

CANADA'S ENVOY IS ENTERTAINED

HON. R. LEMIEUX WAS GUEST OF TOKIO CITY

Japanese Government Arranging Details to Control Emigration to These Shores.

Tokio, Dec. 4.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Canadian Minister of Labor, was tendered a banquet last night by the municipality.

Among those present were: Sir Claude MacDonald, British ambassador; Viscount Hayashi, Japanese foreign minister; Baron Chinda and Messrs. Verret and Preston.

Mr. Shibusawa presided and toasted Mr. Lemieux, who responded, expressing firm belief that all differences on the immigration question would be amicably settled.

It was understood that Mr. Lemieux had been informed that the Japanese government would not consent to any modification or change in its treaty with Canada, or enter into any new agreement. It would, however, so control immigration that there would be no further cause for complaint.

The details of such control are now being arranged.

ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE.

C. P. R. Montreal Employee Found Dead With Revolver by His Side.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—A fatal accident occurred this afternoon in the Canadian Pacific Railway's general offices. Gladwyn C. Cobban, employed as a clerk in the treasurer's office, shortly before the closing time of the bank went specially to deposit a large sum, returning as usual to the office and removing his overcoat. He went down the corridor to the lavatory, on his way meeting several of his clerks with whom he chatted about the good time he expected to have at St. Andrew's ball this evening. There was no one in the lavatory when he entered.

A few minutes later the sound of a revolver shot was heard, and on the clerks entering the lavatory, the body of Cobban was found in a compartment with a bullet wound through his head. He died at 8 o'clock this evening in the hospital without recovering consciousness. A hurried examination of his cash showed it to be exactly as it should have been, and no reason whatever is known for suicide.

The theory is that he was examining the revolver, which he always carried when he went to the bank, and that it was accidentally discharged.

Cobban was very popular in social and sporting circles, and resided with his widowed mother, who is in good circumstances. The coroner will hold an inquest in the morning.

COTTON FRAUDS IN U. S.

Manchester Magnate Accuses America of Deliberately Falsifying Weight.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 3.—At the annual meeting of the Manchester Cotton Association, held here to-day, Thomas Coates, chairman of the buying committee, caused a sensation. Mr. Coates was one of the delegates to the recent cotton congress at Atlanta, Georgia. He said that he had been impressed particularly with the United States by the barefaced and fraudulent manner in which sworn government cotton weighers in America actually put on five pounds per bale to every bale weighed. "This, however," Mr. Coates continued, "was not done in the case of cotton supplied to American spinners."

INHUMAN ACT.

Daysland, Alta., Dec. 2.—Chas. Sanderlin, a homesteader near here, has been committed for trial on a charge of attempted murder. He turned his wife out of doors very scantily clad and his brother then wrapped a fur coat about the woman and took her to his own shack. Sanderlin followed and fired several shots through the door of the shack.

The prisoner has been taken to Fort Saskatchewan to await trial.

PADDED PAY SHEETS.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—According to the evidence before Judge Winchester, who is investigating the administration of the city parks, the pay sheets of the civic employees at Riverside park have been padded.

FORD ACQUITTED ON BRIBERY CHARGE

Verdict in Third of San Francisco Graft Prosecutions Received With Applause.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 4.—Therry L. Ford, general counsel of the United Railways, was last night acquitted on the charge of having bribed former Supervisor Jennings Phillips to vote for the overhead trolley franchise.

This was Ford's second trial; in the first trial the jury disagreed.

The Ford case was the third one in the series of graft prosecutions. In the other two cases, those of Former Mayor or Schmitz and Louis Glavin, vice-president of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company, convictions resulted.

A demonstration of prolonged applause from the spectators followed the verdict.

BYE-ELECTIONS.

Polling Will Take Place in Nicolet and Labelle on December 20th—Liberal Candidates.

Ottawa, Man., Dec. 4.—Writs for Nicolet and Labelle have been issued. Nominations will take place on December 23rd, and voting on December 30th. D. W. Truscott is the Liberal candidate in Nicolet, and C. B. Major in Labelle.

