

FIGHT FOR FAR EAST TRADE

U. S. WILL ADOPT AGGRESSIVE POLICY

Action of Russia and Japan Stirs Up the State Department

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., March 19.—As a counter move to the aggressiveness of Russia and Japan in Manchuria, it is probable the United States will enter the Oriental field in active competition with the other nations of the world in obtaining railroad contracts and otherwise advancing the commercial interests of the country. Until now American capital has built only a small amount of railroad in China.

The state department, relying on the assurances of the powers, particularly Japan and Russia, has been content to have only a general interest in the Empire, believing the adopted principles of the "open door" and "equal rights" would keep open the channels of American trade.

In the past this has been enormous. China has imported millions of dollars' worth of American products every year. But with the new turn of events in the diplomacy of the Far East this trade is on the verge of being demoralized, and the "open door" is no longer a vital thing.

It is quite evident that Japan and Russia have selected Manchuria as their own, if not territorially, then at least commercially, and having control of the railroads which they refuse to relinquish under any consideration, are innumerable small ways placing barriers in the way of the trade of the other nations, particularly the United States.

It is becoming generally evident that the United States, to retain its trade with China, must take more energetic measures than merely to obtain from the powers a reiteration of the approval of the principle of canal opportunity. This is the idea of both President Taft and Secretary Knox, and is in accordance with the new commercial policy of the state department. It is only a question whether the merchants and manufacturers of America are sufficiently awake to the true situation to justify more aggressive measures. Indications are that they are taking more than a passive interest and there is genuine alarm over the threatened, if not actual, demoralization of trade with the Orient.

Secretary Knox has not abandoned the project of building a railroad from Chin Chow to Tselihar and Aigun and steps will be taken to bring the project to completion. This would give the United States an open way to Manchuria and it is believed would have much influence in bringing Japan and Russia to a less belligerent attitude of mind regarding Manchurian affairs.

G.T.P. BUYS TERMINALS

St. John, N. B., March 19.—The most important deal in the commercial development of St. John for many years has just been concluded. The Grand Trunk Pacific has purchased from Harry Gilbert the land around the head of Courtenay Bay, comprising a large area, to be used as a site for its St. John terminals. There are no terminal facilities on Courtenay Bay, as the C.P.R. and I.C.R. wharves and warehouses are on the main harbor.

LIEUT. SHACKELTON SAILS FOR AMERICA

Antarctic Explorer Will Use Two Ships on His Next Expedition

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, March 19.—Lieut. Shackleton, the English officer who holds the record for the "farthest south," sailed for America to-day.

Lieut. Shackleton is planning to make another dash for the south pole in 1911. According to the tentative arrangements which Shackleton has under consideration his main object will be to gather scientific data, and the dash to the pole will be a secondary consideration.

Shackleton proposes to use two ships, at Adair and Adelland, as supply bases.

KING EDWARD'S HEALTH

London, March 18.—That King Edward is seriously ill at Barritz to-day from bronchial trouble is generally believed here.

The King's physicians have reported that he is in a better condition, though still confined to his room.

The King has contracted a heavy cold which aggravated the bronchial trouble.

HUNDREDS OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Number of Persons Lose Lives at Yokohama—Seven Bodies Recovered

(Times Leased Wire.)

Yokohama, March 19.—Seven bodies of persons burned to death in a destructive fire here yesterday have been recovered and search is being made for more to-day, among the ruins of 500 structures which were totally destroyed in the conflagration.

France has over 20,000 registered physicians, and there are more than 8,000 students in its medical schools.

EXTENDING THE E. & N. RAILWAY

C. P. R. IS PLANNING TO TAP COMOX VALLEY

Purchase of Right-of-Way Between Union Bay and Oyster River

H. E. Beasley, superintendent of the E. & N. railway, who has just returned from east coast points of the Island, makes the important announcement that very shortly the company will commence actual work on the extension of the line to the Comox district. During his trip he completed negotiations for the purchase of a right-of-way from Union Bay to Oyster River, a distance of approximately twenty-five miles. As soon as control of the property is secured, tenders will be invited for clearing and the work rushed with all speed.

The announcement of this move on the part of the C.P.R. is an important one in that it implies that shortly the fertile lands of the Comox valley, pronounced by experts as among the finest for agricultural purposes on the whole Island, will be brought into direct touch with the Pacific Northwest centres by means of railway transportation facilities.

While it is true that the area in which the right-of-way is being secured lies north of the existing terminus of the E. & N., the scheme is part of the plans for the general extension of the road in the direction of the north end of the Island, and other links necessary to make the line a continuous one will be constructed as soon as opportunity may permit.

