

STRONGLY DEPRECATES OPPOSITION TO MINISTER

News Advertiser, Leading Conservative Daily of Province, Suggests That No Opposition Be Offered Hon. William Templeman.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Jan. 28.—The News-Advertiser, the leading Conservative daily of the province and the organ of the president of the council, Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, this morning editorially strongly deprecates any opposition to Hon. Mr. Templeman in Comox-Atlin. The editorial follows:

"The vacancy in the representation of the constituency of Comox-Atlin, caused by the retirement of the sitting member, Mr. W. Sloan, has led to a feeling on the part of some Conservatives that the seat should be contested. It does not, however, appear to be probable that this will be the case, but on the contrary it is likely that Hon. Mr. Templeman, on whose behalf it is understood that Mr. Sloan retired, will be elected without a contest.

"It has been stated that a considerable number of Liberals in the constituency resent the course that Mr. Sloan has taken and wish to give proof of that by either abstaining from casting their votes for Hon. Mr. Templeman or giving their support to the Conservative candidate. We are not inclined to give much credence to that view. It is understood that before resigning his seat Mr. Sloan made a canvass of the more important and populous parts of the constituency and ascertained that the bulk of the Liberals were quite in accord with the contemplated action. It is not difficult to understand that residents of the constituency appreciate the value of being represented in parliament by a member of the federal cabinet, especially as he is head of a department in the administration that has to do with one of their most important local industries. We should

infer, therefore, that in the event of a contest Hon. Mr. Templeman would receive the full party vote and possibly even a small support from the electors not generally in political sympathy with him.

"Nor can we see any particular advantage that the Conservatives would gain by contesting the seat. The general election has returned Sir W. Laurier to power with a substantial majority and even a Conservative victory in Comox-Atlin would have no practical effect on the position of two political parties or yield any substantial reward for the expense and effort which the contest would entail in such a large and scattered constituency as Comox-Atlin.

"Beside these considerations the fact that if Hon. Mr. Templeman were defeated British Columbia would be without a representative in the federal cabinet is a matter that will have considerable weight with the electors, Conservative as well as Liberals, while there always is a feeling more or less prevalent that it is scarcely a generous thing to oppose a candidate under such circumstances as those connected with this particular case.

"There are other considerations of somewhat more personal nature that will weigh with not a few Conservatives in reaching a decision on the question. Hon. Mr. Templeman undoubtedly lost his seat for Victoria because he was the candidate of a government which on one question was entirely out of sympathy with a large number of voters. The minister of mines personally has many friends in both parties of good repute, and has never been mixed up in any scandals. He has shown himself anxious to further the mining industry in the province and his defeat would be regarded by many as a loss to it that should not be disregarded for mere party considerations."

PROCEEDS TO COMOX ATLIN

HON. MR. TEMPLEMAN LEAVES FOR COMOX ATLIN TOGETHER WITH MR. SLOAN HE GOES NORTH TO CONDUCT HIS CAMPAIGN.

Hon. Wm. Templeman, Minister of Mines, accompanied by Mr. Wm. Sloan and Mrs. Sloan, and Mr. Templeman's secretary, Mr. Nicholas, arrived in Victoria last evening, and left this morning on a tour of the district of Comox-Atlin.

Questions with regard to his candidature for that riding Hon. Mr. Templeman stated that Mr. Sloan's action in resigning the seat had been done after conferring with various organizations and electors generally, and had made it possible for the province to retain the portfolio of mines and inland revenue. Sir Wilfrid had expressed a desire to retain him as a member of his cabinet and Mr. Sloan's generous action had made that possible.

"Since my defeat in the city of Victoria at the recent general election by a very narrow majority," he said, "a general desire has been expressed in British Columbia, by Liberals and Conservatives alike, that I should remain in office, to carry on the work of the mines department, particularly in the interests of the province.

"British Columbia is just coming into its own. Besides being the largest in area of all the provinces of the Dominion, it is the most richly endowed in natural wealth. With its marvelous resources still practically undeveloped, and with a relatively small population, there is a vast work to be done by governments, as well as by the people, and this work is now pressing upon us.

