THE GREATNESS OF CANADA

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What Canada wants, what Ontario wants, what Toronto wants is government that is up to and ahead of this greatness that is coming to all of them.

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WEALTHY MEXICAN GIRL LEADER OF REBEL GROOP

Senorita Neri, a Modern Joan Arc, Leads a Band of Insurrectos in Their Struggle Against the Diaz Government — Makes a Good Fighter.

MEXICO CITY, April 15.—(Special.)—The leader of the large band of revolutionists now operating in the State of Guerrero, is a girl, Senorita Dona Margaritt Neri, daughter of a man who once was a general in the Mexican army, General Canuto Neri, but who, forsaking his country's cause, took up arms against the Diaz government. The girl is wealthy, her father having safely hidden his wealth in French securities before starting the revolt which ended in his death about twelve years ago.

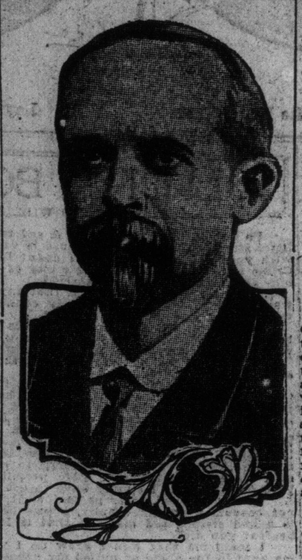
"La Neri," as she is affectionately called by her band of about seven hundred followers, inherits the revolutionary instincts of her father, who at his death left her in a convent in Chilpancingo. She was then six years of age, and the term of her "imprisonment" as she called it, in the convent, was twelve years. This term she finished six months ago, and came out possessed of some 500,000 pesos in cash and a large amount of bonds and other securities in the Bank of Paris.

Leads a Troop.

With her money she equipped a force of seven hundred men, who selected her as their leader as soon as she manifested a desire to take the field. Fresh from the convent, she learned to ride like an amazon and shoot fairly well. All her men are equipped with American rifles and revolvers, with interchangeable cartridges, and all wear short eabres, in contradistinction to the long swords of the Mexican cavalry.

The girl and her band have been in several hard fights with the Mexican troops. She leads the fights in person, showing rare bravery on the field. She has never been wounded, and to the superstitions Indians of the region, seems to bear a charmed life.

La Neri, altho beautiful in features, is of a pronounced Indian type, her mother having been a Guerrero Indian, and her father a descendant of one of the early Spanish settlers in Mexico. She speaks English and French as fluently as she does Spanish, and has some knowledge of the Ancient Nahuatl tongue of the aborigines of Guerrero.



M. Lepine, Paris Prefect of Police, whose eccentric administration of his office has endeared him to the heart of all Parisians and may lead to his nomination for presidential honors.

Sheldon Figured As Church Worker

Assumed a New Name and Gained Prominence in Sunday School and Y. M. C. A. Circles.

MONTREAL, April 15.—Since the arrest of Charles D. Sheldon in Pittsburg, some light has been thrown on another portion of his hitherto shaded past.

Twelve years ago he was residing in Bainesville, Cook County, Texas, where he was known as Prof. R. E. Wilson, Sunday school superintendent, Y. M. C. A. worker, able school teacher, and active church member, and was very popular.

But after having forged the names of several prominent men, he had to drop out of sight. The sheriff of Cook County kept up a vigorous search for the absconding Wilson for over two years, spent hundreds of dollars in trying to effect his capture, and kept a standing reward of $500 for the apprehension of the culprit, and his delivery to Sheriff Womack of Cook County, in any jail in the United States or Canada, but without any results.

"We think he is one of the slickest scoundrels that ever looked thru prison bars," is the way The Gainesville Register puts it.

Laid Down Lives For Their Friends

Man is Overcome and Drowned in Cesspool With Three Would-be Rescuers.

