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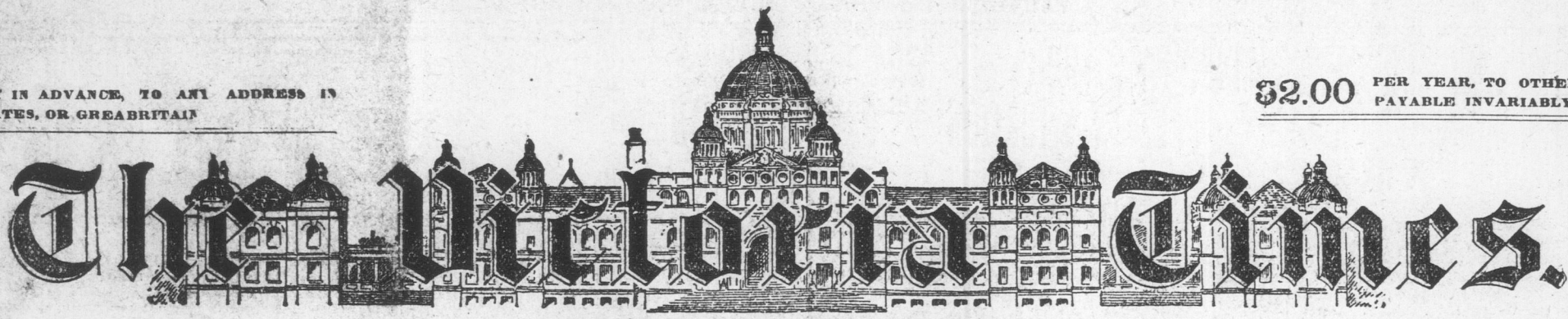
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TWO WERE KILLED
BY EXPLOSION

WHICH OCCURRED IN
HOTEL AT RIDGETOWN

Several of the Injured Are in a Critical
Condition—Bankers' Association
Annual Meeting.

Ridgetown, Ont., Nov. 12.—The explosion of the gas engine in the cellar of the Lezar house shortly after 5 o'clock last night wrecked the whole front of the building, and resulted in the death of two persons and the injuring of several others who were inmates of the hotel. The dead are W. Weir, agent for a photograph enlarging firm, and Geo. W. Atkinson, circulating solicitor for the London Advertiser. Mr. Atkinson had only been in their employment for a year, and left his home at London at the beginning of the week. He left Chatham yesterday morning for Ridgetown. He leaves a widow and three children. Mrs. Atkinson received word of her husband's death two hours after she had received a letter from him, dated Chatham. The injured are: W. Barclay, auctioneer, scalp torn from over the ear to the top of the head and badly bruised about the body, will probably die; John Mackenzie, farmer, back of the head scratched, arm and right side badly injured, will likely recover; J. Watson, face and leg cut and body bruised, in critical condition; A. Vaughan, porter, head cut, not serious; H. W. Parcell, proprietor of the hotel, hands and head cut, not serious; Miss M. Addeman who was walking past the hotel at the moment of the explosion had her body cut, and is suffering from shock. The injured were removed to neighboring stores and made as comfortable as possible. The force of the explosion broke windows in stores across the street. In each direction many plate glass windows were practically ground to powder. The lower part of the hotel is a total wreck, and the upper stories are liable to collapse at any moment. The cause of the explosion is unknown. The loss will be heavy. The hotel had been thoroughly renovated recently, and was one of the best houses in Western Ontario.

Question of Exhibits.
Toronto, Nov. 12.—F. W. Hodson, Dominion live stock commissioner, says Canadian live stock breeders have decided not to exhibit at St. Louis exposition unless alterations are made in the regulations which will permit of provincial registrations being recognized. Changes must also be made in the prize list, which practically cuts out several classes in which Canadians are chiefly interested.

Fire at Hamilton.
Hamilton, Nov. 12.—Fire at an early hour this morning did damage to the extent of \$35,000 to the stock of the Hamilton Brass Manufacturing Co.

Got Nine Years.
Montreal, Nov. 12.—Charles Dorfman, for the burglary of Chaley & Orkin's millinery store, Notre Dame street, and knowingly receiving stolen goods belonging to Fred & Co., St. Paul street, has been sentenced to seven years on the first charge and two years on the second charge.

Bankers' Association.
The annual meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association took place here today. The meeting was occupied entirely with the discussion of technical and association matters. E. S. Clouston, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, was re-elected president.

