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PEKIN NERVOUS AS TO BOXERS; GERMANS DOUBLE THE GUARDS

Possibility of an Anti-Dynastic and Anti-Foreign Rising on Saturday Worries the Court.

U. S. ARMY USELESS TO PROTECT THE AMERICANS

London, Feb. 23.—The correspondent of the Tribune at Peking says: "The court is nervous over the possibility of trouble on Feb. 24. The president of the Chinese foreign board appreciates the possibility of an anti-dynastic rising. The German legation tonight doubled its sentries on account of posting of anti-foreign placards at Tien Tsin."

U. S. Army Useless.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 23.—General William S. Shafter, who commanded the United States army during the Spanish-American war, passed through here yesterday en route from a hunt in Mexico to his California home. Discussing the Chinese situation and the possibilities of intervention by the United States, he said:

"If there was an uprising in China this country could not get sufficient forces in the field to make a showing. There are many troops in the Philip-

pines, but they would not be available for a clash with the Chinese. The danger, if there is any, is to the Americans situated far inland. If they were attacked it would be well over before the United States could get troops to the spot. So far as the naval forces are concerned it is different. The navy is well equipped. At Manila, along the coast of Japan and China, and at other convenient points in the Orient, the United States has ships which could be brought to bear on China, and enough to meet all possible needs."

"Do you believe that China has a grievance against the United States?" the general was asked.

"Grievance of course, she has," he declared. "For years the Chinese have been subjected to every possible indignity by our officials. It has been scandalous. Theodore Roosevelt recognizes it and has issued instructions which ought to bring about some important changes."

UNIONIST SPLIT IN THE LORDS

Devonshire and Goschen Repudiate Mr. Balfour's Leadership.

London, Feb. 23.—In the House of Lords today the Duke of Devonshire provoked a debate on the fiscal question, in opening which he announced that he and his friends would oppose to the best of their ability the proposals made by the Unionist leader.

The duke added that he remained a Unionist, but would not accept a leadership which involved him with the opinions expressed by former Premier Balfour and Joseph Chamberlain.

Former Foreign Secretary Lansdowne defended the policy of Mr. Balfour, while Lord Goschen, the former chancellor of the exchequer, associated himself with the Duke of Devonshire in repudiating it.

THE G. T. P. CONTRACTS

The Construction of 942 Miles Now Arranged For.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—Frank W. Morse, general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, announced yesterday that contracts for the construction of the section between Touchwood Hills and Edmonton, 457 miles, for which tenders were received up to Tuesday, had been awarded in two parts, the first part, 140 miles, from Touchwood Hills to Saskatoon, going to the Canadian White Company, Montreal, and the second part, 317 miles, from Saskatoon to Edmonton, going to Foley Bros., Larson & Co., St. Paul.

This work, together with the work now in hand between Port William and Lake Superior Junction, and Portage la Prairie and Touchwood Hills, makes a total of 942 miles under contract. The conditions imposed upon the contractors is that the work shall be rushed with the greatest speed.

BISHOP SAYS AIM IS TO MAKE THE UNIVERSITY MORE EFFICIENT

The Head of the Huron Diocese Throws Some Light on the Question.

The following letter has been received from the Bishop of Huron, Right Rev. David Williams:

To the Editor of The Advertiser: The discussion on the subject of the Western University is becoming confused, and I think that the air wants a little clearing.

1. In the first place, there seems to be some confusion of ideas as to the present position of the Western University. Let it be distinctly understood that the university is now entirely a Church of England institution; the members of the senate must belong and continue to belong to that church; the university is maintained by money collected from Church of England people in this country and in the old land; it is enabled to exist solely through its connection with Huron College, another purely Church of England institution. In short the Western University is a Church of England institution in precisely the same manner and to the same extent as Huron College. It does seem strange in the face of these facts to find that the Western University is

not a Church of England institution but a non-denominational university.

2. Then there seems to be some confusion as to the attitude of the church. I hope I am wrong, but it has appeared to me that there is some slight under-current of suspicion as to our motives. The suspicion has perhaps arisen from the false idea of the position of the university to which I have referred. But it seems to be implied that the church is seeking to get into its own hands something which now belongs to others. That is entirely wrong. So far from grasping at any privileges, we are actually offering to surrender something which we now possess, if a wider public will only take hold of it. We are not asking the city or the citizens for anything; we are offering something to them.

3. Let this also be distinctly understood. Whatever university privileges London has enjoyed hitherto, have been provided by the Church of England. But evidently a large part of the public, including some even of the students who partake of these privileges, are unaware of that fact. The Church of England has done the work, but it is clear that it does not get the credit for it.

