

EMPIRE'S RALLY TO MOTHERLAND

NAVAL ENTHUSIASM IN OVERSEA DOMINIONS

Proposed Gifts of Dreadnought
Are Heartily Welcomed
in England.

London, March 26.—The movement in both Canada and Australia to follow the lead of New Zealand in offering to build a battleship of the Dreadnought type for the Motherland has been welcomed with enthusiasm here. The Australian people are urging the Commonwealth government to reconsider its decision not to offer a Dreadnought to England, and in the meanwhile they are starting public subscriptions for the construction of battleships.

Considerable doubt is expressed here, however, as to whether the ardor of both Canada and Australia will not be dampened by Premier Asquith's reply to New Zealand, saying that the immediate position is "amply secured," and postponing until next year the acceptance of the ship which New Zealand apparently wanted to have laid down immediately.

TARANTULA AMONG BANANAS.

Vancouver, March 25.—A live tarantula, the size of the palm of one's hand, was the cause of a lot of excitement at Oscar Brown & Co.'s wholesale fruit warehouse this morning. The whole staff took a few minutes off until the big spider was rounded up into a bottle. C. Butterfield, who first discovered the tarantula, had it in his hand, but when he realized what it was he could not let it drop quick enough. The spider arrived in a car of bananas from Central America, which was transhipped at New Orleans.

CHAMPIONS FOR SEATTLE.

Seattle, Wash., March 26.—The University of Washington runners, jumpers, and weight-throwers will have a busy season this year. The Pacific National Association of the A. A. U. will hold its championship meet in Seattle at the exposition stadium, and the Amateur Athletic Union of America will hold its national championships on the same field. These meets will bring to the Northwest some of the best amateur athletes in the world, including Oregon's three world champions—Forrest Smithson, hurdler; Dan J. Kelly, sprinter and broad jumper; and Gilbert, pole vaulter.

CONSECRATION AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Ont., March 26.—Archdeacon Sweeney was consecrated bishop of Toronto yesterday. The ceremony took place at St. James' cathedral. Bishop Hamilton, of Ottawa, administered the communion at the consecration service. Bishops Dumoulin, of Niagara, and Dunn, of Quebec, assisted.

WOMAN IN WHITLA CASE IS IDENTIFIED

Mrs. Boyle, the Alleged Abductor, Comes From Chicago.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 26.—Detective Perkins, Chief of Police Cran, of Sharon, and Sheriff Chess, of Mercer county, conferred today as to the next move to be made in the Whitla kidnapping case. James Boyle and his wife, the accused abductors, who were brought to the Allegheny county jail from Cleveland, apparently rested well last night. According to reports today the prisoners will be taken to Mercer county at once, but for the purpose of avoiding any unpleasantness they will not be taken to Sharon but will go direct to the jail at Mercer, Pa. It is said this morning that they were brought to this city last night, so that the trip to Mercer could be made in daylight. It is half admitted that the officers feared attempted violence in Sharon or Mercer should the prisoners arrive at night.

Collecting Evidence.

Sharon, Pa., March 26.—With James Boyle and his wife looked up at Pittsburg, and Willie Whitla safe at home, the Mercer county authorities are now bending every effort to unearth all possible evidence in the case, with the design of showing that Mrs. Boyle acted as a principal with her husband in Pennsylvania in kidnapping the Whitla boy.

As such she would be equally guilty as her husband of kidnapping under the Pennsylvania state laws, but so far Mrs. Boyle appears only to have appeared in the Cleveland, Ohio, and whether she can be held for kidnapping under the Pennsylvania laws is a question the county officials are trying to determine. The Mercer county grand jury meets on the third Monday in April. It is probable the case will be tried on May 10th.

Woman Identified.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 26.—The Cleveland Leader this morning says: "The woman known to the police as Mrs. James Boyle, and believed to be the brains behind the kidnapping of Billy Whitla, was identified yesterday by a Cleveland vessel owner as Annie McDermott. She was born in Chicago. Her father is a well known business man there and she has a brother who is a banker. She was educated in a convent. Three years ago she disappeared from home. Since then her family have been in ignorance of her whereabouts. She is 22 years old. The vessel owner's half-sister is the girl's mother. A sister of the woman visited her a short time ago."

