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COUNT TOLSTOI REPORTED DEAD

Announcement Made in St. Petersburg and London Papers This Morning and Subsequently Contradicted

LATEST MESSAGE CRISIS HAS PASSED

Veteran Troubled by Inflammation of Lung—Attack Caused by Standing on Platform in Bitter Cold

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 17.— A despatch from the Novoe Vremya dated Moscow, November 17, says: "A message has been received from Astapova that Tolstoi is living, that the crisis has been passed and that the temperature of the patient late last night was 99.6."

The report of the death of Count Leo Tolstoi was received here last night by the various newspapers and agencies. The Novoe Vremya's Moscow correspondent first telegraphed that Tolstoi was dead, but at an early hour this morning he sent a further despatch saying a message had been received that Tolstoi was living and that the crisis of the disease had been passed. At 4.15 this morning the Vestnik news agency reported that the death of Tolstoi was not confirmed.

The reports from Astapova have been conflicting throughout. The official diagnosis as given by the attending physicians Tuesday night was that Tolstoi was suffering from an inflammation of the lower lobe of the left lung, but that no immediate danger threatened. His heart action at that time was said to be good, and his temperature was normal. His temperature during the night rose to 102.8 and he had an attack of bleeding from the lungs. Some time later it was reported that his temperature had fallen to 98.6. Then came the report of his death, and finally a message from Astapova that he had successfully passed the crisis.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—All the London morning papers announce the death of Count Tolstoi, based on special despatches to a news agency from St. Petersburg and Moscow, and publish long memoirs.

After the issuance of the papers, there was a considerable element of doubt as to the actual death of Count Tolstoi, following the receipt of a Russian news agency dispatch from St. Petersburg, saying the death of Tolstoi was unconfirmed. The Times publishes a dispatch from St. Petersburg timed 1.51 a. m., as follows:

"News of Count Tolstoi's death reached here. Conflicting rumors prevailed the whole of yesterday.

"It seems that the journey in a crowded train from the monastery in which Tolstoi was compelled by lack of room to stand on the platform, exposed to bitter cold and rain, was the direct cause of the inflammation of the lungs, which unhappily proved fatal."

GRILLED BY GRAND JURY

Actions of Labor Leaders in Los Angeles Displease Investigators Into Times Explosion

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 16.—Personalities, instead of evidence, occupied a portion of the time today of the special grand jury which is investigating the Times explosion.

Two witnesses were concerned in this phase of the case: Stanley Wilson, a Los Angeles labor leader and editor, and C. M. Felder, organizer of the barber's union, also of Los Angeles. Wilson, it was understood, was asked what warrant he had for publishing articles in his paper, the official organ of organized labor in this section, attacking the good faith of the grand jury and for berating District-Attorney John D. Fredericks for having appointed Earl Rogers, the attorney for the Merchant and Manufacturers' association as a special district attorney to assist the grand jury in conducting the investigation when he had been employed previously as a detective in the same case.

The labor union editor was questioned for more than an hour and was followed by Feldel, who, it is said, interrupted the placid proceedings of the inquisitors by a personal tiff with Earl Rogers.

According to statements attributed to Feldel and published just after the Times explosion, it was Rogers who subjected Mrs. Lavin to the third degree and made it so severe that she collapsed.

Canadian Pacific Dividend

MONTREAL, Nov. 14.—The directors of the Canadian Pacific railroad today declared a dividend of 2 per cent on the common stock for the quarter ending September 30, being at the rate of seven per cent per year from revenue and one per cent from interest on the proceeds of land sales. The dividend is payable on December 31 to shareholders of record on November 30.

American Fleet In Europe

BREST, France, Nov. 16.—The first party of 100 officers and men from the fourth division of the American battleship fleet departed for Paris tonight. A larger detachment will go to Paris tomorrow.

Killed in Collision.

