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EXPLICIT DENIAL BY MINISTER

HON. MR. TEMPLEMAN
ON COLONIST CHARGE

Says Statements Regarding
Reserve Question Are
Wilful Falsehoods

Ottawa, May 6.—The statement in this morning's Colonist that I am deliberately delaying a settlement of the Songhees reserve question is a wilful falsehood.

I am as keenly anxious to have the matter solved as ever, and will continue to work towards that end.

I believe that fair-minded people of Victoria will give me credit for sincerity in dealing with the problem, and that they will not accept emanations from an organ which deals in untruths and forged telegrams.

WM. TEMPLEMAN.
MAN DROWNED.

Bellingham, Wash., May 6.—Struck by a heavy chain choker, Samuel Kemerville was this morning knocked into the log pond of the Cluger Lumber and Shingle company, near Wahl, and drowned.

CALGARY PIONEER DEAD.

Winnipeg, May 6.—Alex. McQueen, a well-known old-timer, former Manitoba fisheries inspector, and a resident of Calgary for the last twenty years, died there yesterday.

PORTLAND CANAL TO HAVE BUSY SEASON

Mining Men Have Left for
Camp—Five Companies
to Work.

The Camosun leaving Vancouver on Thursday night will carry a large party for Stewart, Portland Canal, a number of whom left here by the Princess Charlotte. Among them were C. H. Dickie, president of the Portland Canal Mining Company; Otto Abelling, construction engineer for the company; James Stewart, assayer; H. Bennett, J. W. Stewart, R. M. Stewart, deputy mining recorder, wife and child, and several others.

A busy season is anticipated at Stewart this summer, with five incorporated mining companies operating in the neighborhood of the town. The Portland Canal Company expect to have their machinery installed and the shipping of concentrates commenced before the fall. About \$100,000 will be spent in equipping the plant, which will include a concentrator, aerial tramway, compressors and power plant.

PRESENTATION TO AGENT.

Winnipeg, May 5.—A gold watch and fob were given to W. Bell on the eve of his departure for Victoria by the sleeping car department. He will be commissary agent, and leaves to-night for the coast.

WILL BUILD MORE MILLS.

Winnipeg, May 6.—The new Sprague Milling Company, of Minnesota, having completed the construction of a large flour mill at Moose Jaw, is negotiating for a site at Saskatoon, and will build there also. The Country Mills of Minnesota and Dakota are also considering erecting plants in Western Canada.

THE RESULT IN STRATFORD.

Manchester, May 6.—The Guardian says had a local Liberal been chosen to contest Stratford the Liberals would have retained the seat.

PLOT TO KIDNAP GOVERNOR'S SON

Lad to Be Held Captive Until
Life Prisoner Was
Pardoned.

Oakland, Cal., May 6.—To force Governor Gillett to pardon Jim, J. B. Clifton, a notorious criminal who is serving a life sentence in San Quentin penitentiary, completed arrangements with a confederate on the outside to kidnap the governor's son. The return of the boy to his father was to be contingent upon the granting of a pardon to Clifton. A letter which Clifton had written to his pal, giving instructions as to the manner in which the scheme should be carried out, was found by Warden Hoyle after Clifton had endeavored to enlist the aid of fellow prisoners to smuggle the letter out of the prison.

As a result of a largely attended meeting of prominent French-Canadian at Ottawa, it has been decided to take immediate steps to bring to trial in September, if possible, representatives of the 200,000 French-Canadians of Ontario for the holding of an educational congress.

EXCLUSION OF ASIATICS

ROOSEVELT STILL
ISSUING MESSAGES

Only National Government Can
Solve Immigration
Problem.

New York, May 6.—In the current number of the Outlook, out to-day, an editorial by Col. Theodore Roosevelt, in part is as follows:

"There are certain elementary principles, all of which should be kept in view if a nation wishes to act justly both by itself and others. It must insist upon what is necessary for its own healthy life, this even at the cost of a possible clash, but this insistence upon what is due itself should always be accompanied by all possible courtesy to and fair dealing with others.