ALBERTA TORY'S MAJORITY OF ONE

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Man., March 26.—Dr. Stanley, Conservative, has been elected for High River, Alta., by one majority, giving the Alberta opposition six seats.

CASTRO GROWING VERY HOSTILE

GIVES VENT TO WRATH ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY

Will Not Be Taken Direct to
Venezuela—His Attack
on Gomez.

Bordeaux, March 26.—"If I am a criminal why haven't my accusers the courage to allow me to return to Venezuela and defend myself," exclaimed Cipriano Castro this forenoon when an agent of the French steamship company officially informed him that he must leave the steamer Guadeloupe, on which he sails to-day, before that vessel reaches Venezuela.

The former Venezuelan president was furious at the action taken by the steamship company. He entered an automobile and was driven to the offices of the company, where he indulged in a tirade against Juan Vicente Gomez, president of the republic.

"All I ask is the right to a fair trial," he declared, "I am prepared to accept the result. The refusal of Gomez to permit me to enter Venezuela is overwhelming proof that they have no case against me, but realize that if I set foot on Venezuelan soil their game is up."

Castro's protestations were all in vain, however, and he had to accept tickets to Port of Spain, Trinidad. His words here leave no doubt of his intention to try to organize a revolution to overthrow his enemies and re-establish himself at Caracas. After Castro returned to his hotel from the steamship office, he had a long conference with a Mr. Roy, the agent of a Paris company engaged in the manufacture of arms. It is believed that the matter of a shipment of arms was discussed.

As the party was leaving Pauline, where they will go on board the Guadeloupe, Carmela Castro, the former president's brother, said the "president" was awaiting important telegrams which might affect his plans. Carmelo then asked the Associated Press to announce that his brother desired to register a world-wide protest against the refusal of the French steamship company to convey him to Venezuela, declaring that the company would appreciate the flagrant violation of international law involved.

Dutch Are Interested.

Willemstad, March 26.—The commanding officer of the Dutch fleet in these waters has secured detailed information regarding the size and speed of the steamer Guadeloupe, upon which Cipriano Castro sails from Bordeaux to-day. This occurrence has given rise to the repetition of the rumors that Holland will take some forcible action against Castro at Trinidad or elsewhere, in case it becomes apparent that he intends to attempt to disembark on Venezuelan territory.

NEW COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

Ottawa, March 26.—Acting-Collector of Customs MacDonald at Prince Rupert has been appointed collector by an order in council passed yesterday.

KILLED AT RENNIE.

Winnipeg, Man., March 26.—Frank Gardner, aged 22, was killed this morning while unloading telegraph poles on the National Transcontinental at Rennie. He was formerly an employee of the Ideal Fence Co., Winnipeg.

RAILROAD LINE NEAR GATUN DAM SETTLING

French Engineer's Prophecies
Concerning Panama Canal
Coming True.

New York, March 26.—A section of the embankment, 300 feet long, of the Panama Canal line at Gatun, has again settled about 20 feet at the same spot where the last movement occurred in November. The slide, however, was to the eastward and to the westward this time.

A trestle is now being built across the depression, which will be filled with rocks until the former level is reached.

HARDWARE STORE GUTTED.

Ardan, Man., March 26.—Fire broke out at midnight yesterday destroyed the building and stock of W. T. Park, hardware merchant, and also destroyed a quantity of machinery in Frost & Wood's warehouse, adjoining. Loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$2,000.

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES BY SIR WM. RAMSEY

London, March 26.—Sir Wm. Ramsay announces that he has succeeded in transmitting four different substances into carbon; namely, Zirconium, thorium, hydro fluoric acid and bismuth.

Experiments with silver nitrate, with the object of transforming silver in the same manner as copper is transformed into lithium, gave negative results.



VICTORIA'S NEW SPIRIT.

"While the hose was still playing on the embers of the Pemberton block at Victoria yesterday, the owners set about the preparation of plans for a new building. When the western spirit does hit Victoria it hits it hard."—Vancouver World.