Mr. Beasley also inspected the land clearing operations at French Creek, where a section is being prepared for the Salvation Army immigrants. Splendid progress is being made, and the indications are that the land will be placed in the hands of the immigrants at an early date. Good progress is also being made in the work of building the branch line to Alberni.

WARSHIPS FOR TURKEY

London, March 19.—Contracts for two battleships and a cruiser, the nucleus of the new Turkish navy, have been placed with the builders at Elswick, Barrow and Clydebank respectively. The order represents an expenditure of \$15,000,000.

STREET RAILWAY COMPANY WINS

Appeal of the City of Toronto Characterized as a Very Idle One

London, March 19.—The Privy Council yesterday dismissed with costs the appeal of the corporation of Toronto v. the Toronto Railway Company. The case involved the right of the city council to order the street railway to extend its tracks on streets designated by the city engineer. In dismissing the case, Lord McNaughton, on behalf of the judges, declared that it was a singular appeal, and in their lordships' opinion a very idle one.

TWO MEN ACCUSED OF STARTING FATAL FIRE

Woman Dies From Injuries—Church, Two Mills and Several Houses in Ruins

(Times Leased Wire.)

Huntingdon, Pa., March 19.—Mrs. James Miller is dead from burns, the first Methodist church, two planing mills, several residences are in ruins and two men are in jail to-day, charged with arson as a result of a series of destructive fires yesterday.

There is no doubt but that each fire was of incendiary origin. They were started almost simultaneously in various sections of the city, making it impossible for the fire department to cope with the situation.

Mrs. Jas. Miller was an invalid. She was unable to leave her burning home, and she was only rescued after she had sustained burns which caused her death later.

Shortly after the fires were discovered the police arrested Adel Reed and John Earl on suspicion of being implicated in starting the wholesale conflagrations. The property damage is estimated at \$200,000.

AVALANCHE VICTIMS

Bodies of Seven of Unidentified Dead Will Be Interred at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., March 19.—Slide by side, seven of the unidentified dead who lost their lives in the Wellington avalanche, will be buried at Mount Pleasant cemetery here to-day. A memorial service at the undertaking parlors will precede the burial. Ministers of various denominations will assist in the service.

The Great Northern railway has provided a special plot of ground at the cemetery. The railway company will also erect a monument with the inscription: "To the unknown dead of the Wellington avalanche."

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS

Cleveland, March 19.—The seismograph here shows a record of three earthquake shocks occurring between 6:22 and 6:35 o'clock last night. The disturbance probably was in Mexico or South America.

Fifteen women have been elected to the parliament of Finland.



THE PATIENT PEER.

THE PATIENT—"You don't mean to say I must take that medicine after all! Why, you told me yourself that it was poison!"

NURSE—"Never you mind what I said. You've got to take it now, and, what's more, you're going to be operated on, and we're going to do it!"

—Westminster Gazette.

GRIEVANCE OF WORKINGMEN

DECLARE THAT CITY IS NOT PROVIDING WORK

Ald. Fullerton Proposes to Know at the Next Council Meeting

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Ald. Humber, at last evening's meeting of the streets committee of the city council, made repeated attempts to extract from the acting city engineer an admission that a considerable number of men have been laid off from sidewalk work, but Mr. Bryson stoutly maintained that no men had been discharged.

Ald. Humber did not press his point to the discomfiture of the city engineer, but informed the Times, in response to a request for information, that it is undeniable that a number of men have been laid off, and that these men may be seen standing on the street corners any day.

It is learned also that Ald. Fullerton has information to the same effect as Ald. Humber, and that the former will, at Monday's meeting of the city council, endeavor to find out the facts of the case. Ald. Fullerton is incensed at what he considers a great injustice to the workmen of the city. These men claim that they need work, particularly after the unfavorable winter during which the city was compelled to suspend operations on many public works.

Some time ago Mayor Morley, advised a suggestion that men be laid off, as the various works on which they were employed were finished, so that the scheme of reorganization, which he had in mind, could be accomplished. The men would be re-engaged as the scheme of reorganization was perfected.

But since that announcement his workmen have been laid off, and he has been taken to reorganize the civic staff, and now both Ald. Humber and Ald. Fullerton say that men are out of work, who should be given employment.

Having an indirect bearing on this situation, is a statement by the acting city engineer at last night's meeting, Mr. Bryson, in reply to a remark from the mayor that the city engineer had full authority over the men employed on public works, said he was powerless to do anything until the new city engineer had assumed office.

Mayor Morley—You entirely misunderstand the situation, Mr. Bryson. You are acting city engineer until the new man arrives, and you are clothed with all the powers of the city engineer.

