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May 22.—F. McCurdy is
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Curdy is a strong probability
will be resumed this fall. All
work has been on the surface.
There is to sink shafts and give
a thorough testing.
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les, went up to Kennedy lake
to examine a mining claim
the latter.
s. of Nova Scotia, arrived
to visit his father, T. P.

Garrard, son of F. C. Gar-
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after having spent a couple
in England visiting his
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TELLS OF BRIBERY AND CONSPIRACY

DETECTIVE TAKES STAND IN CALHOUN TRIAL

Former Employee of United Railroads Causes Sensation.

San Francisco, May 20.—John Helms, former detective of the United Railroads, whose introduction in the Calhoun case yesterday afternoon was like a bomb-shell dropping into a prayer meeting, was placed on the stand again this morning at the opening of the trial and told a story of the conspiracies, bribes, plotting and counter-plotting in which he said he was engaged at the direction of Calhoun and his subordinates and later for the prosecution.

All of Helms' testimony was given over the general objection voiced by the defence yesterday afternoon, when his appearance on the stand totally disorganized the forces of Calhoun's counsel.

Helms resumed his story of the inner workings of the United Railroad bureau under questioning by Heney. He told how after he had left the employ of the United Railroads, he was engaged by Wm. J. Burns and sent back again to the United Railroads to work for them under instructions of the prosecution's chief detective.

His story of how Burns turned the tables on the United Railroads and first got his information as to who had stolen documents from his office and where they had been taken, was heard with eager interest by a crowded court room. A large detail of police officers was scattered through the court room and surrounded the prosecutors and their witnesses.

An equally large number of hired guards surrounded Calhoun's table. Calhoun looked serious this morning, as did every man of his counsel, except Earl Rogers, who showed only amusement at the proceedings.

Rudolph Sprackles was in court as a witness for the United States. He had all of his accounts of money paid in support of the graft prosecution from its inception to the present day with him and would, when placed on the stand, give them to the jury.

Helms, when he came into the court, was closely guarded by Detective Chas. Gough, at whose home he has been staying since he was sworn by the prosecution and came back to this city to testify against Calhoun. His story in part, as told to-day, follows:

"The United Railroad and I rarely used the name of Platt, who sold us the Burns papers, but referred to him as number 22. I was paid \$10 a day and all expenses during the time I was in the employ of the United Railroads.

"Acting on Calhoun's personal instructions, I hired a big automobile and a relay of men. Calhoun instructed me to have Wm. J. Burns covered day and night and report everything that he did.

"I subsequently bought a machine myself and rented it to the United Railroads at \$1,000 a month, which sum was paid to me by Wm. M. Abbott. I submitted all expenses in voucher form to Abbott.

"The first four men I hired to trail Burns were Henry Nelson, John R. Hays, Cliff Middlemas and a man named Zolber. These were hired shortly after I had abolished the motor cycle squad consisting of Ollie Hooper and E. R. Kearns. The four men in the automobile worked in two shifts until they were arrested for following Burns. Then I secured a number of other men, the names of all whom I do not remember. There were in the crowd John Murphy, an ex-prize fighter, a man named Stewart and another named Bell. Bell was formerly in the employ of Burns.

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SHORTAGE OF BEEF IN NORTHWEST STATES

California is Now Shipping to Washington and Oregon.

San Francisco, Cal., May 20.—Shortage of beef in the Pacific Northwest has resulted in large shipments of dressed beef and livestock from California to points in Oregon and Washington within the past fourteen days. Montana and Wyoming have been unable to meet the demands of the coast states, which have been compelled to call upon the dealers here for the shipments usually sent to Chicago.

ABBEY CLOSED TO MEREDITH'S REMAINS

London, May 20.—The authorities have declined permission to place the ashes of George Meredith in Westminster abbey.

An appeal to the Dean to this end was strongly supported by the Society of Authors, representing all the leading writers.

The action of the Westminster Abbey authorities has caused much disappointment, as it is known that the question of space was not involved.

Taft's Trip to Coast.

Sacramento, Cal., May 20.—Congressman Duncan E. McKinlay has notified Secretary O. H. Miller, of the Sacramento Valley Development Association, that President Taft would visit the Sacramento valley some time this summer and would stay in Sacramento three hours.

The presidential party will enter California by the northern route and from here will proceed southward.