CORONA, L. I., April 15.—Father, son and two friends were drowned in a cesspool here to-day. The son, an Italian laborer, in trying to clean the pool was suffocated by gases, and sank into six feet of water at the bottom. The father, in grappling for him, while he was still struggling, was also overcome and pitched forward into the pool. Two other laborers who attempted to rescue the first two were similarly dazed and drowned. Firemen dragged out the bodies.

Carried Fortune In His Pockets

Elderly Stray Found on Cleveland Streets With $200,000 in His Possession.

CLEVELAND, O., April 15.—An aged man found by the police last night, while wandering about the streets with $200,000 worth of securities and valuable jewelry in his possession, to-day was identified as Dr. Halzy J. Howe, a retired dentist of Dunkirk, N.Y.

Dr. Howe until to-day imagined that he was in Pittsburg, Pa. He told the police that when found last night he was hunting for the home of a friend on High-street of that city.

MANITOBA'S NEW GOVERNOR NAMED

John Galt, Mentioned as Likely Successor of Sir Daniel MacMillan — Appointee a Well-Known Business Man of Winnipeg—Family Prominent in Canadian History.

WINNIPEG, April 15.—(Special.)—John Galt, of the firm of G. F. & J. Galt, will, according to information published in The Telegram to-day, be appointed lieutenant-governor of Manitoba to succeed Sir Daniel MacMillan. The appointment has not yet been officially announced, but it is well known that Sir Daniel MacMillan is on the eve of retirement, from his dignified office and that his successor has been determined upon in Ottawa.

John Galt is of the distinguished family which has made its impress on the political, professional and commercial life of the Dominion. The first of the name in Canada was the friend of Lord Byron, who was the founder of the Canada company which was so great a factor in the history of Western Ontario. The City of Galt, Ont., is named in his honor.

The prospective new goverror is the son of Sir Alexander Galt, the distinguished friend and supporter of Sir John A. Macdonald in several of whose cabinets he held a portfolio. He came to Manitoba in the early eighties of the last century and with his cousin, George Galt, founded the well-known firm of G. F. and J. Galt.

KILLED WHILE AT WORK

Lukea Priska Crushed Between Cars at Sunnyside.

Caught between two flat cars at 10.15 a.m. Saturday, another victim was added to the heavy list of fatalities in the person of Lukea Priska, an Austrian, who was employed loading flat cars at Sunnyside crossing.

One flat car was standing apart, and just as the engineer shunted another one down to it, Priska started to cross between them. Jammed between the two cars he was killed instantly.

Deceased was about 45 years of age, married, and lived at 3 Gladstone-sq. His body was taken to the morgue, and an inquest will be held early in the week.

T.N.O. SHOPS AT NORTH COBALT

COBALT, April 15.—The taking over of the Nipissing Central Railway by the T. & N. O. Railway Commission, along with the townsite of North Cobalt, indicates that the commission proposes to develop North Cobalt as a town.

It is said here that the carshops for the northern division of the T. & N. O. will be built at North Cobalt, which already has a population of about 1200.

LOOKS LIKE BIG STRUGGLE ON TARIFF

The Democrats Are Introducing a Bill to Free-List All the Necessities of Life, and There is a Demand From the Farmers for its Ratification.

NEW YORK, April 15.—(Special.)—One of the greatest tariff fights of the extra session will rage around the question of putting on the free list the articles which are roughly classed as "necessaries of life" and as to which Representative Underwood has introduced a bill in the house. The struggle will come in the senate. In the house it will be a perfunctory performance. There the Democratic steam roller will be set in motion and the only interruptions will be the yells of anguish from the high tariff leaders.

Many of the Republican insurgents will vote to free-list the articles in question. In the senate the high tariff Republicans are priming their guns for a real battle. While it is a close question whether the program of the house Democratic leaders as to the free listing of many so-called necessaries of life will be put thru the upper house, the indications are that it will be passed, at least in large part, tho only after protracted discussion.

