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SPLENDID DELHI DURBAR WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE



REHEARSING FOR THE DURBAR AT DELHI.
Delhi, Dec. 4.—The splendid Durbar, erected here for Sir Louis Dane, Lieut. Governor of the Punjab, has been destroyed by fire due to defective electric light insulation. The blaze started in the main pavilion. The troops fought valiantly to control the spread of the flames. Sir Louis loses a silver service, carpets and pictures valued at 20,000 rupees.
Bombay, Dec. 4.—Native princes flocked before King George and Queen Mary today, assuring the monarchs of their loyalty. All were received in full state and the guard of honor and artillery men from the forts were kept busy, the latter having the delicate task of ascertaining how many guns each Rajah was entitled to.
The little princes were permitted to kiss the royal hand and were given a few gracious words. The men stopped for a brief chat and accepted presents. The city is again illuminated tonight and King George is giving a state banquet.
King George, Queen Mary and their suites attended divine service aboard the Medina yesterday and visited the government house in the afternoon. They were wildly cheered as they drove through the streets. They attended services at the Cathedral and returned to the Medina.
They will be received by the governor, many Indian princes and notables, and will then visit the shrines and relics of Bombay.

ELECTIONS KE WALK OVER

Liberals Fail to Nominate Candidates in Many Constituencies—Opposition Composed Largely of Socialists, Etc.
SEVENTEEN RETURNED BY ACCLAMATION.
Former House Consisted of 80 Conservatives out of 98 Members and Increase is Likely This Election.

THINK McNAMARAS NOT RESPONSIBLE

GEORGE PERLEY CONSERVATIVE
Walter Drew for National Erectors Association Issues Statement that He Does Not Favor Extreme Penalty.
Were Probably Actuated by Outside Influence and Should Not Be Judged Until Complete Confession is Obtained.
New York, Dec. 4.—In the behalf of the National Erectors Association, which employed W. J. Burns to run down the McNamaras in the dynamite outrage, Walter Drew, as counsel, issued a statement here tonight urging that the prisoners "make a frank and full confession." Mr. Drew says, among other things, that he doubts the sincerity of labor's demands in urging extreme punishment for the name of justice, and indicates rather that those who take this attitude have an ulterior motive.
Mr. Drew issued the statement in the form of a telegram to J. B. Fredericks, district attorney at Los Angeles. The telegram follows:
"Captain J. D. Fredericks, District Attorney, Los Angeles, Cal.—
"I doubt the many statements from labor leaders regarding the McNamaras and demanding the infliction upon them of the extreme penalty of the law. As you know, I am counsel for a group of employers who have been among the chief sufferers at the hands of these men, and perhaps you are familiar with the details of the dynamite outrages in which they took part. I deem it my duty to say to you, in order that in your discretion you may advise the court:
"First—No human life has been destroyed by any other explosion traceable to these men nor do I know of any such explosion which was apparently planned with the purpose of taking life, though in some instances a disregard of such possible consequences was shown.
"Second—The national erectors association does not join in the demand for the death penalty for the young McNamaras, believing him the weak link of the chain, and his actions being the result of the sale of the dynamite to men who now repudiate him. We believe the punishment of both these men is secondary in importance to the conviction of the man behind them, and we sincerely hope they will take action in the future to prevent the recurrence of such a signal service to society by making a full and frank confession.
"Third—Inasmuch as some of the demands for extreme punishment come from men who must have known of the guilt of the McNamaras, and one of them at least to be implicated in several outrages with them, I sincerely doubt that such demands are being made with the sole desire of aiding the ends of full and complete justice.
"(Signed) "WALTER DREW."
Mr. Drew reiterated this evening that he believed that between twenty and thirty labor leaders would be indicted as the result of the McNamaras and that the ramifications of this inquiry would extend from Boston to the Pacific coast. As to Samuel Comers, president of the American Federation of Labor, he would say nothing other than to repeat what he said during the day—that so far as he knew Mr. Comers had no knowledge of the dynamiting and no advance information that the McNamaras were to plead guilty.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The Liberals spent this afternoon being sorry that they are no longer in office. It seems that the miserable Conservative wretches, who by an inexplicable decree of Providence were permitted to desecrate the treasury benches for a season, have had the impertinence to look into the contracts, bargains and arrangements which the great Laurier government had concluded. Disgust, annoyance, vexation, indeed real peevishness were the natural results. The subjects were two in number, the Hudson Bay railway and the Champlain market site for the Quebec terminus of the National Transcontinental. The Hudson Bay railway was the pet subject with the Laurier government. That government had quite a habit of carrying elections in the west on the H. B. R. cry, and of letting the railway mark time between whites. In 1905 they definitely promised that trains would be running by 1911, and by 1911 they had partly built the Saskatchewan Pass, and had let a contract on terms which enabled the contractor to arrive on the scene two weeks before election day. Hon. Frank Cochrane wants to look over the question of the route for himself, and today there ascended the bitterness of Rachel mourning over her child.
H. B. R. Rachel was perfectly certain that the poor thing had been definitely gaily, and Rachel would not be comforted. Rachel herself had never delayed the Hudson Bay railway, no matter at what hour. As for the Champlain market site, Sir Wilfrid Laurier was chief mourner, and he was very indignant that the government had not been unhesitatingly and unquestioningly accepted.
Mr. Newley began the Hudson Bay railway debate by moving for papers on the scheme. After Mr. McKay, Conservative member for Prince Albert, and Mr. Tupper had spoken, Mr. Cochrane replied very briefly that the contract had been held up to enable him to get into the question of the line chosen had not been of the best. Mr. Oliver and Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared this meant that the project was set aside.
Mr. Borden said that Laurier was laying down the doctrine that became a certain conclusion the incoming administration was bound to accept that conclusion and to obtain from considering a route for itself.
Laurier moved for papers about the Champlain market terminus of the National Transcontinental. This was a contract which the late government signed after it had been defeated.

