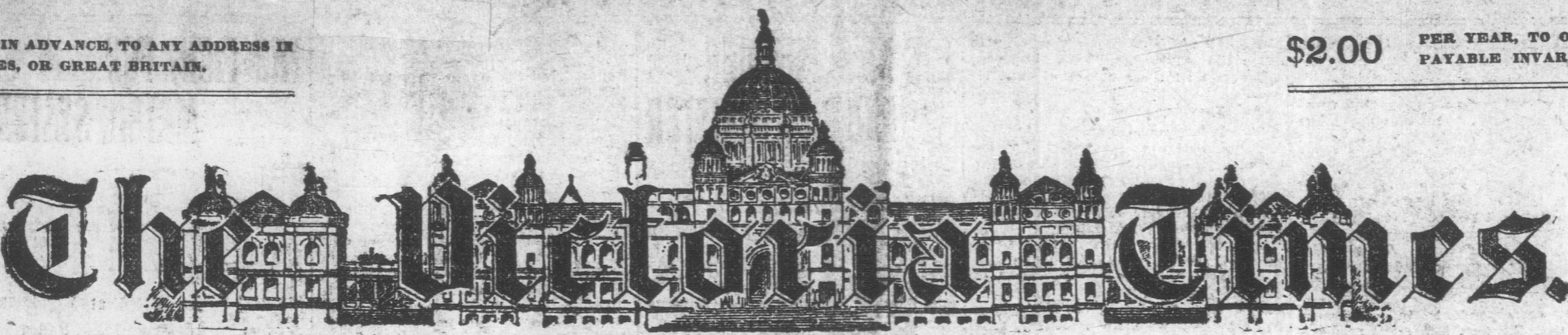


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### MORE RAILWAY MEN QUIT WORK

#### STRIKE IS SPREADING IN BALTIC PROVINCES

Business is Being Resumed at Odessa But the Streets are Patrolled by Soldiers.

Warsaw, Dec. 8.—Advices received here to-day from Riga and Orlov say that the railway men at those places struck last night as a protest against martial law in the Baltic provinces.

Similar news comes from Samara to the effect that employees of the St. Latov railway have struck because of the proclamation of martial law in the government of Samara.

Vienna, Dec. 8.—Dispatches received here to-day, from Lemberg, Galicia, says that general business is being resumed at Odessa. The loading of ships is being resumed, the factories are running and the newspapers are appearing.

London, Dec. 8.—The Great Northern Telegraph Co. re-established telegraphic connections with Riga and Orlov via Nystad, this morning.

Stocks Depressed. Paris, Dec. 8.—Stocks on the Bourse to-day were depressed owing to continued interruption of communication with Russia.

### THE PRESERVATION OF NIAGARA FALLS

#### RESOLUTION OF THE WATERWAYS COMMISSION

Report of the American Section Refers to Work Since Organization in September.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The American section of the International Waterways commission in its annual report to the secretary of the war department on the progress made in the work of developing on the commission, calls attention to a number of questions which have been brought before it and expressed a desire for an expression of wishes of congress for its future guidance.

"The uses of the waters in the Niagara river for power purposes and the regulations necessary to insure an equitable division of the waters between Canada and the United States and the protection of Niagara Falls as a scenic spectacle.

"The alleged differences in the marine regulations of the two countries with respect to signal lights and the advisability of adopting uniform signals for both countries.

"The advisability of building controlling works at the outlet of Lake Erie, including the effect upon the levels of the lakes and upon their shores and upon the river St. Lawrence.

"The division southward of certain waters in the state of Minnesota that now flow north into the Rainy river and the Lake of the Woods.

"The effect of the Chicago drainage canal upon the levels of Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario and upon the river St. Lawrence.

"Delineating the international boundary in the international waterways and delineating the same on modern charts.

"The suppression of illegal fishing on the Great Lakes.

"The construction of common channels.

"According to the report some of these questions clearly come under the jurisdiction of the commission as constituted, while some do not, and there is room for doubt with respect to others.

of Canadians in this matter be more clearly defined.

Since its completed organization in September last the commission has made progress in the collection of data bearing upon some of these questions, particularly those relating to the use of water at Niagara Falls and to the regulation of the level at Lake Erie by works near its outlet.

The most pressing question, according to the report, related to the use of water at Sault Ste. Marie, where the respective governments of the traffic through the canal constructed at the rapids is said to be greater this year than ever before, it being estimated at upwards of 40,000,000 tons for the year.

In conclusion the report says: "It is hoped that the commission created by congress intended to provide for a permanent international board. It is desirable that the status of the present commission as a permanent body should be defined or a new board be created."

#### COAST-KOOTENAY RAILWAY.

Route Map Submitted to Hon. H. R. Emmerson For Approval.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Norman MacLean with his legal representative, A. W. Fraser, appeared before the minister of railways this forenoon, and asked for approval of the map route of the Coast-Kootenay railway.

