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COMMISSION WOULD FAIL
UTTERLY, SAYS LOGAN

HALIFAX, Jan. 19.—At a speech at the annual banquet of the Dartmouth Board of Trade tonight H. J. Logan, ex-M. P., who was invited to speak on the Intercolonial railway, upheld the claims of the Maritime Provinces to adequate transportation facilities. He deprecated the attacks on the Intercolonial and declared that inasmuch as millions upon millions had been spent upon transcontinental railways and canals for the West the people of Ontario and Quebec should not complain about money spent for development of the Maritime Provinces.

He took strong grounds against the sale to any transcontinental road which would have its interests in the West and declared the plan of the road under commission would utterly

UNHAPPY MESSINA IS
ONCE MORE STRICKEN

MESSINA, Jan. 19.—Messina was swept by fire again today. For many hours soldiers and sailors worked heroically to keep the flames from destroying the last remnants of the town and eventually they succeeded in getting the fire under control. The extent of the damage cannot be estimated, because doubtless much of great value was burned up in the ruins.

It is supposed that mauling fires in the ruins were fanned into flames by the strong wind that has prevailed here for the past two or three days and apparently the fire secured a good foothold before efforts were made to extinguish it. The flames made fast progress and soon swept through the remains of the beautiful promenade along the harbor front. The small force of firemen was augmented by detachments of soldiers and sailors from the warships and pumps and lines of hose were brought ashore from the vessels.

Cold Intense

The survivors of the earthquake have been rendered more helpless by the intensity of the cold. The hills all about are white with snow and the refugees are suffering greatly. Many of them are still living in tents and with not sufficient clothing to protect them. The constant cry is for lumber for the construction of huts and the govern-

ment is doing everything possible, but the need is most urgent. In spite of adverse circumstances the outskirts of the city where the refugees have gathered are beginning to take on something of a business-like appearance. Primitive shops have been established in one broken-down hole, where all manner of things can be purchased. Even fish are sold in these places and are cooked in the open and eaten with great relish by the hungry people.

Since the ruins in the old Messina have been swept by fire the odor of decaying bodies is now much less overpowering. Thousands have been buried and the fire has destroyed many of those that remained. Excavations for the recovery of property are going on steadily. At the Cathedral pictures and tapestries have been found, many in excellent state of preservation.



NEW USES FOR AIRSHIPS.

Although the airship has hitherto been almost entirely restricted to military and sporting purposes it is now generally felt that within our time many other wonderful and useful applications of dirigible balloons and aeroplanes will probably be made, whilst as inevitably happens with all new devices, many foibardly and reprehensible feats will also be attempted by their aid.

The airship-by which term I mean both aeroplanes and dirigible balloons—moves in a medium which is to be found over land and water, and thus the aerial vessel is unique amongst locomotive agents. By land and sea we must accordingly seek for those applications to the airship, the main limiting factor being the condition of the aerial sea. At present all airships are fair-weather instruments in that they are dangerous to navigate in high winds, but as their power and speed increase, and as experience gives us better and more "wind-worthy" machines, there will be a greater number of days in each year during which the vessel can be employed.

REVOLUTIONIZED WARFARE.
So much has been written of the military possibilities of the airship that I need not go fully into the matter here. Suffice it to say that in the opinion of many experts the airship will revolutionize warfare. This will at first be effected not so much perhaps by the airship being a vessel of attack as by the new powers of observation which it gives. Warfare is based to a considerable extent on strategy, this being largely the art of deceiving an enemy and making secret moves. An airship gives such a commanding view in all directions that in the wars of the future no such secrecy can be maintained. The higher the vessel rises the greater is the range of vision of its crew, so that at a height of 2,000 feet a distance of more than forty miles can be swept by the glasses of the observers; and by the aid of telescopes, photography and cameras fitted with telephoto or long-distance lenses they can rapidly report and record every movement of the enemy. Under conditions such as these strategic movements will hardly be possible save at night, and even then the powerful searchlights that can be carried by the airships will discover any secret move.