"These are the principles upon which the people of the United States should act with regard to the question of Immigration of Japanese

into this country. The Japanese are a highly civilized people, of extraordinary military, artistic and industrial development. They are proud, warlike and sensitive. I believe our people have, what I personally certainly have, a profound and hearty admiration for them. But this admiration and respect is accompanied by the firm conviction that it isn't to the advantage of either people that emigrants from either country should settle in a mass in the other country. Japan would certainly object to incoming masses of American farmers, laborers and small traders. Indeed, the Japanese would object to this at least as strongly as the men of the Pacific coast and Rocky mountains

Object to the incoming of a mass of Japanese workmen, agriculturists, laborers and men engaged in small trades. The Japanese certainly object to Americans acquiring land in Japan at least as much as Americans in far western states object to Japanese acquiring land on our soil. "Americans who go to Japan, and Japanese who come to America, should be of the same general class, that is, they should be travellers, students, teachers, scientific investigators, men

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TARIFF REVISION ONLY HALF MEASURE

Iowa Senator Says Bill Will Not
Meet Demands of
Consumers.

Washington, D. C., May 6.—Warning the senate that if the tariff bill in its present form becomes law, conditions will not be remedied and the agitation for revision will not be stilled, Senator Cummins of Iowa, made a sensational address in the upper house to-day.

"This bill of the senate finance committee will not be accepted by those favoring tariff revision as either a fulfillment of the Republican party's pledge or a settlement of the controversy," declared Cummins. "Declaring the demand for revision comes from the consumer, he said he understood the voices of those desiring to increase the customs were more plainly heard in the committee rooms, and dramatically added:

"The time will come when the clamor of the millions who want relief will sound like the roar of a thousand Niagara's." "The people are familiar with conditions," he continued, "and are aware of what industries breed millionaires. The conclusions of the people are only less infallible than the conclusions of the Almighty himself.

"I have not abandoned my faith in the doctrine of protection, but I am little able to discern its true spirit in this policy." Dealing with the conservation of the forests, Cummins declared that it made little difference whether or not there was a tariff on lumber. He said the cost of production in a great part of the United States gave Americans an advantage over Canadian lumbermen. He said that duty was only necessary to equalize the difference in the cost of transportation. He also denied that steel needed protection.

MET AND WED IN DAY.

Wealthy California Fruit Grower No
Believer in Long Courtships.

Watsonville, Cal., May 6.—Within 24 hours after their first meeting, David J. Kemp, aged 72 years, and Miss Emma Higbee, aged 60 years, are man and wife.

Kemp is a wealthy fruit grower. His bride came to this city from Terra Haute, Ind., for a visit with friends. One of the first persons she met was Kemp. Love at first sight was followed by a lightning courtship. A license was procured, the ceremony performed, and to-day Mr. and Mrs. Kemp are established in their own home, and are receiving the congratulations of their amazed friends.

ON SUSPENDED SENTENCE.

Chatham, Ont., May 6.—Chief Kimball, of Leamington, who shot a traveller dead while he was escaping from arrest, has been found guilty of manslaughter, but let off on suspended sentence.



MR. JOS. MARTIN IN BRITISH POLITICS.
(NO. 9.)

The Unsuccessful Candidate—This fruit has a strangely familiar appearance.

ENDEAVORS TO FIND BONDSMEN

GEN. HAMILTON UNDER
GUARD OF SHERIFF

Charged With Larceny by Em-
bezzling Military
Funds.

Olympia, Wash., May 6.—Former Adjutant-General Ortis Hamilton, who has been placed under \$10,000 bonds on the charge of larceny by embezzlement of the military funds of the state, to-day is endeavoring to see his bondsman, having spent the night in a local hotel under guard of a deputy sheriff. The accused man is in telegraphic communication with his father and other relatives in eastern Washington, and it is believed he will experience no difficulty in obtaining bondsmen.

It is believed that Hamilton's father, who is a wealthy and highly respected citizen of Whitman county, will make full restitution to the state of the difference between Hamilton's bond and the total amount of his alleged thefts from the state. The grand total of the speculations of General Hamilton, so far as they have been discovered to date, are said to aggregate \$45,790. In reply to a direct question to-day as to how much he had embezzled, Hamilton replied that he did not know, but thought it amounted to \$10,000.

