

THE REBELS PILLAGED RAILWAY TOWN

Railroad Shops and Three Hundred Cars at Monclera Station Burned by Revolutionaries in Mexico.

Mexico City, March 14.—Monclera Station on the international Railroad between Ciudad Porfirio Diaz and Monterey was taken today by the rebels, who burned the railroad shops, 300 cars, and sacked the town. Minister Blanquet minimized the destruction wrought by the rebels and insisted the federalists had repelled them when attacked. The minister said he assumed that the rebels intended to move toward Monterey.

The gunboat Tamoic, which recently joined the rebels, is declared by Minister of War Blanquet to have gone ashore in the harbor of Topolamp.

Fort Bliss, Texas, March 14.—General Hugh L. Scott tonight began an investigation of a report given him that Mexican prisoners were attempting to tunnel a way out of captivity. The work was done because every tent in a canvas city of 5,000 persons had to be examined for the entrance to the tunnel.

SHOWER OF SNOW AND DUST IN RUSSIAN TOWN

Trifles Visited by Phenomenon Peculiar Mixture Forms a Thick Layer of Pasty Mud When It Reaches Ground.

Tiflis, Russia, March 15.—A unusual phenomenon occurred here and in adjacent towns today. The sky was covered early in the morning with dark yellow clouds and fog. Later there was a heavy snowfall mixed with dust, which covered the ground in a thick layer of pasty mud. The phenomenon is attributed to storms in the Baku district, where the wind raised such tremendous clouds of dust that railway traffic was stopped by accumulations of it heaped at various stations.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—The hurricane which swept the Province of Kuban, Southern Russia, Saturday, was so violent that all the telegraph lines were badly damaged, making communication almost impossible. Several despatches received today reported that 1,500 lives had been lost as the result of the tidal wave from the Sea of Azov, but no reliable details of the disaster came through.

HON. MR. COCHRANE IS IMPROVING IN HEALTH

Spending Holiday Quietly and Few Londoners Have Learned of His Presence — Left for Nice Yesterday.

London, Mar. 16.—Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways and Canals for Canada, whose health necessitated a trip abroad, informed yesterday that he was feeling much better since his arrival here, and that he only needed a thorough rest. He is taking things so quietly that his presence here has escaped the notice of the London press, and also the attention of many Canadian officials. Hon. Mr. Cochrane is leaving today for Nice, in the South of France, where he will probably stay until the end of the month, returning to Canada early in April.

DAVID RUSSELL WON'T GO TO MONTREAL TO DEFEND SUIT

Montreal, March 15.—David Russell, who figures a couple of years in the local courts, will not come to Montreal to put up a defence to a damage action entered against him by E. R. Carrington, chief of a local detective agency. Russell in a statement filed Saturday before the Practice Court asks that he be examined at St. John, N. B., by commission. Plaintiff, it will be recalled, seeks substantial damages on account of statements made by Russell both prior to and in the course of the cause celebre vs. the Pinkertons. Mr. Russell claims plaintiff charged him with being a participant in alleged conspiracy against Russell's person.

Russell's petition for a regulatory commission will come up within the next few days.

GOV. GENERAL TO MAKE TRIP TO THE YUKON?

London Paper Says He Will Go There Before Returning to England—Denies Extension of His Stay Here.

London, Mar. 16.—An authoritative and emphatic contradiction is given by the Sunday Times to the report that the term of the Duke of Connaught as Governor-General of Canada will be extended. The Sunday Times says that the offer of an extension has never been made nor contemplated, while if the offer was made, it would be declined. The Sunday Times further states that H. R. H. the Duke and the Princess Patricia will embark for England in September, while the Duke after paying a visit to the Yukon will join the Duchess here in December.

WILL HAVE TO GIVE COMPLETE INFORMATION

C. N. R. Must Show That There is No Watered Stock.

HON. GEO. GRAHAM
WILL OPPOSE LEADER

Considerable Conjecture as to Whether or Not Acceptance of Sir Wm. MacKenzie's Offer Will go Before Caucus.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 15.—There is little change in the situation regarding the all-absorbing topic of the straits in which the Canadian Northern Railway finds itself and the assistance which seems necessary if Canadian credit abroad is to be maintained. While various opinions are vouchsafed in the lobbies as to whether the government will or will not recommend to the Conservative caucus on Wednesday the acceptance of the definite agreement which Sir William MacKenzie on behalf of the railway has offered the government, the fact is clear that the government will not consummate any agreement until the matter as to what has been done with money already subscribed. If there is any watered stock in the company it is freely said that this must be eliminated and the whole question reduced to a hard cash basis.

Two important statements have been made to The Standard which have to be considered. R. B. Bennett, of Calgary, says he will oppose any proposal of assistance to the Canadian Northern. He undoubtedly leads a western sentiment which is not confined to himself, in line with him is Andrew Broder, of Dundas, who leads an Ontario contingent more or less strong, and there are also the Ontario Hydro-Electric Conservatives who are inimical to the C. N. R. but who have not expressed themselves on the subject in public at least.