Ald. Ross interjected that the people did not want to pay foremen for walking around town doing nothing.

Mr. Bryson insisted that his understanding of the matter was that he was to do nothing as to hiring or discharging men until the new city engineer had arrived.

Mayor Morley said he was surprised that Mr. Bryson should have misunderstood the intentions of the board, and promised to give him definite authority in writing this morning.

TRIES TO END LIFE

Seattle, Wash., March 19.—William Specks, a coppersmith on the Tennessee, swallowed carbolic acid on a downtown street early this morning and was picked up by the police at 3:10 and rushed to the city hospital. Physicians say he has a good chance to live. A love affair caused the attempted suicide. The man fought against any attempt to save his life this morning.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

London, March 19.—The chancellor of the exchequer yesterday announced an issue of \$105,000,000 five-year exchequer bonds bearing three per cent. interest. The bonds are offered at 99 1/2.

BLOODSHED IN THESSALY FEARED

PEASANT LEADERS CALL FOLLOWERS TO ARMS

Turkish Landowners Are Preparing to Resist Attack

(Times Leased Wire.)

Constantinople, March 19.—Leaders of the peasantry in the province of Thessaly, Greece, who are warring against the big Turkish and Mohammedan land owners for a division of their estates, summoned their followers to-day to assemble with arms at Larissa, Pharsala and Velesino.

The leaders admit that they intend to attack the Turks and Mohammedans in the province and likewise the Greek soldiers who have been sent to guard the property owners against the peasants.

The Moslems are preparing for trouble, and a bloody conflict is predicted between the Christian peasants and the followers of Mohammed.

The property owners notified the Turkish government to-day of the latest movement on the part of the peasants. As a result Turkey will protest to the Grecian government, and if necessary Turkey will send an armed force into Thessaly to protect Turkish subjects.

MERCHANT SLAIN IN STORE AT LYTTON

John B. Barrich Shot Down Without Warning—Murderer Escapes

Vancouver, March 14.—John B. Barrich, one of the oldest merchants of Lytton, was murdered in his store early Thursday morning. The police are now on the track of the suspect.

Barrich was 78 years of age, and formerly conducted a store at Thompson. He was burned out eight years ago, when he went to Lytton near Moors Lake.

The motive for the killing is not known. The murderer entered the store and without warning shot the old man and made his escape.

There is intense excitement in Lytton over the tragedy.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Father Dying From Injuries Sustained While Trying to Save Little Ones

Duluth, Minn., March 19.—Fred, Anhold, a settler, is dying from burns and his three children are dead as a result of a fire which destroyed their home near Moors Lake.

At the time the fire started the family were sleeping. Anhold was awakened by the smoke. He dragged his wife to safety and then returned to carry his children from the burning structure. He made several frantic attempts to reach their room, but each time was driven back by a solid wall of fire. He was terribly burned about the body and his hands and face were literally cooked.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

Elgin, Man., March 19.—John Hardy, a prominent citizen of this town, was seriously injured in a runaway accident yesterday.

GERMAN AND BRITISH TRADE

ATTEMPT TO HAVE UNDERSTANDING

Commercial Treaty is Hoped For by Leading Statesmen in Both Countries

Berlin, March 19.—Persistent endeavors are again being made to bring about a permanent commercial understanding between Great Britain and Germany. The arrangement would take the form of a new treaty in place of the modus vivendi, which for some ten years past has had to be annually renewed.

Three years ago the German Agrarian party was successful in defeating a scheme of this kind when it was brought forward by the then British ambassador, Sir Frank Lascelles. The same party was also responsible recently for defeating a strongly backed scheme for the promotion of an Anglo-German exhibition in London, which would have gone far toward putting the relations of the two countries on a friendlier basis. But now apparently they have been beaten.

Following an extremely friendly speech made by Count Meternich in London, Sir Edward Goschen, the British ambassador, has once more taken up the idea of a commercial treaty and it is making great headway. The scheme has been welcomed by all the leading commercial bodies of Germany and now the government has ordered the preparation of a number of special reports on the subject. These are now being prepared and the German embassy in London will forward them here by the beginning of April. Government officials here say that these reports will insure the adoption of the treaty at the earliest possible moment.

DEATHS FROM PLAGUE

Washington, D. C., March 19.—According to a cablegram received by the navy department to-day, bubonic plague has broken out in the Hawaiian Islands. Two deaths from the plague were reported from the island of Konokas and two on the island of Hilo.

TURBINE ENGINES FOR CARGO VESSELS

Parsons' Invention Expected to Revolutionize Carrying Trade

(Special to the Times.)