The itinerary has not been arranged, nor is it known when the president will be able to leave Washington. The time of the trip will depend largely upon the adjournment of congress.

At a meeting of the State Fair directors steps were taken to invite President Taft to be present at the opening of the State Fair in this city August 28th.

STRANGE AIRSHIP CAUSES SCARE

NEWSPAPERS PUBLISH STORIES OF FLIGHT

Has Been Reported in Both East and West of England.

London, May 20.—The alleged phenomenon of a mysterious airship which has been the subject of much newspaper discussion of late, is becoming a nightmare. The newspapers record testimony of various persons who claim they have heard or seen it flying over the eastern counties and the North Sea.

Now this latest "flying Dutchman" has turned up in the neighborhood of Cardiff, where a wayfarer, according to his own account, saw a cigar shaped airship ground on the summit of a mountain last night. He tells how he watched two men repairing the machine until they saw they were observed, when they embarked and soared away.

A newspaper reporter went to the scene and found the ground had been torn as if by a ploughshare and various printed papers, one in French, containing technical directions, dealing with aeroplanes. While some newspapers profess scepticism, all printed the details.

A large proportion of the public, possessed of the anti-German mania, are convinced that their arch enemy is among them.

ONTARIO CROPS.

Situation Will Be Serious Unless There Is Prolonged Spell of Dry Weather

Toronto, May 20.—Hon. James Duff, provincial minister of agriculture, states, unless there is a prolonged spell of dry weather the crop conditions in Ontario will be serious. It was the most backward spring in forty years, and only a spell of warm dry weather could save the situation.

RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND STATES

Justice MacLaren Speaks at Conference on Interna- tional Arbitration.

Lake Mohonk, N.Y., May 20.—Justice J. J. MacLaren, of the Ontario Court of Appeal, discussed the boundary dispute between the United States and Canada, in an address to-day before the Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration. Justice MacLaren dwelt upon the peaceful relations that have been maintained along the border for eighty years.

Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister, spoke in favor of arbitration, declaring that his country favored it.

"China strongly favors arbitration," he said, "and hopes that the day will soon come when compulsory arbitration is made the law of nations."

WILL ESTABLISH LABOR EXCHANGES

SCHEME TO REDUCE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED

Winston Churchill Introduces Measure in British Commons.

London, May 20.—For the purpose of better organizing labor and reducing the number of unemployed in London and other English cities, Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the board of trade, has introduced in the House of Commons a bill creating a national system of labor exchanges, similar to those already in existence on the continent.

He stated that in connection with this new departure, the government also intends to establish a policy of unemployment insurance.

If the bill is adopted it is proposed to start a scheme beginning in 1910 dealing first with the whole group of the house building, general constructing and machine trades and shipbuilding. This would cover roughly nearly half of the whole field of unemployment, in fact the worst part.

The government, said Mr. Churchill, proposed to aim at a scheme of benefits rather lower than paid by the strongest trades union. This would necessitate the raising of between five pence and six pence per man per week, the fund to be contributed jointly by the workmen, the employers and the state.

He was convinced parliament would gladly apply its remaining strength to grappling with these hideous problems of social disorganization, which was marring the health and happiness of the country and which, if neglected, might affect its strength and honor in the world.

Mr. Churchill's outlined plans appear to be well received by both parties.

LONDON'S WHITE CITY SEES ANOTHER FAIR

Imperial International Exhibi- tion Opened by the Duke of Argyle.

London, May 20.—The Duke of Argyle formally opened the Imperial International Exhibition at Shepherd's Bush to-day. A splendid choir of men's and women's voices and six bands furnished music for the occasion and an enormous crowd was present.

The site is that of last year's Franco-British exhibition and structurally the present one is the same as its predecessor. It is still the "white city" of snowy palaces, minarets and mosques.

The only addition is a picturesque, domed building known as the Imperial characteristic article from each country and only the most up-to-date productions are shown. One section which attracts great interest is that of aeronautics. Every kind of aeroplane, dirigible and aerial machinery is displayed.

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WILL NOT FORTIFY BELLINGHAM BAY

Fort's Are Not at Present Time a Strategic Neces- sity.

