

470 MEN OF BRITISH NATIVE REGIMENT BURIED ALIVE IN GREAT EARTHQUAKE

The Latest Reports Tell of Entire Cities Being Razed.

LAHORE, PUNJAB, INDIA, APRIL 7. — FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY MEN OF A GURKHA REGIMENT WERE BURIED ALIVE AS A RESULT OF THE EARTHQUAKE AT THE HILL STATION OF DHARMSALA, 95 MILES NORTHWEST OF SIMLA, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST INFORMATION FROM THAT PLACE. THE REPORT ADDS THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RESCUE THE ENTOMBED MEN.

The greatest difficulty is experienced in procuring news from Dharmasala. The telegraph staff at the station there was practically wiped out and a temporary office has been opened thirteen miles from the town, but the facilities are most scanty.

The Kangra Valley is believed to have been devastated and it is reported that the town of Kangra was reduced to ruins with great loss of life. No confirmation of the report is obtainable, as the telegraph station at Kangra is wrecked.

Kangra, known in ancient times as Nagarkot, is a town in the Punjab, 90 miles northeast of Amritsar. Formerly Kangra was the capital of Katoch, a state of considerable size. It is situated on both sides of a hill overlooking the Banganga river. The population of Kangra numbers about 5,500 souls, mostly Hindus.

Every Building Down.

Laurel, April 7. — A private telegram received here says the whole town of Palampur has been leveled to the ground, and that not a single building is left standing. This announcement has not been confirmed up to the present.

Palampur is a town of the Punjab, and has about 5,000 inhabitants. It is situated in the Kangra district, and is the center of the tea plantations of the Palam Valley.

Another Version.

Calcutta, Ind., April 7. — According to the reports received here only 140 soldiers, mostly Gurkhas, were killed at the Dharmasala cantonment, and these were crushed to death through the collapse of a stone barracks building. It is added that 71 Gurkhas are missing.

In addition to the Europeans already reported killed at Dharmasala, seven children of Europeans are said to have met their death.

FIERCE BATTLE IN THE STEERAGE

Serious Affray at Havre Between Greek and Bulgarian Emigrants.

Havre, April 7. — Serious fighting occurred yesterday between 700 Bulgarians and 400 Greek emigrants on board the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique steamer Clindorigne, which is to leave this port on April 9 for New York. The police were called in, and the seamen finally quelled the rioting by the use of the fire hose. Strict measures will be taken to prevent a recurrence of the trouble during the voyage.

NEW CANAL FOR OREGON

Will Carry Wheat From Far West States to the Pacific.

Portland, Ore., April 7. — The State of Oregon has delivered to Major W. C. Lang a deed conveying the title to the Government of the entire right of way for the Dulles-Columbia Canal. This action removes the last obstacle to the construction of the canal, and insures the early beginning of the work.

This great undertaking is a canal and locks around an obstruction in the Columbia River, about 100 miles east of Portland. The construction of the canal will admit of transportation of wheat from the entire wheat crop of Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho, which last year yielded about 5,000,000 bushels, to the Pacific Ocean.

The length of the waterway that will be opened to traffic will be over 500 miles, and will reach from the Pacific Ocean to Lewiston, Idaho.

KING CHATS WITH LOUBET; WILL AN ALLIANCE FOLLOW?

Meeting of Heads of England and France Cause of a Popular Demonstration.

PARADE OF NAVAL FLEETS TO WARN THE KAISER?

Paris, April 6. — The arrival of King Edward in Paris today was the occasion for a notable manifestation of Anglo-French cordiality, which is being interpreted tonight as a conspicuous response to Germany's attitude regarding Morocco, although the King remained but a short time. He was met outside the city by President Loubet, who held a private conversation with his majesty, lasting nearly an hour.

A semi-official statement recites that the meeting had far less reserve than that between King Edward and President Loubet last year, and that it was marked by the freedom of the confidence exchanged. Beyond this private conversation King Edward confined himself to the usual public expressions of goodwill. He spoke at the station of the pleasure a visit to France always gave him.

President Loubet joined the royal train at Pierrefitte station, where, surrounded by distinguished officials of both Governments, the two rulers exchanged greetings. The King conducted President Loubet to his private car, where conversation continued until the Lyons Railway station was reached. Outside the station the crowd was held back by cordons of police.

During the half hour at the station King Edward continued to talk with President Loubet, and held an extended conference with the British ambassador to France, Sir Francis Leveson Bertie.

King Edward left Paris at 7:10 o'clock for Marseilles, where he will

ASK DUTY ON LUMBER

Port Hope Wants Two Dollars Per Thousand Feet Charged.

