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## BRITAIN NEED NOT PROTECT PERSIA

### Sir Edward Grey Says Shuster's Appointment of British Officials Violated Anglo-Russian Pact.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—(Can. Press.)—Referring to the Persian question during a discussion of foreign affairs in the house of commons to-day, the foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, said that the Anglo-Russian agreement was not intended to impair the independence and integrity of Persia. A declaration to that effect had been made to the Persian Government, but he added, Great Britain was not under any obligation to protect the integrity of Persia.

The Russian Government continued the foreign secretary had demanded that Mr. Shuster should be withdrawn. The British Government had said that it did not object to that demand. Mr. Shuster's appointment in Persia was not intended to impair the independence and integrity of Persia, but the spirit and intention of the Anglo-Russian agreement could not be permitted to be upset, and two great nations embroiled by the action of any individual, no matter how good the intentions were.

After what had happened he agreed with Russia's demand that the consent of the British and Russian legislatures should be obtained for the appointment of foreign advisers to Persia.

In conclusion, Sir Edward said that as Persia was unable to pay an indemnity, he hoped Russia would be induced not to press that demand.

Philip Edward Morrell, Liberal, said that a poorer excuse for taking away the independence of Persia, than that advanced in the case of Mr. Shuster, had never been put forward in the house of commons. The exact crime committed by Shuster, said Mr. Morrell, was that he did not call at the Russian legation as often as he ought.

No Hope for Ex-Shah.  
The foreign secretary said that if the difficulty were mismanaged or rashly handled by those concerned, the issues of policy might become involved. The British government strongly opposed the restoration of the ex-shah and Russia had given categorical assurances that it had no intention of that kind.

In this connection Sir Edward read a communication from the St. Petersburg government stating that the troops would not advance from Kasbin for eight days, unless extraordinary circumstances should force an advance, and that when Persia complied with the demands the further presence of the troops would be superfluous. The communication concluded with assurance of adherence to the Russo-British agreement.

## ARCHDUKE IS DISCIPLINED

### Emperor Francis Joseph Frowns Heavily on Pretty Roman and Allowance is Cut Off.

VIENNA, Dec. 14.—(Can. Press.)—Another romance connected with the imperial house of Hapsburg is contained in the announcement that the Emperor Francis Joseph has placed the Archduke Henry Ferdinand, brother of the Princess Louise of Saxony and of Archduke Leopold Salvator, "on leave with the stoppage of all emoluments."

Archduke Henry Ferdinand, who is a painter with great distaste for court life and military duties, has been living for some time in Munich. He has declared for a long period to abandon his rank and title in the same way as Archduke John Orth, Archduke Salvator, and more recently Archduke Ferdinand Charles, in order, as is reported, to marry a Munich girl belonging to a family not of noble rank. Finding this to be most difficult, the archduke has taken the easier course of throwing up his military career.

The family of the Hapsburgs has experienced a series of romances. The first among the more recent was that of the Archduke John Salvator, known as John Orth, who completely disappeared after giving up his rank and title and marrying an actress named Milly Siebel. He was said to have sailed for Chile on board the Santa Margaretha in July, 1899, and no trace of him has since been found.

## Change in Hudson Bay Railway.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The Hudson Bay Railroad may not have its beginning at the Pas Mission after all. The department of railways is considering the advisability of having the road run west as far as Prince Albert or Saskatchewan. The idea is to build the line closer to the great wheat-producing territory, and within reach of other railways.

A conference will be held here in a few days between Hon. Frank Cochrane and his engineers, to consider the proposed extension.

## WAREHOUSES PARTLY TO BLAME

### Declare Railways in Freight Congestion Investigation—Poor Facilities for Receiving.

After a rigid investigation of the methods used in handling and delivering freight in Toronto, judgment was reserved by the Dominion Railway Commission in the first meeting of their session here, which was held in the council chamber yesterday.

The freight enquiry occupied the entire morning, and the greater part of the afternoon session, and Judge Mabee's remark that co-operation among the wholesalers and the railways and the cartage companies was necessary if the situation was to be improved, appeared to conclude the evidence which was heard.

Railway officials, business men, representatives of the various cartage companies, members of the board of trade, and solicitors, including Corporation Counsel Drayton, were present, and every witness unhesitatingly gave his evidence, no time was lost and good will always prevailed.