4. But, it may be asked, why do we now make this offer to the citizens of London. The answer to that question (Continued on Page Three.)

THOSE RENDERING WORKS

Court Says Must Prove It No Nuisance or Pay Fine.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Feb. 23.—J. H. McMechan must prove to the satisfaction of the court that his rendering factory is not a nuisance or else a process will be issued to collect the \$3,000 fine imposed on April, 1904, but not collected. Case came up before Judge Hale this morning, who held that the place was not a nuisance at present merely because it was not in operation.

ABDUCTION CHARGED

Mother Said to Have Spirited Away Her Own Son.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Windsor, Feb. 23.—At the request of the Ottawa chief of police, Mrs. John Cook, of Marion, Ohio, was arrested on an M. C. R. train here last night on a charge of abduction. Mrs. Cook was formerly the wife of Peter Bratt, Ottawa, from whom she secured a divorce. They had a son 7 years old, whom it is charged, she has spirited away.

LEAVE IT TO TRANSVAAL

Liberals Will Allow Colony to Decide the Chinese Question.

London, Feb. 23.—Trading on the stock exchange opened much more cheerful today, all departments sharing in the improvement. Kaffirs had an appreciably better opening on the statement of Winston Spencer Churchill, under secretary of state for the colonies, in the House of Commons, outlining the Government's policy on the Chinese labor question in the South Africa. Briefly summed up, the Liberal policy is that there shall be no violent expulsion of the Chinese, but while some of the most servile conditions of indenture will be eliminated, the ultimate decision of the question is to be left to a responsible government of the Transvaal.

Man Awakes in Hearses

Wals, Wis., Feb. 23.—James Mulligan, of Iogo, Wis., narrowly escaped being buried alive today. The funeral procession was on its way to the church, when the driver of the hearse found groans from within, followed by smashing of glass. The casket was opened and Mulligan, fully restored to consciousness, sat up and inquired where he was. He had been in a trance for three days.

The Grand Trunk Places Large Order for Material

The Grand Trunk management is making extensive preparations for the improvements that are to be made in the London yards during the coming summer. Vast quantities of material will be required for the work, and some of this has already been ordered. No time will be lost in placing the

DIED AT DENVER, COL.

Mrs. George W. Russell, Formerly of This City, Passes Away.

News came from Denver, Col., yesterday to Mrs. Green, of Grosvenor street, denouncing the death of her mother, Mrs. George W. Russell.

The late Mrs. Russell was born in London, England. When a young girl she was taken to South Africa for her health by an uncle, a chaplain to a corps in the British army. There she met and married George W. Russell, then a young officer in the Royal Engineers serving in that country. Later they were transferred to Bermuda, W. I., where Mr. Russell resigned his commission, and with his family came to Canada, settling in London.

About 20 years ago Mr. and Mrs. Russell moved to Denver, Col., where they have resided ever since. Besides the husband three children are left to mourn her loss: Geo. W., New York City; Joseph, Butte, Mont.; and Mrs. Green, this city.

Mrs. Green immediately left for Denver on receipt of the sad news.

SUICIDES ON WEDDING EVE

Italian Prince Sure Marriage Would Be Unhappy One.

Naples, Feb. 23.—Prince Pignatelli Strongoli, aged 19 years, son of a lady in waiting to Queen Helena, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself. He was to have been married in a few hours to a daughter of the Duke of Corigliano. He left a letter to his father, saying he killed himself because he was skeptical about life, and another letter to his fiancée saying she would have been unhappy with him. The affair has caused a great sensation, both families being among the most aristocratic in Naples.

Walked Into River.

Lakefield, Ont., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Crowe, aged about 65, widow of the late Thomas Crowe, committed suicide here this evening by deliberately walking into the river. Two boys on the bridge saw her. The body was soon recovered, but life was extinct. No cause is known for her act.

Britishers Overwhelmed

Lagos, British West Africa, Feb. 23.—A force of religious fanatics is reported to have invaded and overrun a portion of Sokoto, Northern Nigeria, from the north, to have destroyed a French post near the frontier, killing five French officers and capturing two, and to have overwhelmed a British detachment, whose casualties are not given.

London, Feb. 23.—No details of the reported loss of a British force near Sokoto, Northern Nigeria, has been received here. The colonial office has received a dispatch giving the bare fact that three officers have been killed. Owing to the distance from any telegraph line details are not obtainable. It is believed here that the French forces in Nigeria also have suffered defeat as French troops are mentioned in connection with the affair, which occurred on Feb. 14.

