

BILL FRAMED TO STIFLE GRAFT

GOVERNMENT IS NOW CONSIDERING MEASURE

Criminal Offence to Offer or Accept Secret Commissions in Business Transactions.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The government has under consideration and will probably introduce at the coming session of parliament a bill modelled on the lines of an act passed by the British parliament in 1866, making it a criminal offence to offer or accept secret commissions with the view of corruptly influencing business transactions in which the employer or agent who accepts a commission is entrusted. The bill aims to prevent the wholesale system of payment of secret commissions either in connection with private or government business.

It will, of course, meet abuses shown by the recent investigation at Quebec under Judge Cassels to have existed in the administration of the marine department at that port. The measure has the hearty support of Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, and it is understood has been endorsed by the cabinet in council.

ALBERTA'S NEED IS MORE RAILWAYS

Premier Rutherford Announces New Policy—Department to Be Created.

Edmonton, Alta., Nov. 25.—Premier Rutherford announced to-day that many more lines of railway were needed in Alberta if the settlers are to be attracted. He will create a department of railways and will take charge of it himself. He will offer a guarantee of bonds to induce railway construction. Many homesteaders are now from forty to sixty miles from a railway. The Alberta cabinet has decided to grant a hundred thousand dollars for a high level bridge between Strathcona and Edmonton.

NEWSPAPER OFFICE BURNS

Port Burwell, Ont., Nov. 25.—The plant of the Port Burwell News, owned and operated by C. A. Burns, was destroyed by fire yesterday, caused by the explosion of a gasoline engine. The loss is about \$4,000.

NEW YORK HARBOR BLANKETED BY FOG

Score of Ocean Liners Held Up Off Sandy Hook.

New York, Nov. 25.—Withheld from entering or leaving this port by a blinding blanket of fog, a score of more ocean liners are anchored in the lower bay and outside of Sandy Hook.

The fog is one of the heaviest on record. River traffic is practically at a standstill. While no vessels can be seen in the lower bay, the fact that there is a strong fleet of steamers and vessels there waiting for the fog to lift is emphasized by the continuous blowing of sirens and the ringing of bells.

Worst in 25 Years. New York, Nov. 25.—Fog which has hung over the city and the harbor for the two days still clung like a shroud to-day, tying up shipping in the worst blinding fog the city has experienced in 25 years. Between the narrow and Sandy Hook a constantly growing fleet of ocean steamships was at anchor with little prospect of getting under way until the fog lifted, while outside the harbor several liners are waiting a chance to enter port. Ocean traffic has been practically suspended since Monday, while many of the sound steamers have not attempted to leave their docks.

The Kron Princessen Ceclie, which sailed yesterday for Bremen and the Ebovic for Liverpool are anchored off Stapleton, S. I. The ferry boats have been unable to keep anything like schedule time, many of them remaining in their slips. Numerous minor accidents resulted from the boats striking piers in their efforts to get into the slips. The tunnels were jammed to suffocation with the crush of passengers who forsook the ferry boats and crowded some what places. The fog was almost as demoralizing on the streets as on the water. Hundreds of vehicles blocked the traffic at congested points, a great many being forced to stay on the streets all night.

WEDS SWEETHEART; GETS \$50,000.

New York, Nov. 25.—Pleased at his son's pluck in defying parental authority to the extent of wedding the girl he loved, Capt. John Fleming, a wealthy contractor and a prominent Tammany hall man, after his first anger had cooled somewhat, placed a cheque for \$50,000 in his son's hand. "You're all right my boy," said Fleming. "I'm proud of you because you went ahead and married the girl you loved; now go where you like and don't come back until you have spent this."

The young man, John J. Fleming, married Miss Claire O'Neil, of Yonkers, in this city, yesterday.

UNREST IN INDIA IS SPREADING

ATTACKS ON OFFICIALS OF DAILY OCCURRENCE

Another Bomb Outrage Reported—Lord Minto Returns to Calcutta.

Calcutta, India, Nov. 25.—The situation in India has not shown such a measure of a serious uprising as it does to-day in many years past. Attacks and attempts on the lives of Englishmen, both officials and civilians, are of almost daily occurrence.

Lord Minto, the viceroy of India, returned here to-day from the north, cutting short his excursion in this territory for the purpose of considering measures to cope with the native disaffection, which the authorities have been forced to recognize as alarmingly on the increase. Last night a Bengali made an unsuccessful attempt to kill Public Prosecutor Hume with a bomb in a railroad carriage near Agurpura. There were three other Europeans in the carriage at the same time. None were injured.