"I desire to have the great privilege of continuing to do my share in assisting to the development of British Columbia, by encouraging the building of railways; improving the navigation of coastal waters; developing and perpetuating the fisheries; extending and improving transportation, telegraphic and postal facilities, and generally in aiding every enterprise that will have for its object the betterment of conditions for the people, individually as well as collectively.

"The last twenty-five years has belonged to Southern British Columbia, the next twenty-five will belong to the central and the northern portions of the province. The completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific to Prince Rupert, with branches north and south, and the extension of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway on Vancouver Island, will usher in a new era, and bring greater responsibilities to us all. The great development that will undoubtedly follow will be very largely in Comox-Atlin, and I feel assured that I can do a great deal to accelerate the progress of that electoral district, and ensure the permanent welfare of its present and future citizens."

He added that he abstained from references to political issues or partisan questions. They were not needed. The general election has determined that for the next five years Canada should be governed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues. "I believe," he said, "that the electors of Comox-Atlin are more immediately concerned in domestic affairs, and

TELEGRAPHERS WANT EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 29.—A petition for an eight-hour day and no overtime is now in circulation among the operating telegraphers of the Canadian Pacific railway and Canadian Northern railway systems throughout Canada, and will be presented to parliament at the present sitting of the House.

am sure they will agree with me that the opening up and settlement of Comox-Atlin, and the development of its great natural resources, constitute the question of all questions of immediate concern to the people of the district. It was with this conception in my mind that, with the consent of Mr. Sloan and the other British Columbia members, I was able to induce the government to give very generous assistance to railways which would open up the inaccessible districts of our province, and which, I hope, will be productive of the results we all earnestly desire."

EARTHQUAKES CONTINUE IN MEDITERRANEAN ZONE

Catania Experiences Slight Shocks Which Do No Damage.

Catania, Jan. 28.—Slight earthquakes continue to be recorded daily at Messina, but they do no damage.

Edmund Billings, representative of the Massachusetts relief committee, having found that the population between Messina and Laormina was in dire distress, has been devoting his energies recently to their relief. A number of survivors of the earthquake suffering from wounds were received at the Vatican hospital to-day. They were brought from Messina and Reggio by the Spanish steamer Catalonia, sent out by the Spanish government.

CARMACK MURDER CASE.

Selection of Panel Is Still Incomplete.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 28.—The talesmen of the third panel from which jurors to try Colonel Duncan Cooper, Robin Cooper, and John Sharp for the murder of former Senator Carmack will be selected, were on hand in court to-day. The court announced that no excuses would be accepted and then ordered that the physician who signed the disability certificate of Juror Whitworth be called. Dr. Sullivan, the juror's family physician, said Juror Whitworth had "Bright's disease," a fatal malady which might be greatly aggravated by confinement or excitement.

AMERICAN SUICIDES IN LONDON.

London, Jan. 28.—An American named George Scott, who was formerly connected with the Barnum & Bailey circus, committed suicide this morning in a Covent Garden hotel by shooting himself while



WHOSE HAND?

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THE GREAT SILENCE REMAINS UNBROKEN

Vocal Chords of the Colonist Are Still in Paralyzed Condition.

The Great Silence of the Colonist on the subject of the forged Borden telegram threatens to become chronic. When the grey dawn breaks to-morrow, one exact week will have elapsed since the low bell which paralyzed the vocal chords of the Colonist rang and sealed its' tremble. Seven days of high seas and the sufferer yet!

In the meantime, finding that the Colonist shows no disposition to explain its action, notwithstanding Mr. Borden's plain hint in the House that he expected some explanation, it is understood a number of prominent Conservatives are bringing pressure to bear on the paper in question to institute some sort of inquiry.

To fasten the guilt in such a case should be a very simple matter. The procedure in the case of the delivery of special dispatches to newspapers is well known to all who are engaged in journalistic work. The possibility of the contents of a special becoming known to the operator is enclosed in an envelope, the letter is delivered in an unsealed sheet to the telegraph editor by the messenger boys of the telegraph company, as they are received.