VENGEANCE FROM THE HEAVENS.
For destructive raids by land and sea, surprise and attacks on harbors, on naval and military bases, and lines of communication, the airship also has vast possibilities. To the British nation in particular it will be invaluable in those highly expensive frontier and punitive expeditions which are necessary from time to time in remote parts of the Empire. The usual expeditions on the Indian frontiers or in various parts of Africa can move along at the rate of a few miles a day and there is enormous wastage of life and money before the objective is reached. An airship in half a day could cover a greater distance than many an ex-

plorer in the use of flying machines and dirigible balloons we can reasonably expect that the instruments will find many new uses, and I still confidently believe that the airship will first enable us to reach the Pole. Indeed, every nook and cranny of the earth will be surveyed by its aid.

ASSISTANCE TO CLIMBERS.
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height on foot meet with some accident which places them in great danger. A few airships in the alpine regions would in the course of a year save many lives.

By the sea the airship can be of good service after a gale has brought disaster to sea vessels. Long after the air has calmed down to a pitch which will allow the airship to venture forth the sea may remain in turmoil, and wrecked vessels on a dangerous coast are almost out of the reach of human help. The aerial lifeboat could then put forth, carry a line to the wreck, and even take some of the survivors on board. The time will assuredly come when, with perfected vessels and powerful engines we will have airships capable of stemming high winds, and thus after storms they may be able to do splendid service on our coasts. Aeroplanes at coastguard and other stations could save many lives at seaside resorts.

TO DIRECT ARTILLERY.

In European warfare the airship will serve to direct artillery fire in a manner which will be very considerably different from the method of directing non-combatants and property that ordinarily would result from long-distance artillery duels. Dirigible balloons will serve as scouting and observation stations, and aeroplanes by their greater speed and smaller bulk will also be able to carry out many a daring feat.

In naval work the airship will be most useful in locating submarines and mines, as from the deck of the aerial vessel an extraordinarily clear view of objects deep in the water can be obtained. In the near future every warship will probably have its detachment of aeroplanes which can easily be started from the deck of the vessel. These will hover high in the air will report the presence of any vessel within a wide area and will effectively protect the warship against any mines or submarines that may be in the neighborhood. Sniping down close to the water the aeroplanes would be able to injure the observation tube of the submarine in such a manner that the vessel could no longer steer a safe course under the water. Once it came to the surface it could be attacked by bombs hurled from the airship or by gun fire from the warship.

SPORTING INSTRUMENT.
It is to be devoutly hoped that long before a great war will test the possibilities of the airship this vessel will be employed in many other useful ways. Probably its first principal employment will be as a sporting instrument, and in the free air races and contests innumerable can be held without creating the prejudices which motor car racing, for instance, stirs up. Wealthy amateurs will tour from place to place in their aeroplanes, and aeroplanes will possibly become cheaper than motor cars.

When a number of people have become adept in the use of flying machines and dirigible balloons we can reasonably expect that the instruments will find many new uses, and I still confidently believe that the airship will first enable us to reach the Pole. Indeed, every nook and cranny of the earth will be surveyed by its aid.

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COUNT BONI RENEWS
FIGHT FOR HIS SONS

Will Make This Contest Against Former Wife Bitter One.

PARIS, Jan. 19.—Count Boni de Castellane intends to renew the fight against his former wife, who was Anna Gould, now Princess de Sagan, with even greater bitterness than he has manifested hitherto. He has lodged an appeal from the judgment of the court granting his former wife custody of their children, and he will use every means in his power to take the three boys away from the princess and his cousin, de Sagan.

Boni no longer asks for money, and as his appeal now concerns only the children, it will, under French procedure, be put at the head of the court calendar, and will probably within two months. Prince de Sagan and his wife are now traveling together on the Riviera, and there is no rumor of any disagreement.