Port Hope, April 7. — The quarterly meeting of the Port Hope Board of Trade was held last night, at which resolutions were passed condemning trading stamps and authorizing the officers of the board to sign a petition against these to be presented to Parliament. The board also passed a resolution in favor of a duty of \$2 per thousand feet on lumber imported from the United States.

Fire at Deseronto.

Deseronto, Ont., April 7. — This morning between 2 and 3 o'clock fire was discovered in the building occupied by C. J. Adam and James Cole, St. George street. The building was one of the oldest in town. The sides were sealed with sawdust which gave great headway to the flames. The firemen had a hard fight before they got the fire under control. Mr. Adams estimates his loss to be about \$4,000, half of which is covered by insurance. Mr. Cole's store was damaged to the extent of \$200. The origin of the fire, which is believed to have started in Adams' store, is unknown.

BURNED TO WATER'S EDGE

Like Passenger Steamer Lincoln Destroyed at Lincoln.

Sandwich, April 7. — The passenger steamer Lincoln, which for several years has operated between Windsor, Amherstburg and Pelee Island, was completely destroyed by fire late last night. The steamer Erin was badly scorched and blistered, but was saved by the arrival of the Detroit fire tug Detroit, which responded to the call. The Lincoln was owned by W. B. Rosevear, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and the Erin by T. and J. Conlon, of Thorold, Ont. The Lincoln was cut through by ice at Windsor a few months ago and sank in deep water. She was raised and repaired and was being fitted out for the coming season when the fire last night destroyed her. The origin of the fire is unknown.

PLOT AGAINST FRENCH GOVT. HEADED BY ARMY OFFICERS

Large Quantities of Ammunition Seized—A Former Minister and Several Generals Involved.

Paris, April 7. — Much mystery surrounds the arrest of an ex-captain of the army on the charge of conspiracy against the public security, and the seizure in the same connection of large numbers of cartridges and uniforms. The parties concerned seek to explain that it was intended to use the arms in a mission to the Ivory Coast, but the activity of the secret police leads to reports of a plot against the security of the Government. The authorities minimize the affair, but names of prominent officers of the army are mentioned in connection with searches which the secret police are still pursuing.

Is Marchand in It?

Paris, April 7. — The investigations of the secret police have not yet determined whether the arms and uniforms recently seized in the suburbs of Paris were intended for a chimerical African expedition or a seditious movement against the Government. Statements made by deputy Rabier tend to show the existence of a plot. M. Rabier recently received a letter warning him that a number of determined men were planning a surprise movement. He at first dismissed the

Two With Broken Backs By Collapse of a Barn

Stratford, April 7. — While about 20 neighbors were engaged in pulling down a barn owned by Adam Lemeweber, South Easthope, the framework gave way and came down with a crash. Half a dozen men were injured, two of them, it is feared, fatally. Henry Meyer was struck in the back and had his spine broken, besides other injuries. John Wittig's spine was broken in three places. Henry Otto had right shoulder blade broken, besides other cuts and bruises. Noah Smith had leg sprained, and Jacob Herlich was severely injured.

The fact that most of the men were in the barn when it was considered who saved them. The accident is the most serious of its kind which has occurred in this neighborhood for some time. Dr. Whittener, of Shakespeare, the nearest doctor, had a busy time for some hours attending the injured.

HOUSE SITS 19 HOURS

British Commons in All-Night Debate Over Army Bill.

London, April 7. — The House of Commons, which sat all night discussing the army bill, resumed its labors at 9:15 a.m., resumed its labors at noon today, when the bill legalizing marriage with a deceased wife's sister came up for its annual discussion. The effect of the 19-hour session, however, was seen in the vacant benches, and it was not until 11 o'clock that a quorum was secured.

INSUFFICIENTLY SIGNED

Is the Petition Against an Asphalt Pavement on Dundas Street East.

A petition against the construction of an asphalt pavement on Dundas street from Lyle street to Queen's Park, which has been found by the assessment commissioner's department to be insufficiently signed, and it looks as though the asphalt will be laid on the streets this year. The assessment department wishes to see the petition signed by persons getting up petitions for or against local improvements could save themselves a great amount of trouble and unnecessary work if before presenting such petitions they would consult the assessment department as to the number of names required, and the amount of assessment which must be represented by the names on the petition. As it is now, when once a petition has been passed upon by the assessment department, names can neither be added to or taken from it.

Nabbed at the Station.

Toronto, April 7. — Clyde C. Cobb was sent to penitentiary for one year this morning for stealing from the Imperial Hotel. Cobb, who says he comes from Scranton and Buffalo, was employed in the office of the Imperial Hotel. One day last week, the proprietor, returning from a trip down town, found the clerk and \$100 missing. He posted out down to the railway station, and there located his man on a train bound for Buffalo, and on his being arrested the money was found on him.

