

EAT AGAINST
COMMISSIONER'S LIFE

Edwards, who Assisted in
capture of Gallagher, Re-
ceives Letter

(Times Leased Wire.)
York Aug. 10.—A letter threat-
ening the life of William H. Edwards,
cleaning commissioner, who re-
sponsible for the man who had
assassinated Mayor Gaynor, was re-
ceived today. The letter was written
in man script, and was couched in
language. It declared Edwards
would be dead within 24 hours. The
letter was signed "A Friend of
the Mayor."

Charge Against Gallagher.
City, N. J., Aug. 10.—Prosecu-
tor is preparing to ask the in-
tervention of James Gallagher, assis-
tant to Mayor Gaynor, on a charge of
being Commissioner William H.
Edwards with intent to kill.
The man will be brought to im-
mediate trial on the charge of
murder, and the prospective Gaynor
administration will be held in abeyance
until the outcome of the mayor's
trial.

TY PERSONS
REPORTED DEAD

(Times Leased Wire.)
Aug. 10.—The heavy rains that
have been throughout the island of
Cuba threaten with devastation the
crops of the empire.
The greatest damage is reported at
Cruces, near Yokohama, where forty
miles are reported dead and 200
miles submerged. In addition to the
destruction of the rice crop.
Increasing reports of the damage
caused by the rains on the stock
markets and on the sugar plantations
are reported. It is said that the
railroads, dikes and canals of the
island lines and of other railroads
either collapsed or been washed
away, entailing heavy loss. Telephone
and communication lines are reported
to be broken in many places.

FIVE KILLED.
Dashes Into Automobile on Rail-
way Crossing.
May, N. J., Aug. 10.—Five persons
were crushed to death last night
on an express train on the Penn-
sylvania railroad passing through a
cut at Mill Lane crossing on the West
side and Seashore road.
The dead are: Frederick W. Feldner,
wife, Fritz Mezenthaler and wife,
their chauffeur, M. C. Jones, all
alligators. Mr. Mezenthaler was
of Otmar Mezenthaler, inventor
of the Linotype.

COMMUNICATION INTERRUPTED.
(Special to the Times.)
San Francisco, Aug. 10.—Earth currents,
the fear of the telegraphists, have been
kept in check with wires east and west
of the city during the last twelve hours.
The wires appear to be in the best
of health. It is generally the case when
phenomena is demonstrated. At
North and south wires are unaffected
and much of the business between
the east and the west is being sent via
cable. Earth currents pass through
the wires, for they are quite distinct from
cable and cannot be traced to atmos-
pheric disturbances.

ROYAL EDWARD SETS
NEW ATLANTIC RECORD

From Land to Land Occupies
Three Days, Four and a Half
Hours

(Special to the Times.)
Montreal, Aug. 10.—All Canadian
Atlantic records were broken today
when the Canadian Northern
Royal Edward arrived at Que-
bec at 11:05 a. m. She left Bristol at 3 p.
on Thursday last (British time), and
she thus occupying five days and
thirty hours approximately. From
Bristol to land the trip occupied three
days, fourteen and a half hours. But
for the steamer could have made
it a better time. She is due at Mon-
treal at 10:30 to-night.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST CHURCH

Eighth Quadrennial Meeting of Supreme Legis-
lative Body of the Church Opened This
Morning—Yesterday's Services

(From Monday's Daily.)
A thoroughly representative and
democratic body of men are honoring
Victoria with their presence this week
and next.
The general conference of the Metho-
dist church in Canada is in session
for the eighth time since the union of
the various Methodist bodies in Can-
ada in 1853. Gathered in the Metro-
politan Methodist church are the best
men of that great Christian body—the
best of its pastors and leaders, the
best of its hundreds of thousands of
laymen—representing every section of
the Methodist church of the continent
from Newfoundland to British Colum-
bia.
During the two weeks they will be
in session here as the supreme court
of their church, the delegates will dis-
cuss some of the most important ques-
tions affecting the life and work of the
church.
While the conference really began
with a love feast in the conference
church yesterday morning, which
struck a keynote for the whole, its
commencement as a deliberative body
was this morning. Promptly at 9
o'clock that great veteran of the con-
ference and past master in the con-