Manitoba Grain.
Winnipeg, Nov. 12.—The council of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, at the request of the Trunk Line Association, has designated the following as the grades of Manitoba grain for export via New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia for the crop of 1903, viz.: No. 1 hard wheat, No. 1 Northern, No. 2 Northern, No. 3 Northern; two commercial grades of wheat to be named later.

ANOTHER FIGHT.
More People Killed in Macedonia—
Leader Reported at Salonica.

Salonica, Nov. 12.—During fighting in the village of Thrava, in the Kingdom of Nevochor, November 7th, 72 persons were killed. It is reported that Boris Saraffo, the leader of the Macedonian revolutionists, arrived here to-day for the purpose of planning fresh outrages. The police are searching for him.

Massacre By Soldiers.
Pittsburg, Nov. 12.—Ara B. Chutjian, of Pittsburg, brother of Rev. Q. B. Chutjian, who was murdered in the streets of Odessa, Russia, last June, and leader of the local Hunschoonist revolutionary branch of the Armenian patriots, to-day received advice of another massacre by Turkish soldiers of bands of Armenians in Asia Minor. The butcheries occurred, according to Mr. Chutjian, about eight days ago in Bayazid, near the foot of Mount Arrarat.

THE CHICAGO STRIKE.

Many People Injured During the Disturbances Which Followed Attempts to Run Cars.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Constant scenes of disorder over a district of approximately fifty square miles resulted to-day from the inauguration of a strike on the Chicago city railway, one of the two principal local surface companies. The tie-up through the south side to the business district, where the company operates, was complete. A number of cars were wrecked, and that no person was killed is no fault of the rioters. One man had his back broken, and the first shot of the strike was fired at Wentworth avenue, and West 69th street, where a mob of several hundred persons tried to hold up a train. Many persons, chiefly non-union car men, were injured by missiles and a very glass. Two women were among those hurt.

With faces and hands bleeding from the attacks of the strikers, motormen, policemen and conductors who tried to run trains, returned to the barns and refused to go out again unless the trains bore platoons of police or patrol wagons were alongside. Under orders from Mayor H. H. Dwyer, whose announced purpose was to preserve an impartial attitude, the police confined their efforts to clearing the blockades and crowds from the streets.

Developments regarding the attitude of the municipal administration hinge largely upon a new official, Herman Schuetter, who to-day became assistant chief of police. Schuetter will be in charge of police arrangements during the strike. Schuetter has a record in teaching the Haymarket rioters and in sending Luert, the sausage maker, to death under conviction for wife murder. He also has a remarkable record for personal daring.

Before night fall President D. C. Hamilton and General Counsel Bliss, of the railway company, after endeavoring to operate in defiance of the strike, announced, after a conference with Mayor Harrison, that the attempt would be abandoned for the day. A further effort to run cars, each car accompanied by a squad of police, a patrol wagon, will probably be made to-morrow. Although the full list of injured in the street car strike rioting to-day is undoubtedly large, the police estimate the number of only those whose wounds were of a serious nature. The most serious cases are those of H. S. Orton, conductor, and his gripman, Wm. Watson, both of whom were in their car when it was overturned. Orton may not live. Albert Barren, a non-union man, was knocked unconscious by a brick. About fifteen arrests have been made for rioting.

SITUATION IN PANAMA.
Governor of Colon Grateful to States—
Fears for Safety of Americans in
Colombia.

Colon, Nov. 12.—What impresses all observers of the present situation on the Isthmus of Panama is the complete success of the secession movement and the orderly continuance of affairs since the change of government.

Porfirio Melendez, the new governor of Colombia, expressed full realization of what Panama owed to the United States, calling that country "the new republic's powerful and generous godmother." General Melendez said: "Panama will be able to raise between 5,000 and 6,000 troops, party armed, in case the necessity arises to resist a Colombian attack, but I do not believe that any such necessity will ever arise." He said it was impossible for Colombia to send troops overland to the Isthmus. It is apparent that United States warships will not permit any movement by sea of armed forces.

The royal mail steamer Orioco arrived here this morning, bringing news of General Torres and the Colombian troops she took from here after the proclamation of the Republic of Panama. On the arrival of the steamer the news of the Isthmus, the news of events on the Isthmus quickly spread, and the General and his officers were threatened with arrest as traitors.