It is thought that there is a serious trouble northeast of Sokoto, in the neighborhood of the frontier, where a new Mahdi has appeared. The British authorities, however, believe that the rising will not be allowed to spread.

WHEAT FOR THE STARVING

Seattle Will Send a Shipload to Help the Japanese.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 23.—The Post-Intelligencer today started an effort to secure a shipload of wheat for Japanese famine sufferers. The paper subscribes ten tons of wheat, and calls for subscriptions in kind, to be shipped, if possible, March 12. Latest Oriental mail advises show that nearly 1,000,000 persons are starving, and food is needed most money.

COAL TAX TO GO

British Chancellor Says Considers It Vicious and Unnecessary.

London, Feb. 23.—The British export tax on coal is apparently slated for removal in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's forthcoming budget. Mr. Asquith informed a deputation yesterday that while he declined to make any declaration until he presented the budget, he considered the coal tax to be vicious and unnecessarily injurious to an important industry, adding that when an opportunity offered the members of the deputation would find him anxious to remove it.

RECORD RUN ON G. T. R.

From Toronto to Buffalo in Two and a Half Hours.

The special train which left Toronto at 1:30 yesterday with the Mendelssohn choir, arrived at Buffalo at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, breaking all records between the two points. This is a particularly fast run when it is taken into consideration that the equipment of the train was the new standard vestibule coaches, which the Grand Trunk has just put into service. Many compliments were paid the Grand Trunk, both on account of the magnificent train and the fast run made.

Mr. J. D. McDonald, district passenger agent, Toronto, accompanied the party. Mr. U. E. Gillen, assistant superintendent of this city, was also on board, and watched the arrangements very closely. The engineer was Mr. Overend.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Mild and Showery.

London, Friday, Feb. 23. Sun rises, 7:05 a.m. Moon rises, 7:22 p.m. Sun sets, 5:55 p.m. Moon sets, 6:27 a.m. Toronto, Feb. 23—3 p.m. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 38 below; Alton, 32; Port Simpson, 22-40; Victoria, 40-50; Kamloops, 28-41; Calgary, 20-46; Edmonton, 20-42; Qu'Appelle, 14-21; Winnipeg, 22-32; Port Arthur, 18-24; Parry Sound, 14-24; Toronto, 28-32; Ottawa, 20-32; Montreal, 24-36; Quebec, 20-28; St. John, 22-40; Halifax, 20-46.

FORECASTS. Friday, Feb. 23—5 p.m. Today—Southeasterly winds; fair and very mild. Saturday—Mild and showery.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary 18 2 Cloudy. Winnipeg 4 2 Fair. Port Arthur 18 2 Fair. Parry Sound 14 2 Fair. Toronto 24 2 Fair. Ottawa 20 2 Fair. Montreal 24 18 Fair. Quebec 18 14 Cloudy. St. John 22 12 Cloudy. Halifax 20 14 Cloudy.

The sign—indicates below zero.

WEATHER NOTES. This morning there are indications of an important cold wave setting in over the Northwest. The weather is extremely mild over Ontario, and moderately cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 32.8°; lowest, 27.8°.

BLUEBEARD HOCH PAYS THE PENALTY

Chicago Bigamist and Wife Murderer Hanged Today.

CONFESSES TO THIRTEEN WIVES

Twice Reprieved When Within a Few Hours of the Gallows—Story of His Career.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Hoch was hanged at 1:34 p.m.

Hoch slept well all night, and when he awoke this morning was apparently in a jovial mood. He turned to Guard James Cummings, who was in the room with him, and wished him good-morning. Cummings immediately summoned Jailer O'Neil, who came at once to the room, and said:

"Good-morning, John. How are you this morning?"

"I feel fine," said Hoch. "I had a good night and was not disturbed. I'm feeling fine."

Hoch then gave his order for breakfast, and while awaiting its arrival, was given several papers to read.

"Look here, O'Neil," he called out. "See what one of the papers says about me?"

He then read to O'Neil the article, which said that he had given up all hope and was in a state of collapse. "That thing says that I have lost hope," remarked Hoch. "But I have not. I will keep my nerve to the last."

The attorneys for Hoch were out early today seeking to prevent the execution by legal means. The first thing attempted was to secure a writ of supersedeas from Justice Magrader, of the supreme court. The justice refused to grant it.