COMMISSION IS TO HAVE WIDER SCOPE THAN WAS EXPECTED

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 4.—T. Chase Casgrain, K.C., C. A. Magrath and H. A. Powell, K.C., three Canadian members of the International Waterways Commission, are in Ottawa and will hold a conference here tomorrow with Right Hon. James Bryce on matters relating to the organization. This will be the first meeting of the Canadian commissioners since their appointment by the Imperial government.
It is understood that the International Commission will have a much wider scope than was at first supposed. The commission will not only deal with disputes or differences arising between the governments of Canada and the United States, or between the government of one country and any citizen or citizens of the other country.
The commission will in effect be a permanent court to which the two governments can refer all differences for adjudication.
Some curiosity has been aroused as to the position of the three gentlemen who were recommended for the position of Canadian commissioners by the late government. It is learned on reliable authority that the Imperial order for their appointment was not signed by the King and consequently was never operative.
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DIFFICULTY IN FINDING MINISTERS

Yuan Shi Kai Isn't Having Much Success With His New Government—Loan Agreement Botched.
Peking, Dec. 4.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai is having great difficulties with the board of finance, he appointed a president to the Chinese foreign bond trustees Wednesday morning. The vice-president left Peking after informing his friends that the situation was hopeless. The acting president has now asked for a leave of absence on the ground of illness, but really because he was summoned before the National Assembly.
Considerable of a sensation has been caused by the discovery that the National Assembly, the Chinese foreign bond, and the board of finance, hold three different texts of the \$30,000,000 loan agreement negotiated by Baron Cottu in behalf of a Franco-Belgian syndicate. This was discovered, it is said, when a representative of the Chinese foreign bond appeared before the National Assembly in secret session. It is on this occasion that the Chinese foreign bond agreement practically departs.
Consular advice says that three days' armistice at Wu-Chung terminates Wednesday morning. The rebels probably will be renewed. Delegates from the rebel provinces are arriving at Wu-Chung and Yunnan. The rebels are ready there.
If reports are correct, there is a strange association of Japanese with the rebels in South Manchuria. Have, once, fear of Japanese aggression has prevented the Chinese from accepting the assistance of the Japanese.