Washington, D.C., May 20.—The report of Brigadier Gen. Williams on the advisability of fortifying Bellingham Bay, which has just been forwarded to Senator Piles and Representative Humphrey, upon whose request the examination was made, concludes with the words that such fortifications are not at the present time a strategic necessity. The estimated cost of ample fortifications at this point is placed at \$4,000,000. It is admitted that a hostile vessel could reach Bellingham Bay without coming within fifteen miles of the Port Townsend fortifications, but it is explained that under the terms of the Geneva convention undented ports are exempt from bombardment.

Commercial derangement is the principal evil that would ensue upon the presence of a hostile fleet in the harbor.

The report finds that Bellingham is far enough removed from the first tide water points of the transcontinental railroads to make it an enviable base for operations outside of Puget Sound country.

LEADER OF MANITOBA LIBERALS RETIRES

Hon. C. J. Meihle Will Be Ap- pointed County Court Judge.

Winnipeg, May 20.—At the Liberal convention in Birtle, Hon. C. J. Meihle, leader of the Liberals, retired and G. H. Malcolm was nominated. Mr. Meihle represented Birtle for twenty-one years without a break. He will be appointed county court judge for the new judicial district of Birtle.

ACCUSED OF BIGAMY.

New York, May 20.—Samuel Wellington, said to own considerable property in Los Angeles, to-day is under \$1,000 bonds to answer to the grand jury. Wellington is accused of bigamy.

According to the charges against him, Wellington, who is an elderly man, is said to have had four wives. Wife number three, Frances Cushman Wellington, who was a young manicurist at the Hoffman House, is standing loyally by her husband in his trouble.

MINISTER DEFENDS OFFER OF DREADNOUGHT

Says Action of New Zealand is Appreciated by Mother Country.

Wellington, N.Z., May 20.—Minister of Railways Miller, at Dunedin, strongly defended the offer of the Dreadnought. Some day men would know the full reason of it, he said. It was impossible to run the risk of the defeat of the fleet, which would be dangerous to our commerce. The enthusiasm with which the offer had been received in the mother country showed its value.

BUSY ON PLANS FOR NEW QUEBEC BRIDGE

Contract for Structure Will Probably Be Awarded This Summer.

Ottawa, May 20.—The plans for the new Quebec bridge proposed during the past year by Engineers Vantels, Modjeska and Fitzmaurice, are now nearly completed and will be laid before the government shortly. The engineers found it will be possible to use the present piers and approaches which cost \$1,500,000, thus reducing the cost of the new structure by that amount. The length of the centre span, which in the former structure was 1,300 feet, will be reduced to 1,600 feet and the height above water will be 150 feet. The contract will probably be let this summer and the estimated cost is between \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000.

PRaises Work of SALVATION ARMY

Address by Moderator of Pres- byterian Assembly at Denver.

Denver, May 20.—The Presbyterian General assembly opened here to-day with an address by the moderator, Dr. Baxter H. Sullivan, of St. Louis. More than 2,000 delegates heard the address.

Dr. Fullerton in his address urged the necessity of faith in the divinity of Christ and praised the work of the Salvation Army, particularly in England. In this connection he said:

"The Salvation Army to-day is doing a mighty work which the church in its organized capacity too long neglected. It is a work which the church ought to have done and when it gets the right view of its functions it will do it."

FUNERAL OF H. H. ROGERS.

Remains Will Be Interred at Fair- haven, Mass.

Fairhaven, Mass., May 20.—Services will be held in the Unitarian church in New York to-morrow, when the body of Henry H. Rogers will be brought to Fairhaven, where it will lie in state in the Rogers memorial church from 10 in the morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. Frank L. Phaff will preach the sermon at the funeral here on Saturday.

PATHFINDER REACHES SEATTLE EXPOSITION

Auto Makes Trip From New York to the Sound City.

Seattle, Wash., May 20.—Gray with the dust of 4,000 miles and pasted over with labels and photographs by admirers along the route, the Pathfinder car for the New York-Seattle automobile contest finished its journey across the country and drew up at the Alaska monument at the exposition grounds yesterday afternoon. Busting snow drifts in central New York and plowing through fabled roads in Wyoming, the Thomas flyer, which won the New York to Paris race, had experienced on its latest trip fully as trying as those on the longer journey.

More than fifty automobiles from Seattle met the Pathfinder at Kent yesterday, and the procession into the city came on the first speed in a whirl of dust. At the exposition grounds nearly 1,000 persons had gathered to greet the pioneers of the automobile route to the northwest.

ILLNESS OF SENATOR.