WEISER, Idaho, Nov. 16.—A collision between east and westbound freight trains on the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company's line, six miles south of here today caused the death of Dan Foy, a fireman and William Lindhorst, head brakeman, of the westbound train, and the serious injury of Edward Halstead, engineer of the westbound engine. The eastbound train had taken a siding at Chrystal, but had not cleared the switch when the westbound came thundering along and "side-swiped" the caboose and three cars of the eastbound freight. The dead and injured lived at Glen's Ferry, Idaho.

Through Peace River Country

WINNIPEG, Nov. 16.—From the north land has come Edward A. Treble, chief of the United States biological survey, Washington. He outfitted at Vancouver early in the summer, and from there went north to Fort Wrangel, Alaska, and up the Stickine river to Telegraph Creek, where the Treble party outfitted again for the trip to Peace River Crossing, in northern Alberta. He passed the Finlay early in September and found but three prospectors working on the creeks to which the big stampede was made three years ago. Here and there the way was blocked by bush fires, which Mr. Treble reports have done much damage around Fort Grahame. Mr. Treble prepared a valuable map of the northern regions through which he passed and which are practically unknown.

ARE IN DANGER OF STARVATION

Eighty-three People Stranded by Wreck of Portland May Suffer—Relief Prevented by Severe Storm

CORDOVA, Alaska, Nov. 16.—Communication with the eighty-three survivors of the wrecked steamship Portland, who are stranded at Katalla is still cut off. The last message received before the telephone line went down was an appeal for a revenue cutter, but before explanation of the urgency of the request could be made, the line broke and the exact condition of the storm-bound refugees is unknown.

It will be at least four days before relief can be sent to them. The streams across the Copper River flats are not yet frozen and it is impossible to send supplies and aid by means of dog teams. The terrific storm that is raging prevents the use of launches.

The steamship Alameda, which attempted a rescue of the marooned passengers yesterday morning, was forced to turn back by the storm and is now at Valdez.

The Alameda will make another attempt Saturday morning. If this proves unsuccessful the steamship Northwestern, which is due here Tuesday, will lie off at Katalla until the storm subsides.

The revenue cutter Rush is now en route from Juneau to Sitka. If the Alameda fails to effect the rescue of the stranded people on Saturday the Rush will be sent from Sitka and will aid the Northwestern in the attempt to take off the passengers on Tuesday.

The people live at Katalla, and the principal cause for alarm concerning the Portland's people is that the limited food supply will become exhausted by the increased population. The latest reports received from the wreck of the Portland are that the old wooden vessel is rapidly going to pieces under the terrific lashing of the surf, and large quantities of wreckage are drifting ashore.

RE-CLASSIFICATION BASEBALL LEAGUES

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—The board of arbitration of the National Association of Baseball Leagues tonight gave hearing to evidence bearing on re-classification of leagues.

J. Cal Ewing, member of the board from California, brought the classification matter squarely before the meeting when he declared that efforts to dodge the issue were futile. The constitution of the agreement with the National Commission, he said, leave the board no option but to reclassify.

San Antonio, Texas, secured next year's meeting.

Mr. Ewing invited the association to hold its 1915 meeting at San Francisco during the exposition.

This was tentatively accepted.

The association adjourned until tomorrow at 11 o'clock, but the board of arbitration renewed its deliberations tonight. It hopes to finish tomorrow. The old matter of a new classification to support the dignity of American Association and Eastern League will not require consideration at this meeting. The American Association is not represented at the meeting and President Powers, of the Eastern League, said today he would not bring up that issue now.

LORDS ANXIOUS TO AID REFORM

Marquis of Lansdowne Announces Measures Which Conservative Majority is Willing to See Adopted

SEVERAL CHANGES ARE SUGGESTED

Government Veto Bill is Introduced in Upper Chamber—Lord Rosebery Also Presses His Plan

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Lord Lansdowne in inviting the government to produce a veto bill for consideration by parliament, said that the upper house was ready with its contribution toward a solution of the question at issue. His party, continued Lord Lansdowne, was committed to the view that in a reformed House of Lords there should be a reduction of membership, abolition of the hereditary principle, an adequate representation of the best elements of the existing house, re-inforced from the outside by nomination or some kind of an election. They also were ready, he said, to devise some means of settling the differences between the two houses. The government, he declared, had no right to assume that because the eight front benches failed to bring an agreement, parliament could not settle these tedious problems.