On the Liberal side of the house it is explained that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will oppose any further assistance to the C. N. R., and in this he will be supported by the majority of his party but on the other hand Hon. George P. Graham, ex-Minister of Railways, will lead a contingent in support of the government if it is finally agreed to give the C. N. R. a guarantee of bonds. Western men generally, however, fear absorption by the C. P. R. The second important statement made to The Standard in an influential quarter is that "if all the facts concerning the agreement were known there would be no opposition to a guarantee of bonds."

POWERFUL ICE BREAKER FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Mar. 15.—The Canadian Vickers Co. has been given the contract for a powerful ice breaker for the St. Lawrence. It will cost \$980,000 and will be one of the largest in the world. Hon. Mr. Haas's idea in getting the new ice breaker is to expedite the opening of the navigation in the spring.

NOTHING BUT PERMANENT EXCLUSIONS WILL SATISFY MEXICAN WIRELESS FROM MEXICO PUTS VILLA ON GUARD

Signers of Ulster Covenant Declare they Won't Consider Asquith's Concession.

NINETY THOUSAND MEN ARE DRILLING. Preparations for a Struggle are Going on—First British Soldier Killed Will Raise Explosion, Churchill Says.

London, Mar. 14.—A settlement of the Irish Home Rule difficulty apparently has been little advanced by the British government's great concessions to the Ulsterites and taking the assertions of both political parties at their face value the deadlock today remains as immovable as before. Premier Asquith's conciliatory offer was made in the House of Commons on March 9.

The signers of the Ulster covenant declare strongly that nothing less than the permanent exclusion of the Protestant counties of Ulster from the Irish government at Dublin instead of the proposed six year option will be considered by them. The more practical covenanters demand not only the exclusion of the four counties—Antrim, Armagh, Londonderry and Down—in which the Protestants are in the majority, but they want the entire province of Ulster excluded. Anything else, they say, would be the desertion of their comrades in counties where Protestants are in the minority and would be treason to their covenant.

Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Ulster Unionists, today sent a message to Belfast saying: "So far as our preparations are concerned the proposition of the government, if anything necessitates a still more forward movement this year, we are going to make good in action, all we have been saying and preparing for during the past two years."

On the other side the government newspapers assure that Premier Asquith's scheme is the absolute limit of concessions and is not a basis for further negotiations.

The Ultimatum, Churchill Says. Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the British Admiralty, speaking at Bradford, Yorkshire, today, said: "I don't speak of details—that it is the last offer His Majesty's government can or ought to make."

Sir Edward Russell, who is a close friend of Premier Asquith, writing in the Liverpool Daily Post, of which he is the editor, takes a different view. He writes: "In non-political clubs everybody is confident that Premier Asquith has made up his mind to let the Nationalists go; that sooner or later he will tell Mr. Redmond that the only feasible Home Rule is one which entails the entire exclusion of Ulster."

Irish Nationalist papers declare that John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader in the House of Commons, and his colleagues, will not support a bill containing further surrenders from the original scheme of Irish Home Rule. Some of the Nationalist organs bitterly denounce the Nationalist members for submitting to Premier Asquith's terms.

COMMISSIONER REES IS RETURNING HOME Sailed for Canada on Saturday —Is Almost Recovered from Serious Illness.

London, Mar. 16.—Commissioner Rees, in command of the eastern division of the Salvation Army in Canada, sailed by the Albatross on Saturday for a fortnight's visit to England. So benefited was he by the voyage over that his former physician, Dr. Richmond, scarcely believed that his recent illness was as serious as was really the case. His recovery is regarded at headquarters as nothing short of miraculous. He is proceeding to Toronto, but will visit Montreal shortly in connection with the development of the army's social and general work in Montreal, as well as with the generous response of the public in connection with the Christmas fund which is still being used to relieve distress among the poor.

MEXICAN BANDITS INVADE SAN DIEGO One Man Burned to Death and Another Badly Wounded by Raiders—People Terrorized

San Diego, Calif., Mar. 14.—One man was burned to death and another was seriously wounded when a band of raiders, believed to be Mexicans, attacked a general store at Tecate, forty-five miles from this city, tonight and escaped.

Tecate is just over the border on the American side. A woman who saw the attack reported to the commander at Fort Rosecrans that troops were needed and the populace was terrorized.

GOVERNMENT HAS ITS GAZE ALL READY

Case for Annulment of Sale of Indian Reserve at St. Peters Ready for Court.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 15.—Some time ago the government decided to take action in the Manitoba Courts towards annulling the sale of the St. Peter's Indian Reserve, the consent of the Indians having been secured by bribery, corruption and fraud. The government's case has been prepared and C. P. Fullerton, one of the government counsel, is here submitting it to the Department of Justice before entering action.