In the case of special dispatches like that of Mr. Borden's, this is not done. The special, as soon as transcribed by the operator, is enclosed in an envelope, which is sealed, and in this form is delivered to the telegraph editor. In his absence it goes to any other responsible employee, or possibly to those higher in authority, but whoever takes the message must sign his initials, indicating the due receipt of the dispatch together with the hour it was delivered. This is for the protection of the telegraph company.

The course would undoubtedly be the one taken in the case of Mr. Borden's dispatch to the Colonist. The latter, therefore, should be able in a very short time by a scrutiny of the receipt form to locate the recipient of the telegram. From this it should be an easy task to identify the culprit from the red hands came the garbled document which finally was placed in the hands of Mr. Bernard and the Empire typewriter upon which it was done.

There are still over twenty-four hours left before the Sabbath—the day of reflection, repentance and editorial sermons. The Times, with the general public, awaits with eagerness some sign of explanation or of repentance. If the Colonist declares itself unrepentant, it takes on the air of unravelling the mystery, the Times, while averse to doing so, will simply be compelled to add its contemporary in its extremity.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Address Says Her Husband Tried to Kill Her and Then Shot Himself.

New York, Jan. 28.—Conrado Danielson, the Porto Rican manager for the United States Express Company, was found with a bullet wound in his head in his apartments in the Hotel Carlton early to-day, and is believed to be dying in the Roosevelt hospital. His wife, who is known on the stage as Annie Yates Palmer, declared that her husband attempted to kill her and then shot himself. She told the police that they had been quarrelling.

NAVAL FIREMAN DROWNS.

Algiers, Jan. 28.—A fireman on the United States battleship Kentucky, while jumping from a small boat to the ship's ladder, fell overboard and was drowned. He was buried on land and the coffin was escorted by detachments of French and American marines.

SALVATION LASSIE'S SUICIDE.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 28.—Emily Dallas, aged 28 years, a Salvation Army lassie, living on Sheffield street, took a dose of carbolic acid yesterday and is lying at the public hospital. The cause is assigned.

BORDEN'S FORGED TELEGRAM DENOUNCED BY PRESS

Toronto News Calls for an Exposure of Culprits --Duty of Conservative Leader is to Publicly Proclaim Guilty Persons

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 29.—The Free Press this morning says: The telegram with R. L. Borden's name to it, which was published during the Dominion election campaign by the Victoria Colonist, the chief Conservative paper on the coast, was printed in the form of a facsimile, which shows that it was a photographic reproduction of a typewritten message on a telegraphic blank, signed by R. L. Borden. The Colonist in printing it declared that it was a facsimile of the telegram it received in reply to its request that Mr. Borden should define his position on the Japanese question. The Victoria Times has just reproduced that facsimile, which announces over Mr. Borden's name that "the Conservative party stands for the exclusion of all Asiatics." That was what caused Hon. Mr. Templeman's defeat, and secured other Conservative successes in British Columbia. It was widely used in that province.

Mr. Borden now denies having sent any such telegram and the Colonist professes to be utterly unable to show how the words quoted got into its photographic facsimile. Should not Mr. Borden, leader of a party which prets by that performance, leave off talking loftily about any honesty or purity in politics long enough to find out, and then publicly proclaim, who was guilty of forging his name. Most Contemptible. (Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—The Free Press says: It was a remarkable coincidence that the night which saw Hon. Mr. Templeman leave on a campaign for his re-election in British Columbia should witness the exposure of the plot by which he was robbed of his seat in Victoria, which plot was, without exception, one of the most contemptible ever hatched in Canadian politics.

A Deliberate Forgery. (Special to the Times.) Toronto, Jan. 29.—The News (Conservative), says: The alteration of Mr. Borden's telegram, declaring his attitude towards Japanese immigration, was an ugly transaction. In plain words it was a deliberate forgery and the culprits ought to be exposed.

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EARL MORLEY IS COMING TO CANADA

New York, Jan. 29.—Earl Morley, who is on his way to Canada to visit Earl Grey, the governor-general of the Dominion, was a passenger on the steamer Mauretania, which arrived to-day from Liverpool and Queenstown.

RED TAPE PARALYZES FRENCH NAVY

Why Arsenal Take Five Years in Which to Construct Battleships.