London, Dec. 8.—At a stormy meeting to-day of 500 shareholders, the amalgamation plan of the Le Roi and the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern, that company, represented by H. B. McGovern, opposed the application.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson during the discussion laid down the principle that those applying for approval of a map route must have made the preliminary survey and furnish the necessary information in regard to termini and any towns placed within a reasonable distance of the proposed line.

The idea seems to be that part of the Coast-Kootenay is to be built from Courtenay to a point near Nicola, where it could connect with the Nicola, Kamloops & Similkameen railway.

KILLED IN FIGHT. Man Who Was Knocked Out in Ninth Round Died of Hemorrhage of the Brain.

Yreka, Cal., Dec. 8.—Jack McDonald, a laborer at Reed and champion of the locality, was killed in a fist fight on Wednesday night with Sid Roberts.

The two men made arrangements for a ten-round bout for the gate receipts and a purse of \$1,000. From the third round, Roberts had everything his own way. In the ninth, when McDonald was all but gone Roberts swung a vicious left to the back of McDonald's head, driving him to the floor.

Donald died, not regaining consciousness. The doctor pronounced death due to hemorrhage of the brain. One hundred men saw the contest. Roberts is now in jail.

#### TRANSPORT ADRIPT.

The Jinsen, With 1,000 Troops Aboard, Is Helpless Off the Korean Coast.

Chefoo, Dec. 8.—Two Japanese army officers who have arrived here in a lifeboat report that the transport Jinsen, which left Dalny for Japan two days ago with 1,000 troops and 300 horses aboard, broke her propeller between Shan Tsung promontory and the Korean coast, and is now adrift.

The two officers embarked in a life boat, and came to Chefoo to seek assistance.

The Japan consul here has telegraphed for a man of war to rescue the helpless vessel. Some British officers are on board the transport.

#### JAP MINISTERS RESIGNS.

Tokio, Dec. 8.—(2 p. m.)—The minister of education, Yasuru Kubota, has tendered his resignation as the result of a protest signed by 150 professors and instructors, which was presented to Prime Minister Katsura yesterday.

The protest condemned the action of the minister of education in accepting the resignation of the president of the commission to all international waters between the Atlantic and the Pacific ocean. It is desirable that the wishes

### MAKING IT EASY FOR THE SULTAN

#### POWERS WILL ACCEPT SOME OF HIS PROPOSALS

Modifications Will in No Way Affect the Efficacy of Financial Reform Scheme.

Constantinople, via Sofia, Dec. 8.—The ambassadors of the six powers at a conference just held have accepted some of the modifications proposed by the Porte to the original scheme for the financial control of Macedonia and an amended agreement has been forwarded to their respective governments for ratification.

The modifications accepted apparently in no way affect the efficacy of the scheme, but are a sop given to the Sultan's self-esteem and to the recognition of his sovereign rights by the inclusion of an Ottoman representative in the financial commission, and an agreement that the commission's decision shall be submitted to the Sultan for formal imperial sanction.

#### THE LIENCHUN MASSACRE.

Twenty-Five Persons Implicated in Murders of Missionaries Have Been Arrested.

Hongkong, Dec. 8.—Mail advices from Lienchun say that the commission appointed to inquire into the massacre of American missionaries early in November has examined thirty witnesses, and that 25 implicated persons, including a Buddhist monk, have been arrested.

The American consul, Julius G. Lay, has thanked the authorities for their kindness and hospitality to the members of the commission. He intends to leave for the coast to-morrow.

LE ROI MINING COMPANY. Amalgamation Plan Defeated at Stormy Meeting of Shareholders.

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By a large majority A. J. McMillan has been elected to the board in place of S. Waterlow, who sought re-election. Messrs. Drayton, Dunneville and Wilson were also voted to the board.

The further hearing of the case was postponed.

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"The political future is most encouraging. The great mass of the Liberals will follow the lead of the new premier and John Morley on the Irish question. The views of these men as well as their actions have been consistent. Lord Rosebery's objections will have little weight.

"But the Irish party is alert as well as united. The reliance of Ireland is not upon any British declarations however plausible or encouraging they may be, but upon the action of parliament and the absolute justice of her demands.

"The Irish question which has lived for a hundred years holds the field to-day. The convention just held here was a great representative gathering strong in purpose and eloquent in public opinion. United and hopeful the Irish people are looking with confidence to the Irish race and its sympathizers the world over to sustain them in this crucial fight and to aid them in making the most for Ireland from the present situation.

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#### OTTAWA NOTES.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure For Five Months Ending With November.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—The finance department issued to-day a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Dominion for the five months ending with November last. For this period the revenue was \$31,562,533. The increase for the month of November alone was about one million. There was an increase in the expenditure for the five months of two millions and a half.

This was about a quarter of a million more expenditure than the increase. All sources of revenue showed increases. There was one million three hundred thousand dollars increase in customs, half a million in excise, over six hundred thousand dollars in the post office, and over one hundred thousand in public works. On capital account for the five months the expenditure was \$1,800,000 greater than for 1904.