Hoch is believed to have come originally from Herrweiler, a small town in Germany, not far from Bingen-on-the-Rhine. His father, Jacob Schmidt, is said to still reside there. A wife, supposed to be the first wife of Hoch, is also living in the same place. Hoch has always been reticent regarding his career in this country, and his first wife married in the United States is believed to have been Mrs. Martha Steinbrecher, a sister of Mrs. Emma Fischer, a sister of Mrs. Wetcker-Hoch. He obtained \$75 from her, and disappeared. January 19, the last Mrs. Hoch reported to the police the disappearance of her husband. Suspicion was aroused by her story, and the body of Mrs. Wetcker-Hoch was exhumed, and 76 grains of arsenic were found in the stomach. Search was made for Hoch, and he was finally discovered in New York, where his landlady, Mrs. Kimberly, reported that he believed her boarder to be Hoch, because he had proposed marriage to her on the day of his arrival in her house. He was arrested and later brought to Chicago.

Hoch, after being placed in jail here, admitted that he had been married thirteen times, but always denied that he had caused the death of any of his wives. He was placed on trial April 19, and on May 20 the jury returned a verdict finding him guilty of murder, and fixing the punishment of death. On June 3 sentence was passed on him, and the date of the execution being set for June 23. Governor Deenen granted him a reprieve until July 23. Within one hour of the time set for his execution Hoch was given a second reprieve until August 25. Before this date arrived, however, the supreme court of the state granted a supersedeas to permit of the consideration of his case by the court. December 15, the court handed down a decision, affirming the verdict in the lower court and fixing the date of execution for Feb. 23. The last effort made by Hoch to secure a new trial ended Feb. 21, when Governor Deenen, and the board of pardons refused to interfere in his behalf.

Lieut. Lawson Retires. Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The retirement of Lieut. W. B. Lawson from the Twenty-sixth Light Infantry is gazetted.

Dominion to the Rescue; Flour for Starving Japs

The Canadian Government Purchases \$25,000 Worth of Wheat Flour for Shipment to Nippon.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—The Canadian Government have purchased \$25,000 worth of wheat flour, which will be shipped to Japan for relief of the famine-stricken sufferers in the northern parts of the kingdom, where the rice crop, the staple food of the people, has proved a total failure. The flour has been largely purchased in Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, but a part has been milled in British Columbia from Alberta wheat. It will be sent forward in white cotton sacks, each holding 49 pounds, and inclosed in a bag of coarse jute. The sides of both bags will bear this inscription in Japanese characters: "Canadian wheat flour for the special use of the northeastern famine suffering people. The gift of the Canadian Government." Twenty thousand bags of cotton and an equal number of bags of jute will be needed to transport the flour. It will go forward in two shipments, the first leaving British Columbia on March 5. Flour will not be the only thing in the bags. Advantage will be taken of the opportunity to impress the Japanese with the advantage of making bread from Canadian flour. At present they convert flour into macaroni and other foods, which lack the substantial character of bread. Hence each bag will contain directions how to make bread and a sample of yeast to help to give effect to them. The directions are in leaders of fine flimsy, and are penned in the best Japanese of the Mikado's scholarly and erudite representative to the Canadian capital, Consul-General T. Nossie, can command. It is scarcely necessary to state the reasons for such a practical demonstration of friendship for the Japanese, nor to say that the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Sydney Fisher, is responsible for the recommendation upon which the Government acted.

KILLED AT RIDOUT STREET CROSSING

'Twas Only a Steer, However, and It Had Only Itself to Blame.

What appears to have been a deliberate case of suicide occurred on the Ridout street crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway about 9 o'clock this morning.

Mr. G. F. Gillam, a wholesale butcher, of Westminster, received a shipment of cattle today, and after unloading them at Wellington street, proceeded to drive them westward on York to Ridout, where he turned them south, intending to slaughter them at his premises in Westminster.

As the cattle reached the Grand Trunk crossing the watchman saw a train approaching from the east, and he let the gates down. The dozen or more steers and heifers were not to be stopped, however, and they ran around the gates onto the tracks.

A black steer, with a Texas kink in his tail, appeared to be bent on thwarting the butcher, for he ran directly in front of the locomotive, as though he had made up his mind to commit suicide. He was dragged about a hundred feet, and looked much worse for wear when the train passed on.

Two other steers suffered abrasions of the hide, some as large as a blacksmith's apron. All the others raced like thoroughbreds for Westminster bridge and the slaughter house.

The loss occasioned by the death of the suicide will be in the neighborhood of \$30.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE

Austrian Premier Brings Down a Measure to Cover All Classes.