The threat was not put into effect. The populace were greatly excited and crowded the streets crying: "Down with the Americans!" United States Consul Ingersoll, fearing violence, remained in the consulate.

Panama's declaration of independence was read at Barranquilla from a newspaper by the prefect to a crowd in the plaza, and was greeted by furious outcries and shouts of "Death to the Panamanians!" and "Death to the Americans!" The prefect followed the reading by a speech, in which he declared that the Colombian government would never permit the secession of the Isthmus and would have the last territory at any cost. United States Vice-Consul Lovelace was sitting on a balcony of his home to-night when several stones were thrown at him. He went inside and was not further molested.

Fears are entertained for the safety of Americans in Colombia and of the possibility of the anger of the populace being vented against foreigners generally.

About fifty officers and civilians, employees of the former government of the department of Panama, apprehended at Panama since the date of the independence proclamation, and who refused to take the oath of allegiance to the new republic, arrived here to-day over the Panama railway under a heavy armed escort. The prisoners boarded the Spanish steamer Leo XIII, and guards were placed on the deck to prevent their escape. The steamer will start to-morrow. Thirteen other prisoners, held here for similar reasons, were escorted aboard the Leo XIII, and will be landed at Savannah.

RUSSIANS FOUGHT
CHINESE SOLDIERS

TEN THOUSAND TROOPS
NOW IN MANCHURIA

The Attempts to Secure an Ice-Free
Port on the Pacific Have
Failed.

Tientsin, Nov. 13.—It is reported here that Russian troops marching towards Shan Hai Kwan encountered a force of Imperial Chinese troops, and that fighting ensued, the Russians, it is asserted, pretending that the Imperial force was a band of Chinese robbers. Altogether over 10,000 Imperial troops have crossed the frontier into Manchuria.

Policy Failed.

London, Nov. 13.—A correspondent of the Times at St. Petersburg says it is admitted in official circles that the policy which led to the occupation of Port Arthur and Manchuria was not worth the expenditure of money and blood it had entailed, and the attempt to secure an ice-free port on the Pacific has so far proved a failure. The construction of a huge breakwater, which was to protect against high seas only resulted in making the harbor icebound in winter, the lack of this protection heretofore having evidently prevented the accumulation of ice.

Finally, the correspondent says, the opposition of Japan has thwarted the plan to secure an ice-free port at Masamphi. Changing Names.

Pekin, Nov. 3.—A letter received here from Shanghai states that Russia is constantly changing the names of her warships to create confusion and uncertainty concerning the movements of the ships. The same letter adds that both Russia and Japan are actively pushing preparations for war.

ALLEGED TICKET FORGERS.

Two Men Who It Is Claimed Swindled
Railway Companies Arrested in
Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 13.—H. L. Kaines, alias C. H. Miller, and H. L. Scott, said by the police to be two of the cleverest railway ticket forgers in the country, were arrested last night. Stamps, chemicals for altering tickets and blank order slips were found in their room by the police.

As a result of the arrests a number of ticket scalpers were searched to-day. The men, it is alleged, secured thousands of dollars worth of transportation from railroads by presenting a forged letter purporting to be issued by the superintendent of the Mexican Central railroad. The letter stated that Kaines was a railroad employee on a furlough. It was addressed to the passenger agents of the railways requesting them to furnish the bears with transportation. According to the police the prisoners have operated all over the country.

The Western Passenger's Association will prosecute the cases against the prisoners. It is alleged also that they were making a business of furnishing clearance cards and letters of recommendation for employees of the various lines throughout the country as a means of defrauding the railroads for transportation.

REGARDED AS LABORERS.

Number of Chinese Proprietors of Cigar,
Broom and Other Factories May
Be Deported.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 13.—The United States court commission has handed down a decision in the case of Lin Lung Wong, a Chinese merchant, who acted as foreman in his own packing establishment, to the effect that a Chinese manufacturer who engages in any manual labor about his factory, even for the purpose of instructing his employees, is a laborer under the meaning of the Exclusion Act, and as such is not entitled to entry into or remain in the country as a merchant. This opinion, if adopted as a rule of action by the Chinese bureau, will lead to the deportation of a large number of Chinese proprietors of cigar factories, clothing shops, broom factories and other establishments.

WILL REPLY SHORTLY.

Message From the Porte Regarding
Macedonian Reforms Will Be
Satisfactory.