DEATH OF LADY HOWARD.

Queen Wilhelmina Sends Condolences to British Ambassador at The Hague.

The Hague, Dec. 4.—Queen Wilhelmina has sent a chamberlain to Sir Henry Howard, the British minister to The Netherlands, to express her condolences in the death of his wife, Lady Howard, and to place a wreath upon the coffin. The body will leave here tomorrow for England, where the interment will take place. Lady Howard was Miss Cecilia Riggs, daughter of the late George Riggs, of Washington. She died in this city yesterday, after a long illness.

AOKI'S RECALL HIS OWN DESIRE

M. TAKAHIRI MAY BE AMBASSADOR IN U. S.

Action of Japan Does Not Denote Change in Friendly Relations Towards America.

Tokio, Dec. 4.—The recall of Viscount Aoki, Japanese ambassador at Washington, and the resignation of Baron Kaneko, formerly special envoy to the United States, has caused much discussion. The names mentioned in the connection include Baron Kaneko Kaneko, formerly special envoy to the United States; Baron Chinda, vice-minister of the foreign office, and M. Takahiri, at present Japanese ambassador to Italy and formerly minister of Japan at Washington. It is now understood that M. Takahiri is the first choice.

The Associated Press is assured by the highest authority in the foreign office that the recall of Viscount Aoki is not intended as a hostile move, but a possible change at Washington has long been imminent. Neither should the present action be construed to denote the slightest change in the friendly relations of the Japanese government towards America on the immigration question.

In the course of an interview to-day, it was said that it is probable that Viscount Aoki will not return to Washington. In the event of his resignation, the government of Japan will only appoint to the position a person well known in America, whom the president knows and likes, and who has the confidence of the American people. The Japanese government is making every effort to meet the wishes of the president and the people on the immigration question, and in appointing a foreign minister, it realizes the importance of having a representative in Washington who is not only acceptable and friendly to the people, but is acquainted with the prevailing conditions in America.

A special dispatch from Washington to the Manich Dempo says the American public is inclined to think the recall of Aoki is due to the determination on the part of Foreign Minister Hayashi to pursue a different policy which will be antagonistic to America.

The above official quoted assures an Associated Press representative that that construction was entirely erroneous. He said the foreign minister is nearer now to a friendly solution than ever before. Minister Hayashi is determined to exercise all the authority vested in the foreign minister to control the immigration of laborers.

"We are anxious," said this official, "to avoid any sacrifice of our treaty rights with the United States and Canada, but we can and will control the immigration to either country."

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CARAVAN AMBUSHED HAREMS CAPTURED

Mountain Tribesmen Swoop Down on Moorish Women in Transit to Rabat.

Tangier, Dec. 4.—Mountain tribes have captured a large caravan consisting of the harem of the minister of Abul Aziz, the Sultan, on the road to Rabat. The Sultan's ministers, fearing that the Pretender was about to attack Fez, instructed their families to leave that place immediately and go to Rabat. The tribesmen learning this ambushed the caravan and killed the women and their children and divided the extensive treasure which they captured.

SMOKESTACK THE CAUSE.

Montreal's Mayor May Be Deposed for Equipping Boiler House.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—Notice of application for a writ of quo warranto is served on Mayor Ekers to-day, because a demonstration of prolonged applause from the spectators followed the verdict.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—The city council has accepted the recommendation increasing the wages of corporation laborers from \$1.75 to \$2 per day of nine hours in the winter and ten hours in the summer.

INCREASE CIVIC WAGES.

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COURT SCANDAL STILL ON TAPIS

EMPEROR'S ORDER CREATES SENSATION

Orgies at Count Lynar's Villa Must be Aired in Ordinary Court of Justice.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—Minister of War von Einem announced in the Reichstag to-day that the Emperor had ordered the suspension of the court of honor proceedings against General Count Wilhelm von Hohenau, who, together with Major Count Johannes Lynar, was compromised by the testimony given in the Harden von Motzke libel suit.

This action means that Count von Hohenau must take his chances in an ordinary court of justice.