Superintendent Jas. Osborne of the C.P.R. was the first man called upon in the morning session to give evidence. He said that the C. P. R.'s freight sheds and teams and track facilities had been adequate for all the business transacted by the company this last year.

Mr. Osborne stated that the freight congestion recently experienced was due, in his opinion, partly to the inadequate facilities of the examining warehouse, which had not been improved in the last 25 years. At some warehouses only one team at a time could be unloaded. The wretched condition of some of the roads was also, he said, the cause of considerable delay in delivering freight.

The chief trouble, he believed, (and this opinion was often repeated throughout the enquiry) was that the consignee's warehouses were badly equipped for loading and unloading from narrow lanes and small entrance doors caused a great loss of time, and in many cases the appliances of the merchants had not been improved in the last 20 years, in spite of the vast increase of business. Matters are complicated too, he said, thru the refusal

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### CANNOT SAVE DELHI

Rescue of Crew Being Effected—Captain Explains Disaster.

TANGIER, Dec. 14.—(Canadian Press.)—All the passengers of the wrecked steamer Delhi have now been landed. Only one of the passengers was injured in the most difficult task of rescue, he having a leg broken. Three lascars, members of the Delhi's crew, were drowned by the capsizing of a boat which was returning to the ship after landing a batch of passengers.

The sea continues to run high to-night. The starboard side of the Delhi is now completely submerged. A tug from Gibraltar, which came to assist in the rescue, was driven ashore by the heavy sea. The crew escaped by the stranding of the vessel, the captain of the Delhi said to-day that at 9 o'clock Tuesday evening it appeared as though the vessel was about to pass thru the straits.

The weather was very dry and continued ahead, however, very slowly, casting the lead frequently. Eight fathoms was recorded and then shortly after 11 p.m. the ship struck three times and men stopped abruptly. The rain prevented seeing the land and it was not until 2 o'clock in the morning that he was able to locate the position of his ship.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Daily Mail's "Tangier" correspondent today reports the work of landing the crew of the Delhi by the breeches buoy is proceeding at night by the aid of searchlights. There is little hope of saving the cargo or baggage. The Princess Royal just after her jewels, her jewel case being washed out of the boat at the time of the rescue.

### WILL OPPOSE GRAHAM.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—Interest is growing in the political situation in South Renfrew. The Conservatives are calling a convention to consider the selection of a candidate to oppose Hon. George P. Graham, to provide a seat for whom Thomas Low, M.P., resigned.

Miss May Robson, the noted comedienne, who has delighted thousands with her "Aunt Mary," in "The Revue," will be seen in a new play, "A Night Out," when she comes to the Princess next week.

### Privy Council Reserves Judgment.

Attorney General Foy received a communication yesterday that the privy council had reserved judgment on his appeal from the supreme court on Canada v. the attorney-general of the Dominion of Canada.

The question at issue is whether the supreme court of Canada has jurisdiction as to the constitutional powers of the provinces, and as to the effect of provincial statutes in the matter of granting charters to companies to do business outside the province where they are chartered.

### FRUIT INSPECTORS ARE DISMISSED BY BURRELL

Incompetency, Not Politics, at Bottom of Changes—To Appoint Fruit Commissioner.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The Hon. Martin Burrell, has made a number of changes in the fruit inspection department. About half a dozen fruit inspectors have been dismissed for non-political reasons. The dismissals had been urged for years by officials, but political pull was strong.

A reorganization of the fruit section of the department of agriculture is being contemplated by Hon. Mr. Burrell. The fruit industry is now under the direction of the dairy commissioner, whose interests are naturally not with fruit farming. Strong representations have been made by the various fruit farming associations that there should be a special fruit commissioner appointed. It is almost certain that the change will be made.

## RANK ROBBERY



IS POLICEMAN BORDEN GOING TO LET HIM GET AWAY WITH IT?

## IF HEBERT MARRIAGE ILLEGAL THEN MINISTER IS TO BLAME

### Counsel For Mrs. Hebert Will Argue That Contracting Parties Should Not Be Punished If Error Exists—Case Will Go On To-day.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—The continuation of argument in the Hebert case, which was to have taken place this afternoon, was deferred till to-morrow, on account of the fact that the hearing of the cases on the practice court roll extended till late in the afternoon.

