

PEOPLE OVERTHROW HAYTI GOVERNMENT Nord Alexis Deposed and Provisional Administration Established

Port au Prince, Dec. 2.—The people of Port au Prince have revolted against the government. They are now in possession of the city. There has been no fighting with the government troops. A provisional government has been established, and General Legitime has accepted the presidency of the new administration. The events of the morning came before they were over. A meeting was noted throughout the night on the part of the people, but it was not thought that the outbreak would be successful without the shedding of a drop of blood. The deposed president, Nord Alexis, is still at the palace. The members of the diplomatic corps were in conference at 9 o'clock for the purpose of taking measures to facilitate the departure of Nord Alexis from the republic. The coup has been remarkably successful. All the remaining ministers, together with the army and navy, have taken refuge in the various legations. The only man to remain loyal to Nord Alexis is General Camille Chretien, his nephew, who for the last six months has directed the policy of the Alexis administration. He is at the palace with Alexis. The movement had been well organized. The final preparations were completed last evening, and in the early hours of the morning the revolutionaries, organized and armed, moved quietly about the town and took possession of various points of vantage. The movement was directed by General Canal, a member of the senate. It is a remarkable fact that not a shot was fired. The soldiers of Nord Alexis, who were in the palace, and the hand, and they quickly let it be seen that they had no intention of starting a fight that undoubtedly would have resulted in the bloodshed. The presence of the American cruisers Des Moines and Tacoma, and the French cruiser Duguay Trouin undoubtedly had a restraining influence. The citizens are in possession of the central police station, all the police outposts, the arsenals, and the barracks. These bodies of men are well armed and well supplied with ammunition. The fact that they are prepared shows the thoroughness with which the movement was organized. As soon as the success of the movement was established, a number of prominent citizens held a meeting and formed a committee for public safety, and the maintenance of order in Port au Prince. General Legitime, president of the provisional government, was at one time president of the republic. The fact that Nord Alexis was deposed is a complete surprise. Their loyalty was suspected, and the defections of the rebels were then expected. No change in the position occupied by the rebels has been reported since last evening. They were then about 30 miles from Port au Prince. General Simon, leader of the present movement, is expected here at any moment. The palace is surrounded by an infuriated mob, calling upon Nord Alexis to leave the country. Almost every body in the crowd is shouting and the women, besides themselves with rage, are calling down curses upon the aged man who was today deposed from the presidency of the republic and hurling coarse epithets at him and his family. Sailors from the American cruisers are present in the American legation, and the crew are arranging a system of signals between the legation and the cruisers, in order that a demand for a landing force may be communicated quickly should occasion arise.

LIBRARY FINDS FAVOR Increasing Number of Books Are Now Being Taken Out by the Public

The total number of books which were issued at the City Library during the past month was 4,652, which is considerably the highest amount recorded. The daily average was 154 for 24 days, as against 176 for the preceding month—October—with 27 days. The largest number was 312, the highest which has ever yet been reached. Number of new cards issued, 108, and number of books in circulation during the month, 10,000. The library now contains about 7,000 volumes. The average daily number of books in circulation so far during the present year is 1,100, as against 1,000 for the corresponding period of 1905. The calls upon the literary resources of the library show a steady as well as quite a remarkable increase. The average age having been 121 in 1907, and 84 in 1906. Finally 90 per cent of the books borrowed are works of fiction, but such a high proportion of the books in public libraries is not at all unusual. The average number of books lent during January and February in 1906, the first two months of its existence, was only 50; but towards the end of the same year, it had risen to 101. As the sum of \$2,800, out of the total of the \$5,000 grant from the city council is devoted to the item of salaries alone, comparatively little is left for the purchase of new books. Dividend Declared. A 10 per cent dividend in connection with the Green Warlock estate is announced by B. Heisterman. It is payable by Mr. Heisterman at his office, 1213 Langley street. GLENFARG LEAVES TODAY C. P. R. Freighter Will Probably Not Be Sent Back From the Orient (From Thursday's Daily).

BIG LOAD OF WHEAT CARRIED IN CHICAGO Three Men Secure Control of Twenty Million Bushels, Expecting High Price

Chicago, Dec. 2.—More than 20,000,000 bushels of wheat, the largest amount ever held by any one man or commission of men in Chicago, is now in the hands of W. E. Bartlett, Geo. Pater and Frank S. Fraser. Today the market is in a state of high excitement, anticipating the results of a deal without precedent. It is bigger than Joe Leiter's corner, which at plunger lost \$11,000,000. It is the biggest since the Gates corner, in which wheat was sold at a price a few years ago. It is bigger by at least five million bushels than the "Old Dutch" attempt on the long side. Yet it is not so big as its purpose is merely to take advantage of what the operators believe to be a world condition, and to have a large amount of wheat sell when the price is at its lowest. In their opinion, it will be to \$1.35 or \$1.40, not as a result of their purchases, but because of a combination of circumstances which is likely to occur in the world, over which no man has control.