Constantinople, Nov. 13.—Tewfik Pasha, the foreign minister, called on the Austrian and Russian ambassadors yesterday, and notified them that the Porte's reply to the latest proposal of the two powers on the subject of reforms in Macedonia would speedily be presented, and that it would be satisfactory. This is in accordance with the views of the Grand Vizier, who opposed the previous rejection of the scheme, and consequently was threatened with the deprivation of his office. His position now is secure.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

President Roosevelt's Decision Regarding
"Open Shop" Discussed.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 12.—At to-day's session of the American Federation of Labor convention a report showing a good financial condition was presented by the auditing committee, and the next in order was the report of the committee on resolutions. The committee's recommendation that all affiliated bodies be assessed 25 cents a week was adopted.

Printing came the resolution bearing on the "open shop" order, and government printing office case, involving the decision by President Roosevelt that the government could not discriminate between union and non-union help. The resolution was to the effect that the "so-called open shop" whether under private or under government control, "cannot be recognized by organized labor," and the committee recommended that the matter be referred to the committee on the council's report. First Vice-President James Duncanson, of Washington, advocated the acceptance of the committee's report. Delegate J. Mahlon Barnes, of Philadelphia, president of the Cigar-makers' International Union, said that President Roosevelt's decision that the "open shop" must be maintained in all cases of federal employment, was a "slap in the face" for laboring people. A resolution was adopted that the Federation renews its claim that it future all United States ships shall be built in government yards.

REBUFF TO THE
FREE TRADE PARTY

SIR M. HICKS-BEACH'S
CHANGE OF ATTITUDE

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CANADA'S FINANCES.
Receipts For Past Four Months In
Excess \$2,000,000 Compared With
Same Time Last Year.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—The financial statement of Canada for the four months of the fiscal year to the end of October shows the revenue to have been \$23,735,715, and expenditure \$22,719,119. The receipts are two million better than last year, while the expenditure shows a reduction of two million besides. The capital outlay is \$1,226,776 less than half of that for the corresponding period in 1900.

FARMER MURDERED.
Two Other Members of Family Died Under
Suspicious Circumstances—
Suspected Plot.

Burlington, Kan., Nov. 11.—Edward Theft and his father, Charles Theft, have been arrested on the charge of murdering William Smale, the farmer who was shot at his home, northwest of here, on Monday night.

The murder has called to mind that at least two other members of the Smale family have died under suspicious circumstances, and the officers profess to believe that a thorough investigation will disclose a plot against the members of the family. It is probable that the body of a young daughter who died last summer may be exhumed and the stomach analyzed for traces of poison. Several years ago the oldest son died suddenly while the father was absent from the house.

PRIVATE WEDDING.

Marquis Di Rudini and Miss Dora
Labouchere Married at Florence.

Florence, Italy, Nov. 1.—Marquis Carlo Di Rudini, son of the former Italian Premier, and Miss Dora Labouchere, daughter of Henry Labouchere, proprietor and editor of the London Truth, were married here yesterday. Mr. Labouchere and the former premier were present.

ATTACKED BY SPANIARDS.

Ferrol, Spain, Nov. 13.—Two British steamers arrived here yesterday in a damaged condition, and told a strange story of being attacked by twenty-five Spanish vessels, the crews of which threw stones and fired at them and then took to flight.

KING EDWARD'S BIRTHDAY.

Belgrade, Nov. 13.—It is officially announced that King Peter personally congratulated King Edward on the occasion of the anniversary of his birthday, and received a reply thanking King Peter for his kind attention.

THE PROCEEDINGS
WERE HARMONIOUS

L. P. DUFF ON HEARING
OF BOUNDARY CASE

Victoria Counsel is Now En Route Home
—Refuses to Discuss the
Decision.

New York, Nov. 13.—Lyman P. Duff, K. C. of Victoria, who was the only legal representative of British Columbia before the Alaska boundary tribunal in London, is at the Hotel Imperial, on his way home to Victoria. "The hearing before the tribunal," said Mr. Duff to your correspondent, "was conducted with the most perfect reciprocal courtesy and harmony. There was not an inharmonious note in the proceedings from start to finish. The whole affair proceeded on that high plane that each expected in the case of men who were accustomed to move in wide circles in dealing with large affairs. Everything that was possible to do in the presentation of the regular sides of the controversy was done, and ably seconded by the Anglo-French side. It is improper to discuss the decision of reception accorded it."

COTTON IN JAMAICA.