On the confession of M. Picard, the French minister of marine, while England builds a battleship in two years, it takes France five years to construct one. One of the chief reasons for the dilatory manner in which the work is performed in French arsenals, says M. Greville Reache, the son of a former deputy, is that the French navy is paralyzed by red tape and bureaucracy. As an example of what passes in the government dockyards at Toulon, M. Reache states that before a rivet can be driven into a sheet of iron a written request for authorization must be transmitted to Paris, passing through the hands of twenty-two intermediaries until it reached the head of the Admiralty.

The reply goes through the same process, so that before a workman at Toulon can hit a rivet on the head twenty-four persons must give their consent. Although 5,500 workmen are on the books at Toulon arsenal, M. Reache says it gives him the impression of a dead city. The artisans are actively employed, but the central administration in Paris, without whose consent nothing can be done, has carried the science of masterly inactivity to such an extreme that weeks and sometimes months elapse before a reply can be obtained from the heads of departments at the Rue Royale.

An engineer who was authorized to carry out experiments with an artillery device on a French ship was obliged to wait six months before he was allowed to make use of his invention. At the Italian arsenal at Spezia similar experiments were concluded in a fortnight. The same engineer found it necessary to have three holes pierced in a sheet of metal, and had to telegraph to Paris to obtain permission.

NEW U. S. TARIFF BILL.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Although the tariff framers, the Republican members of the house, committee on ways and means, have been working diligently in an effort to complete the task of preparing a new tariff bill it is hardly likely that any definite rates of duty will be fixed in the bill until the days immediately preceding its introduction.

RUSSIA'S NEW AMBASSADOR.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 28.—General-Adjutant Prince Dolgorouki has been appointed Russian ambassador to Rome in succession to M. Mouravieff. Prince Dolgorouki is a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Russia, but he has had no diplomatic experience, excepting a short stay at Teheran, Persia, from 1886 to 1890.

W. H. TAFT REACHES PANAMA.

Colon, Jan. 28.—The cruiser North Carolina, with W. H. Taft on board, was sighted off this port at 7 a.m. to-day.

BORDEN SILENT FOR A MONTH

OTTAWA AGAIN HEARS OF FORGED TELEGRAM

Toronto Globe Criticizes Tory Leader for Delaying Reputation.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 29.—In the Commons this afternoon R. L. Borden, on a question of privilege, called attention to an editorial in the Toronto Globe criticizing him for not sooner repudiating the forged telegram in the Victoria Colonist. The editorial said that though he was made aware of the alteration of his telegram, yet he had allowed three months to go by without putting himself right with the public.

Mr. Borden said he had said he had not been made aware of the alteration in the telegram, as published by the Colonist, until after his return from Virginia last month. He had at once called the attention of the Colonist to the matter and had received a reply that no one responsible for the editorial management of the paper had caused the change. The management of the paper was still making enquiries as to the real culprit.

"Had I known of the 'misstatement' of the Colonist during the campaign I would at once have put myself right," said Mr. Borden. "I am no more responsible for the misstatement in the Colonist than I am for the misstatement in the Globe."

WILL HEAR COMPLAINTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Railway Commission to Sit in Victoria on February 27.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 29.—The railway commission heard several minor complaints and adjourned the sittings in the east. The commission definitely decided on the following dates for sittings in the west: Winnipeg, Feb. 1st to 10th; Regina, Feb. 11th and 12th; Medicine Hat, Feb. 15th and 16th; Calgary, Feb. 17th and 18th; Edmonton, Feb. 19th and 20th; Vancouver, Feb. 23rd to 26th; Victoria, Feb. 27th; Nelson and Lethbridge, first week in March. Commissioners Mills and McLean and Traffic officer Hardwell are all who will go west.

HEAVY STORM IN ILLINOIS.

Chicago Almost Completely Cut Off From Telegraphic Communication With West and North.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 28.—The telegraph services to points west and north of Chicago were almost completely severed to-day by the worst storm of the season. Scores of telegraph poles and miles of wire in many sections were born down and rendered useless by the high winds and heavy snow fall.

A HANGING IN U. S. A.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 28.—Dave Edwards was hanged in the county jail here yesterday for the murder of J. W. Davis.

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