AMERICANS TAKE UP MATTER OF PASSPORTS OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—After months of uncertainty the United States government has taken up with the Russian government the question of passports for American Jews in Russia and the obligation upon Russia to issue them. President Taft is awaiting a report from American Ambassador Guild, at St. Petersburg, which, if it comes tomorrow, will be discussed by the cabinet at its regular session. If it does not indicate a willingness upon the part of the Russian government to consider the question, Mr. Taft may recommend to congress legislation that will be virtually identical with the act of the Texas. Mr. Sulzer's resolution was virtually identical with that of the Texas. Mr. Sulzer said he had been in St. Petersburg by the United States was carefully concealed and only became known here today.

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN PASSED AWAY HERE LAST EVENING

A well known resident of the city passed away, shortly after six o'clock last evening in the person of John O'Neill, founder of the well known undertaking business in the North End now conducted by his son Daniel J. O'Neill. Mr. O'Neill was in the 84th year of his age, and up to Saturday when he suffered a stroke of paralysis was in possession of all his faculties, and took a keen interest in the affairs of the world. In spite of his advanced age he was able to get around and had a marvelous memory being able to describe events which took place many years ago with great accuracy and a wealth of detail.
Mr. O'Neill was born in Ireland in 1828, and came to this country in 1852. In 1858 he went into the cabinet making and undertaking business in this city with the late Charles Humphrey. Subsequently he became a partner of the late Charles Ramsey, a well known stevedore of this port and continued in this business for some time. He also conducted a carpenter shop for some time and then re-entered the undertaking business again opening an establishment on Main street which he conducted for many years.
Besides his son, Daniel J., who took over his father's business some years ago, Mr. O'Neill leaves two daughters, Miss Annie M. O'Neill and Mrs. Eliza.

WINTER FAIR OPENS AT AMHERST—ENTRIES FROM NEW BRUNSWICK

Special to The Standard.
Amherst, Dec. 4.—The Maritime winter fair opened auspiciously today. The weather was good and the trains brought many visitors. Truro is represented by a crowd of students from the agricultural college. All the departments have the entries well filled. In the beef cattle, swine and sheep classes, the entries number about the same as last year, but there is a large increase in the dairy cattle class and in all lines of poultry.
The poultry entries are over sixteen hundred, and experts from Ottawa declare that the exhibits are the finest ever shown in Canada. The Hartland Poultry Company of New Brunswick, have over three hundred entries to the show.
The Province of New Brunswick has also a fine plate display of fruit in charge of S. L. Peters, which is attracting marked attention. Much regret was expressed that Premier Fleming and Solicitor General McLeod, could not attend the fair. The government of the sister province is well represented by W. W. Hubbard, secretary of agriculture for New Brunswick.
At six o'clock the commissioner gave their accustomed banquet, which was attended by about sixty of the representative men from the three provinces and leading citizens of Cumberland. It was given by the ladies' aid society in connection with the local hospital, under the charge of Mrs. Dr. D. C. Allen, president of the organization, and was in all points a splendid success.
Col. H. Montgomery Campbell, of Apolonia, president in a very happy manner and addresses were given at the festive board by Hon. O. T. Daniels, Hon. E. H. Armstrong, W. H. Dickson, M. P. for Albert, W. W. Hubbard, secretary of agriculture for New Brunswick; J. L. Ralston, M. P. for St. John, and R. S. Carter, M. P. for Miramichi.
At the conclusion a public meeting was held in the auditorium, at which Col. Campbell again presided. In his opening speech he traced the history of the fair for the past eleven years and referred to the enterprise of Amherst in voting appropriations for extensions of the building.
Mayor Lowther, of Amherst, and