Many Articles Included.

It is with relation to this free listing of about 100 articles in the Underwood bill that it is now possible to understand clearly that the Democratic leaders in the house have pursued a clever course in putting the reciprocity agreement ahead of other proposed tariff legislation. All indications now are that reciprocity will be passed by the senate. As to passing the house, of course, there is no question.

Latterly there have been signs that the strength of the measure among the senate Democrats was increasing. Likewise there are signs that the Republican regulars are giving way on the Canadian proposition. The insistence of the president is having some effect in that quarter.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, a protection Democrat, has come over to the support of the agreement. His change of front is a serious blow to the Bailey following and to the opponents of reciprocity in general.

Farmers Get Busy.

It is pertinent to consider what will happen when the reciprocity measure shall have been passed by both houses and ratified so far as this government is concerned. The fiction of protection for the farmer will have been wiped out. So far as he is concerned, free trade in farm products with Canada might as well be extended to world-wide free trade. And there is no real reason to suppose the farmer would be injured, save in a few exceptional instances, by having farm products made free. But it will inevitably happen that when free trade with Canada in farm products is established, strong demand will go up from the farming communities to have on the free list the articles the farmer buys. The effect of this will be to help the passage thru the senate of legislation of the measure to free list the so-called necessaries of life, which are stripped of duties by the Underwood bill.

It will be difficult for senators from the states which are mainly agricultural to stand in the way of the Underwood free list once the reciprocity agreement has been put thru. And it will be just as difficult for President Taft to veto any such free list. Senator Bailey thus far has led the forces on the Democratic side who have stood out against the doctrine of free raw materials. But senator Bailey will be put in a difficult position in Texas if he tries to balk the Underwood free list.

No Order For Spur To Golf Grounds

But Railway Board Has Indicated Its Desire and Argument Will Be Heard Soon.

Some complaint has been made to The World regarding the alleged negligence of the Toronto and York Radial Railway in not running cars on the Metropolitan division to the Rosedale golf grounds, the claim being advanced that an order to do so has been made by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board.

An enquiry instituted yesterday revealed the fact that no such order has been made by the railway board. On an application for an improvement of the service the board handed out an opinion some time ago, which indicated the basis on which an order might be made. The usual time for appeal was allowed to the parties, and meanwhile no order has been issued, altho it was made clear that the extension wanted was in the minds of the board. The argument will shortly be heard, after which the board will outline its views in a formal order.

SUNDAY WEATHER:
Fine, With About the Same Temperature.

EVIDENCE ALL IN IN COBOURG CASE

Witnesses Had All Been Examined by Noon, and Counsel Began to Address the Jury This Afternoon — Verdict Will Likely Be Announced Early To-Night.

COBOURG, April 15.—(Special.)—It looks now as if the verdict may be reached to-night in the Matthews' murder case. This morning's session was taken up in an effort to verify the time Josie Brimacombe was last seen alive and the time Matthews was last seen in hotel. The defence was all in at 1 p.m., when the court adjourned. The jurymen are very anxious to get home for Easter Sunday. All excepting those on the Matthews' murder case were dismissed to-day at noon.

The courtroom was packed this morning, and shortly before noon Judge Clute ordered the room cleared on account of noise.

Thomas Rily, butcher, testified he was in the hotel between 8 and 9 delivering meat. He saw Matthews and Archie Brown and waited to see Teasdale. Matthews was in the sitting room when he went out. Haynes gave him his money.

It was expected that an attempt would be made to test the credibility of Henry Hicks, but Mr. Justice Clute overruled this move by the crown. Counsel state that their addresses to the jury will be brief.

At 2.30 p.m. E. Gus Porter began his address to the jury. He spoke for one hour and forty minutes, making a strong plea for a verdict in favor of the prisoner Matthews, claiming that there was not evidence enough to convict.