London, March 19.—In an address at Institute of Architects yesterday, Chas. Alagon Parsons, inventor of turbine engines, read a paper before a committee dealing with the application of turbines to merchant marine ships. Before these turbines have not been applied owing to high initial cost and great cost of maintenance.

Parsons has invented a gearing device which will enable slow speed vessels fitted with turbines to get a knot more per hour on the same coal consumption than if they were fitted with reciprocating engines. The new proposition is expected to revolutionize cargo trade.

The premier gave notice of motion to this effect at the opening of the House yesterday. An effort is being made with the night session last night and triple sessions to-day to clear up as much of the legislation as possible before adjournment. All public bills are being withdrawn and only private bills will be proceeded with. This morning, afternoon and evening, if necessary, the House will consider the public accounts and go into supply to vote estimates totalling \$2,000,000, sufficient for the past two months and for the interim until the House again meets.

The bills passed will be assented to by his honor, then will come adjournment, and immediately after Easter the opening of the inquiry into the railway deal which has been the bone of contention of the most sensational session ever held by any Canadian legislature.

The "insurgents" have gained all they asked for. The government has shown no fight in anything, granting concessions all along the line in their anxiety to avoid a division. Premier Rutherford further made the statement that no money would be paid to the railway company on their guarantee until the investigation was over. It was also announced by the premier that no portion of the route to a further extent than Battenburg, 23 miles from Edmonton, would be approved by the government until the investigation was finished.

WILL ESTABLISH BANK

Standard Oil and Morgan Interests Will Fight for Business in Central and South America

New York, March 19.—Officers of the Standard Oil and the Morgan interests refuse to affirm or deny the report that the two gigantic interests have combined to wrest the banking business of Central and South America from England and Germany.

For some time it has been rumored that such a step was under consideration, and now it is common gossip that the American interests purpose to establish a chain of banks in the southern republics. These, it is said, are to be operated in conjunction with those in the United States.

Such a movement would open up a tremendous banking business. Moreover, it would save the discount rate on \$5,000,000 yearly which goes now to English and German houses merely for exchanging money in connection with trade transactions between the United States and South America.

SHOE FACTORY DAMAGED

Waterloo, Ont., March 19.—Damage to the extent of \$30,000 was done by fire at the shoe factory of Valentine & Martin yesterday. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

CIVIL SERVICE COMPETITION

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, March 19.—A general competitive examination for civil service positions will be held at Vancouver and Victoria on May 10th and following days.

TART SENDS FOR FIELDING

CANADIAN MINISTER ACCEPTS INVITATION

Tariff Matters Will Be Discussed at Conference at Albany

Ottawa, March 19.—Hon. W. R. Fielding has accepted President Taft's invitation to meet him at Albany for a discussion of tariff matters, and left for the New York state capital this morning.

On way to Albany, Rochester, N. Y., March 19.—President Taft to-day assumed a "middle of the road" position regarding the fight in the House to oust Cannon from the speakership and announced the taking of the lower body. Taft has received a number of telegrams from both the insurgents and the regulars in the Republican ranks of the House. He answered them to-day, briefly, declaring that the fight was none of his business.

The president left for Albany this morning. He arrives there this afternoon and will confer with Canadian and state department officials on the Canadian tariff to-night.

Among the conferees will be the Canadian minister of finance, Hon. W. Fielding; Attorney Pepper, tariff expert of the department of commerce and labor; and Attorney Hoyt, counsel for the state department. President Taft asked that a conference be held at Albany on account of the difficulty of securing a conference at Washington.

The president realizes the seriousness of the tariff issue between the United States and Canada. Negotiations will be carried on to decide whether the maximum provision of the Payne tariff shall be applied to Canada after March 31st. The cabinet recently left the matter in the hands of the president, who with Senator Aldrich and the tariff board, will conduct the United States end of the negotiations.

Favor Minimum Tariff. Toronto, March 19.—"While in Chicago I spoke to a large number of leading business and railway men regarding tariff issues between Canada and the United States," said Hon. E. P. Graham to a newspaper reporter at the King Edward hotel last night.

"They, one and all, were of the opinion that no reason was apparently sufficient to make President Taft impose upon Canada the maximum duty, Canada has done nothing, they thought, to deserve such treatment. These men were representatives, and came from every state in the United States," said the minister of railways.

Conditions Changed. Hamilton, March 19.—In proposing the "Canada" at the banquet of the Manufacturers' Association at the Hotel Waldorf last night, Robert Hobson, former president of the association, said Canada was the only country to which the United States has sent representatives to discuss the tariff question. That showed the growing importance of this country, particularly in the matter of the tariff.