Last Monday night District Superintendent of Police Clough was murdered by a native at Lyallpur. The native approached the superintendent while he was asleep and cut open his head with a spade. The police are taking remarkable precautions to safeguard Lord Minto, and this is regarded as most significant.

BRANDON ELECTION PROTEST.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 25.—A protest has been entered by the Conservatives of Brandon against the return of the Hon. Clifford Sifton on the usual grounds of bribery and corruption. T. M. Daly, who was defeated by Mr. Sifton, resumes his post as to-morrow as police magistrate of Winnipeg.

ANTI-AUSTRIAN RIOTS.

Troops Called Out to Disperse Demonstrations in Rome. Rome, Nov. 25.—The anti-Austrian demonstrations that began yesterday because of the Italian fleet, which took place recently in Vienna, were continued this morning in several of the principal towns of Italy. In each case, troops were called out to disperse the demonstrators and order was promptly restored.

POSTMASTER SUSPENDED.

Duck Lake, Sask., Nov. 25.—O. S. Denis, postmaster, has been suspended on a charge of theft from a registered letter.

NEW ZEALAND ELECTION RETURNS

(Special to the Times.) London, Nov. 25.—A dispatch from Wellington, N. Z., says the second ballot gives the government 13 seats, opposition 9 and independents 2, while one is undecided. The parties now stand: Government 45, opposition 26, independents 5. The opposition has gained nine seats and the independents four.

CLUES IN LUARD

MURDER MYSTERY Scotland Yard Inspector Coming West in Search of Suspect.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 25.—Inspector Jarvis, of Scotland Yard, returned to the city to-day, being unsuccessful in the railway camps in his search for the man suspected of knowing of the murder of Lady Luard, of Sevenoaks, England. Very definite clues as to the whereabouts of the suspect have been secured and Inspector Jarvis is confident of landing his man. He has gone on farther west.

Lieut.-Col. Warde, chief constable of Kent, England, has issued a bill offering £1,000 reward to anyone giving such information before January 1st next as will lead to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who committed the murder of Mrs. Luard.

CANADA'S BUFFALOES ALLOWED TO ESCAPE

Government to Protest Action—Animals Now Roaming Through Montana.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 25.—The Canadian government has decided to make a protest to the authorities of Montana against the action of certain persons at Missoula, Mont., against allowing the buffaloes in the Pablo herd to be shipped to Canada. Howard Douglas, of the Canada commission, claims someone opened the rear end of the corral and allowed the 250 buffaloes purchased by Canada to escape to the wilds again after it had taken weeks to round them up.

There is much resentment in the States; it is believed, against allowing this herd to be removed across the border.

OVER ONE HUNDRED DIE AT SEA ON BLAZING LINER

S.S. Sardinia Destroyed By Fire off Malta—Many Drown in Trying to Escape—Others, Trapped on Vessel, Roast to Death.

Valletta, Island of Malta, Nov. 25.—Over one hundred persons, the passengers and crew of the Ellerman line steamer Sardinia, are believed to have perished to-day when the steamer was destroyed by fire just after she had sailed for Alexandria, Egypt.

The Sardinia was scarcely a mile off Grand Harbor when the first sign of fire appeared, but with a strong wind to fan the flames the whole ship soon was ablaze and the passengers and crew had scarcely a chance for their lives. There was a wild panic on board as the rapidly spreading flames drove the passengers to the rails, and many, not waiting for the boats to be lowered, plunged into the sea.

Scores are believed to have been drowned. Others, trapped by the fire, were literally roasted to death. There were many craft in the harbor at the time of the disaster, and a number of tugs and other swift small vessels rushed to the assistance of the imperiled liner. The high sea and gale which prevailed at the time, however, made it impossible for them even to approach the Sardinia, and they could do little in the way of aid.

AMHERST CAR SHOPS GUTTED; LOSS \$150,000

Four New Intercolonial Sleepers Destroyed—G. T. P. Material Lost.

(Special to the Times.) Halifax, N. S., Nov. 25.—The passenger car shops of the Rhodes Curry Company's works at Amherst have been destroyed by fire. The loss will amount to possibly \$150,000. On the four tracks stood four vestibule colonnade sleepers for the Intercolonial railway, just ready to put into commission, and worth \$100,000 each. These cars were totally destroyed, also the material for twelve baggage cars for the Grand Trunk Pacific. Eighty men who were employed lost all their tools.

MARINE OFFICIALS SUSPENDED.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 25.—N. J. Harding, agent of the marine department here, and Malcolm A. Morris, engineer of the cruiser Curlew, have been suspended pending the result of the Cassel's inquiry.

