

STORM KING HOLDS HIS DEATHLY SWAY

Has All Parts of Central Europe In His Icy Grip—Suffering is Widespread and Loss of Life is Common

London, Dec. 28.—It is many years since Central Europe generally suffered so severely from snow, cold and storms as it has this Christmas week. From France, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany and Austria, Hungary, the same tale is repeated of interruption of communication, loss of life and general discomfort in towns as well as in country districts.

According to reports tonight from northern points in the United Kingdom, the situation is growing worse. The heavy snowstorms which began several days ago were accompanied by violent gales and even thunderstorms in some places.

National traffic in northern England and especially in Scotland, is almost completely tied up. Large cities like Edinburgh, Dundee and Perth are nearly isolated. The telegraphic services are greatly disorganized.

The snowstorms continue with equal severity in northern Wales and Ireland. Trains are snowbound in parts of the United Kingdom and passengers are suffering from cold and hunger.

Relief trains sent out are being impeded in snow but there has not yet been serious trouble in Central and Southern England.

The gales have caused many casualties along the coast. It is reported from Holyhead that an unknown steamer has foundered off the Rhoscolin point, Wales. No sign of her can be found.

In London itself the snow continues to fall and is causing much personal discomfort and much expense to the local authorities.

In the mountain districts of France there is much suffering from the heavy snowfall and floods are reported from mountain districts of Ardennes.

In Belgium drift ice is forming on the Scheldt and other large rivers and communication with all points in the Heretog forest is at a standstill.

In Switzerland the uplands are already under six feet of snow and mountain villages are completely isolated.

Austria and Hungary are also suffering and traffic on some other railroad lines in Galicia has been suspended.

Germany reports the highest general snow fall in many years. Railroads are considerably crippled.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 28.—Premier Scott continues to improve. His pulse is stronger. The illness is pursuing a favorable course. He slept seven hours today.

Norwood, Ont., Dec. 28.—The body of Fred Norwood, aged 18, has been found in the river. He was missing for some days. There are suspicions of foul play.

Confidence Restored. In 1900 British Columbia was on the verge of bankruptcy. The financial condition was really serious.

What are the conditions today, and to whom is due the credit of existing prosperity? No sane person who is a Liberal will deny that the restoration of the Liberal government has done much to restore confidence.

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LIBERALS IN OPEN REVOLT AGAINST OTTAWA MACHINE

Men Prominent in the Grit Party Resent the Projection of McInnes From the Dominion Capital Into Provincial Politics—Want No Federal Interference With Present Prosperous Conditions

In open revolt against the Ottawa "machine," resenting the intrusion of "Billy" McInnes, and determined to prevent, if possible, a move calculated to destroy the condition of stability in the conduct of public affairs which has been established in British Columbia, a large section of the local Liberal organization—the climax of which was the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Canadian Northern and the C. P. R. had all been looking and working westward.

The Premier had been approached by all these corporations, all looking for bonuses, grants, or other favors. "But," said the Premier, "I have not been given the best of him. The country had not been given away, and the companies had not been discouraged in their plans to open up the remote sections of British Columbia."

This fact alone, Mr. Murray thought, demonstrated the ability of Premier McBride and the able politicians who were associated with him to control the destiny of the province with credit both to themselves and to those whom they represented.

Confidence, he referred to the general prosperity of the country, to the progress which was being made in the development of the illimitable mining resources of the country, and, lastly, to the progress which had been made in exploiting the timber of British Columbia.

He did not think that there could be any doubt but that the wise administration of the past few years had had considerable to do with the gratifying position of the province at the present time. On that account he was firmly convinced that it would not be wise, at the present time, to place a new government in power.

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LAUNCHING OF MONSTER JAPANESE SOCIALIST PARTY LUMBER MILL AT ESQUIMALT

B. F. Graham Co. are to Engage in Industry on Huge Scale

Within six or seven months there will be in operation within a few miles of Victoria one of the largest lumber milling plants in British Columbia. This statement is made by C. R. Betterton, who represents the B. F. Graham company, which is undertaking this enterprise.

Mr. Betterton has his arrangements well in hand and is confident that there will be no hitch in his execution. The mill which he has acquired or is to acquire will continue operation as heretofore for a time. But as soon as possible that plant will be added to the new one.