Pending Premier Asquith's official statement before parliament on Friday, small hope is entertained of clearing up the involved situation which has resulted from the sudden change introduced by Lord Lansdowne's call for the veto bill.

The feature which stands out in the present position of the parties is that the House of Lords has finally awakened to the absolute necessity of undertaking self-reform

The radical leaders view this late penitence with the utmost suspicion and it remains to be seen whether it will terminate in an agreement which the abortive veto conference failed to achieve

Lord Rosebery in the House of Lords today, after declaring that the house stood in a very grave position, announced his intention to ask for facilities to discuss his plan for the reform of the house. It is believed the Lords will proceed immediately with the debate on the question

After the meeting of the privy council and the cabinet this afternoon, the Earl of Crewe introduced the veto bill in the House of Lords, where it passed its first reading.

Upheavals in Pacific

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Scientists report that the depths of the Pacific are in a state of great upheaval. Heavy earth shocks have been recorded the last two days, apparently occurring in the regions north of New Zealand.

REVOLUTION IN MEXICO CHECKED

Discovery of Plans for Uprising Said to be Work of Madero—Arms and Ammunition Ready

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 16.—A revolutionary movement with ramifications throughout at least 12 states of the republic, has just been nipped in the bud through the vigilance of the federal authorities

This fact became known today. The movement was attributed to Francisco I Madero, erstwhile candidate for the presidency in opposition to General Diaz, and Ricardo Flores Magon, the revolutionist, who served a prison sentence at Florence, Arizona, some years ago for violation of the United States neutrality law.

Arms and ammunition, it was said, had been widely distributed and a concerted uprising on a fixed date was planned.

Secret agents of the federal government succeeded in securing papers in which the plans of the revolutionists were outlined. Effective measures were taken at once to thwart the proposed insurrection.

Salt Lake's Population.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Salt Lake City has a population of 92,777, according to the thirteenth census made public tonight. This is an increase of 39,246, or 73.3 per cent, over 53,531 in 1901. The population of Salt Lake county, Utah, is 131,436, compared with 77,735 in 1900.

G. T. P. Progress

EDMONTON, Nov. 16.—The engineers' department of the Grand Trunk Pacific has been removed to Fitzhugh, three hundred miles nearer the Pacific Coast.

British Submarine Fleets

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The announcement is made in naval circles today that early in 1911 a British fleet of submarines will be sent to Hongkong and permanently stationed there. Other fleets of the same craft will be sent later to Gibraltar and other stations.

NO LIBERAL CANDIDATE

Prospect That Mr. Lucas, Conservative, Will Be Elected by Acclamation in Yale

VANCOUVER, Nov. 16.—It looks altogether probable that Mr. Alex. Lucas, the Conservative candidate for Yale, will be elected by acclamation. The Liberal convention, which met at Spence's Bridge on Tuesday night, adjourned without making a nomination.

Mr. Stuart Henderson was mentioned, but refused to stand unless the nomination was made unanimous. On the other hand, the town of Nicola sent delegates pledged to support John Oliver, and Merritt sent a resolution against contesting the election. Many places were unrepresented.

It is thought unlikely that the Liberals will reach an agreement on a candidate before November 28, the day set for election. There is some talk of Mr. Julien contesting the constituency as an independent, but of this there is no certainty, and altogether it looks like a walkover for Mr. Lucas.

STILL NO WORD OF WOLVERINE

Search for Missing Lake Winnipeg Steamer is Unsuccessful—Vessel Had 25 People on Board

SELKIRK, Man., Nov. 16.—No word has been received of the Wolverine, and apprehensions for the safety of the newly refitted flagship of the fleet are beginning to be felt.

The crew of the Lady of the Lake arrived today after travelling on foot from Gull Harbor to Gimli. They had cruised as far as Commissioners' Island in search of the missing vessel without finding any trace of her.