duct of a business meeting, Rev. Albert
Carman, D. D., general superintendent
of the church since the union, took
the chair, and the organization pro-
ceedings of the conference were ex-
pediently disposed of. This afternoon
Dr. Carman delivers his quadrennial
address.
Sunday Services.
At half past nine yesterday morn-
ing the conference opened with a love
feast, in the Metropolitan Methodist
church, led by Rev. Principal Sparling,
D. D., Wesley College, Winnipeg. The
body of the church was filled with
delegates and members of city
churches. The service was a delightful
one and greatly enjoyed by all who
had the privilege of being present.
For the morning service, commencing
at 11 o'clock, the church was
filled. The preacher of the morn-
ing was Rev. Henry Haigh, New-
castle-on-Tyne, the fraternal delegate
of the British Wesleyan Methodist
church. Every seat was filled, and very
many were unable to find room. The
musical portions of the service were
splendidly rendered by the choir under
J. M. Morgan, with Edward Parsons
at the organ.
Mr. Haigh drew a series of lessons
from the life of John the Baptist. The
sermon was a masterpiece of reserved
power, and as an example of the best
British pulpit eloquence could not have
been better. Every sentence was well
rounded and finished. Mr. Haigh's de-
liverance was a masterpiece of clear-
ness and catch and follow the thought,
and the sermon made a profound im-
pression. He showed that Mr. Haigh is
quite up to the reputation which has
preceded him.
The sermon was a plea for religious
genuineness. The preacher urged that
the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ
be put into practice in the experience
of every day life; that the Christian
should ring true on every occasion. He
addressed himself particularly to the
men of the general conference as
legislative bodies, and pointed out
pointed out how vast was the obliga-
tion resting upon them. Canada was in
the eyes of the world to-day; the Metho-
dist church was one of the leading
religious bodies and agencies for good
in the Dominion; and therefore the
principle in every department of life,
the religion of Jesus Christ put into
daily practice was more to be desired
than in any other life-service or adherence
to formula.
In the afternoon the Sunday school
and Bible classes gathered in the body
of the church. Addresses were deliv-
ered to the children and young people
by Rev. C. W. Spear, D. D., Toronto, the
former pastor of the church, and by
Rev. W. H. Hincks, D. D., Toronto, the
leader of the general conference as
being both most attentively listened to.
The Sunday school orchestra, under the
leadership of Jesse Longfield, was in
charge of the music, which was very
finely rendered.
At half-past six people had begun to
assemble at the church for the evening
service and by seven o'clock the edifice
was filled. Between that hour and half-
past a constant stream of people had
to be turned away. Fire Chief Davis
being on hand and insisting that the
aisles and bobbies be kept cleared. The
congregation was packed into the seats
as closely as possible and not an
other person could have been accom-
modated. In all several hundred people
were turned away.
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INSPECT WORKS AT GOLDSTREAM

INSTRUCTIVE VISIT
BY WATER COMMITTEE

Some First-Hand Information
Which Will Aid in Solution
of Water Problem

(From Monday's Daily.)
Chaperoned by James L. Raymur,
water commissioner, who had made
every arrangement for the comfort and
convenience of his guests, a consid-
erable number of the members of the
citizens' water committee and a few
others made the trip by auto on Sat-
urday to inspect the system at Gold-
stream of the Esquimalt Water Works
Company. The party left the city hall
at 10:20 and at 11:20 had reached the
power house at Goldstream. Here an
inspection was made of the electrical
plant and the great balancing reser-
voir now approaching completion.
Later the chain of lakes leading up in
the mountains were inspected and the
party returned to the city early in the
evening after a very enjoyable and in-
structive outing.
All who had the privilege of making
the trip agreed that the immensity of
the system as it has been developed in
the past couple of years was quite a
revelation and there was no difference
of opinion either as to the ability of
the company to undertake the task of
furnishing an adequate supply of water
to Victoria for many years to come.
The main body of the water, of the tre-
mendous undertaking which is now ap-
proaching completion just below the
power house. This is what is known
as the Japan Gulch balancing reser-
voir. It has a capacity of 25,000,000
gallons, of which about 20,000,000 will
be available for water supply. This huge
work is almost completed. Some 500
men are engaged in building the im-
mense dam at the lower end of the reser-
voir, which in its general outline,
situated as it is in a great ravine
flanked by precipitous mountains, sug-
gests a great amphitheatre.
The party then proceeded to inspect
the chain of lakes above the power
house, and found good depths of water
in all of them, thus disposing con-
clusively of the argument that during
seasons of long drought the system
would break down. The system, briefly
described, consists of the following:
Some 12,500 acres at Goldstream; 1-
25,191 acres at Theis lake, and a lot on
Victoria Arm, making a total of 18-
437,79 acres, the acreage at Goldstream
practically including the whole of the
water shed.
Five storage reservoirs having a total
capacity of 5,625,000,000 gallons for sum-
mer use.
A balancing reservoir at Cribn pond
with a capacity of 19,000,000 gallons;
Pipe line to the B. C. Electric Com-
pany's power house;
Japan gulch balancing reservoir be-
low the power house with a capacity
of 25,000,000, of which about 20,000,000
is available for water supply;
A main line from the Japan gulch reser-
voir to Arm street, Victoria West.
The pipe for the main to Victoria
West consists of Siemens-Martin mild
steel main, average diameter 30½
inches, thickness of shell for the entire
length 5-16 inch for the straight pipes
and 3-8 for the curved and special
pipes. This main has a capacity of
15,000,000 gallons per day with a fall
of 22 feet per mile, leaving an avail-
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LEONARD TAIT AND HIS EXHIBITS.

SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT

HON. R. LEMIEUX WILL
REPRESENT CANADA

Postmaster-General to Confer
With Imperial Authorities on
Cable Question
(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Aug. 15.—Hon. Rodolphe
Lemieux, postmaster-general, has been
appointed representative of Canada at the
opening of the first parliament of
Union of South Africa. He will sail for
England on August 20th. The South
African parliament opens on October
5th. The Duke of Connaught will be
the representative of His Majesty King
George at the opening, which event
prevented his earlier arrival in Canada
as Governor-General.
While Hon. Mr. Lemieux is in Eng-
land he will confer with Imperial au-
thorities regarding the question of bet-
ter and cheaper cable connections
across the Atlantic. It is expected that
a definite scheme will be formulated and
adopted shortly. When this is accom-
plished the great scheme of an all-red
cable will be undertaken.

FIRE SWEEPS BIG EXPOSITION

LOSS AT BRUSSELS
PLACED AT \$20,000,000

Priceless Art Treasures Destroyed
—Forty Persons Injured in
Rush for Safety
(Special to the Times.)
London, Aug. 15.—Brussels dis-
patches do not report any damage to
the Canadian pavilion through the
great fire in the exposition grounds.
The building containing the Canadian
Pacific exhibit also escaped destruction.
Toronto's Tudor panelling was be-
ing exhibited in the British section,
which was gutted.
Loss \$20,000,000.
(Times Leased Wire.)
Brussels, Aug. 15.—The ashes of the
great buildings of Universal Interna-
tional exposition of Belgium today
form a smoldering funeral pyre of nearly
\$20,000,000 worth of the world's most
priceless art treasures. With the ap-
proach of dawn the fire, which started
in the telegraph building and swept
half the "white city" to destruction,
has been controlled, but the damage
wrought will be irremediable.
Twenty-one pavilions, housing the
fruits of artists and scientists of by-
gone days, containing precious can-
vases and fabrics, were consumed.
No lives were lost, and only forty
persons were injured.
The buildings were crowded with
Sunday throngs. The Avenue Des Na-
tions was jammed with holiday sight-
seers.
The fire started from crossed electric
wires in the telegraph building. Soon
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EARL SPENCER DIES IN LONDON

Death of Former Viceroy of Ire-
land Recalls Murders in Phoenix
Park

London, Aug. 15.—The death is announced
here of Earl Spencer. He was born in
1835. The Earl twice held the posts of
Viceroy of Ireland and Lord President of
the Council, and was First Lord of the
Admiralty from 1892 to 1895. Viscount
Albion, half-brother of the Earl, suc-
ceeds to the title.
Earl Spencer never recovered from a
paralytic stroke which he suffered in
November, 1908. The "Red Earl," as he
was called on account of his flaming
beard, was one of the last of the early
Victorian political warriors. Perhaps the
most conspicuous services of his career
were his two terms as Lord Lieutenant of
Ireland. During his occupancy of the
viceregal lodge he witnessed the assassi-
nation of Mr. Burke and Lord P. Cavendish
by the "Invincibles," several of whom
were afterwards hanged.