The disgraced militia officer endures his predicament with the utmost equanimity and indifference, but he stoutly defends his "innocence." Mrs. Hazel Moore, of Seattle, against every imputation. While Mrs. Moore possesses automobiles, pianos and diamonds which may have been purchased with the money fraudulently secured from the state, without Hamilton's testimony that he bought them with the alleged stolen funds, the state can take no action to recover.

Meanwhile the National Surety Company is held to be liable in the sum of \$20,000, which is the amount of Hamilton's bond as adjutant-general. Will Leave Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., May 6.—At the Hotel Butler annex to-day Mrs. Hazel Moore, the woman for love of whom Adjutant-General Ortis Hamilton is said to owe his downfall, assisted by her negro maid, is making preparations for a trip to California with her nine-year-old daughter Margaret. She will begin her journey on Friday of this week. It is said Mrs. Moore refuses to see newspapermen, but over the telephone she entertains reporters with a tirade against the press, and states her intention to "make 'em sweat" for the stories published about her record.

THE PUGSLEY DEBATE.

Ottawa, May 6.—In the Commons the debate on opposition's resolution respecting Hon. W. Pugsley was continued this morning and afternoon. It will be concluded to-night and the resolution will be voted down by a straight party vote.

WILL CONSTRUCT NEW EMPRESSES

WORK ON VESSELS TO
COMMENCE SHORTLY

Canadian Pacific Liners Will
Have Speed of Twenty
Knots.

London, May 6.—The construction of new Canadian Pacific Empresses is shortly to be commenced. They will be capable of twenty-knot speed and will be propelled by a combination of reciprocating and turbine engines. The present ships will go on the Pacific route.

PRINCE EDWARD GOES TO NAVAL COLLEGE

London, May 6.—Edward Albert, son of the Prince of Wales and future king of Britain, went to Dartmouth naval college to-day, where he will enter upon the second half of four years' training, which will turn him out a smart midshipman.

JUMPS OVER PRECIPICE

VANCOUVER BOXER
COMMITTS SUICIDE

Rescued After Capsizing Boat
He Leaps 200 Feet to
Death.

Vancouver, B. C., May 6.—Guy D. Mowers, better known locally and on the Sound as Bob Ritchie, a well-known lightweight, committed suicide yesterday in a determined manner.

Mowers was seen sailing alone in a sloop on the North Arm and the crew of a pleasure launch was amazed to see him deliberately upset the boat and sink out of sight. They hastened to the scene and just managed to rescue him. He was taken ashore and when he recovered promised to take the next boat down to Vancouver. About two hours after another party was amazed to see him standing on the brink of a precipice two hundred feet high gesticulating and shouting. Coming closer to where he was, the party saw him shape his hands into a megaphone and heard him shout "good bye all." Then he posed as if for a dive and jumped on to the craggy rocks beneath. His mangled body was brought to North Vancouver last night. He was a motorman in the employ of the British Columbia Electric railway and no cause for the determined suicide is known.

TAXPAYERS MAKE LOUD PROTESTS

OBJECT TO BURDENS
IMPOSED BY GOVERNMENT

British Conservatives Join in
Denouncing New
Levies.

London, May 6.—Protests from the wealthy and middle classes of British society against the almost socialist provisions of the 1909-1910 budget recently presented to the House of Commons by Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd-George, are loud and persistent. The great additional burden of taxation which will be necessitated by the adoption of the budget falls upon these wealthy and middle classes, whose protests are reinforced by the denunciation of the Conservatives that its attempts denote a surrender to the demands of the Radicals and the labor party, termed by their opponents "proletariat."

The provisions that have caused the greatest outcry from those affected are: State aid of a scheme for insurance against loss of employment.

State aid of labor exchanges for the aid of the unemployed.

State aid of agricultural and forestry projects.

Increased tax on incomes over \$25,000.

Increased taxation of duties on legacies, saloon licenses and luxuries.

Tax on mining royalties, undeveloped urban land and mineral wealth, and a stamp tax on real estate and stock exchange transactions.