LUTTEUR III. WINS GRAND NATIONAL

Steeplechase Blue Ribbon Goes
to Five-year old French
Horse.

Liverpool, March 26.—The Grand National steeplechase run at Aintree this afternoon resulted as follows:

1. LUTTEUR III. (100-9).
2. JUDAS (38-1).
3. CAUBREEN (20-1).

(Thirty-Two Ran.)

The winner is a French horse owned by J. Hennessy, who is a member of the well known brandy firm. Lutteur is a five-year-old, and is the fifth horse of that age to win the blue ribbon of the steeplechase world. The second horse, Judas, is owned by Mr. Parr, and Caubreen is the property of F. Bibby.

GRUESOME RESULTS OF MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE

Oaxaca, Mexico, March 26.—The recent earthquake cracked the walls of the cemetery and exposed the bodies of many victims of the cholera epidemic of 1851. The discovery to-day caused much consternation. In 1851, deaths from cholera were so numerous that it was found impossible to bury all the bodies were sealed up in the niches in the walls. The people fear a recurrence of cholera, but physicians declare all danger is passed.

Raises Ocean Bed.

Veracruz, Mexico, March 26.—The recent earthquake made the harbor here so shallow that ships drawing 24 feet touch bottom. Dredging will be necessary.

RAILWAY PHILANTHROPY.

Kenora, Ont., March 26.—The new home of the Young Men's Christian Association, built by the C. P. R. Company, was formally dedicated yesterday. The speaker said American railways had spent three millions on Y. M. C. A. buildings, and were annually spending three hundred thousand.

"MILITARY REBELLION" TRIAL IN CUBA

Havana, March 26.—A court-martial will convene to-day at Atrases castle for the trial on the charge of military rebellion of Sergt. Cortes, his son Vicente, and Corporal Ricardo, the rural guards concerned in the uprising at Vuelta recently. The two Cortes are liable to the death penalty, and Ricardo, who did not take to the woods with the others, to ten years imprisonment. The defence will claim that the prisoners learned that the government intended to arrest and shoot them on a trumped-up charge of conspiracy, and that because of this they fled to the woods for the purpose of hiding, and with no intention of a rebellion.

CUBA SUBSIDIZES RAILWAY.

Havana, March 26.—President Gomez to-day signed a contract giving the Cuba Railway Company a subsidy of \$4,000 per kilometre for the construction of a transfer from the main line at Mari to Mazatlan by way of Bayamo. This will open up a great section of fertile country.

NEW BLOCK TO BE MODEL ONE

PROMPT STEPS TAKEN
BY PEMBERTON & SON

Everything Will Be of the Most
Up-to-date Character.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Pemberton & Son, the owners of the Pemberton block which was destroyed by a few days ago, are proving themselves equal to any occasion, for they have already arranged for the building of the up-to-date block that is to replace the old one. A few details are yet to be worked out, but the general plan for the building has been approved of by the firm.

The new structure, which will be erected by George Mesher & Co., will be of four stories with a large basement, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000. It will be built of steel, concrete and brick so that it will be perfectly fire proof, scarcely any wood being used anywhere.

The main entrance of the new block will be on Fort street. This will be 14 feet in width and there will be an electric elevator for the use of the tenants. On the Broad street side will be an open entrance, and here will be an elevator for the special use of the Pacific club, which will be on the top floor. The club will be provided with even better accommodation than it had in the old building.

Pemberton & Son will occupy the corner 60 feet square for their realty, insurance and brokerage business, and on Fort street will be two other stores. Five stores will be provided for on Broad street and three on Broughton, making a total of eleven business premises.

The first and second floors will be wholly devoted to office uses and will be especially fitted for that purpose. They will have every convenience, and the owners expect they will be among the most up to date. The whole will be heated by steam.

Already there are about 40 men pulling down the old building, and as soon as the work is sufficiently far advanced that number will be doubled in order that the new building may be in readiness for occupation by the first of September. Scarcely were the fires out on Tuesday morning when men were at work on the rebuilding. The plans are being prepared by George Mesher & Co., and in a few days will be on view in the offices of Pemberton & Son, where arrangements may be made by anyone looking for suitable premises. Already the firm has had many applications for quarters.