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THE CLAIMS OF POWERS.
Arguments Concluded Before Vene-
zuela Arbitration Tribunal and
Court.

The Hague, Nov. 13.—The Venezuelan arbitration tribunal adjourned to-day sine die, the arguments having been concluded. The court will now consider its decision, and will notify those interested of the date of its delivery. The closing proceedings were brief. Re-plying for the United States, Judge Penfield, solicitor of the state department at Washington, maintained that the blocking of powers in two protocols of February 1901 abandoned all claims for privileged treatment. The United States, he declared, would remain faithful to the condition of arbitration, even though the decision rendered is unfavorable to America. Counsel was confident the tribunal's verdict would prove satisfactory to the conscience of the civilized world. The tribunal announced that the completed statements of claims might be deposited with the secretary-general up to December 15th inclusive.

Solicitor-General Finlay, of Great Britain, thanked the court in behalf of the condition of Lord Roberts, commander-in-chief, was quite satisfactory, that there were no complications and that he was making favorable progress towards recovery. Lord Roberts is suffering from pneumonia, which developed from a chill contracted at the unveiling of a memorial to Prince Christian Victor at Windsor last Friday.

SENTENCE ON LIEUTENANT.

Attorneys For State and Accused Have
Entered Appeals.

Berlin, Nov. 13.—Both the attorney for the state have appealed against yesterday's verdict of the military court and six months' imprisonment and to dismissal from the army for the publication of his book, "A Little Garrison."

CAUGHT IN GALE.

Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, Nov. 14.—The British ship Ardmouth, the British barque Count of Pembroke, the Italian barque Antonio, and the Norwegian barque Two Brothers, and the Norwegian barque Wayfarer have been driven ashore and wrecked to a sale at Algoa Bay. Another vessel, the Lytto, was dismasted at the same time.

ROYAL VISIT TO LONDON.

King and Queen of Italy Will Arrive on
Tuesday—Arbitration Treaty
Likely.

London, Nov. 14.—King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helene of Italy, who are to arrive in England on November 17th, will meet them on board the royal yacht, and will accompany the Italian King and Queen to Windsor, where King Edward and Queen Alexandra will meet them at the railway station. At Windsor Castle, special apartments, last occupied by Emperor William in 1899, have been prepared for use of the royal visitors. State banquets and shooting in Windsor forest will compose the daily programme, except November 19th, when they will visit London and pass in procession through the streets to the Guildhall, where the Lord Mayor will give luncheon in their honor.

Besides a large escort of British troops, the King and Queen of Italy in their progress through the metropolis will be attended by a guard of honor of Garibaldian veterans resident in London. The royal visitors will leave England on November 21st.

Signor Littoni, Italian foreign minister, who accompanies his sovereign to England, will, while here, have a conference with Foreign Secretary Lansdowne, especially in relation to Somalia and Abyssinia, and it is just possible another arbitration treaty, similar to the Anglo-French treaty, may result. If any influence at all is likely to be exerted on the European relations, it is said it will be adverse to Russia, as it is understood here that King Victor Emmanuel is very bitter against the Czar for cancelling his visit to Rome. Queen Helene, however, has always been a keen friend of Russia.

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UNRECONCILED.

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PRIEST MISSING.

Friends Fear He Has Been Kidnapped or
Killed by Members of the Mafia.

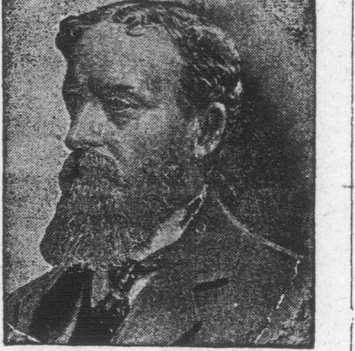
New York, Nov. 14.—Since Rev. Father Joseph Cirrigione, pastor of a Catholic church in Williamsbridge, left his home on Thursday night not a trace of him has been found, and his friends and relatives fear he has been kidnaped or slain, and are members of the Mafia, who had threatened him with death.

RAILWAY WRECK.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 14.—One person was killed, four seriously injured, and a number of others were slightly bruised in the wreck of the East Aurora accommodation train on the Western, New York & Pennsylvania railroad, a short distance east of the city, early to-day. The engine and coach went into the ditch and the second coach was tipped half way over, but remained upon the tracks. The engineer, Alfonso Cole, was buried under his engine and killed.

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