While the budget would increase greatly the taxes of the wealthy class, the greatest volume of protest comes from the middle class, which is affected by liquor, tobacco and similar proposed levies.

One provision, however, that appears to have met with general appreciation is the tax on mining royalties and on city real estate, the value of which was increased because of the unearned increment resulting from improvements on adjacent properties.

If the budget is endorsed, the English people will find themselves under a tax imposition as great as that in effect in times of war. The increased burden undoubtedly will result in a protest that may affect a curtailment of military expenditures. The disastrous result of which already are apparent.

SHOT IN PISTOL DUEL.

San Jose, Cal., May 6.—Two curious persons, who refuse to tell their names, are suffering to-day from bullet wounds received during a revolver battle near a bridge across Los Gatos creek, near this city. George McAvoy and George O'Toole have been taken in charge by the police for their participation in the affair, and a search is being made for others who are involved. The fight, which occurred about midnight, is believed to have been started by McAvoy, who escaped from the Agnew insane asylum. The five men who were under the bridge when the shooting started, are thought to have been drinking. With the exception of the curious spectators who hurried to the scene, no one was injured. About forty shots were fired.

BIG MILL GOES UP IN SMOKE

FIRE AT BARNET CAUSES
LOSS OF \$250,000

Flames Spread to Freight Train
and Six Cars Are
Destroyed.

Vancouver, B. C., May 6.—The North Pacific Lumber Company's mill at Barnet, eight miles from Vancouver, was completely destroyed by fire last night. The fire broke out shortly before midnight, and was soon beyond control.

A C. P. R. train, consisting of eleven cars, caught alight, and only five were saved. It is believed that the other six were loaded with general freight.

The dry kilns were saved, as well as the lumber yard, but the damage amounts to about \$250,000. The mill was one of the largest on the coast, and had a daily cut of 100,000 feet.

The telephone and telegraph wires were being burned down, but the great glare in the sky warned the Vancouver brigade, and apparatus was sent out early this morning on flat cars.

BURNED TO DEATH.

One Killed and Two Injured by Ex-
plosion of Gasoline Tank.

Seattle, Wash., May 6.—Richard Nash, 40 years old, one of the proprietors of the Rainier Valley Record at Columbia City, is dead to-day from burns he received by the explosion of a gasoline tank yesterday afternoon.

The explosion, which occurred in the office of the newspaper, set fire to the building. Mrs. Edwin S. Gill, wife of the president of the company, and C. L. Pierce, linotype operator, were badly burned, while assisting the dying man and securing the books of the company. The tank which exploded contained about three gallons of gasoline at the time. It was used to operate the typesetting machine. Nash was covered with the burning oil and was treated a human touch when he rushed to the hospital and received first aid help. The flames were extinguished, and Nash was hurried to Seattle on a special trolley car, but succumbed to his burns at 10 o'clock last night.

RANCHERS SEEK
SAFETY IN FLIGHT

Serious Property Losses as Re-
sult of Bush
Fires

Kamloops, B. C., May 6.—Scores of ranchers have been forced to flee from their homes as the result of the disastrous bush fire that has swept the country from Notch Hill as far east as Three Valley and south from Sicamous as far as Vernon. The losses will reach to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Barns and houses have been destroyed and many cattle were burned to death, while dozens of ranchers were compelled to leave everything behind them and escape with their lives.

AERONAUT INJURED.

One of Wright's Aeroplanes Falls Hun-
dred Feet and Operator's Should-
ers Are Dislocated.

Rome, May 6.—Lieut. Calderara, one of Wilbur Wright's aeronautic pupils, had both shoulders dislocated to-day, when he fell, with his instructor's aeroplane, from a height of 100 feet. He was rendered unconscious by the fall and was removed to a hospital.

Calderara was making a flight in Wright's machine when the accident occurred. When he had attained a height of 100 feet the motor stopped and before he could get it started again the aeroplane fell.

After he regained consciousness at the hospital, Calderara stated that he had a sudden attack of vertigo, and instinctively clutched the lever. He remembered nothing of his terrible drop to the earth.

According to the physicians in charge he stands an excellent chance of recovery. Calderara assumed all responsibility for the accident and claims that the mechanism of the aeroplane was not at fault.