In his coming address Mr. Wainwright will take up the thread of his historical argument at the session, and will proceed thence to the year 1866, when the present code was brought into effect. His contention will be that in the interval between 1870 and 1866 there was nothing in law then existing to oblige Catholics to go before their parish priests or bishops in order to be married, and that consequently ministers of any faith other than the Catholics were not restrained from officiating at such marriages.

Mr. Wainwright will also claim that if an illegality was really committed in the celebration of the marriage, then the author of that illegality was the officiating minister. If so, how does it come to pass, that the sanction of punishment of that illegality in the form of a judgment of annulment is visited upon a third party or parties and not on the person responsible for the commission of the illegality?

### WILL SETTLE COAL STRIKE.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, has taken what will probably be final action on the part of the government in connection with the settlement of a strike which several months ago tied up the coal mines of Alberta and British Columbia.

On the suggestion of Mr. Crothers, H. Bentley, a well-known merchant of Lethbridge has consented to act as chairman of a committee of arbitrators. It is agreed that the findings of the committee will be accepted by both parties.

### KING REVIEWS TROOPS.

DELHI, Dec. 14.—(Canadian Press.)—King George to-day reviewed 50,000 British and native troops. He held an investiture in the royal camp to-night bestowing orders on 93 knights and 200 companions. The Queen witnessed both the review and bestowal of orders.

### TORONTO'S NEW BARRACKS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The World understands that work on the new Toronto Barracks will be started next spring.

Sir Charles Tupper's Condition.  
LONDON, Eng., Dec. 14.—Sir William Barron and the physicians attending Sir Charles Tupper at Beyley's, this morning issued a bulletin stating that their distinguished patient is maintaining his condition.

### BRITISH MAILS.

Owing to an accident happening to the steamship Margotinis of the Cunard Line, that steamer will not sail from New York on Saturday, the 16th inst. The Lusitania will, however, take her place. This steamer's scheduled time is equal to that of the Margotinis. The mails will close at this office to-day at 11.00 a.m.

## FRANCE RATIFIES TREATY WITH GERMANY

### Foreign Minister De Selves, Accused of Sacrificing Portion of Morocco, Gives More Enlightenment on Germany's Attitude—Ratification Carries by 448 to 98.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—(Can. Press.)—The German, British, Russian and Spanish ambassadors were present in the chamber of deputies this afternoon when Foreign Minister De Selves, before a crowded house, delivered France's contribution to the German-British debate and made some additions to the revelations concerning the Moroccan crisis.

Among other things M. De Selves declared that Germany at the outset of the crisis had asserted that she would not accept or abide by a new Algeiras conference as a means to the settlement of the Moroccan question.

The discussion followed an interpretation by the Count De Mun and other members on the right or Conservative side, who wish to postpone the ratification of the Franco-German accord in regard to Morocco until after the negotiations now going on with Spain are concluded.

Called it a Sacrifice.  
Count De Mun in a long speech condemned the sacrifice to a rival power of part of a French colony equaling in extent two-thirds of France and conquered by the spilling of blood of French soldiers. He condemned the making of secret treaties as a method of diplomacy and wanted to know where France had been heading for forty years. "The world," he said, had not seen Europe in a more menacing condition. He hoped that France did not dream of a dangerous Utopia involving the substitution of the friendship of England by the friendship of other powers.

Germany Was Friendly.  
M. De Selves, in opposing the motion for the postponement of the ratification of the Franco-German agreement, traced the negotiations between France and Germany since the beginning of the crisis. He admitted that there had been a moment of tension due to the excessive demands of Germany. Reasonable negotiations ensued upon this and M. De Selves denied that Germany had become irritable and tried to start a conflict. On the contrary her attitude had been conciliatory. French interests had been constantly guarded while the dignity and calm of public opinion in France had revealed the force of French patriotism.

France Not Worsted.  
M. De Selves then defended the Franco-German accord, saying that the world realized that France had emerged from the negotiations far from being worsted. However, he continued, the chief advantage of the agreement is that it frees foreign politics from the Moroccan question, which has been a permanent source of conflict.

"The advantage is not a small one at an hour when the external political situation demands particular attention." He then continued: "We have no intention of abandoning our friends or our alliances. On the contrary, we shall bind them closer." In conclusion he said that the negotiations with Spain had been taken up in a friendly spirit.