The minister of war announced further that Count Hohenau and Count Lynar had presented themselves for trial and that the cases would take the usual course.

This announcement created a great sensation.

The remarks of the minister of war were called forth by a remarkable speech delivered by Dr. Spaache, first president of the Reichstag, in which he held up a bunch of letters, which he said had been written by Count von Hohenau from the imperial headquarters at Wilhelmshohe to Herr Bellehard, who was a witness at the Harden trial, and which indicated that von Hohenau had had meretricious relations with Bellehard. At the trial Bellehard testified to having taken part in the orgies at the villa of Count Lynar.

HANGED AT KAMLOOPS.

Sam Lock, a Chinaman, Pays Penalty of Murder.

Kamloops, B. C., Dec. 4.—Sam Lock, the Chinaman, was hanged in the jail yard here this morning at 8 a. m. for the murder of a countryman at Bullion, B. C.

HEAD-ON COLLISION IN MARYLAND

Three Reported Killed and Many Injured in Crash Between Passenger Trains.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 4.—It is reported that three persons were killed and many injured in a head-on collision this morning on the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, near Elk Ridge, Md.

The wrecked trains were local passenger No. 142 and No. 144 from Washington for Baltimore. The accident occurred between Elkridge and Hanover, about 15 miles west of the city. No. 142, which was carrying an hour ahead of the other train, was late.

LORD CHANCELLOR WEDDED.

Baron Loreburn and Miss Violet Hicks-Beach United in Westminster Hall.

London, Dec. 3.—In the Gothic Crypt of the chapel beneath Westminster Hall, Robert Threshie Reid, Baron Loreburn, the Lord Chancellor, was married this afternoon to Miss Violet Hicks-Beach, a niece of Lord St. Aldwyn.

The ceremony, which was quiet, was especially interesting from the fact that this is the first occasion on which a lord chancellor has been married during the term of his office, and that this marriage was the first ever performed within the precincts of the House of Parliament.

With the exception of the premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who is abroad, practically all of Baron Loreburn's colleagues in the cabinet were present. The Bishop of London officiated.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Elevator Valued at \$6,000 Burned at Pilot Mound.

Pilot Mound, Man., Dec. 3.—The elevator at Wood Bay, belonging to the Smith Grain Company, of Winnipeg, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The elevator is valued at \$6,000, but otherwise the loss will not be heavy, as there was only 200 bushels of grain in it.

CHINK MARRIES WHITE GIRL.

Solution of Racial Problem Distasteful to Inhabitants of Swift Current.

Swift Current, Dec. 4.—Jim Wah, a Chinese, married a white girl here yesterday. There is much indignation over the occurrence in the neighborhood.

G. T. P. INCREASING CAPACITY.

Pert Huron, Dec. 3.—The capacity of the Grand Trunk shops in the north end of the city is to be increased by twenty-four cars daily. The shops are to be re-fitted. One large structure is now under construction and another is to be started about the new year. The present payroll comprises about one thousand names, and employment is to be given an additional six hundred, it is said.

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U. S. ARMY OFFICER RESIGNS.

Port Townsend Citizens Protest Against Lieut. Miller's Honorably Discharge.

Port Townsend, Dec. 4.—Lieut. P. G. Miller, who was recently court-martialed for neglect of duty, has tendered his resignation to the commanding officer at Vancouver barracks. Local citizens have prepared a formal protest against Lieut. Miller's honorable discharge from the army.

CANNED POISON.

Lady Taken Suddenly Ill After Eating Tomatoes.

Brandon, Dec. 4.—Miss Clara Hogart, operon in the Fone Co.'s office here, was poisoned by eating canned tomatoes at ten last night. She was taken suddenly ill, suffering from severe pains. Dr. Templeton was called and she was kept in bed, having the young woman's life, but she is still very ill.

IN HARNESS AGAIN.

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—McBean & Co., grain commission merchants who have been out of business for several days, resumed to-day, having liquidated all liabilities.

WARSHIPS TO GATHER IN HAMPTON ROADS

Flagship of U. S. Fleet Coming to Pacific Delayed by Suicide on Board.