The Wolverine carries twenty-five people.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS

Endeavor to Patch Up Differences Before Federation Are So Far Unsuccessful

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 16.—The schism of several years which has split the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was brought before the American Federation of Labor convention here today by the submission of majority and minority reports from the arbitration committee. The electrical men are divided into two parties, known, from the names of their leaders, as the Reed and McNulty factions. The McNulty faction is recognized by the American Federation of Labor, and the Reed party is struggling for recognition.

Delegate John P. Frye, in presenting the majority report to the committee, recommends that a committee of both factions be called to consider means of amalgamation tomorrow.

Delegate Duffy in the minority report suggested that no recognition be given the Reed faction.

Thomas L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, advised that both factions be kept out of the American Federation until their differences are settled.

The matter was referred to the adjustment committee of the federation.

They "Came Back"

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 16.—A team composed of last year's college football players now attending the Harvard Law School demonstrated on Soldier's Field today that they could "come back" with a week or two of practice, for by a score of three to nothing they defeated the Carlisle Indians. The Indians came to Cambridge with a string of well earned victories and comparatively few defeats, while the law school team had played but one previous game.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—What is described as a "monster appeal" is being drawn up by the Chinese urging Great Britain to abrogate the treaties with China which permit British interests to engage in the opium trade. Word to this effect was received here tonight by the International Reform League from its field secretary in Pekin, the Rev. Dr. E. W. Thwing. The petition will be submitted simultaneously to the British and Chinese governments. It is charged that the existence of the treaties in question afford legal excuse for British and French citizens to engage in the traffic in China.

WILL ADHERE TO NAVY PROGRAMME

Story of Modification Published in Eastern Papers is Denied by Ottawa Ministers—Reference in Speech

PARLIAMENT OPENS THIS AFTERNOON

Subjects to be Mentioned in Governor's Speech — Hon. Mr. Fielding Goes to West Indies for His Health

OTTAWA, Nov. 16.—It is stated in ministerial circles that there is absolutely no foundation for the story published in eastern papers to the effect that the government proposes to modify its naval policy as a result of recent political events.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues say they are satisfied that while there is undoubtedly considerable opposition to the navy in Quebec at the present moment, it will pass away when the people learn that they are being misinformed by Nationalist orators.

In the speech from the throne which His Excellency Earl Grey will read on the assembling of parliament tomorrow, reference will be made to the fact that two vessels have already arrived in Canadian waters and that contracts will be let at an early date for the eleven other vessels provided for in legislation of last session.

Parliament Today.

The third session of the eleventh parliament of Canada will be opened here tomorrow afternoon by the governor-general, Earl Grey. In view of the approaching election it is expected the session will be long and marked by bitter debates.

The arrival of the cruisers Niobe and Rainbow will be noted in the speech from the throne as marking the beginning of the Canadian navy. Satisfaction will be expressed that reciprocity negotiations have been entered into with the United States. The agreement between Canada and the United States for the regulation of international waters will be noted with great satisfaction. The finances of Canada will be declared in a most satisfactory condition. A new banking act is promised, though it will contain few departures.

Hon. Mr. Fielding Ill.

MONTREAL, Nov. 16.—Hon. Mr. Fielding left for the West Indies this evening. His health is very poor, and it is not expected that the minister will appear in parliament for any length of time this session, if his physicians have their way. The facial paralysis following cold in the face, which broke out last month while he was in Nova Scotia, is spreading.

The first Canadian Apple Show proves to have been a financial success.

HANDICAPPED IN LUMBER TRADE

Victoria Mill Owners Not Allowed Terminal Rates — Board of Trade to Take Action in Matter

The board of trade through its railway freight committee, is at present preparing a recommendation to be submitted to the Canadian Pacific Railway, the object of which is to secure for local lumber mills equal opportunities for shipping to eastern points to those possessed by Vancouver shippers. At present there is an extra charge on lumber shipments shipped to the prairies, compared with the rates prevailing from Vancouver. This extra charge amounts to one and one-half cents per hundred pounds, equivalent to about 40 cents per thousand feet. In this way Victoria mills are severely handicapped in competing for the trade of the prairie markets.