Vienna, Feb. 23.—Five bills embodying a scheme for universal suffrage and other electoral reforms were introduced in the lower house of the Austrian Parliament today by the Premier, Baron Gauts von Frankenthum.

The Premier was subjected to noisy interruptions on the part of Pan-Germans, while explaining the details of the plan, but the majority of the deputies heartily applauded his speech.

The bills provide for the election of 455 deputies to the lower house. Every Austrian 24 years old and domiciled in a constituency for at least a year will be entitled to vote, and every one possessed of Austrian citizenship for at least three years will be eligible to election to the lower house. Plural voting is prohibited and a division of the electoral district is designed so to give the Germans 205 representatives, the Slavs 230, the Italians 15, and the Roumanians 42. A bill also provides for the suspension of disorderly members for a period not exceeding one week.

SUING THE G. T. R.

The Lambton spring assizes began at Sarnia on Monday next, with Justice Street presiding. One case of interest is that of Shannon vs. G. T. R. This is an action for damages for the death of Albert Shannon, a brakeman, who was killed in the East London yards on May 27 last, while shunting. The accident happened on a very foggy night.

ARREST IN OWEN SOUND SENSATION

[Special to The Advertiser.] Some time, and came from England three years ago. Latterly he has been doing farm laborer's work in Keppel Township. The police say they have strong circumstantial evidence. Pre-Bay Shore road. Stewart has been their hearing takes place this afternoon at odd jobs around town farm.

UNANIMOUS CALL TO NEW ST. JAMES

Congregation Extends It to Rev. Thomas Mitchell, Formerly of Barrie, Vermont.

The congregation of the New St. James' Presbyterian Church last evening decided to extend a unanimous call to Rev. Thomas Mitchell, B. A., formerly of Barrie, Vermont, to become pastor of the church in succession to Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, who recently removed to Vancouver, B. C. Since the pulpit was declared vacant, a few weeks ago, five candidates for the pastorate have been heard, and of these Mr. Mitchell was decidedly the favorite. He is a young man, 37 years of age, a splendid preacher, an energetic worker—in fact, just the one to take up the work laid down by Mr. MacGillivray.

Last night the interim moderator, Rev. Dr. Ross, presided. The readiness of the congregation to extend a call was not questioned, and when a vote was taken it was found that 89 were in favor of Mr. Mitchell; 12 supported another of the candidates, while a third received three votes. The call was thereupon made unanimous.

The call will be signed by the members and adherents of the church and forwarded to Mr. Mitchell, who, it is understood, will accept.

The salary will be \$1,800 a year, with four weeks' holidays.

Mr. Mitchell, who is a brother-in-law of Rev. Mr. Nixon, of Hyde Park, is a graduate of Knox College, Toronto. He secured the degree of B. D. at Harvard, and also took degrees in arts at 'Varsity, Toronto. For nine years he was stationed at Barrie, Vermont. When he went there the Presbyterians worshiped in a very small building, but during his pastorate a \$15,000 edifice was built and paid for. At present Mr. Mitchell is supplying at St. Enoch's Church, Toronto.

No Birching in Navy.

London, Feb. 23.—Edmund Robertson, the new financial secretary of the admiralty, announced in the House of Commons today that the practice of birching had been suspended in the navy until further orders, and that caning would only be inflexible by order of the captain of a ship.

The Waterloo Cup.

Liverpool, Feb. 23.—The Waterloo cup, for clearing, which was known as "Dog Derby," was concluded today at Aintree, near here, with a victory for H. Hardy's horse. There were 64 entries, and the heats occupied three days. The betting, which at the start was 10 to 1 against Hopedale, this morning was 11 to 10 on Mr. Hardy's entry.

Killed by Falling Tree.

Edmonton, Feb. 23.—Rev. P. Almgren, a Lutheran minister, of Westskilwin, was accidentally killed by a falling tree on Monday afternoon. He was returning from Pigeon Lake, where he had held services on Sunday. Some parties were cutting down a tree near the trail, and it started to fall as Mr. Almgren and his companion were passing. Both leaped from the rig to escape, but Mr. Almgren was caught by the tree and instantly killed. The gentleman accompanying him escaped serious injury.

Planned a Week's Fair.

Tiffin, O., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Cora Carpenter was arrested today, accused of wrecking a Pennsylvania freight train a week ago Wednesday night, and attempting to wreck a fast passenger train on that night and the night following. Mrs. Carpenter is a member of a prominent family of Seneca County, and is a beautiful woman, highly educated and apparently well-to-do. She is supposed to have a mania for causing and witnessing wrecks.