INTERNATIONAL NAVAL CONFERENCE IN LONDON

U. S. Delegates Entertained by Pilgrim Society at Savoy.

London, Nov. 25.—The London branch of the Pilgrim Society gave a large dinner to-night at the Savoy hotel in honor of the American delegates to the International Naval conference which will assemble during the first week of December. The American delegates are Rear-Admiral Stockton and Professor George Grafton Wilson, of Brown university. Speeches were made by Lord Ellenborough, Rear-Admiral Stockton and Lord Desart.

Admiral Stockton spoke of the desirability of having the position of a belligerent in time of war definitely determined, as the report of disaster was taken as interested shipping enterprises depended upon their knowing what they could or could not do during war. Lord Desart referred to the work of the assembly. While it could not be expected to bring about the millennium at the reference of the recent dispute between France and Germany to an arbitration court, showed the results of such a conference. "The English and American delegates," he continued, "will work in harmony, if not in agreement on all points, because the jurisdiction of both countries is founded upon the English common law."

NEW RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Winnipeg Says Vacancy Will Go to Andrew Strang.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 25.—Andrew Strang, a wholesale liquor merchant and a prominent Liberal, will be appointed a member of the railway commission, succeeding Hon. Thomas Greenway. Premier Murray, of Nova Scotia, is also an applicant, but Mr. Strang will get the appointment as westerners must have a representative.

OPIUM CONFERENCE.

World Delegates Will Not Meet at Shanghai Until Feb. 1st.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The government has received a formal notice that the international conference on the suppression of the opium traffic, which was to have been held at Shanghai on January 1st has been postponed until February 1st on account of the death of the Emperor of China. W. Macensie King, M. P., Canada's representative at the conference will therefore postpone his departure until the end of December.

WINNIPEG MAYORALTY.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 25.—C. H. Foster, retired from the majority contest to-day, stating he was disqualified, being still a subject of the United States. He favored the segregation of the social evil.

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The Sardinia left Liverpool on November 14th with a cargo of general merchandise for Mediterranean ports. Her crew numbered 44 and there were 20 first class and 8 second class passengers embarked at Liverpool. Most of her passengers undoubtedly were Levantines, Maltese and Egyptians. Many of these people cross on the steamers of this line from Malta to Alexandria. It is their custom to pitch their tents on deck for shelter during the four days' trip. The decks were crowded, and this condition undoubtedly made the orderly clearing of the ship most difficult.

50 Bodies Recovered. Valletta, Island of Malta, Nov. 25.—Up to 5 o'clock this afternoon 50 bodies had been brought ashore from the Sardinia. Crew Stuck to Posts. Valletta, Malta, Nov. 25.—The loss of life on board the Sardinia will reach about 125 persons. The dead include 100

TOLL OF DEATHS AFTER TORNADO

SIXTEEN KNOWN TO HAVE PERISHED IN ARKANSAS

Schoolhouses Lifted From Foundations by Wind—Occupants Escaped.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 25.—The known dead number 16, while unconfirmed reports declare that six other persons lost their lives as a result of the storm which swept parts of this state on Monday.

Verified reports place the number of injured at 23, three probably fatally. Reports last night, which were to the effect that the tornado was most severe at Pinery, were not substantiated to-day. Later reports showed that no one was killed at that place. Several freak acts of the tornado were reported, near Hot Springs and Berryville. School houses were lifted off their foundations and moved, but the occupants and teachers inside escaped unhurt.

SCHMITZ' BONDSMAN HAS DISAPPEARED

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 25.—The sheriff's office reports to-day being still unable to find Wm. J. Dingee, who with Thomas H. Williams, gave a joint bond for four hundred thousand dollars to secure the release of ex-Mayor Schmitz. Dingee is wanted to show his financial standing is still good. Judge Dunne granted a continuation till Monday.

FIREMAN'S HEROIC DEED SAVES SEVEN LIVES

Family is Prevented Leaping to Death From Blazing Tenement.

New York, Nov. 25.—Lowering himself over the cornice of a five-story tenement house and dangling 75 feet above the sidewalk, Frank Sample, a fireman, early to-day by desperate efforts prevented David Lynch, his wife and five children from leaping from the window to escape the flames that were creeping up behind them.

All thought the night the fire had smoldered in the building, and when it finally burst into flames at dawn the stairways were blazing from cellar to roof, and many families were unable to reach the street. When the firemen arrived on the scene Lynch and his family were about to leap to the ground. Sample seized a rope and reached the roof top through the adjoining tenement, and lowering the rope to a chimney he lowered himself just in time to rescue the stricken family from leaping to their death. Later they were taken from the burning building by means of ladders.