Dr. Ross and Andrew Norquay, of Selkirk, Man., are also here to see the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Interior. They represent the present holders of the property, and they are anxious to secure some means of settlement other than an appeal to the courts. They have not yet seen Judge Doherty or Dr. Roche, Brabury, M. P., for Selkirk, whose great fight on this question has led to the action by the government. It is not believed, however, that the visit of Dr. Ross and Mr. Norquay will change the government's policy.

RUSSIA WILL KEEP PAGE WITH OTHER NATIONS

Conference Between Premier and Cabinet and Duma Decides to Keep Up in Military Strength.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—Premier Goremykin and his cabinet ministers today held a secret meeting with the leaders of the chief parties of the duma, and sixty-five members of the duma. The newspapers declare the conference renewed the situation between Russia and Germany and national defence.

London, March 16.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from St. Petersburg says that conference between the premier and his cabinet ministers and members of the duma showed unanimity of consent on the part of all the political parties in line with Russia's resolution to keep abreast of the strongest military nations.

How the money will be found to accomplish this purpose is still undecided the correspondent says, but he adds that the projects mooted are to barrow and mow money to replace the loss caused by the alcohol reform measures.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—It is stated that the army will be increased by 400,000 men, making the total of the first line of defense 1,700,000 men. The extra cost, it is estimated, will be \$25,000,000 spread over three years.

DECIDE TO ACCEPT BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS

C. P. R. Sectionmen's Delegates Agree to Withdraw Claims for Present, in Accordance with Conciliation Board's Recommendations.

Montreal, March 15.—The sectionmen of the C. P. R., who are members of the Maintenance of Ways Employees' International Union, and who number about 3,000 have been for some time dissatisfied with their present rate of wages and have been threatening to strike. A delegation last night met Mr. D. McNicoll, vice-president of the road, when it was agreed to accept the recent award of the conciliation board, which recommended that both parties should withdraw their claims for the present. Further conference is postponed until May 1st.

KING GIVES HIS APPROVAL OF SERVICE

London, March 16.—The King approved of the holding of service in the chapel of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in St. Paul's Cathedral on April 25, the day dedicated to England's patron saint. The occasion will be one of special interest because of

THINK SUICIDE WAS ONE OF THE GUNMEN

Unknown Man Who Threw Himself Into St. Lawrence May Have Been One of Montreal Constable's Murderers

Montreal, March 16.—After fooling superior numbers of police twice when the gang might have been caught with comparative ease, the Montreal gunmen have now "enjoyed" five full days of liberty, and the whole detective force of the city is at a loss to know if or when or how they will capture the gang.

The three wanted men were said to have been sighted at Three Rivers, 89 miles east of here, but the three were found to be simply out-of-work beatings their way to Montreal. An unknown man who threw himself into the St. Lawrence yesterday and refused to save himself when a rope was pitched to him is said to have been one of the fugitive murderers.

Chief Campeau will consult Mayor Lavallee today with a view to offering a reward for information that may lead to the arrest of either Foucault, Beauchamp or Bourret.

SPANIARDS COMING INTO CANADA TO WORK

Hon. Mr. Crothers to Investigate Charge of Wholesale Importation of Them, for Contracts in Dominion.

Toronto, March 15.—Local labor leaders have interested themselves in the reported wholesale importation of Spaniards into Canada to work on contracts especially on the new Welland Canal, and the minister of labor, Hon. T. W. Crothers, has promised to take steps to investigate the charge. It is said 400 Spaniards arrived in New York yesterday bound for Port Weller, Ont., to work on section No. 2 of the Welland Canal for the English contractors, Baldry, Yerburgh & Hutchinson. It is claimed by local labor officials that this is a breach of the Fair Wage Clause in the act.

CANON RHODES BRESTOW SOCIAL WORKER, DEAD

Rector of St. Olave's, London, Was Well Known Among Poor and Unfortunate of Metropolis.

London, Mar. 16.—Special workers and the church in South London lose a good friend in Canon Rhodes Brestow, rector of St. Olaves, Southwark, whose death occurred yesterday. He was seventy years old and had held office in many public bodies, including the guardians of the poor and the school board. He was chairman of the Clergy Relief Corporation and the Gregorian Church Association.

BELIEVED SHE WAS MISS DOROTHY ARNOLD

Young Woman, Freed of Bad Check Charge, Thought She Was Missing New York Heiress.

Los Angeles, March 15.—The hallucinations of a young woman, Emily O'Dell, who was recently freed of a bad check charge on account of alleged irrationality was responsible for the alleged finding of missing Dorothy Arnold, of New York. Her husband, Charles O'Dell, today declared the story she told yesterday of being the missing daughter of the wealthy New York merchant was the product of a mental disorder.

The unusual number of banners of deceased knights, including those of Lord Strathcona, Lord Minto and Sir Hely Hutchinson, which will be removed in accordance with the customary ceremonial.

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