Kinaston, Ont., May 20.—Senator Sullivan, who was unable to attend to his sessional duties this year, is confined to his home here and is in very poor health.

KINGSMILL IS ON WAY TO COAST

WILL INSPECT FISHERY PATROL VESSELS

Commissioner of Wrecks on Recent Capture of Amer- ican Schooner.

Winnipeg, May 20.—Rear Admiral Kingsmill, naval adviser to the Canadian minister of marine and fisheries and commissioner of wrecks for the Dominion, left here last night on his way to Vancouver and Victoria, where he is going to inspect the patrol vessels which of late have been making things so hot for marauding Yankee fishermen.

Asked about the recent capture of an American vessel, the admiral said it was now a matter for the lawyers to settle. It was his business to insure that Canadian craft were capable of making prizes of boats that were deemed to have invaded this country's fishing territory, but once captured they ceased to be of interest to the sailorman.

COUNT TOLSTOI ILL.

Moscow, May 20.—Reports state that Count Leo Tolstol is confined to his room suffering intensely from rheumatism. This is the Count's second illness within a few months. Less than a year ago it was believed that he was dying from rheumatism and attending complications.

THREE PERISH.

Children Burned to Death When Home Is Destroyed.

Marion, Ill., May 20.—Three children were burned to death yesterday when the home of Marion McCormick was destroyed by fire. Two weeks ago one of the McCormick children died from being crushed between his parents.

WOMEN ORGANIZE AERIAL LEAGUE

Will Encourage Experiments in Aeronautics in Old Country.

London, May 20.—With the object of encouraging aeronautic experiments destined to bring England and her colonies to the fore in matters pertaining to aerial navigation, a woman's aerial league has been formed by women of London. The action of the English is illustrative of the sudden interest in aeronautics displayed throughout the country.

The managing council of the unique organization is composed of Lady Montague de Beaulieu; Lady Mayores Truscott, the Countesses of Dartmouth and Kinnol; Ladies Angier, Carr-Glynn, Clement-Smith, Bartley Wilton, Buchanan Scott, Strachey and O'Hagan, the Hon. Lady Freemantle, the Dowager Countess of Desart, Madames H. G. Wells, George Alexander, C. Fry, Hodgson, W. H. Lever, Marples, Agnew Pope, Rees, Tidwell and Capper, and Miss Beatrice Fry and Baden-Powell.

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CITY APPEALING IN FREIGHT CARRYING

Will Try to Upset Decision That B. C. Electric Has That Right.

The city is appealing from the decision of Mr. Justice Martin, declaring that the B. C. Electric Railway Co. has the right of carrying freight on lines within the city. The appeal-book on this matter has been prepared by City Solicitor Mann and the appeal will be argued at the approaching sitting of the full court.

This decision was given on an application by the city from an injunction to prevent the tramway company from running a spur off the Spring Ridge line into the gravel pits, in the argument over which the wider question of the right to carry freight came up. At present there is only gravel being carried, but with the electrification of the line to Sidney, and the extension of electric railways into the surrounding country which is certain to come, the matter would become a serious one to the city. The judgment in the case was an oral one, and in two or three sentences his lordship stated his opinion that the company possesses this right.

DECIDE TO OBEY LAW

Brockville, Ont., May 20.—Believing that the best way of settling local questions is to live up to the law, the Brockville hotelkeepers at a meeting decided to observe its regulations to the letter, and support the inspector. No selling will be done during prohibited hours.

J. CHAMBERLAIN RETURNS TO ENGLAND

London, May 20.—Joseph Chamberlain has returned from Southern France stronger than when he went abroad, but his powers of walking have made no appreciable improvement.

EXODUS OF MEMBERS.

Several Ministers Will Leave Shortly for England.

Ottawa, May 20.—The exodus of members of parliament is already almost complete. Members of the government will remain here about two weeks attending to the arrears of departmental work and other matters of public business. Hon. W. S. Fielding goes then to London to be followed by Hon. L. P. Broderick, Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. G. P. Graham. The latter will investigate the operation of government railways in Germany and elsewhere on the continent. The opposition leader is leaving this week on a fishing trip up the Ottawa valley. He will sail for England in June and spend a considerable part of the summer holidays in Southern France.

KICKED BY HORSE.

Winnipeg, May 20.—J. W. Robbison, member for Swan River, was kicked in the stomach by a horse and dangerously injured.

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