swinburn Island hospital of the policy. follow, and that the "no surrender" pol-New York quarantine station today. Long cabinet meetings and also conferences of the Unionist leaders, including Mr. Balfour, Lord Lansdowne, this additional death, making the count isbury and others were held yesterday for the purpose of making final arrange-Premier Asquith has postponed his intended visit to Scotland because of the crisis, and urgent whips have been issued to all parties for Monday's sitmorning proved not to be cholera. ting of the House of Commons. On

the excision of the lords' amendments, and is expected to make an important pronouncement on the ministerial inever happens, fifty new peers will be ment's intentions, should the peers still

Annual Prize Meeting Opens ment has created fewer than the customary number of peers in recent years. Contractors Have Already Goodeve wanted to know what action Evidence of Carabineer Capnow would little more than restore the Streets-Immense Plant Ar-That the creation of peers may yet rives in City be necessary is indicated in an editorial

The Canadian Mineral Rubber Com-SANTA ROSA, Cal., July 19 .- Dr. L. night of the murder of John D. Powell has already got its undertaking so well certain persons that the Minister of C. Chisholm was found guilty here tothe jury returned a first degree verdict. it recommended life imprisonment. Chisholm will be arraigned for sentence on Saturday. His counsel said quarter dollars, will be practically fin- daily wage. This the government had ished by the first day in 1912. The no intention of doing. tonight that he would seek a new trial. company has in all 625,000 square on 175,000 square yards, or close upon one-third of the entire contract, has already been carried out, although the company has only been received. yards of paving to lay. Grading work company has only been working for a little over five weeks. 'The greater portion of the plant, through the agency of which the work is being accomplished, has reached the city, and the balance will be here by the beginning of August. This plant, with which the company is carrying out its This meeting decides the marksmen Criticises Canada's Navy and large undertaking—the largest individ-Says that Cruiser Niobe ual paving contract ever awarded represents an outlay of \$150,000, and Would be of No Use in Case is the last word in the machinery of paving.

A trip around the various points at which the work is under way is an obfect lesson in the philosophy of "how to do it." The prime point of interest is the yards and wharves of the con-REGRET IN WRITING cern, located on Store Street, on the (another is due to arrive early next month) of the latest up-to-date as-MONTREAL, July 19 .- Canada was phalt mixing plants, each weighing nearly threatened with a casus belli. some 137 tons, and each capable of handling continuously from 90 to 100 The sub-commander of the German tons of gravel. These plants, which \$3.00-Sgt. S. H. DeCarteret, 5th cruiser Bremen now in port here had are transported from place to place by Regt., 33; Qmr. Sgt. Hooper, R. C. G. A., the audacity to criticise the Canadian rail, are each 66 feet 5 inches in of the coal miners' strike in Alberta 33; Cpl. N. Zala, 5th Regt., 32; Mr. J. F. navy and say that the Niobe was of length, the maximum length of any car and Eastern British Columbia, on since Mutrie, Vernon, 32; Sgt. A. Richardson, 5th Regt., 32; Lt. T. V. Scudamore, 6th no use for war. Ottawa was notified, by which the asphalt is mixed is inallowed on a railroad. The machinery Admiral Kingsmill issued a statement terdependable in the process of turn-\$2.50-Cpl. D. Mahood, 6th Regt., 32; and war was threatened until the Ger- ing out the material ready for laying Mr. T. Allan, Kelowna, 32; Mr. J. W. man consul expressed regrets in writ-Sutherland, Penticton, 32; Lt.-Col. R. J. ing. Not to be outdone, Admiral Kings-Edwards-Leckie, 72nd Regt., 31; Mr. W. mill publicly added that the Niobe was H. Paddon, V. R. A., 31; Mr. S. B. Birds, not a warship, but was only intended for grinding the gravel, yet another is screening it so fine that a pin head point is not overlooked. Automatically the asphalt material, while at a tem-TACOMA, July 19 .- Mrs. Rosa L. perature of 360 degrees, is loaded into

gard to Census and Crow's in the senate. Nest Strike

TO LEMIEUX ACT

Reciprocity Agreement is Arraigned in Several Speeches -Classed as Bad Bargain Finding of Fragments Thought to for Farmers

the reciprocity agreement resumed the were recovered this afternoon from the debate in committee of ways and wreck of the Maine. The discovery was means in the House of Commons to-the main deck almost directly beneath night, and several more speeches were an inverted conning tower, which had presence of the former shah, Mohamion, but that when the government bill ing Company show that Washington B. added to the arraignment of the pact. been upset and hurled 60 feet from its is returned to the upper chamber shorn Thomas, the present chairman of the In the earlier hours of the sitting the of the lords' amendment, they also will board, was elected a member of a special time was taken up in a discussion of a shoe and other fragments were found variety of topics of timely interest, several weeks ago. dangerous precedent to bring the crown gressional committee investigating the tario fire disaster and the strike of into the struggle and it would be impossible for the king to withhold his nothing about it until he read of it in