THIRTY-TWO PERSONS KILLED

EXCURSION TRAIN
WRECKED IN FRANCE

Hundred Others Sustain Injuries
—Split Switch Causes Collis-
ion With Freight Cars
(Times Leased Wire.)
Royan, France, Aug. 15.—Thirty-two
persons were killed and 100 were in-
jured yesterday as the result of a pas-
senger train from Bordeaux, carrying
1,200 excursionists, crashing into a
freight train at Saujon, while running
50 miles an hour.
Many of the victims were sightseers.
Several of the passenger cars were torn
to splinters.
A split switch caused the accident.
SWITCHMAN DRUNK ON DUTY.
(Special to the Times.)
Regina, Aug. 15.—H. Brant, who pleaded
guilty to being drunk while on duty as
switchman in the employ of the Canadian
Pacific Railway, was on Saturday after-
noon fined \$10 and costs by Police Magis-
trate Trant.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PASSES AWAY IN LONDON

Famous Nurse Dies in Her Nine-
tieth Year—Will Be Buried
at Westminster
(Times Leased Wire.)
London, Aug. 15.—Florence Nightin-
gale, the famous nurse of the Crimean
war and the only woman who ever re-
ceived the Order of Merit, died sud-
denly on Saturday afternoon at her
London home.
Although she had been an invalid for
a long time, rarely leaving her room,
her death was somewhat unexpected.
A week ago she was quite sick, but
then improved and on Friday was
cheerful. During the night alarming
symptoms developed and she gradually
sank until 2 o'clock Saturday after-
noon, when an attack of heart failure
brought on her death.
During recent years, owing to her
feebleness and advanced age, Miss
Nightingale had received few visitors.
In May last she celebrated her 90th
birthday. She was the first woman to
follow a modern army into battle as a
nurse, and in the Crimean war gained
the title of "Angel of the Crimea."
In 1868 she received the Freedom of
the city of London and King Edward
bestowed upon her the Order of Merit.
The members of the order is limited
to 24 and it includes such men as Lord
Roberts, Lord Wolsey, Field Marshal
Kitchener, James Bryce, Prince Yam-
agata and Admiral Togo.
Florence Nightingale was probably
the most famous army nurse of all
time.
Florence Nightingale will be buried
at Westminster abbey. She will be
borne to her sepulchre in state, escorted
by a military guard of honor. This is
contrary to one of the last requests.
Miss Nightingale wished her funeral to
be simple, but the soldiers of the Brit-
ish army are petitioning that it be
made a public pageant.
John Finigan, Miss Nightingale's
orderly during the Crimean war, died
today.
Thousands of telegrams of con-
dolence are pouring in, expressing regret
at the death of "The Angel of the
Crimea." The King sent a personal
representative to express the grief of
the royal family.
To the present generation Florence
Nightingale is merely a name, as Jenny
Lind is a name, though their pur-
poses in life was very different. Jenny
Lind sang her way into the hearts of the
people. Florence Nightingale nursed
her way into the hearts of her coun-
trymen. Florence Nightingale was
born in 1820 at the Villa Colombiata,
near Florence, where her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. William Shore Nightingale
of Lea, Derbyshire, were staying.
The very name, Florence Nightingale
most people suppose was an assumed
name—it is so fanciful, but it was the
real name of the lady who has borne
it for ninety years.
It is more than fifty years since Flo-
rence Nightingale, with a band of
thirty-eight nurses, started out for ser-
vice in the Crimean war. Her heroic
labors in behalf of the sick and wound-
ed soldiers made her name a household
word, not only in every part of the
British Empire but in every corner of
the English-speaking world.
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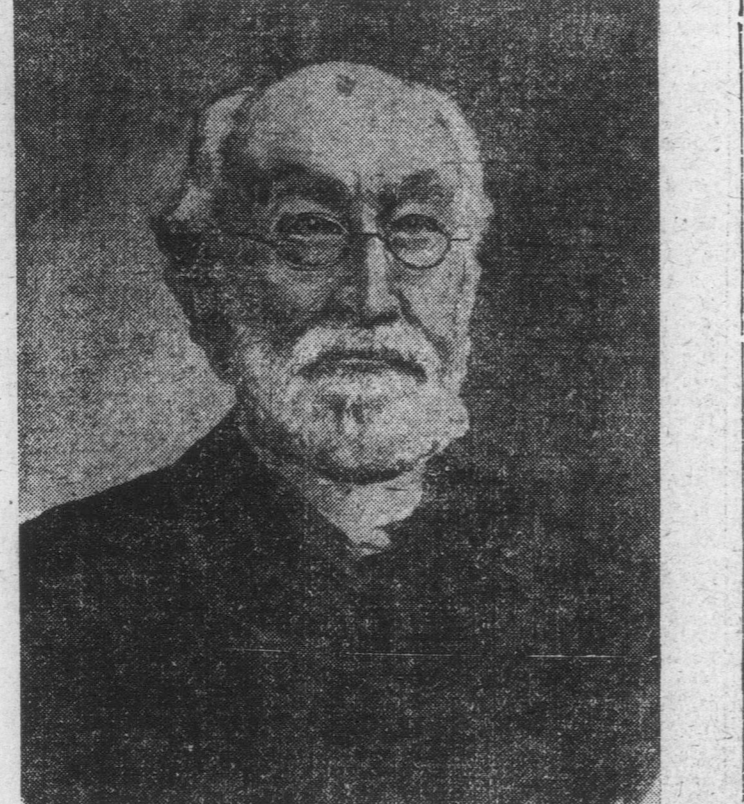


MISS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.
"Angel of the Crimea," who died suddenly at her London home.