New York, Dec. 4.—The United States battleship Connecticut, the flagship of Admiral Robt D. Evans, will not sail until Thursday morning for the rendezvous of the fleet for the Pacific at Hampton Roads. The warship was scheduled to leave to-day, and it is said the postponement was caused by the suicide yesterday of H. D. Piero, a gunner's mate, who shot himself on board the ship. The delay will permit of an inquest and burial.

The warships Rhode Island, Virginia and Yankton will sail to-day for Hampton Roads as scheduled.

Piero was a Russian and had been in the American navy for ten years. He had a letter from Russia which informed him that one of his relatives in Finland had been arrested and condemned to death. Piero brooded over the injustice, and yesterday went to the after part of the battleship, rolled himself a cigarette, placed a pistol in his hand, and fired. Death was instantaneous.

MUNICIPALITY WINS ACTION.

Regina, Dec. 4.—Chief Justice Wetmore gave judgment for the defendants, yesterday in the supreme court, in the action brought by F. F. Fry and the municipality of Regina, against the plaintiffs, contractors, against the municipality of Regina, for the installation of water works, being the purchase of 20 per cent. on the contract price.

COMMENTS WORK OF RED CROSS SOCIETY

Secretary Root Congratulates U. S. Organization on Progress It Has Made

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Secretary Root delivered a brief address at the third annual meeting of the American National Red Cross Society held here yesterday. In the absence of Secretary Taft, the president of the organization, Geo. W. Davies, was named chairman of the convention. The present officers were re-elected, viz: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Beekman Winthrop; councillor, A. Cooley; secretary, Chas. L. Magee.

Secretary Root pointed out that there was great satisfaction in the work of the Red Cross, and that he was gratulated on the progress it had made since last meeting. The Secretary spoke of other work done by the Red Cross, and said the provisions regarding the treatment of prisoners especially appealed to him as being inspired by the larger spirit of the Red Cross.

The secretary closed as follows: "All long that broad front which marks the progress of mankind there is a great array of organizations composed of men and women seeking to change the treatment of men toward each other from cruelty to kindness. You are doing work indispensable to mankind, and are making the life that will exemplify the love of humanity and the spirit of Christ."

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BOMB OUTRAGE IN MOSCOW

TERRORIST'S ATTEMPT AT ASSASSINATION

Women Mutilated, Horses Blown to Pieces—Anarchists Plot Wholesale Destruction

Moscow, Dec. 4.—An unsuccessful attempt was made in this city to-day upon the life of Lieutenant-General Gensersheimann, Governor-General of Moscow. He escaped death only by a narrow margin.

A woman hurled a bomb at the general's carriage while he was driving this morning in the Leasort quarter of the city. The horses were blown to pieces and the coachman severely wounded. The governor-general, however, came out of the explosion unscathed.

The woman was so seriously mutilated by her own bomb that she was removed to the hospital. She is in a dangerous condition.

Wholesale Anarchy. Paris, Dec. 4.—A Geneva dispatch says that the police have discovered a Russian Terrorist plot to assassinate the Emperor, blow up the Imperial palace, and the Douma, and pillage the Imperial Bank of Russia.

One arrest has been made in connection with the alleged plot.

FAILURES IN TURKEY.

Big American Banking Concern Collapses in Constantinople.

Constantinople, Dec. 4.—As a result of the monetary difficulties in the United States a series of failures have occurred here lately culminating in the suspension of a big American banking and commercial concern of Stamboul the Mohammedan part of the city. The liabilities of this house amount to over \$1,000,000, and the assets are estimated at a somewhat lower figure.

Several local concerns were affected by the suspension, but the Ottoman name acute, the financial and commercial part came to their rescue and prevented a general financial collapse.

DIVORCE ACTIONS MUST STAND OVER

Full Court Agrees That Question of Jurisdiction Should be Settled by Privy Council.

The full court, sitting in Vancouver, has agreed with E. P. Davis, K.C., that it is useless to hear any applications regarding matters of divorce till such time as the Privy Council has decided whether the province had the right to grant divorces or not.