Mr. Wilson, of Lennox and Addington, argued that the reciprocity agreement would diminish Canada's NEW YORK, July 19 .- Another trade with Great Britain. He believed

E. Gus Porter, of East Hastings, opposed the reciprocity agreement as a The victim was Giuseppe Pettinic- bad bargain for the Canadian farmer. chia, 32 years old, who arrived here on The Congress of the United States the steamer Moltke. Notwithstanding was bound to lower the tariff of that country, and so it had been decided to seven at this port, Health Officer A. bargain Canada into a state of slav-H. Doty, issued a statement in which ery. He expressed the hope that the he said the situation was satisfactory government, and afford the people No further cases of the disease have an opportunity to express their views developed among the detained immi- on the reciprocity question. He begrants, and the one suspected this lieved their verdict would be against

the government's policy. The strike of six thousand coal miners in Southern Alberta and Eastern British Columbia was made the subject of an attack on the government in the House today, Mr. Goodeve leading off with a description of the leading off with a description of the situation, which was that, he said, of a threatened coal famine in the west. TAVINU UUNINAU! He asserted that the Lemieux Act had proved worse than a failure in this case, as it had actually prevented the parties from getting together and discussing terms of settlement. Mr. Graded Nearly One-third of the Minister of Labor had taken since receiving the report of the board of conciliation and investigation.

Hon. Mackenzie King, in the course of his reply, alluded to the magnitude of the strike. He had confidence that the report of the board would afford a basis of settlement. The parties could now get together and proceed with the pany, which on June 9th commenced terms of settlement recommended by work on Victoria's paving programme, the board. It had been intimated by in hand, that, provided no unforeseen Labor said that if the strike was procircumstances arise, it is announced longed, the government would take that the contract, which involves an over the mines and operate them, expenditure of over a million and a guaranteeing the operatives a certain

Coal and Wood Now Extremely Scarce in Prairie Towns-Situation Daily Becomes More Serious

MUCH SUFFERING FEARED IN WINTER

WINNIPEG, July 19.—Daily the fuel coming more alarming and a serious gave was the cause of further violent coal and wood famine is inevitable. Each day's delay in the settlement April, makes the situation more acute. studying the situation closely, for a fuel famine will mean much suffering in which the men are on strike supplied a vast territory with coal, which now is being shipped in from Pennsylvania.

British Barks Sold SAN FRANCISCO, July 19 .- The British bark Balmorai, which arrived

SENATE SPEECHES

Three in Support of and One in Opposition to Reciprocity Agreement
With Canada

WASHINGTON, July 19 .- Vigorous

upport of the Canadian reciprocity agreement by Senators Brown, of Ne-braska, Stone, of Missouri, and Works, Members of Commons Criticize of California, and a speech against the measure by Senator Kenyon, of Iowa Government's Course in Re- made up today's debate on the measure

Senator Stone arraigned the interests which he said had been using the farmers for the purpose of attacking reciprocity. He declared that Democrats could find no excuse for not su porting the agreement as introduced by President Taft, He said: "The presidept is on the right side: the Democratic House of Representatives is or the right side. It is a pitiable spec tacle if the senate stands as a stum bling block."

BONES IN MAINE Represent Three Bodies-Exploring

Work Interrupted

HAVANA, July 19 .- Fragments of OTTAWA, July 19 .- Opponents of bones believed to represent three bodies original position and close to the spot

The work of exploring the wreck was interrupted by the necessity of letting in four feet of water to float a scow used as a receptacle for wreckage which grounded in the mud. Probably the last of the water will be pumped

out in a day or two.

BOSTON, July 19 .- Charles (Chick) Evans, the Chicago golfer, who failed in his efforts abroad to capture the British amateur championship, landed here today with two prizes in his grip and another following. Evans won the principal prize at Troon, one of the leading Scottish links, and a second prize at Stokes Poges, in the royal gold vase competition. He also captured the Bennett cup in the French amateur tournament at Peris. This trophy will be sent of said geal in the face of the situation to him. Mr. Evans left here for Detroit, where he expects to participate in All Mirza. A coalition cabinet, comthe western amateur championship to-

WILD IUNIULI

tain Against Priest and Cam- and in financial circles here little immorrist Prisoners Leads to turning to Persia. Violent Vituperation

VITERBO, Italy, July 19 .- The testimony of Captain Fabroni, of the Neapolitan carabineers, drew violent protest from the prisoners at the trial of the Camorrists today. The testimony had to do with the alleged plot between who was accidentally killed at Kaker the priest Ciro Vitozzi and Giacomo As- lake yesterday, was brought here from crittore, who denounced De Anglia and Concrete tonight. Amedeo as the murderers of Gennaro Cuoccolo and his wife, in order the pro- through the chest and dled within two secution asserts, to protect the real as- hours. His body was brought to Consassins. Fabroni pointed out the sim- crete from the camp, eighteen miles ilarity of the versions of the crime north of there, at midnight last night. given by the priest and Ascrittore and Deputy, Prosecuting Attorney R. H said the latter had found one Jovine to Evans, a close personal friend of Judge whom he promised money for swearing Prigmore, who mistook the latter for a falsely. Later Jovine went to the priest, by whom he expected to be paid for the body to Concrete over the rough ecounting the same falsehoods. Here mountain trails. Vitozzi interrupted the witness, crying out: "Murderer, you won't find a priest Prigmore in camp and did not know he to assist you at the moment of your had entered the woods. When Evans death."