Peter White, crown prosecutor, gave a masterly address, dealing with points and facts in the crown's evidence in a practical way.

Mr. Justice Clute in his charge to the jurymen, took about an hour and a half. His charge was slightly against the prisoner. The jury retired at 7 p.m. and the verdict is not expected until late to-night.

Hicks on the Stand.

Ex-Reeve Henry Hicks, who last night swore that he had seen and bowed to Miss Brimacombe in the hotel about 9.15 p.m.—the crown theory is that she met death an hour earlier—was the first witness this morning. Crown Counsel White had difficulty in getting satisfactory replies.

Witness denied that he was known as Old Hicks, or that he was short-sighted. He wore glasses because he couldn't see without them, but carried his cane because of rheumatism. He had been at the inquest for 10 minutes, but said he had not heard Matthews was under suspicion, nor did he hear of his arrest until the next day. He had not been told any of the evidence.

"Was not this one of the topics of conversation in Colborne?" asked Mr. White.

"Not with me. I did not discuss it with anyone. I went to hear the evidence, but I could not hear it, and I never discussed it with anyone," answered witness.

"Do you know John Reeves? Did you discuss the case with him?"

"I do not remember. I could not say it was not mentioned," he answered.

"Did you tell John Reeves that you knew nothing about this matter in a conversation at the club at Colborne?" Witness thought not.

Crown Witness Excluded.

At this point Justice Clute had his attention called to the presence of Reeves in the room, and all crown witnesses were excluded.

"Mr. Hicks," asked Mr. White, "did you tell Reeves that you had not been subpoenaed for this trial, but that you were paid five dollars and were going to come?"

Witness, after some hedging, admitted the conversation with Reeves.

"And yet you told us you had not discussed the case," said counsel, to which he replied, "I don't know what you mean by discussed."

"Certainly not," said Hicks when Mr. White said that, according to his story, Miss Brimacombe was not dead at 8 p.m. He said she was folding linen or washing dishes when he saw her at 9.15.

"You are doubtful because your eyesight is bad?"

"I don't know about that. I just didn't notice that is all."

"Had she her glasses on?"

"She always had."

"But I want you to answer the question, do you know for certain?"

"I am sure now."

"Had she an apron on?"

"Yes, she was always particular."

"Had she a waist on?"

"She was properly dressed."

"When did you come forward and say you saw this girl alive at 9?"

"I mentioned only to one man, that was a week ago."

New Paper Soon In Libel Suit

L'Action, Montreal, Sued For $25,000 by La Patrie After Issue of First Number.

MONTREAL, April 15.—(Special.)—No sooner was Jules Fournier's new paper l'Action on the street, than its printer was sued for $25,000 by the Messrs. Tarte of La Patrie. The first number of l'Action contains an article directed against La Patrie, declaring that paper to be sold to the Conservative leaders, and for this reason an action has been taken against Mr. Pigeon, the printer of the new venture, the plaintiffs alleging the defendant to be the only responsible party connected with the paper.

THE AGNES STREET MURDER.

The man seated is Frank Russello, accused by Veci, the murdered man, in dying statement. Standing is Andy Mele, who was almost scalped with a carving knife in the hands of Donato Panzine.

IS NO ATTEMPT TO VENT SPITE

City Had Power to Inspect Electric Wires Previous to New Legislation.

The insinuation that the motion of Controller Ward for a rigid inspection of the overhead electric wires of the city is an attempt to vent the spite of the city on the T. E. L. for having refused to dispose of their stock to the city is flatly denied at the city hall. It is pointed out that Controller Ward's resolution applies just as much to the civic lighting plant as to the T. E. L.

With reference to the city's statutory rights, it was stated by one of the aldermanic board that they are no higher nor greater than those of the company. This applies to poles, wires and conduits. Any regulations which are ultimately adopted as to standards of excellence or that may be found necessary for the protection of the public will apply to the city's poles just as much as to those of the Toronto Electric Light Co.