Judgment was obtained yesterday against de Sagan by Hippolyte Ferte for \$100,000 on a note dated November 20, 1907. The prince allowed judgment to go by default.

PREDICTS RAILROAD
FATALITY; HE'S KILLED

Special Agent at Great Bend, Pa., Mangled While Rescuing Woman.

GREAT BEND, Pa., Jan. 19.—With the tragic death of Michael Duffy, special agent for the Lackawanna Railroad at this place, a superstition among railroad men would seem to be confirmed. Duffy, in alluding to the killing of Miss Flaherty in the 21st street yard a few days ago, made the remark that two had been killed suddenly at this point within a month and that a third man would be killed before there would be any let up in such fatalities here.

Monday, as was his habit, Duffy stepped from the station to the platform to assist passengers alighting from train No. 1. As the train drew out he saw a woman who had been slow in alighting from the coach, standing on the railroad track and the fast express, which does not stop here, coming but a few yards away at a sixty-mile-an-hour speed. Duffy swiftly ran and reached the dazed woman in time to save her, but he was hit by the locomotive and instantly killed.

His body was thrown against the platform with such force that it broke loose the heavy planks and the body rebounded to the track, where it was caught under the wheels and torn into pieces that were later gathered up by the trackmen.

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YES.
I thought I knew I knew it all.
But now I must know I know it all.
The more I know, I know I know, I know I know the less.

A GRUDGE.
"That's the person that married me."
"Shall I hit him?"

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PAPA DIDN'T LIKE HIM,
BUT HE WON THE GIRL

Now the Pair are in New York, Awaiting Parental Forgiveness.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Robert T. Rosemond and his pretty bride of 20 are stopping at the Hotel Breidl, anxiously awaiting a word of forgiveness from their parents at Greenvale, N. Y., where the young folk made their home until they came to New York.

Their marriage yesterday is the culmination of a romance that began in childhood days and was opposed by the girl's father.
The bride was Miss Louise Bradshaw, daughter of G. and Mrs. Bradshaw, a prominent lawyer of Greenvale, and an intimate friend of President-elect Taft. Mrs. Rosemond and her two sisters were society leaders in their home city.
Miss Bradshaw had planned to have the ceremony take place at their home next month, but Mr. Bradshaw, in an effort to separate the sweethearts and break off the engagement, sent his daughter to visit friends in East Orange, N. J.
Young Rosemond thought differently and on Thursday he arrived here, going straightway to the City Hall for the license.

CLOSING OUT SALE

WE have decided to close out our entire stock consisting of \$4,000 worth of up-to-date house hold goods. March the 1st. we reopen with an entirely new line which we will announce later but all our present stock must be sold before that date regardless of cost. Store closed all day, open tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

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50 doz. White Stone Cups and Saucers, worth 90c. doz. Clearing out price 49c. doz.
This is 20 p. c. less than wholesale.
A lot of Odd Dishes at 3c. each
1000 Children's 3c. Scriblers, sale price 1c.

All 5c. Exercise Books, 2 for 5c.
500 Ladies' Silk Collars, 20c. value for 6c.
Dolls, Toys and Fancy Goods, 1-2 price
3 pound Can Cream Sodas 25c.
Crockery, Glassware, China at Closing Out Prices, no reserve
Tinware at Wholesale Price. Two Counters for sale cheap
A lot of Fixtures we will not need for our new business will also be sold.
15 Oil Paintings worth \$5.00, sale price \$1.98
All China Shaving Mugs worth 25c. for 9c.
25c. China Cups and Saucers for 14c.
15c. Child's Story Books 8c.
50 Envelopes for 5c.
100 Children's Framers for 50c.
1000 Roll of Wall Paper all odd 1c. Roll
Odd Border 18 inch 1c. yd.
50 China Cake Plates 25 cts.

Hundreds of Bargains as we close our entire stock out starting tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Our new fixtures are ordered for our new business which we will announce later. Follow the crowds tomorrow and see what we are doing as positively everything goes at this sale.

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