MURDER FARM TRIAL.

La Porte Case Will Be in Hands of Jury To-morrow Night.

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 25.—The evidence was finished to-day and to-morrow the attorneys will make their arguments in the trial of Ray Lamphere, for the murder of Mrs. Guinness and her three children by setting fire to the Guinness house on April 28th. The case will probably go to the jury to-morrow night. Lamphere did not take the stand.

BUSINESS MERGER.

Toronto, Nov. 25.—It is stated on good authority that the big hardware business of Rice, Lewis & Co. is to be taken over by H. S. Howland & Co.

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TORONTO WOMEN'S FLASKS OF "COMFORT"

Take Their Supply of Liquor to Holiday Resorts, Says Alderman Hales.

Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 25.—Alderman Hales, of Toronto, in a speech at a temperance meeting here, gave Toronto a "good" black eye. He stated hundreds of women in Toronto would not think of going to holiday resorts in the summer without taking flasks of liquor for their "comfort." He also accused Toronto people of being whitened speichers in their attitude towards social evils.

LICENSING BILL.

Lords Decide to Reject Measure When It Reaches Them.

London, Nov. 25.—By a large majority, a meeting of two hundred members of the House of Lords decided in favor of rejecting the licensing bill summarily when it should be sent up to their House. As the Unionists are in a strong majority in the Upper House, there will be no difficulty in throwing out any radical legislation distasteful to them.

MONTREAL AT LAST ELECTS HER BISHOP

Dean Farthing Chosen on Eleventh Ballot—Difficult Task Ended.

Montreal, Nov. 25.—Dean Farthing, of Kingston, Ont., was elected Bishop of Montreal on the eleventh ballot of the thousand electors, shortly after six o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Up to the tenth ballot Dean Evans, of Montreal, had a majority of the clerical vote, while Dean Farthing had a majority of the lay vote. On the tenth ballot the Evans forces showed signs of breaking up, and the end of the fight came with the eleventh, when a sufficient number of the clerical delegates deserted Dean Evans to elect Dean Farthing.

The election was the most difficult in the history of the diocese. When the synod met on October 28th, six ballots were taken without a choice being made, Dean Evans and Dean Farthing being the leading candidates. On the seventh ballot the Archbishop of York intervened. He declined the honor the following day by cable. He was appointed a fortnight later.

ERIE RAILROAD ISSUE.

Application For Leave to Float Bonds Amounting to \$30,000,000.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 25.—Application was made to the public service commission, in the second district, to-day by the Erie Railroad Company for permission to issue bonds to the amount of \$30,000,000 for the purpose of re-paying obligations and for improvements to be made within the next two years. The application was presented by George F. Brownell, vice-president of the company.

JAPANESE PRESS RIDICULOUS LATEST STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO EMPEROR.

Tokio, Nov. 25.—The recently published interview with the Emperor William is the most absorbing topic of the day here. Officials, as well as the newspapers, believe that the Emperor has been correctly quoted, but the newspapers ridicule his statements. One paper publishes a picture of the German Emperor having his tongue amputated, and an editorial discredits the statements attributed to him.

HAYTIENS KILL HIGH OFFICIAL

REVOLUTION GROWING IN BLACK REPUBLIC

Raw Government Troops Are Unable to Quell Uprising.

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ROYAL BANK TO BUILD AT ONCE

PLANS APPROVED FOR MODERN STRUCTURE

Three-storey Block Will Be Erected on Government Street.

The Royal Bank of Canada will build at once on the property purchased some time ago on Government street. The plans for the new building have now been finally approved and the local manager, T. D. Vetch, has been instructed to proceed at once with the arrangements.

The site of the new bank is an excellent one, nearly opposite to the premises now occupied by that institution. The lot has a frontage of sixty feet. At present the premises are occupied by the Bowness Hardware store and Fred Foster's fur works.

The plans for the new building call for a three-storey structure of brick and stone fitted up throughout in the most up-to-date manner. The ground floor will be used for bank purposes, while the two upper stories will be devoted to offices. An elevator will be installed for the convenience of the office quarters.

While work is to begin at once it will probably take until April to get the necessary contracts and other business attended to so that a start may be made.

The addition of another substantial bank building speaks well for the business prosperity of Victoria as the heads of the financial houses must feel well assured of the future of the city.