TRIAL OF HAINS.

Attorneys For Defence Close Case—
Rebuttal Evidence.

Flushing, L. I., May 6.—The defence in the trial of Capt. Peter C. Hains, accused of the murder of William E. Annis, rested at 1:56 o'clock this afternoon, after introducing expert testimony to prove that the defendant was insane at the time of the killing.

Dr. Manson, who testified yesterday that Hains was insane when he killed Annis, was cross-examined by the prosecutor to-day. His testimony remained unshaken. Dr. Arthur C. Brush, qualifying as an expert, corroborated Manson's testimony. At the conclusion of his cross-examination recess was taken.

Dr. Jarrett was the first witness for the state in rebuttal.

PREMIER ASQUITH ON THE BUDGET

UPHOLDS PROPOSALS
OF THE CHANCELLOR

Unionist Members Cheer When
Majority Drops to
107.

London, May 6.—The government had a majority of 107 at the close of the budget debate. This was so far below the average that the Unionists cheered and shouted "resign." Premier Asquith, winding up the debate, rebuffed Mr. Balfour's contention that capital would be driven out of the country. "Where is it going to fly to?" asked the Premier. "It may traverse the whole civilized world, but wherever it goes it will find itself confronted by finance measures as necessitous as Mr. Lloyd-George's. It would not find rest in Germany, France or the United States. The truth is there is not a civilized country in the world which does not find itself at this moment under stress of taking its place in the race for armaments, in providing for social reform and the development of new resources, under necessity of discovering new means of taxation. There is no country in the world where, when all the proposals of this budget have been carried into law, capital will be less exposed to the chances of spoliation or insecurity than in this free trade country."

The government majority rose to 153 on a specific resolution reimposing the duty on tea.

ON TRACK OF GANG OF OPIUM SMUGGLERS

Believed to Have Headquarters
in China and Agents in
States.

San Francisco, Cal., May 6.—Plain clothesmen and officers of the secret service to-day are following every available clue in an effort to round up local representatives of an international gang of opium smugglers whose proposed extensive operations were made known to the officials by Chinese merchants of this city. Officers are patrolling the waterfront with orders to seize the contraband shipments that are expected to arrive.

When the law prohibiting the importation of opium for smoking became effective in April, it was known that \$400,000 worth of the poppy product had been stored by Chinese brokers. With this large quantity in the city, it is thought that the smugglers expected to catch the customs officers unaware, and seize the opportunity to bundle large shipments into the city illegally.

Their plans are said to have been divulged by Chinese merchants who feared that the wholesale entry would be effective in lowering the value of the opium in their possession.

It is thought by the officials that the gang of smugglers has its headquarters in China and is represented by agents in this city and in the eastern states. With the lead furnished them by the merchants the officers are of the opinion that in addition to stopping the influx of contraband products, they will be successful in running to earth the individuals connected with the plot in this city and in the east.

CONVICTED OF KIDNAPPING.

Jury in Whittia Case Returned Verdict
After Absence of Forty-Five
Minutes.

Mercer, Pa., May 6.—James H. Boyle was convicted to-day of kidnapping Billy Whittia. The trial occupied three and one-half hours' actual work, and the jury was out nearly 45 minutes before returning its verdict. The penalty for kidnapping is from one year to life imprisonment.

Before the jury reported and while the prisoner was still in the court room, Mrs. Boyle was arraigned and the work of selecting a jury to try her case began.

WILL TEST CALIFORNIA'S ANTI-BETTING LAW

Race Track in the San Joaquin
Valley Is to Be Re-
opened.

San Francisco, May 6.—The little town of Madera, in the San Joaquin valley, is to be the scene of the attempt of the race track followers to secure a test of the Otis-Walker anti-betting law passed by the late state legislature.

Soon after the passage of the anti-gambling bill, it was planned to reopen the Ingleside course in this city. This plan came to naught, as did several other schemes to secure a test. It is said to-day that plans to open the Madera park are almost perfected. It is rumored that former Judge Carrol Cook, with Henry Ach, has been retained by those concerned to care for the legal end of any proceedings arising in the proposed attempt.