Count De Mun's motion was defeated by 448 to 98.

### NEW HEADS WANTED.

When civic officials lose faith in their city, it's time to get new ones. What's the age of the croaking star? Average, 67!

When a job gets too big for its holder, he develops croaking fever. Toronto's city hall could stand a lot of new departmental heads. If not, it will be known as Croakers' Roost.

Dick Coady ought to put two black bands on his historic tie.

Why not all resign?

### KING BOB'S BIRD CAGE AT THE CITY HALL.

Forman: C-r-o-a-k!  
Grassie: Croak, croak!  
Senson: I-a-t-r-a, croak, G-loak!  
Spence: S-o-a-kers, Croakers!  
Dick Coady: Broak, Broak!  
Thompson: Croak, Broak!  
Rust: Under-toakers!  
Forman: Croak and Broak! Broak and Croak!  
ALL: Croak, Broak, Paralytic Broak!

### MILD WEATHER DECEIVING.

The mild weather we have been getting for the last few weeks is something unusual. Still we should not lose sight of the fact that winter is lurking just around the corner, and when the opportunity comes it will be with us in zero garb, within a few hours after the cold area gets the upper hand. It will be far wiser in real earnest, and to be prepared with help you and save the furrier an overdue amount of work. The Dilsen Company has something unusually fine in the way of smaller fur garments which will make excellent Christmas gifts.

### PORCUPINE BULLETIN.

PORCUPINE, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Temperature down to freezing to-night; road bottoms frozen and traveling much improved.

Dome mines putting on two more diamond drills with the two now in operation, and the whole zone is to be blocked out at depth with a view to lining up an increased milling body.

Chas. Fox.

### SAZANOFF IS HOPEFUL

European Combinations Strengthened by Recent Friction, He Says.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 14.—(Can. Press.)—M. Sazanoff, foreign minister, said to-day: "The Morocco agreement and the Turkish and Persian questions have strengthened the European combinations, especially the Triple Entente, which has passed the test with honor. Under the circumstances there is no desire in any quarter to change the groupings of the powers."

"No one is safe from reproaches, but criticism of the Persian policy is unreasonable."

"Should the ex-shah attempt to usurp the throne," said M. Sazanoff, "Russia will refuse to recognize him. We won't restore him on the throne upon our shields."

On the question of the indemnity demand he asserted that the poor financial condition of Persia had been taken into consideration in making the demand.

### ENDED LIFE ON STREET.

Policeman Staples Shot Himself Thru Head in Early Morning.

Policeman Staples, No. 31, shot himself thru the head at 2.30 this morning while on Colborne-street in the rear of the King Edward Hotel. He was promptly removed to St. Michael's Hospital, but was dead before the ambulance arrived there.

No reason is known for his act beyond that Staples had been in ill-health for some time.

Staples was a young man, being about 30 years of age and had been on the force for several years.

### LOOK OUT, REEVE WATSON!

If the township council do not find a way to-day of putting thru the parish street deal, notwithstanding the unfriendly attitude of the Bural Trust, they will be playing the game of the corporations. The game is to prevent the streets being put down and a single fare being given to the north and a good road as well. It is better to put up with some unfairness than to have more delay. The people who are blocking Yonge-street, opposing the Bloor viaduct, the hydro-electric, are also working thru the band of the Bural Trust. The World hopes that Reeve Watson will manage some way to get the thing thru to-day; and if there were a little more backbone in the collector of the township it would not be anything to the disadvantage of the ratepayers concerned.

### JOKES ENDED IN MURDER

Gipsy, Enraged, Used Ax With Fatal Effect on Fred Culbert of London.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—(Can. Press.)—Fred Culbert, aged 27, died to-night from loss of blood from a wound caused by an ax slash at Graham's Hotel, a roadhouse three miles from this city. A middle-aged gipsy, Dan Reynolds, was arrested late to-night, charged with the assault.

The two men met at the hotel early in the evening and got into an argument over a gun which had been hidden as a joke. Reynolds, the gipsy, accused Culbert of hiding the gun. After some arguing Reynolds went to his wagon and got the ax and attacked Culbert. He escaped, leaving Culbert on the road. The wounded man dragged himself into the hotel and a physician was sent for, but arrived too late.

Reynolds was arrested some hours later at his home in Potersburg.

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