Fabroni continued, saying it was now crush he thought it was a cougar and mpossible to locate Jovine. This as- fired twice. After the second shot Judge sertion led counsel for the defense to Prigmore called out that he was woundremark that "Jovine" was an invention ed. By the time Evans reached him he of the carabineers. Fabroni protested against this, and a survived.

general tumult followed by counsel for the defence and the prisoners, all of the trail for aid, and when he returned whom arose to their feet and denounced the witness. Some even attacked President Bianchi, saying that he must not allow the witness to transform himself into a public prosecutor.

Captain Fabroni continued his testimony at the afternoon session, and situation in Western Canada is be- spared no one. The evidence which he disputes, the settlement of which occupied most of the time.

Decision for Shippers Many cities, towns and villages are ruling has been issued by the railway signed. commission sustaining the contention of shippers that in shipping light, adviser to General Bonilla, is said to during the coming winter. The mines bulky goods, such as millinery, shippers may combine the weights. The chair of the district of Cortez. This

> Train Held Up GRAND FORKS, N. D., July 20 .-

this.

Train No. 2, the eastbound North Coast istering the affairs of the general gov-VANCOUVER, July 13.—The carpentders, sympathy with whose strike led
4,000 trade unionists of this city to quit
work, have agreed to return to the employ of all employers granting union
shop and \$4.25 per day. All the other
trades will follow suit, and the strike is
therefore practically at an end,

Train No. 2, the eastbound North Coast
is the led wagons, and in this condition, with the minimum of delay, conveyed to the points where
the ploy of all employers granting union
shop and \$4.25 per day. All the other
trades will follow suit, and the strike is
therefore practically at an end,

E. Herries, 6th Regt., 30; Mr. H. Dunsdon, Summerland, 30; Private J. Quiney,
don, Summerland, Summerland,

PROMPT ACTION

Persian Government Proceeds to Meet Situation Created by Endeavor of Former Shah to Regain His Throne

FORCES ARE SENT TO MEET REBELS

British Authorities Attach Small Importance to Re-appearance of Old Ruler-Question of Protocol Enforcement

TEHERAN, Persia, July 19 .- The emier at a special meeting of the National Council today emphasized the which has been brought about by the med Ali Mirza, in Persia and the revolutionary movement headed by the former shah's brother in Kurdistan. The National Council empowered the government to proclaim rigorous martial

An expedition composed of 500 Bakhtiyaris, 500 reformed cavalry and a large contingent of volunteers, will start forthwith against Mohammed

Opinion here is interested in the attitude Great Britain will adopt as cosignatory of the Protocol of August 28, 1909, in which Russia promised to prevent political agitation on the part of the former shah.

The government has ordered Sirdan Safer to Kurdistan with 200 horsemen and guns to crush the rebellion in that district, which has made considerable progress under the leadership of Salar El Dowleh, brother of the deposed

The government is showing reason and zeal in the face of the situation posed of Democrats and Moderates. has been formed with Sipah Jara, leader of the Nationalists, as premier The portfolio of war has been entrusted to Samsam Esh Sultaneh, the chief of the Bakhtiyaris of western Persia, and a number of the leaders ncluding Yepoima, a famous chief of TIME Tolling Yepoima, a famous chief of police of the Bakhtiyaris, have assured the government against the deposed Shah.

Of Small Importance LONDON. July 19.-Private dispatches from Teheran say that the deposed Shah has only a small following portance is attached to his action in re-

BODY BROUGHT OUT

Shooting of Judge Prigmore is Described by Attorney Evans, who Fired Fatal Shot

SEATTLE, July 19 .- The body of Superior Judge Robert W. Prigmore,

Judge Prigmore was shot twice couger and fired the fatal shots, brought

Mr. Evans said he had left Judge saw something moving in the underwas unconscious, but in a short time

Evans said he ran eight miles down Judge Prigmore was dead.

HONDURAS AFFAIRS

PUERTO CORTEZ, July 19 .- General Manuel Bonilla's control of the Atlantic coast of Honduras has been further strengthened by the appointment of Ricardo Lopez, his private secretary, as collector of customs of Puerto Cortez. Lopez has been a presidential aspirant since he arrived here from New Orleans in January, and yesterday he was sworn TORONTO, July 19 .- An important in as successor to Carlos Inestraza, re-

General Lee Christmas, chief personal have been selected to fill the governor's railways contended they could not do report is unconfirmed, but is believed to be true. General Christmas is at present inspector of police at the cap-

While Provisional Beltrand is admin-