Unconfirmed Report. The department of the interior informed your correspondent to-day that they had no knowledge of the sale by the government of any block of land to the Saskatchewan Valley Land Co., of which Colonel Davidson is one of the heads. The department does not credit the report of the sale.

DESTROYED BY FIRE. Buffalo, Dec. 8.—The shops of the Erie Railroad Company and the Erie railroad transfer and freight house on Canton street were destroyed by fire, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000.

#### YELLOW FEVER ON STEAMER.

Callao, Peru, Dec. 8.—The steamer Doa has arrived from Panama with 11 cases of yellow fever on board.

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### THE CRY FOR AN INSURANCE INQUIRY

#### NO CHARGES AGAINST CANADIAN COMPANIES

Question Will be Fully Gone Into When Legislation is Introduced in the House.

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—Within the past few weeks a number of Canadian papers have been raising a vigorous if not altogether well-timed cry for a parliamentary investigation into the position and doings of Canadian insurance companies, and without in any way attributing to these papers motives that are not of the highest character, it must be apparent to all that in so doing they have been in danger of creating the very thing that they profess to be anxious to avoid.

A general cry for investigation implies that there is something to be investigated, and by so doing is likely to create a panic amongst those who are insured, and such a panic is inevitably certain to result in loss to some of the people who for years have been paying more or less heavy sums as annual premiums on their policies.

What is the charge to be investigated? True, there is an investigation into certain charges which have been made against a number of United States companies, but the investigation is exceedingly interesting and exhaustive. Against the Canadian companies, however.

No Charges of Any Sort. It has very well been said, and even the most strenuous papers in the demand for investigation have not hinted that the Canadian companies have been induced to contribute to party funds or that the directors of the Canadian companies have been using the funds of the companies for investments from which they receive private advantage.

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### ONTARIO FARMER'S TERRIBLE CRIME

#### MURDERS HIS WIFE, SON AND DAUGHTER

Murderer Afterwards Ended His Own Life—Canal Employee Killed by Falling Into Lock.

Shelbourne, Ont., Dec. 8.—Jas. Coulter, a farmer living in the northern part of Melancton, about ten miles from here, last night murdered his wife, daughter and son, and then committed suicide. Further particulars are not to hand.

Fatal Fall. Thorold, Ont., Dec. 8.—Thomas Cowan, lockmaster of Welland canal, while walking along the coping at an early hour this morning slipped and fell into the lock, his head striking a gate, killing him instantly.

WORLD'S TYPEWRITING RECORD. Pueblo Editor Wrote Nearly Five Thousand Words in One Hour.

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 9.—Ray T. Vanetich, state service editor of the Pueblo Chieftain, last night broke the world's typewriting record for both the thirty minutes and one hour tests, taking 2,600 words during the first 30 minutes, and finishing the hour with 5,200 words.

PERFECT BOWLING SCORE. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 9.—Yesterday, for the second time in less than six weeks, Percy G. Hill rolled a perfect game. He accomplished the feat with C. D. White as an opponent. Both of Hill's 300 games were rolled in friendly matches.

### A FORECAST OF THE NEW CABINET

#### LONDON TIMES NAMES PROBABLE MINISTERS

Sir E. Grey Likely to be Foreign Minister and H. H. Asquith Chancellor of the Exchequer.

London, Dec. 9.—The Times this morning says that Sir Edward Grey will probably become secretary for foreign affairs in the Campbell-Bannerman cabinet, while all the Liberal Imperialists, expect Lord Rosebery will hold important offices.

The Times believes that Sir Robert Threshfield will become Lord High Chancellor; Herbert Henry Asquith, chancellor of the exchequer; John Morley, secretary for India; Lord Elgin, secretary for the colonies; Richard Burton Haldane, secretary for war; Herbert Gladstone, secretary for the home department; the Earl of Aberdeen, vicerey for Ireland; and James Price, chief secretary for Ireland.

NOT UNDER ARREST. Arthur Strong, Who Travelled West With J. C. Hammond, is in Helena.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 8.—Arthur Strong, who it was stated in a dispatch from Albany last night was under arrest here because of his association with John Cross Hammond, the murderer of the late Governor, was not in custody. He is waiting for money which has been sent him in order to return home.

The boy, who is a cousin of Hammond, had made a statement showing the trip of Hammond from New York to Missoula. At no place did the two stop more than a few hours. The boy knows the boy had of the murder was on the train east of Spokane when Hammond showed him a paper with an account of the murder. The boy asked Hammond if it was so, and Hammond would not reply. Arriving at Missoula, Hammond wanted Strong to take to the hills with him. The boy refused. For three days Hammond did not let Strong get out of his sight. Thanksgiving Day, Hammond went out to get a bottle of whiskey, and Strong slipped away, going to the depot and taking a train for Helena, where he has been since.