SIR JAMES WHITNEY'S HOLD ON ONTARIO WAS NEVER STRONGER

Winchester Spring, Ont., Dec. 4.—Electors of Ontario were given an unexpected treat this afternoon when they heard a debate in which Sir James Whitney met his opponent, Mr. S. Muir, the Ontario commercial traveller, who so suddenly came into the field against the premier. The Orange Hall was crowded to the point of discomfiture with men who had braved the zero weather and who, wrapped up in great fur coats, had driven many miles to attend the meeting.
Mr. Muir received a fair hearing although at times he was forced to stop, owing to roars of approbation. One of these times was when Sir James was referred to as the most reactionary public man in Ontario during the last fifty years. The biggest disturbance, however, was when the liberal candidate in reference to Dominion politics, said that Messrs. Monk and Bourassa were in control of the federal government. It was fully five minutes before the cries of "Take it back, take it back" began to subside enough to allow him to continue.
In reply to a statement the premier declared emphatically that there was no break in the cabinet on the bilingual issue.
RAILWAY FARM CROSSINGS.
Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The Railway Commission has issued an order to the effect that railways are compelled to put down farm crossings at their own expense, only when the land is occupied and addressed were given at the support of a man and his family. In other cases the expense is divided according to the circumstances.
At the conclusion of the meeting, both Walsh and one grandson, Arthur B. Walsh, two brothers, Charles O'Neill, of the I. C. E., Monaghan and Thomas C. of Hampton, and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Grey, of the North End, also survive.
The funeral will take place from his late residence, 669 Main street, on Thursday morning at 8.45, to Holy Trinity church, where requiem high mass will be held at 9 o'clock.

JUSTICE DECIDES CLERICS WITHOUT INCOME CAN'T VOTE

Montreal, Dec. 4.—Judgment was rendered today by Mr. Justice Charbonneau to the effect that members of a religious order having taken vows of perpetual poverty and obedience, were disqualified from making use of the electoral franchise and the names of 16 persons attached to the order of the clerics of St. Viateur engaged in teaching at the Rignaud Roman Catholic college must be struck from the electoral lists of that district.
The court in giving his decision, said that despite the qualifications of the 16 clerics to vote owing to their culture and education the law must be maintained and they must be disqualified on the grounds of earning capacity as they had no income. The case establishes a precedent in Quebec jurisprudence and may cause many similar actions throughout the province.

WANT REMOVAL OF WEALTH OFFICER OF PORT OF NEW YORK

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 4.—The removal of Dr. Alva H. Doty, health officer of the port of New York, was recommended in a report to Gov. Dix today by Charles N. Bulger, who was appointed by the governor to investigate the business and affairs of the office. Dr. Doty was first appointed to the office on January 2, 1895, and was last reappointed by Gov. Hughes on Feb. 15, 1907, for a four year term, at a salary of \$12,000 a year.

SUMMARY TREATMENT OF INSURGENTS

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 4.—The Kingston newspapers publish reports of summary executions outside of Port Au Prince, Haiti. It is alleged that the victims are guards who were sent to northern Haiti by ex-president Simon to assist in putting down the revolt which was started by the followers of General Lescotte the president. It is added that that section of the country is in a state of great excitement.
Warden Purdy, both spoke briefly, tendering to the visitors a welcome to the town and county and a further welcome was extended to them by C. Sutherland, president of the Amherst Board of Trade.
Hon. O. L. Daniels in a short, but forcible address, emphasized the necessity of more co-operation along the usual lines by the people of these provinces.
W. W. Hubbard conveyed the greetings of the port of New York, Minister of agriculture for New Brunswick, to the visitors at the Fair and made a capital and taking address, assuring the commissioners of the continued support of New Brunswick to the fair.
Other speakers during the evening were Hon. E. H. Armstrong, J. Rolfe, M. P., and Rufus Carter, M. P., Father Gauthier, of P. E. Island,