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DEMAND FOR CANADIAN FLOUR INCREASES IN JAPAN

Sentiment is Against the Product of the United States

PIONEER DEALER GIVES HIS VIEWS

S. Tamura Hopes That Canada Will Eventually Control the Continually Growing Trade

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 28.—S. Tamura, a flour merchant, left for Vancouver today. He states that his efforts to bring about a trade agreement between Japan and Canada have been successful.

Mr. Tamura pointed out that at the present time Japan imports six million dollars worth of flour from the United States and that every year the amount increases. He hopes that eventually Canada will be able to take a large part of all this trade.

When asked if the trade was engendered by sentimental or commercial reasons, Mr. Tamura admitted that sentiment had much to do with it. "I am a pioneer of the Canada-Japanese flour business and I think it will grow," he said.

He said that the fact that Canadian flour is more expensive than American, owing to its superiority in strength, but in spite of that the fact that Japanese methods of baking do not demand strength an increasing number of Japanese merchants will use Canadian flour.

TO FIGHT DISEASE. London, Dec. 28.—Cancer research will receive great assistance from a munificent donation of \$200,000 to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Louis Biscoffstein.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR LEAVES WASHINGTON. Remarkable Farewell to Sir Mortimer Durand and His Family

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Rumors that Sir Mortimer Durand was not popular in Washington were doubly discounted today by the remarkable farewell given the retiring British ambassador and his family.

Secretary Root, Secretary Taft, Secretary Metcalf, Associate Justice Brandeis, the German ambassador, and the Baroness Sternberg, the French ambassador, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, the Italian ambassador, the Russian ambassador, and the Baroness Rosen, the Japanese ambassador and the Viscountess Aoki, the Brazilian ambassador, General John W. Foster, executive secretary of state, General Oulber, assistant secretary of state, Senator Spooner and many others well known in Washington diplomatic and social life, gathered at the railroad station to bid the Durands goodbye.

Sir Mortimer was accompanied to New York by Lady Durand and his son and daughter, Miss Durand and Capt. Durand of the South Lancs, who is just returning from service in India. They will sail for England tomorrow on the Umbria.

SIXTEEN PEOPLE KILLED ON RAILWAY IN SCOTLAND

Heavy Snowstorm Causes Collision on the North British Road

OVER THIRTY PASSENGERS INJURED

Danger Signals Fail to Work and One Train Dashes into Rear of Another

Dundee, Scotland, Dec. 28.—In a collision caused indirectly by the heavy snowstorm of the last few days, sixteen persons were killed and over thirty injured. The accident occurred near Arbroath on the North British railroad.

The train from Edinburgh and Aberdeen and some distance north of here. Among the injured is Alexander William Black, member of the House of Commons for Banffshire, Scotland.

The accident is attributed to the heavy fall of snow owing to which trains from London for Aberdeen were held up at Arbroath. The line was cleared, however, and one train proceeded for Dundee. It had stopped at Elliot Junction but the danger signals which were thought to have been set failed to act through being clogged with snow or from some other cause.

An express train dashed into the rear of the waiting train. The accident is attributed to the heavy fall of snow owing to which trains from London for Aberdeen were held up at Arbroath.

ORDER FOR G. N. R. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—Judge Orr of the district court, at the instance of Attorney General Young, has signed an order directing the Great Northern Railroad company to show cause why a temporary injunction should not be granted pending the final adjudication of the proceedings to restrain the proposed issue of \$60,000 of Great Northern stock. The order is returnable and will be argued Jan. 3.

QUEEN CITY RETURNS FROM WEST COAST. Reaches Port Early This Morning With Passengers and Oil Cargo

The steamer Queen City, the boat which carried the Christmas present to Mrs. Patterson returned to port at 2:30 this morning, and was docked at the C. P. R. wharf. She had on board a large cargo of whale oil and gunnery powder, and a full passenger list.

The Queen City is now on the long run to Cape Scott. The ship's officers report having had a fine passage both ways and having met with no storms. The round trip was made in eight days from the time of leaving Victoria.

No traces of wrecks were seen either on the way to Cape Scott or on the return passage.