Some years ago the local board of trade fought hard for the establishment of terminal rates from Victoria. At that time, however, the lumber situation was entirely overlooked, the consequence being that the board was under the impression that for all commodities shipped east of North Bend, the freight rate from Victoria was the same as that which prevailed from Vancouver. A general impression prevails that as soon as the matter is brought to the attention of the railway company the disadvantage under which local mills labor will be speedily remedied. The recommendation of the freights committee will be submitted at the next council meeting of the board of trade.

Captain of Bedford Disgraced

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., Nov. 16.—A court martial today found Capt. Fitzherbert of the British armored cruiser Bedford guilty of negligently stranding his ship and sentenced him to dismissal from the vessel and to be severely reprimanded. The Bedford ran ashore off Quelpart Island, in the Yellow sea, on August 21. Eighteen of her crew were lost.

TO WED AVIATOR

Miss Grace Mackenzie, Daughter of Mr. Wm. Mackenzie, Engaged to Count Jaques de Lesseps.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The engagement of Count Jaques de Lesseps, the French aviator, to Miss Grace Mackenzie, the youngest daughter of William Mackenzie, the millionaire railroad man of Toronto, was announced here today by Count Bertrand de Lesseps, brother of the aviator. Count Jaques de Lesseps met Miss Mackenzie at the Toronto aviation meet. He is a son of Ferdinand de Lesseps, the famous French engineer.

TORONTO, Nov. 16.—Announcement of the engagement of Miss Grace Mackenzie, aged twenty, youngest daughter of William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway, to Count de Lesseps, the French aviator, aged 27, was officially admitted by the Mackenzies today. The date of the marriage is not announced. Miss Mackenzie made her debut two years ago and met the Count at the aviation meet here in July last.

OTHERS COVET MINTO TROPHY

St. Catherines Athletics Likely to Challenge New Westminster for Championship Next Summer—Are Eligible

ST. CATHERINES, Nov. 16.—As a result of a conference between a few local lacrosse enthusiasts, the Athletics of St. Catherines will very probably challenge New Westminster for the Minto cup. As winners of the senior C. L. A. championship, the Athletics are eligible. They were at no time tried out to their limit in any of their games this fall. In the event of the trip being financed for next spring, of which there appears to be now no difficulty, the team will be strengthened by the St. Catherines players who figured on the Toronto N. L. U. team during the past season.

The presentation of the executive committee's report, the election of officers and the treasurer's report was the main feature of the fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Montreal Lacrosse club last week.

In reading the report, Mr. Desse Brown called attention to the fact that the team had been compelled to play seven scheduled games in succession after returning from New Westminster without a chance to rest, and consequently did not do as well as they might have done had an opportunity for rest been given. As it was, the team had won eight of the twelve games played, scoring 85 points against their opponents' 64.

The treasurer's report showed a deficit of $1,495.28, a deficit easily accounted for by the fact that the game of the season of most public interest was played in very bad weather, very few people venturing out to see it.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, W. E. Findlay; vice-president, E. Hamilton; honorary secretary, Desse Brown; treasurer, Mr. Melville.

FALSE CREEK GRANT

Dominion Government Ready to Accede to Vancouver's Request on Conditions

VANCOUVER, Nov. 16.—At the city hall it is stated this morning that the legal agents of the city at Ottawa had advised the civic authorities concerning the attitude of the Ottawa authorities on the request of the council for the removal of the restriction rights from the Dominion grant of the bed of the False Creek basin.

This advice is said to be along the line that the Dominion government will not object to the removal of the clause preventing the city from alienating the bed of the creek, providing the right is made subject to the riparian rights of adjoining owners. As far as the city is concerned, it is said the condition made by the government was fully expected, and no exception can be taken to the stand.

It is stated that this situation was fully recognized in the agreement with the Great Northern railway, and a clause is contained in it which requires the railway to fully protect the city on any claim for compensation because of riparian rights or damage to property occasioned by carrying out the terms of the agreement.