Too much cannot be said of the promptitude of the owners of the block in at once making arrangements to replace what has been destroyed by the ravages of the fire.

POET MISSING.

London, March 26.—Anxiety is felt regarding John Davidson, the poet, who made a sudden reputation by his "Fleet Street Elegies," and who has been missing from his home at Penzance since last Tuesday. Mr. Davidson was in good health and spirits on that day. He left the house for an evening stroll and had not since been seen by his family. As he sometimes suffered from an affection of the heart, it is feared that he may have had a sudden seizure.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF 300 MURDERS

London, March 26.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that a woman named Popova has been arrested at Samara, charged with having poisoned at least 300 persons during the last 30 years. She made a business of ridding wives of their husbands for a small fee.

SERBIA'S NEXT CROWN PRINCE

KING PETER WANTS
ALEXANDER PROCLAIMED

Prospects of Peace in the Balkan
Are Growing
Bright.

Belgrade, March 26.—As soon as Crown Prince George informs his father, King Peter, that it is his irrevocable wish to renounce his right of succession to the Serbian throne, the King will assent and will ask parliament to sanction the proclamation declaring his second son, Alexander, to be heir to the throne. Alexander spent some time at St. Petersburg as a student, and is an intelligent and serious minded young man.

The cabinet has issued a statement that the servant Kokolavits, for whose death the Crown Prince was said to be responsible, asserted when he was brought to the hospital that his injury had been caused by falling downstairs in the dark. The body showed no external injuries, and consequently the authorities have no reason to pursue the matter further. In the event of new facts being discovered there will be a fresh investigation.

No Ultimatum.

London, March 26.—The Balkan difficulty has assumed a somewhat new aspect, owing to the sensational news of the abdication of the Serbian Crown Prince. The Prince hitherto has been considered the leader of the Austro-Hungarian party in Serbia, and his fiery speeches have done much to influence the feelings of the Serbian people. There are not wanting those, both here and at Vienna, who believe that a political motive underlies his renunciation. Whether or not this is the case, it is certain that the removal of the Crown Prince from the scene is a step making for peace. It will be easier under present conditions for Serbia to retreat from a difficult position.

Advices received here last night are of a distinctly more hopeful character. All the rumors that Austro-Hungary is sending an ultimatum to Serbia may be dismissed as unfounded. Great Britain and other powers are still actively seeking a peaceful issue.

HOTEL MAN FOUND DEAD.

Winnipeg, Man., March 26.—Bob Smythe, one of the best known hotel men in the West and formerly of Brandon, was found dead to-day in Saskatoon, where he owned the Empire.

ABRUZZI LEAVES MARSEILLES.

Marseilles, March 26.—The Duke of Abruzzi left here to-day on the steamer Oceanic for Bombay, whence he will proceed to the Himalaya mountains. He is accompanied by an aide, Marquis Nicosella and a secretary, Signor Filippi.

600 FARMERS FOR WEST.

Winnipeg, Man., March 26.—Six hundred farmers from the old country reached the city last night in the midst of a snow storm.

GOTTENBURG SYSTEM IN PORTLAND, ORE.

Association Wants Liquor Monopoly and Makes a Cash Offer.

Portland, Ore., March 26.—To place the liquor business of Portland in the hands of one corporation, eliminating the individual saloon keeper, is the object of an initiative petition which is being circulated by 15 agents of the Portland Gothenburg Association. For the privilege of having this monopoly the association agrees to pay the city of Portland \$325,000 for a franchise for 10 years and regulate the sale of liquor strictly and keep its sale confined to the business districts and keep saloons out of the residential district.

LEVY TAX FOR PYTHIAN HOME.

Chicago, Ill., March 26.—At a meeting of representatives of 152 lodges of the Knights of Pythias, held here last night, it was decided to levy a per capita tax upon the members of the order to increase the capacity of the national Pythian sanatorium at Las Vegas, N. M. More cottages will be erected.