Would Be Hard on T. E. L.

The city's poles and wires, it is pointed out, are of the very best character and construction. The construction of the city's plant is as safe as it could be made, regardless of expense. If, as a result of the resolution now under consideration, as high a standard was set by a bylaw for the company's construction as that adopted by the city, it would simply mean that the company would have to reconstruct the whole of their overhead plant. Any delay in providing for strict public inspection would be entirely due to the difficulty of providing for such regulations that would really regulate without the necessity of this reconstruction.

Insinuation is Absurd.

Every member of the city council consulted declared that it was absurd to talk about spite or meanness in the proposal of Mr. Ward. The city did not get this power of regulation under the recent legislation. They have had it for years, and had the city been actuated by spite or meanness, as insinuated, these regulations could have been passed and the whole overhead construction of the T. E. L. attacked.

It is further asserted that in no instance has the city electrical department placed overhead wires where the T. E. L. have theirs underground.

New Portuguese Constitution

Provides for President, Cabinet and Chamber of Deputies—Term Five Years.

LISBON, April 15.—The council of ministers has commenced to discuss the republican constitution, which will be presented at the opening of the national assembly.

The Diario de Noticias asserts that the chief points are as follows: The national assembly, composed of 200 deputies, will elect a president of the republic, whose term of office will be five years. The president will then appoint a cabinet, likewise for a term of five years. There will be no ministers of foreign affairs, nor plenipotentiary ministers to foreign powers, the consuls being charged with diplomatic work, the idea being to avoid unnecessary expenses.

SPLIT WIDENS IN RIVERDALE

New East End Conservative Association Wants Nominations for Parliament in Open Convention.

The hopes of the Central Conservative Association that the estrangement of a section of the party in East Toronto, which has obtained since the last general election, would disappear before the next contest seem to be diminishing as the parties approach to close quarters.

The North Riverdale Conservative Association, while in nominal alliance with the other Conservative bodies in the east-end, is resolute in its opposition to the system of choosing parliamentary candidates by convention, to which delegates are nominated. They want an open meeting, at which every bona fide member of the associations will have an opportunity to express his wish.

The motive at the bottom of this stand is said to be opposition to the former member for East Toronto, A. E. Kemp. While Jos. E. Russell, the sitting member, is a great favorite in the party caucus at Ottawa, Mr. Kemp has insistently urged his claim to a seat upon the central executive, with the result that on the redistribution of constituencies soon to come, he will get a nomination in one of the Toronto ridings, or if the cumulative system of electing members is introduced, he will be one of those put up to do battle for the Conservative party. The tendency of these so-called "independent" associations is towards holding direct primaries, as in different parts of the United States, altho it is doubtful if this will not diminish electoral effectiveness.

MAY FLOOR BRIDGE WITHIN THREE WEEKS

Forms For the Concrete Slabbing on Wilton-avenue Structure Completed.

The city engineer's department have the forms up for the construction of the concrete slabbing for the Wilton-avenue bridge. As soon as there is no further fear of frost of sufficient intensity to damage the concrete the work will be proceeded with, and it is expected that the floor will be laid within three weeks.

A report was current that one end of the bridge had sunk over a foot, but this was discredited by Assistant Engineer George G. Powell on Saturday night. He said that the report might have arisen from the fact that a bed of quicksand was encountered when the abutments were put down, which caused the department considerable trouble. The levels of the bridge were taken only a short time ago, however, and were found to be all right.

Mike Mitchell has been appointed captain of the Cincinnati team, a deserved honor.

TOOTHLESS MAN MURDERER OF G. VECI

"Remember This, Frank, the Man Without Teeth Slashed Me," Italian's Dying Words —Charge Laid at Door of Frank Russello, 40 Agnes Street.

DEAD—Gioacchino Veci, 22 Mansfield-avenue, 30 years, throat cut, body in morgue.