TO PROVIDE INTELLIGENCE

Movement to Establish Volunteer Corps for British Empire.

London, April 7. — The Daily Express announces that a movement is on foot to organize Englishmen throughout the empire into an auxiliary intelligence department on a volunteer basis, to act as an intelligence corps in connection with the war office. The inaugural meeting will be held next Monday at Lord Lansdale's house.

BRANDON WANTS G. T. P.

Delegation Asks Road to Touch at That Point.

Ottawa, April 7. — Mayor Fleming and a delegation from Brandon are here to see the G. T. P. people with a view of getting that road to touch at Brandon. It is supposed nine miles north of A. G. McLean, M. P. Owen Sound, is here today with a delegation from Owen Sound in the interests of a projected railway between Meaford and Owen Sound.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

Nineteen-Year-Old Girl Accused of Killing Her Babe.

Ottawa, April 7. — Marie Louise Rochon, the Clarence Creek young woman arrested by Ottawa detectives yesterday, was charged in police court this morning with murder. She is held responsible for the death of the baby girl found rolled in a newspaper on an ash heap at the rear of the central station on Tuesday. She admits motherhood, refuses to disclose the name of the father, and denies killing the babe. She is 19 years of age, and there is some doubt as to her mental condition. She pleaded not guilty in police court, and was remanded for a week.

ON THE INDIAN FRONTIER

Russian Troops Are Replacing Those of Afghanistan.

Bombay, April 6. — The Times of India authentically states that Russian troops have replaced those of the Amir of Bokhara at all posts on the Upper Oxus in the districts of Shignan and Roshan; that 4,000 men have been detached from the Merv garrison as a permanent addition to the Kushk and Murghab River force, and that the deficiency at Merv has been replaced from Orenburg.

Ballooned Across Channel.

Calais, France, April 7. — Jacques Faures' balloon, which left Folkestone, England, at 11 p.m. yesterday, made a successful passage of the channel, landing near Calais at 8 o'clock this morning. The balloon encountered a severe storm, but was not injured, and its occupants were in good health and spirits when they landed.

MAGNIFICENT NEW HOSTELRY

IN SIGHT FOR THIS CITY

Toronto Syndicate Offer to Subscribe \$200,000 If Londoners Will Put Up \$50,000.

THE WESTERN HOTEL SITE MAY BE RECOMMENDED

The first tangible proposition in connection with the erection of a new hotel in London was made public today, when Mr. L. J. Walker, manager of the local branch of Bradstreet, received a communication from a number of Toronto capitalists, in which the offer is made that if London capitalists will subscribe \$50,000, the Toronto people will subscribe \$200,000, thus making the capitalization of the new concern \$250,000.

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Pittsburg Capitalists May Pipe Natural Gas to London

From Port Dover—Prominent Financiers Went Over City Securing Information.

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Leighton McCarthy Scores Mr. Foster—Messrs. Osler and Mulock Cross Swords.

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Sir Wilfrid Laurier in a speech which was remarkable for its vigor and effectiveness accepted the statement of Mr. Sharette as a vindication of himself and his colleagues. He emphasized the fact that many things in the interview published by Mr. Rogers were not borne out by the facts, and that the interview with Mr. Campbell was not official, but was private. With indignation, Sir Wilfrid repudiated the suggestion of Mr. Borden that the Government had been actuated by sinister motives, or that there had been a conspiracy to punish Manitoba for the refusal to restore separate schools. He pointed out that the chronology of facts negated the charge, and assured the leader of the Opposition he could not make any political capital out of the incident.

Mr. Borden began his address by declaring that he knew nothing of the circumstances under which Mr. Sharette came to this country. He said that what was said by gentlemen opposite, and he gathered from their statement that his excellency came to this country not at the instance of the bishops of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada, but, as Mr. Bourassa very frankly stated, because of a difference between the laity and clergy of the church over a political question, the Manitoba school case. As to the Prime Minister's statement that Manitoba never petitioned the Government in the boundary matter from 1896

PRICE TWO CENTS.

offer through such a medium as Bradstreet's. They have also asked Mr. Walker to recommend certain sites for an up-to-date hotel, and it is understood that amongst those he will name will be that of the present Western Hotel.

The idea is to erect one of the finest hotels in Canada, embracing not less than 100 bedrooms, the entire building to be fitted up with all modern conveniences.

It is said that the \$50,000 asked will be rapidly subscribed, and that before another year is out London will be in a position to boast of a magnificent new hostelry.

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