LAURIER APPEALS FOR UNITED CANADA

Ten Thousand People Cheer Sir Wilfrid's Speech
at Calgary—Ministers Dwell on Wonder-
ful Development of the Dominion

(Special to the Times.)
Calgary, Alb., Aug. 15.—"Some peo-
ple are so busy shouting imperialism
that they forget their duty to their
own country. They are so busy wav-
ing flags that they neglect their ob-
ligations at home as true Canadians.
The best way to strengthen the Em-
pire is to look diligently after the
part committed to our care."
Addressing the Canadian Club at a
noon luncheon Hon. G. P. Graham
emphasized the obligations and oppor-
tunities of Canadians. The mission of
Sir Wilfrid Laurier's tour was to unite
eastern and western Canada; to in-
spire one great citizenship consecrated
to the work of nation-building
within the Empire. Canadians' first
duty was to attend to the affairs of
their country in order that Canada
might prove a source of strength
rather than an object of care to the
Mother Land.
When the premier rested Friday
night and Saturday morning, citizens
did honor to his colleagues. At the
Northwest Mounted Police barracks
old residents of Leeds, Grenville and
Dundas surprised Mr. Graham with
an illuminated address and the pre-
sentation of a gold-headed cane. Aid.
M. Halliday read the address, while
Dr. Anson Donaldson made the pre-
sentation. Mr. Graham congratulated
the province on the citizens' she was
securing from the east.
Senator Gibson, P. G. M. of the
grand lodge of Canada, was banqueted
by Ashier Masonic Lodge, and deliv-
ered a stirring speech dealing with
the growth and development of the
Mother Land.
President Dr. Egbert, of the Liberal
Association, was chairman at the
mammoth night meeting, over 10,000
being present. Premier Sifton assured
the visitors that they would find Al-
berta people "are not backward
party politicians like you have in the
east, but ambitious and optimistic
young Canadians, intent on improv-
ing their own condition and that of
the country, who do not intend to quit
until every quarter section of their
province is settled with industrious
farmers." He referred to Hon. Frank
Oliver as minister of population and
Hon. G. P. Graham as minister of
transportation—the two things needful.
As Mr. Sifton concluded an eloquent
address, Sir Wilfrid leaned over and
approvingly tapped him on the shoul-
der. The responsive audience appre-
ciated the by-play and broke into re-
newed cheering.
Mr. Oliver dealt with development,
as shown in his department in the last
two years. In four months 12,000 home-
steads and 7,000 pre-emptions had been
taken up in the province, and 8,000
more acres put under cultivation.
Dealing with the fiscal policy of the
government, Mr. E. M. Macdonald
urged that a reasonable tariff was
necessary to escape direct taxation.
"Here and there," he said, "are items
which require to be remedied and con-
ditions which will be dealt with."
Sir Wilfrid Laurier was greeted by
an ovation. He made a direct appeal
to citizens for a united Canadian peo-
ple with high national and imperial
ideals. From England had come some
expressions of apprehension as to
whether Canada could assimilate the
great foreign element coming in. The
best answer was found in the Regina
incident, where the German settlers
had volunteered to man Canada's
navy, ready to rush to the aid of the
Old Mother in time of stress against
any aggressor. "An enemy of the
Mother Land is a common enemy of
all her daughters," declared Sir Wil-
frid, amid cheering.
Mr. Graham closed the meeting in a
splendid speech, congratulating the
west on the fact that statistics showed
that it was organizing new school dis-
tricts—one for every day in the year.
Referring to the anti-combine legis-
lation and the authority given the
railway commission, the minister was
greeted by a tumult of applause when
he declared: "The time has come when
no one interest can stand in the way
of the development of Canada."
The party left Saturday night for
Banff.



REV. ALBERT CARMAN, D.D.
General superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, who is
presiding at the General Conference, now in session here