Canada has sent representatives to Washington to beg for favors instead of Washington sending to Canada. Things were no as they should be, and if the government at Ottawa would only stand firm on the tariff question the future of Canada would be assured.

HINDU STUDENT IS CHARGED WITH SEDITION

Arrested in London and is Held Awaiting Extradition to India

London, March 19.—Vinayak Savarkar, a Hindu student, is held to-day to await extradition to India on the charge of sedition.

Savarkar is accused of being a member of a society that urges the natives to kill Europeans and offer their heads as a sacrifice to the Goddess Kali.

Savarkar is believed to be one of the leaders in the movement which is considered most destructive of English rule in India. He was arrested as he was leaving on a train for Paris.

THREE GIRLS KEEP SUICIDE PACT

Drink Poison While One of the Number Plays Funeral March

St. Petersburg, March 17.—Elaborate funerals for three young girls, ages to \$10,000,000, who drank poison while one of their number played Chopin's Funeral March, will be held here to-day. Two of the girls were the daughters of the wealthy St. Petersburg, 20 and 16 years of age. The third was their friend, Miss Larionov.

They met at the Kholmian home according to a pre-arranged plan and accomplished the deed of the death pact after writing letters saying they were tired of life.

Fifteen other suicides were reported to the police Tuesday, according to information that leaked out from the police officers. Strangely, the majority of those who ended their own lives were girls between sixteen and twenty-two years of age.

CHANGES IN THE COLONIAL OFFICE

One Branch for Self-Governing Dominions and Another for Crown Colonies

London, March 19.—With reference to the Earl of Crewe's recent suggestion of a division in the colonial office with one section for self-governing dominions and another for crown colonies, the Morning Post says the plan has actually been decided on and before the next Imperial conference the division will be made. The division is also a part of further changes in the direction of a closer connection between governing states and crown colonies, recognized as under the speaker's influence.

There are five admirals of the fleet, thirteen admirals, twenty-two vice admirals, and fifty-two rear admirals on the active list of the British navy.

CHALLENGE FROM LORD LANSDO

WANTS PEOPLE TO CHOOSE REFORM

Earl of Crewe Declines Scheme of Lords is aery of Libera

(Special to the Times.) London, March 18.—Last night Lord Lansdowne's resolution was the House of Lords without Lord Lansdowne's acceptance of the reform, but for reform entirely the hereditary peers to their seats. He Premier Asquith to let decide between the cabinet first a reform later, and the suggestion that there great number of representatives in the Imperial conference. "I do not think," he said, "that the amount of reform which from force of opinion would be able to give Earl of Crewe in a bill reply declared the government that the Lords had always in reform of the Commons, but would therefore want the reform of the Lords. The peers was to go on ex hoc done with regard to L. but with less exposure of view before. He finally proposed scheme of reform of the Liberals.

The opinion is that nothing of Lord Lansdowne's proposal will be further debated. Many "back woodmen" are to favor tampering with the principle.

Premier Asquith's resolve veto declared the government will be further debated. The House of Commons passed the second reading under the reform of the Lords. The power to raise \$125,000,000 for irrigation development, for not strategic purposes.

MONTREAL BANK CL. Montreal, March 18.—Balance sheet of the Montreal Bank for the week ending March 18, 1910, shows a total of \$30,714,300 with \$27,288,900 for the surplus and \$25,705,700 in 1909.

FOREIGNERS MAY OBTAIN LAND PRIVILEGE, HOWEVER, RESTRICTED TO THOSE WHO RESIDE IN COUNTRY

(Times Leased Wire.) Tokyo, March 18.—The ship bill, permitting foreigners to purchase land in Japan, was passed by the House of Representatives. The bill allows foreign land provided they are Japanese.

An attempt was made to make its provisions apply only to foreigners whose records like provisions. This also was voted down.

FARMERS NEED IMMIGRATION

Winipeg, March 18.—Ten are which by the farmers of Canada at the present time. Immigration, great difficulty is experienced in filling the farms. There are 8,578 applications for immigration office for more.

NEW ORLEANS MAY PANAMA CANAL

Delegation Now at Seeking Aid From Government. Washington, D. C., March 19.—Members to-day are that the Panama canal in 1910, created by an expository means. Apparently neither color nor San Diego will cure federal aid for the canal.

Since early in the week a delegation from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina, has been in the congressmen and the inside a decided impression. Members of the delegation appeared, and themselves as being in the position of the location of the canal.

Although there are, the government's representatives, before whom correct reports will be made, due to the fact that the congressmen are not in a position to do so.

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