OVERDUE RELIEF BATTERED BY TYPHOON

U. S. Hospital Ship Has Trying Experience Off Philippines.

Manila, Nov. 25.—Admiral Sperry to-day received a telegram from the hospital ship Relief, five days overdue at Guam, for which port she sailed from this harbor on November 15th. The message came by way of Sorongon, in Southern Mindanao, and stated that the ship was badly damaged by a typhoon on November 18th, during which the engines were disabled. Fire broke out on the Relief, but was promptly gotten under control.

The Relief is now proceeding to Manila under her own steam, repairs to her engines having been made by the crew. The news relieves the fears entertained here that the Relief had met with disaster.

GERMAN COMMENT ON LORD ROBERT'S SPEECH

Newspapers Discuss "Invasion" Warning, But Officialdom is Silent.

Berlin, Nov. 25.—The speech delivered in the British House of Lords by Field Marshal Lord Roberts, in which the speaker, hinting at a possible German invasion of England, said that a million men were needed on shore to protect England from such a contingency, has aroused considerable interest here. The most complete reserve, however, is maintained in official quarters.

Certain newspapers consider that Lord Roberts could have chosen a better time than the present to further the propaganda for his favorite idea, namely, the introduction of universal military service in England, because efforts are now being made to bring about more trustful relations between the two countries, and these might suffer from the emphasis laid upon the necessity of British armament against a possible invasion.

ENORMOUS DEFALCATION.

New York, Nov. 25.—District Attorney Clark started an interested crowd before Judge Kelley in the Supreme court, Brooklyn, yesterday when in closing his opening charge against John C. Jenkins, president of the now defunct Trust company, who is charged with the larceny of \$50,000, he stated that he would produce proof to show that Jenkins took unlawfully from the bank altogether \$57,000, or \$7,000 more than the actual capitalization of the bank itself. Mr. Clark said that this money was entered in the books as loans to Kiser, Hunter and Young, all clerks in the bank, who, however, knew nothing whatever of the loans.

BOY "MURDERER."

Vineland, N. J., Nov. 25.—The coroner's jury yesterday rendered the verdict that Wm. Reid, who was found murdered in the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Copper, on November 13th, came to his death at the hands of three youths. Waiter C. Koller was found guilty of the crime, one of them his grandson, who are under arrest charged with the crime.

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GERMANY CO INVADE ENGLAND

LORD ROBERTS' SO WARNING TO THE

Necessity for Strong Army—Naval Armaments Threatened

London, Nov. 24.—Speeches of Lords last night and Lord Roberts' expression of the lack of a sufficient force to make good an invasion would, in 1915, be the cause of the loss of her supremacy as a studied speech he pointed a parable ease with which could land an army on the English coast. Under the present conditions would be forced to submit to most humiliating conditions. He disclaimed all hostility of Germany, but he declared that the islands need more troops.

There should be an army in numbers and efficiency most formidable of force would hesitate to make an attempt to invade the islands. He had a speaker asserted, that view of accommodating 200,000 available in the north of Germany and that as a German service law could be collected in the nearest ports without the great German steamer were in constant practice and the war, the field force, on that it would be essential to transport to evade the and she could easily be destroyed by small raider ships. "It would be folly," said Roberts, "to shut out possibilities." He held much peace in the east, home to the most care that nothing could save which is not prepared to do. If Germany were to make the most ordinary precaution some day find herself in the invader and forced to most humiliating conditions, danger is to-day becoming evident.

Within a decade Germany of the greatest sea-power existed excepting Great Britain, the present moment it is a power which is being that power. It is calculated that 80,000 Germans in Great Britain. They are a great nation. They are ready to help."

Lord Roberts contended not absolutely essential to command the sea in order to out an invasion. A command understood in main temptation to the army, which ought to be of men. Across the 60,000 Germans, whose industry, sound military training, had a great nation. They are for their commerce and it was Great Britain's duty to include Lord Roberts, a way the great increase sea power was likely to adopt measures new own defence. The navy conditions, was fettered, and without military might to resist Great Britain's might would, in all probability of the loss of her navy.

Lord Roberts' speech might be regarded as the Earl of Crewe's seriousness of such a step. Europe's nerves, saying might be regarded as the Lord Roberts' resolution that the defence of the situation the immediate government, to make such a step, a strident, the most formidable foe hesitate before making a landing, was adopted to 32.

DOMINION FAIR

Regina, Sask., Nov. 24.—The Regina Agricultural Exhibition Association, upon the question of the 1910. The action of the board in moving to Regina for that year is the cause of the fair.

KILLED BY

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