

THE STAR, ST JOHN, N. B. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1909

COMMISSION WOULD FAIL UTTERLY, SAYS LOGAN

HALIFAX, Jan. 19.—In 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 strategy 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 planing of the road under commission would utterly fail to remedy the situation it would not remove it from politics any more than selling it to a transcontinental company would. Talk of overmanaging was moonshine. Mr. Logan advocated among other things: (1) Competent management with real powers and responsibility at Moncton; (2) elimination of political influence in appointments, competency being the first condition; (3) readjustment of rates; (4) giving running and haulage rights on favorable terms from Lewis to Canadian Northern and from St. John to Halifax and Sydney to C. P. R.; Grand Trunk Pacific already having such rights, but no station at station business; (5) absorption of branch lines as feeders and extension of Intercolonial for development of the country.

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 getting 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 smouldering 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-

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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, while as inevitably happens with all new devices, many foibrdary and reprehensible feats will also be attempted by their aid. The airship-by which term I mean both aeroplanes and steerable 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 more 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 wireless telegraphy 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, 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 expedition 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 long before the objective is reached. An airship in half a day could cover a greater distance than many an ex-

COUNT BONI RENEWS FIGHT FOR HIS SONS

Will Make This Contest Against Former Wife Bitter One.

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 a search 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.

BURGLARY BY AIRSHIP.

We may fully expect that unscrupulous people will very quickly take advantage of the facilities afforded by airships, and the artist, who depicts a house being burgled by aerial cranks, has not gone beyond the bounds of possibility. Most houses are very badly protected on top, and the burglar, who has a friendly airship in waiting for him, need have little fear of the police. Already motor cars have been employed in many burglaries, and the police have been compelled to adopt quicker means of locomotion in order to cope with them. An aerial police force is perhaps too fantastic to be accepted by us at present, but when the day of the cheap and popular airship comes about the authorities may have to adopt special precautions to regulate the traffic of the skies.

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 alighting to the killing 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 man 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 in baskets.

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YES.

I thought I knew I knew it all. But now I must confess, 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, Availing
Paternal Forgiveness.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Robert T. Rosemond and his pretty bride of 20 are stopping at the Hotel Breittin, anxiously awaiting a word of forgiveness from their parents at Greensboro, N. C., 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 Greensboro 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 China Cake Plates | 25 cts. |

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