CONFLICT DEFERRED Revolutionary General in Hayti Turns Aside to Capture Town of Jacmel

Port au Prince, Dec. 1.—The expected battle between the revolutionists and the troops of the government, who are entrenched a few miles outside Jacmel, is likely to be deferred for several days. General Antoine Simon, the commander-in-chief of the revolutionary forces, has decided to attack Jacmel, which lies thirty miles to the southwest of this city, and which is the only town that has remained loyal to the department of the south, before resuming his march on Port au Prince. The American cruiser Tacoma, which sailed into port here this morning. Her presence here augments the force of foreign sailors and marines that have been landed for the purpose of capturing Port au Prince, particularly the foreigners, in case of a clash between the rebels and the troops of the government result in turning loose the city and organized and undisciplined soldiers. The arrival of the Des Moines was preceded by that of the French cruiser Guadet, and the British cruiser Scylla and the Italian cruiser Fierascova are expected shortly. With the American cruiser element will feel much more secure. The night passed without any serious outbreak, but the government soldiers in their preparation for the expected attack at any moment, for the people of the city, the night was one of alarm. Only occasional rifle shots were heard, and one or two shots were taken to be the beginning of the expected fight. All night patrols of the government troops marched or rode through the streets, and the people kept carefully within doors. It is reported this morning that General Simon, the leader of the revolutionary movement, was at Petit Anse, about 30 miles west of Port au Prince, Monday morning. He has with him an army of 6,000 men, well armed with good rifles and machine guns. He has also several pieces of mounted artillery and some machine guns. Smallpox in London London, Oct. 1.—The smallpox epidemic is growing more serious, and besides the collegiate institute, which has been closed, the public schools are being discovered every day. Unique Occasion. Punganur, in the Madras Presidency has been the scene of a remarkable ceremony, the occasion being the presentation by the American Consul Mission of a large statue to the Rajah of Punganur for the gift of a beautiful building site on which a mission bungalow is now being erected. The majority of the guests at the ten a. m. from Madanapalle, and were accorded a reception at the toll-gate half a mile from the city. The Rajah had sent out his motor car and coaches eight miles to meet the time the statue was being carried. The Rajah took place during the day, and the Rajah, in replying to the consul, said that he was glad to have it been in his power to do the mission in some way. Though we are not of the same faith, it is always been with all Hindus, to tolerate and encourage all religions, leading us all, through different paths, to the same end. My relations with the mission would be sufficient proof of the kindness and respect of the Rajah. We have for the noble faith which inspires your work here, and which is the less fortunate, spiritual benefit of all religions, and tolerance have always been characteristic of all Hindus, especially those in the position which, by the grace of God, I occupy.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL IN SESSION Various Routine Matters Dealt With at the Regular Meeting

(From Thursday's Daily). The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council of the city was held in Labor Hall last evening, the president, W. McKay, in the chair. The president reported that the move was on foot to organize the butchers. It was reported that through the efforts of the executive the contractors in R. Fort were then ordered. The secretary of the council, C. Silvert, the secretary of the council, was instructed to act accordingly. Delegate Pink reported that the typographical union had passed a resolution, favoring the anti-tuberculosis campaign, and requesting the council to also do the same. This was heartily agreed upon and the council was unanimous in agreeing to ask the government to take this over and to maintain it as a government institution. Vice President Gibson, a delegate to the Dominion Trades Congress at Halifax, made a short and concise report dealing with the business of the congress. The delegate also visited his home in England and he spoke at some length upon the condition of the trades there. Reports Received. A meeting of the Ladies Guild of the Victoria Seaman's Institute was held at the residence of the following ladies were present: Mrs. (Capt.) J. W. Troup, president; Mrs. Pemberton, vice president; Mrs. J. R. Anderson, Mrs. R. Jones, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. E. Jacob, Mrs. Berkley, Mrs. H. Kent, Mrs. Blacklock and Miss Macdonald. The meeting was opened with prayer by J. S. Bailey, the port missionary, and a report was made on the receipts of the institute, given by "The Pikes" at the Victoria theatre on behalf of the building fund of the institute. A gross sum of about \$1,500 was realized, and the balance of \$1,000 went to W. A. Milne, the organizer, and 10 per cent to Mrs. Carson, who trained the returns for the institute. This year for the month ending November 30th, the clearings were over eighty-six millions, while in November, 1907, they were sixty-seven millions and in November, 1906, sixty-three and one-half millions.