Aldermere is now turning out first class building bricks.

AGED AUTHOR EXTREMELY WEAK

Count Tolstoi Suffering From Severe Attack of Bronchitis —Sheltered in Home of Station Master at Astapova

COUNTESS INSISTS ON JOINING HUSBAND

Report of Physicians Indicates Recovery — Illness Causes Reconciliation Between Countess and Tchertkoff

TULA, Russia, Nov. 15.—Count Leo Tolstoi is suffering from bronchitis, and owing to a high fever, is in an extremely weak condition. A message from his daughter Alexandra, who is nursing him at Astapova, giving this information, adds that the physicians say no immediate danger threatens.

Tolstoi suffered from a severe attack of bronchitis in the winter of 1909, and as a result was susceptible to the disease again when he exposed himself to a long journey in the cold and rain.

The home of the station master at Astapova is quite comfortable, and the patient is receiving skilful attention at the hands of Dr. Makovetsky and another physician, in addition to the care of his daughter.

According to the diagnosis of the physicians, Tolstoi is suffering from a catarrhal inflammation of the lower lobe of the left lung. His heart action is good. The maximum temperature today was 102, falling at times to 99, which is practically normal; pulse, 104, dropping to 90; respiration fair. The physicians add that expectoration and diuresis are sufficient, and that the patient has enjoyed tranquil sleep, is in good spirits and resting quietly.

Countess Tolstoi, after the first shock caused by her husband's abandonment of him home and family, displayed astonishment, when this morning and instant upon being taken to the count. Accompanied by her son and Count Vladimir Tchertkoff, who formerly was Tolstoi's representative in England, she proceeded to Astapova by special train.

The illness of the author brought about the reconciliation between the countess and Tchertkoff, whose embittered feelings in recent months have caused Tolstoi much anguish. Count Tchertkoff was summoned by telegraph to Yasnaya Poliana, where he joined the countess and her sons. Tolstoi himself, in a recent letter had expressed a desire for Tchertkoff's presence.

The differences between the countess and Tchertkoff arose over Tolstoi's literary legacy. Tchertkoff had collected a large quantity of unpublished material, copies of "Hadji Murat," Tolstoi's latest work, as well as various documents which he had been arranging to take to England for safe-keeping. These he intended to offer for free publication in pursuance of the author's wishes. The countess Tolstoi, in behalf of the family, has been insisting that Tolstoi procure a copyright for all his publications, the returns from which would serve to aid the very numerous family, instead of filling the pockets of the publishers.

Three months ago, when the administrative order expelling Tchertkoff from Tula province was repeated, he visited Yasnaya Poliana, but left hurriedly, as the countess had peremptorily forbidden him access to the grounds. Tolstoi thereupon visited Tchertkoff on his estate three miles away in Moscow province, in spite of the attempts of the countess to dissuade him.

Serious family misunderstandings ensued, and in consequence recent visitors to Yasnaya Poliana have remarked clouds over the customary serenity of the place. The countess suffered seriously, and a professor of nervous disorders from Moscow visited her several times prior to Tolstoi's pilgrimage.

Three Children Burned.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Nov. 15.—The three children who were burned to death in the fire that destroyed the roadhouse at Tolovano yesterday morning belonged to Andrew Vachon, owner of the establishment. The children were Otis, 4; Josephine, aged 2, and a three-months-old baby, Margaret. Hayden, five years old, was rescued.

Doubtful Eggs Drop in Price

NEW YORK, Nov. 16—The Federal government took a hand today in the movement to stop the sale of impure food in this city. Dr. Harvey Wiley, head of the pure food and drugs bureau, at Washington, detailed two inspectors to assist the New York board of health in its investigation. The federal inspectors visited more than 50 egg dealers and dealers in bakers' supplies, and took samples of eggs. One of the inspectors said that the price of "rots and spots," as spoiled eggs are called, had decreased from $1.50 or $2 a case to 25 cents since the inquiry began.

A branch of the Union Bank of Canada has been established at South Vancouver.