EVANGELISTS AT CALGARY. Calgary, Alta., Dec. 28.—Crosley and Hunter, evangelists, will open a series of special meetings here on Sunday next. Afterwards they will go to Port Arthur, Windsor and Toronto, which will occupy their time until next May.

PLANT ONE OF LARGEST IN B. C. WOULD OVERTHROW MIKADO, KING AND PRESIDENT, AND WOULD NOT HESITATE AS MEANS

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 29.—The attention of United States government secret service agents was called today to an issue of a paper entitled "Kakemono," or the "Revolution," published in Berkeley by the Japanese Socialist party, containing an article in which reference is made to the attitude of President Roosevelt on the Japanese school question.

The following language is used: "We believe that such a thing as a ruling class in the capitalist class may from time to time fling to the workers will prove of no avail; that it is about as effective as the tiny stream from a baby water gun thrown into a raging fire."

"Our policy is toward the overthrow of the Mikado, King and President, as representing the capitalist class, as soon as possible, and we do not hesitate as means."

Marked copies of the paper were sent to the members of the board of education in this city, and by them turned over to the federal authorities.

AMERICANS WRESTLE WITH HINDU PROBLEM

Secretary Straus Investigates Case of Prevention at the Boundary Line

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—An interesting and important case is under consideration by Secretary Straus of the department of commerce and labor, it relates to the admission into the United States from Vancouver of ten Hindus who desire to go to San Francisco. The statement of the case shows that six of the ten are diseased and four in good condition. They have no money in this country, none of them speak English and they have barely enough money to enable them to reach San Francisco.

In the opinion of the immigration official they are likely to become public charges. In the past few years the Hindus who have arrived in British Columbia, they are, according to the reports of the Dominion authorities, a very undesirable class of immigration. The feeling in British Columbia is strong against them on account of their habits and unsanitary methods of living. The immigration officials on the international border denied the Hindus admission to the United States and the case now is on appeal to Secretary Straus.

MORTGAGE RAILWAY FOR MANY MILLIONS

Wabash Company Borrows \$300,000,000 to Make Improvements to Road

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.—The Wabash Railroad company today filed a mortgage for \$300,000,000, covering all its properties. The mortgage is made to the Bowling Green Trust company of New York. J. C. Van Blarcom of St. Louis and James B. Forgan of Chicago as trustees for the bondholders.

Henry Miller, general manager of the Wabash, stated that the mortgage, which was dated July 1, 1906, was given to carry out the financial plans of the company, and that the money so raised was to be spent for double-tracking the system, extending its lines and improving its equipment. The mortgage is given to secure an issue of 4 per cent first refunding extension gold bonds, due in 50 years.

METHODIST PREACHER SUES FOR HIS STIPEND

Rev. C. W. Ruddell Raises Question of Interest to Church People

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 29.—A question of great interest not alone to ministers and laymen of the Methodist church, but to other denominations, is raised by Rev. C. W. Ruddell, B. A., B. A. D., of St. Eugene Falls, at present without a station, who is going to the courts for the difference between the minimum stipend promised by the church and the amount he has received.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN RESCUED FROM FIRE

Policemen Carry Inmates of Burning Tenement House From Their Beds

Montreal, Que., Dec. 28.—Policemen had to arouse ten women and children out of bed tonight when fire broke out at the back of an old tenement house on Sturban street. Flames on the roof were noticed by Patrolman Lefebvre who gave the alarm and then ran to warn the inmates who were all asleep. Two large families were crowded in two flats and as the inmates did not have time to dress properly they had to be carried through the snow to nearby houses. Conveyances shortly arrived on the scene and the policemen soon had all housed comfortably.

WOMAN GOES OVER FALLS

Nagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 28.—A woman, believed to be Mary Hogan, of Buffalo committed suicide this morning by going over the falls. She entered the river two hundred feet above the bridge of the falls, leaving her coat, umbrella and purse on the shore.

TWO MEN DROWNED

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 29.—Ernest Instand and Gibson, two young men of Alburgh Island, were drowned last night at 9 o'clock while driving over the ice of the Bay of Quinte to Bath. They met a doctor for a friend who was sick. Two other men who were with them had a narrow escape. The horse and cutter were lost.