WILL MINE FOR COAL ON CARMANAH COAST Boring Operations to Start on Measures Dipping Under the Sea

That there is every probability of new coal fields being opened up in the neighborhood of Carmanah is the opinion of R. C. Campbell-Johnstone, the well known Vancouver mining engineer, who returned on the Tees yesterday from a trip to that section. A Vancouver syndicate holds sixty coal prospecting licenses in the southwest corner of Vancouver Island, and despatched Mr. Campbell-Johnstone to examine and report on the showings of the pending money on development. While there are no coal seams of commercial value outcropping on the surface, yet it is Mr. Campbell-Johnstone's opinion that the geological conditions are such as to warrant exploratory operations with a good prospect of success. Speaking of the new coal fields yesterday, Mr. Campbell-Johnstone said that the coal bearing strata ran, roughly speaking, along the coast of Fachsen Bay to Camp Bay. The formation of the deposit undoubtedly exists and crops out again at Neah Bay in the state of Washington. The strata of the carboniferous strata do not appear to extend far inland, in no case being found at a greater distance than three miles from the coast line. The formation consists of sedimentary sandstone, with conglomerate and shale overlying the carboniferous strata, which, it is hoped will contain considerable coal measures. A few seams of no commercial value crop out, but it will be necessary to explore at depth. Mr. Campbell-Johnstone is very familiar with the formation at Nanaimo and Comox, and he says that the rocks of Carmanah are identical, and that there is every reason to believe that they are part of the same coal field, although separated by the volcanic rocks, which, coming at a later period, have thrown up the centre of the island into the mountain ranges which form its backbone. The rocks are of the same period as those of Nanaimo and Comox, but have been less disturbed by the volcanic movement referred to. Thus the likelihood of paying measures being discovered is increased. The coal is known to be bituminous, but how much there is remains to be proved. The claims, however, are in strong support of the government, and the prospect of success in the future is expected to start within a comparatively short time. The Government Trail Mr. Campbell-Johnstone had a good deal to say about the alleged government trail at that part of the west coast. He described it as a scandal and as a menace to life. It is not properly built and in many instances has been built at all. It crosses a number of precipitous ravines, and he says that the linesmen take their lives in their hands every time they make their daily trip over their respective portions of the trail. The trail is supposed to run close to the precipitous cliffs so that life-saving apparatus may be employed in case of wreck, but as a matter of fact it frequently runs back a good half mile from the sea, and so is of but little use for that purpose. Mr. Campbell-Johnstone said that while there he learnt that six lives had already been lost owing to accidents occurring by reason of the dangerous nature of the government telegraph line. The trouble appeared to be that the route for the trail had never been laid out by a surveyor or engineer, and that those who had selected the route were evidently entirely ignorant of such matters. Mr. Campbell-Johnstone added that while he did not know who was to blame, yet public attention ought to be drawn to the matter, as at present it was a disgrace to the community and a peril to life.

INJURED IN COLLISION Peterboro, Ont. Dec. 1.—A head-on collision occurred on the C.P.R. last night, in which Engineer Reuben Kelly and Fireman A. Irwin were injured.

FOR STEALING Kenora, Ont. Dec. 1.—John Russell, ex-convict, police, was sentenced yesterday to four years in penitentiary for stealing from a prisoner he had arrested.

SUICIDE AT WIFE'S GRAVE New York, Dec. 1.—Dr. Rudolph Haas was arrested here this morning on a charge of suicide. He was found lying on the ground in front of the grave of his wife. He was taken to the hospital, but died before he could be revived.

HOTEL MANNERS A woman visitor from the United States to Canada recently remarked: "I am so sorry that hotel manners are invading Canada. They are not pretty." She proceeded to point out, unobtrusively a matron whose elbows protruded indolently on the dinner table as she sat at the table. The said matron had shapely arms, gleaming bracelets and a profusion of diamond rings. But the effect was ungraceful. "Now," continued the United States visitor, "we consider our mother's instruction, 'keep your elbows off the table' prim and old-fashioned. But there was a good reason for it. In those days, as well as correct breeding, the spill coffee on her delicate lace sleeves and the stains were a disgrace. The matrons are nearly always slovenly and Bohemian."