This decision was arrived at on the presentation of an appeal regarding alimony. It means that all cases now in the courts will be tied up there till the judgment of the Privy Council is given.

It is the intention of the provincial government to have the appeal from Mr. Justice Clement in this matter heard at an early date. It is generally expected that the Privy Council will decide that the province has jurisdiction in matters of divorce, as the complete remedy will have to be sought at Ottawa.

NATIONAL BANK CURRENCY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The comptroller of the currency to-day issued a call for a statement of the condition of national banks at the close of business on Dec. 3.

BUILDING IN TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—Building operations in Toronto for the seven months of the past year show an increase of a million dollars over the same period in 1906.

COBAN A TOTAL LOSS.

North Sydney, C. B., Dec. 4.—For five hours last night and again this morning five powerful tugs made an unsuccessful attempt to release the Dominion Coal Company's steamer Coban which ran high on the rocks at Black Point, near here in Monday's blizzard. The Coban will be a total loss.

SOUTHEAST GALE BLOWING.

A warning cone, indicating a southerly gale, was hoisted at the Victoria meteorological office at 1:30 o'clock last evening. During the evening a southerly gale was blowing off the west coast as far south as the Columbia river. The wind turned about and has been blowing from the southeast since the warning was displayed last night. Between 6 and 8 o'clock last night the velocity of the wind was 30 miles an hour, but this morning, between 6 and 9 o'clock, the velocity as registered at the local office was averaged 34 miles. This indicates stronger gales on the coast and in the Sound district.

The barometer fell from 30 at 4 p.m. yesterday to 29.30 at 8 a.m. to-day. The storm centre is now moving from the Washington coast over British Columbia in a northeasterly direction. No reports from the United States meteorological stations are available to-day as the telegraph service south of Sumas City, Wash., is deranged.

G. D. Kumar has received the following donations for the purchase of a wooden leg for the injured Hindu: Two ladies, \$2; a friend, \$1; Mrs. Wheatley, of Wellington, 25 cents; total, \$3.25; amount already acknowledged, \$6.25. They were so terribly mutilated that their bodies had to be gathered up in sacks.

WHEAT STEALER.

Prominent Manitoba Farmer Arrested on Grave Charge.

Neepawa, Man., Dec. 4.—A prominent farmer in Glendale, twelve miles south of here, was arrested for wheat stealing and brought before Magistrate McGill yesterday who remanded the case for a week.

Accused and another farmer were caught by watchers guarding wheat belonging to Wm. Willoughby on a farm where no one lives. He declares he was led to believe that his companion owned the wheat and he was to haul it away in the night and avoid the bailiff.

NOMINATIONS IN WEST.

Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—Three conventions were held yesterday in Western Canada to nominate candidates for the House of Commons.

Conservatives nominated E. W. Day, mayor of Daysland, for the Strathcona seat, and John Herron, M. P., at MacLeod. The Liberals at Red Deer nominated Dr. Clark, of Olds, for the Red Deer seat.

SELLING STOCK TO EMPLOYEES

GREAT NORTHERN IS MAKING AN OFFER

Small Subscribers Are Given Opportunity to Get It Without Brokers' Fees.

President Louis W. Hill, of the Great Northern Railway, has issued a circular outlining a plan whereby its employees and others living along the system may purchase for investment one or more shares of that company's stock without paying the usual commissions charged by stock brokers.

In explanation of this action on the part of the company, Mr. Hill says: "During the last few weeks, and particularly since financial conditions here became acute, the officers of the company have received many requests from employees and others for information as to how small investments might be made in stock of the Great Northern Railway Company. These inquiries came mainly from people who had had no experience in purchasing stock in New York or from persons living in communities where there were no stock brokers."

The circular outlines in detail the conditions and methods attaching to the purchase of stock. No subscription will be received for over one hundred shares, but if any person desires more than one hundred shares the Great Northern Employees' Investment Company will endeavor to purchase same in New York at such price as the subscriber may name.