WOUNDED—Frank Russello, 25 years, 40 Agnes-street, right thumb nearly severed, in St. Michael's Hospital, held as vagrant and charged by dead man with murder.

Andy Mele, 25 years, 183 Chestnut-street, 8-inch scalp wound, held as vagrant.

Donato Panzine, 93 Elm-street, 23 years, two inch cut in back of head, held as vagrant.

Antoni Savello, 136 Chestnut-street, vagrancy.

Rosena Ennelli, 190 Elizabeth-street, vagrancy.

"Remember this, Frank, the man without the teeth, slashed me." These words uttered by Geochina Veci, the Italian murdered in a row at 40 Agnes-street Friday night were repeated to Inspector of Detectives Duncan at headquarters yesterday afternoon at the close of an investigation which, up to that time, had only served to throw doubt upon the original theory of the police without giving any very definite direction to any new explanation of the stabbing. Thus the dying man laid his murder at the door of Frank Russello, 40 Agnes-street.

The significant sentence was repeated by Rosena Ennelli, 190 Elizabeth-street, who says that this is what Veci said to him as he stood beside him just after he had received his death blow in the dark alley beside the house at 40 Agnes-street.

Slashed With a Razor.

It now appears that the fatal wound was inflicted, not with the large butcher knife found by the police last night, but with a razor, which was the property of Frank Russello, 40 Agnes-street, which he had taken from the trunk of Vincenzo Caccialoli, his roommate, just a few minutes before, and for which the police are now searching. Added to this is the fact that Frank Russello, the man who owned and is known to have gone for his razor, has no teeth.

When first questioned as to the possession of this razor Saturday morning, Russello declared positively that he owned no razor and never shaved with one. Later Detective McKinney found an empty razor case in the trunk of Russello's roommate, and then it was learned that Russello had partly shaved himself Friday morning with this razor, and the roommate, Vincenzo Acciaioli finished the shaving for him.

Six Arrested.

The police now have six men under arrest, and while Donato Panzine, 93 Elm-st., was remanded in police court Saturday morning upon the charge of murder, all they now feel prepared to press against him is a charge of vagrancy, upon which he with the other five are held.

Frank Russello, at whom the finger of accusation now points, is held with the others upon this charge. Andy Mele, 158 Chestnut-st., arrested Friday night after his wounds were dressed at the hospital, is still held as is Vincenzo Acciaioli. Rosent Ennell, who repeated the dying accusation of Veci, is also held, as is Antoni Savello, 136 Chestnut-st., brother-in-law of Panzine.

The story of the trouble as it now appears is that the entire party were at Panzine's place at 93 Elm-street, Friday morning and afternoon There was some drinking and trouble arose when Panzine, Veci, the dead man, and Savello began making sport of the English ways and mannerisms of the daughters of Anthony Fratori, with whom Russello and Acciaioli lived at 40 Agnes-street. There were some hard words, but no actual fight, and the party again met at 40 Agnes-street in the evening.

Trouble Started.

There was a keg of beer and some wine, and about 8.30 there began to be trouble again. It started outside, and Andy Mele went outside and was met by Savello in the yard. Savello had a revolver, but Andy grabbed a heavy oak whiffletree from a wagon and struck him over the head. He took away the revolver. A moment later he met Donato Panzine, and Panzine had a large butcher knife. He slashed Andy about the head nearly lifting the scalp and Andy struck him with the whiffletree, inflicting a three-inch cut at the back of his head. These two admitted Saturday at headquarters that they had so wounded one another.

It was at this time, according to the bulk of the testimony, that Frank Russello and Vincenzo Acciaioli had gone to their room at the top of the house and secured the razor and the revolver. Veci, the dead man, was taking the stick away from Andy, who was fighting on the side of the resident party, when Frank Russello and Vincenzo returned.

Slashed Veci.

Ennelli, who was standing in the yard, says that Russello came up behind Veci, who was still struggling

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