PUGNACIOUS BOXER IS FINED FIVE DOLLARS Joseph Bailey Found Guilty of Assaulting a Street Car Conductor

(From Thursday's Daily). Joseph Bailey, champion amateur lightweight boxer of British Columbia was charged before Magistrate Jay today with assaulting a street car conductor named Harry Walker, by hitting him in the eye last Saturday night. A. McPhillips, K.C., prosecuted on behalf of the tramway company, and D. S. Tait defended. He was fined \$5. Walker said that he was the conductor on the last Esquimalt car on Saturday night, and that he was carrying a passenger on the car. He collected a fare from him, Bailey putting in a green ticket. After he reached the city limits he tried to collect his additional fare, which Bailey refused. First he said that he had already paid an Esquimalt ticket, and then that he had paid a Seldou ticket. Bailey said he would not pay any more anyhow. After some talk he claims that Bailey hit him in the eye, and would have hit him again if he had not been held. The accused cursed him as he got on the car and afterwards when he was arrested. Bailey's story was that he had paid the conductor a blue Esquimalt ticket and that when he was asked for his fare he refused to pay again. At that time the conductor stopped the car and told him to get off. He did so, and as he was going Walker pushed him from behind. He refused to get on the car, and he did not use the language alleged. The car was full and several witnesses were called on either side. In the case of the assault, the judge imposed a fine of \$5. The judge remarked that if Walker thought that Bailey had not paid, he had a right to demand the fare, but he should not use force in so doing. If he used necessary force, he would be liable to prosecution. He wrongfully hit him with his hand against the company. In no case was he justified in using force to settle the matter there with his fist.

FROM WEST COAST Steamer Tees Returned Yesterday From Cape Scott and Way Ports

The steamer Tees, Capt. Townsend, returned yesterday morning from Cape Scott and way ports of the west coast of Vancouver Island after an unsuccessful trip. She brought a small complement of passengers and cargo, including some gibbons and adequately describe Jens Christian Christensen, Premier of Denmark, and Minister of War in the cabinet. He has just handed in his resignation on account of certain financial scandals connected with his cabinet. Christensen is just fifty years of age since his first cabinet. He was born on a small farm in a desolate part of Denmark. There is every reason to believe that he has lived and worked on the same farm in unbroken possession for centuries. There are many farms like it in Denmark, which owe their escape from the clutches of the nobility to the fact that they are too barren and desolate to repay seizure. A young man, Christensen displayed a keen love of study and a passionate desire for knowledge. This led his parents to send him to an academy for young gentlemen, and later on he became a school teacher. His clarity, force of intellect, and immense

MINER FATALLY INJURED Frayne, B. C. Dec. 1.—John H. Frayne died in the general hospital here as the result of an accident in the Granby mines Wednesday evening. He was operating a drilling machine and fell from a fifteen feet, receiving a gash in the face and a broken nose. Meningitis set in and he succumbed. Deceased was a member of the Masonic lodge and was a native of Ontario. He was born at Owen Sound, Ont. He came here from Nelson, where he was married four years ago. Deceased was 28 years of age and leaves a widow and two children.

CHINESE PILOTS AT A BRITISH PORT Hongkong Only Port, Other Than Those of Japan, Where Asiatic Pilots Are Used

At Hongkong most of the pilots are Chinese. The Daily Press of Hongkong says: When the Hongkong Pilots' ordinance of 1904 was enacted a number of British master mariners trading in these waters imagined that it would result in bringing the colony to a standstill. The ordinance was passed requiring all persons practicing as pilots in these waters to satisfy a board of examiners of their competency, many British master mariners, as we have said, imagined their chance had come for employment as pilots. Imagination carried them further than the facts. They obtained the impression that a properly constituted pilot service, such as the ordinance contemplated, would be a service amenable to all the regulations laid down in the Merchant Shipping Act. If that were so, the Chinese pilot, Othello-like, would have lost his occupation, and room for the competent British mariner would have been found. We do not know how many British master mariners have sat for the examination in the last four years and obtained certificates of competency, but certainly many more than are now trying to obtain certificates of competency. The Chinese pilot has not been displaced because the pilot regulations embodied in the Merchant Shipping Act have not by the local ordinance, been made applicable to the port. It does not seem to have been generally understood that British master mariners who have obtained certificates of competency as pilots in these waters have learned to their cost that the pilot regulations laid down in the Merchant Shipping Act may with impunity be disregarded here, and so, in the case we are informed, it is a bad speculation for a British master mariner to turn pilot in Hongkong.

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