BILL TO REGULATE SALE OF FIREARMS

Toronto, Ont., March 26.—As an aftermath of the shooting tragedy in Hamilton, W. D. McPherson, member of the legislature for West Toronto, introduced a bill to regulate the sale of firearms. He proposes that all who sell firearms should keep a record of the names of those to whom the weapons are sold, and the purpose for which they are required.

MUCH MONEY FOR PUBLICITY WORK

CITIZENS SUBSCRIBE
LIBERALLY TO FUNDS

Development League Meeting
With Hearty Support in
Its Work.

In the course of a few days three or four of the leading spirits of the Victoria Development League succeeded in raising a fund of \$5,400, the probable total for this year and half early next year. The following annual sums have been subscribed by city firms and citizens—and the work of soliciting financial aid has only begun:

B. C. Sugar Refining Co.	250
B. C. Electric Railway Co.	250
Pemberton & Son	250
Simon Lelzer & Co.	100
E. G. Prior & Co.	100
Brackman-Ker Milling Co.	100
Pacific Coast Coal Mines	100
Weiler Bros.	100
J. H. Todd & Sons	100
Wilson & Co.	100
E. B. Marvin & Co.	100
R. P. Rithet & Co.	100
Turner, Beaton & Co.	100
The B. Wilson Co.	100
Heisterman, Farnham & Co.	100
Bank of Montreal	100
Pither & Lelzer	100
Merchants Bank of Canada	100
Colonist P. & P. Co.	100
A. W. McCurdy	100
J. A. Sayward	100
Challoner & Mitchell	100
Lemon & Gonnason	100
Victoria-Phoenix Brewing Co.	100
Canadian Bank of Commerce	100
Hinton & Co.	100
D. Spencer, Ltd.	100
Times Printing & Publishing Co.	50
B. Williams & Co.	50
R. S. Day & B. Boggs	50
Leeside Bros.	50
Grant & Lineham	50
Sylvester Feed Co.	50
King Edward Hotel	50
W. & J. Wilson	50
R. Porter & Sons	50
Paterson Bros.	50
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Fletcher Bros.	50
A. W. Bridgman	50
McPherson & Fullerton Bros.	50
Fairview & Esquimalt Greenhouses	50
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MIKKELSEN WILL LOOK FOR EXPLORERS' BODIES

Danish Government to Pay
Cost of Expedition to
Greenland.

Copenhagen, March 26.—Ejnar Mikkelsen, the Arctic explorer, leader of the Danish expedition, will start in June for Greenland to find the bodies of Mylius Ericksen and Lieut. Hagen, who died on the north-west coast of Greenland in November, 1897. It is believed that the spot where the bodies are can be located through documents left at the supply depot at Denmark. The expense of the expedition will be paid by the Danish government.

Mikkelsen has just left Norway to buy a motor yacht like the Gjoa, used by Captain Roald Amundsen in making the Northwest passage in 1906. The ship will be named the Mylius Ericksen. Mikkelsen expects to return in the fall of 1910.

A BROKERAGE SENSATION.

Chicago, Ill., March 26.—Twenty brokerage offices, operating in different cities by A. W. Noh, were closed quietly yesterday. Announcement was made to-day that the claims of all customers would be made good. Detectives appeared at the office here and announced that they had orders to clear the room. The customers hurried out.

WINDING UP ORDER.

Toronto, Ont., March 26.—Justice Riddell has issued an order for the winding up of the Standard Mutual Fire Insurance Co. on the petition of the Toronto Plaster & Supply Company, incorporated under the name of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Markham, in 1898, with a capital of \$500,000.

MAMMOTH STORE FOR WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Man., March 26.—A representative of the Siegel-Cooper Co., Chicago, is in the city. It is said that he will purchase a site on which to erect a mammoth department store.

EMPIRE RESPONSIBILITY.

Liverpool, March 26.—The Daily Post and Mercury says it is satisfactory to find that Canadian statesmen, who hitherto have been somewhat lukewarm where the cost of the navy is concerned, are beginning to realize their responsibilities.

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