All subscriptions for less than one hundred shares will be filled at the current market price of the stock at the time the subscriptions are received. A remittance of the approximate price of the shares of stock to be purchased should be for slightly more than the probable cost in order to allow for fluctuations of the market. Immediately upon receipt of the subscription and remittance the required number of shares, together with any over remittance and a full statement of the transaction, will be sent to the subscriber.

Employees now holding investment certificates issued by the Great Northern Employees' Investment Company may surrender all or part of their certificates and purchase Great Northern stock at the current market price. Contrary to the custom such employees will be permitted to take out other investment certificates from time to time if they desire up to the amount of the certificates surrendered. The purchase of stock. Current price quotations can usually be obtained through the public press.

There are other details relative to the procedure in purchasing the stock that are fully explained in the circular.

CIRCULAR SAW VICTIM.

Belleville, Dec. 4.—Frederick Pratt is dead at Deseronto from injuries received by falling against a circular saw in the box factory.

STRANGE EVENING IN WELL TRAGEDY

Salisbury Man Said He Held His Wife's Neck to Restore Circulation.

Salisbury, N. B., Dec. 4.—Mrs. C. A. Horseman, who was found in a well near here on Monday by her husband, died soon after, and strange evidence was given at the inquest.

Mr. Horseman swore he was ploughing about the well. He went to a barn for a wrench and returned with his wife protruding from the well. He pulled her out and carried her into the house. He said he and his wife had quarrelled some time and the latter threatened to leave him.

Neighbors testified that Horseman would not let his wife's clothing be removed, and that he held her by the throat. One witness saw Mrs. Horseman revived enough to speak and denied falling into the well.

A neighbor said Horseman had said to his wife: "If you ever come around I wish you would mind me now."

Another said Horseman, when asked to take his hand off his wife's throat, said he was "trying to create circulation in the neck."

The jury returned a verdict of death by drowning, but the attorney-general's attention has been drawn to the matter.

ORANGE LODGE AND CATHOLICS.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—Grand Master Sproule, of the Grand Orange Lodge of North America, declares that the resolution forbidding members of the order from taking the platform for any member of the Roman Catholic faith is unconstitutional.

CANADA LIVE STOCK WINS AT CHICAGO

Crowning Honor of International Exposition Is Awarded to Rowan King.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Canada has captured the crowning honor of the international live stock exposition, defeating the United States breeders on their own ground.

TIDAL SURVEY ON THE COAST

IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN THE NEW TABLES

Valuable Assistance to Navigators is Furnished by Records Made by Tidal Survey

In the tide tables for 1908, which have just been issued by the marine and fisheries department, Ottawa, it is gratifying to note the progress made in the amount of valuable information now available for the navigators on our coasts. In this practical effort are being made by the Dominion government to further the interests of trade and commerce on the Pacific Coast.

These tide tables are one result of the work of the tidal and current survey of Canada; and in 1907 the director, Dr. Bell Dawson, spent the summer season on this coast. A comprehensive scheme was then inaugurated for obtaining more satisfactory tidal data, and this is already bearing practical fruit. In the present tide tables additional tables are given for the time of slack water in two important passes, Active Pass and Portier Pass. This is an important advance, when the tides which are engaged in the traffic through these passes have to be timed to arrive at the time of slack water in them, and these passes are used for nearly all the heavier traffic in coal, etc., between Vancouver Island and the Mainland.

In the general scheme for the tides of British Columbia it was found necessary to treat Victoria and the Strait of Juan de Fuca as a separate region. The work of the tidal and current survey of the United States ports of the Pacific, and those within the Strait of Georgia, are both quite different in type from the Victoria tides. The special character of the tides in the Strait of Juan de Fuca is so different from those of the United States tide tables, they were referred to Galveston, on the Gulf of Mexico. It was hardly to be expected that practical accuracy could thus be secured; and the observations were taken continuously, day and night, during three complete years, which makes known all the variations of the tide during the course of the day, and at all seasons of the year.

The accuracy of tide tables is proportional to the length of the observations which serves as a basis for their calculation; and the observations of the Victoria observations is as long as any of the United