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TRAIL OF BLOOD IN PERSIA STIRS FEELING IN BRITAIN

Denunciation of Government's Policy of Aboofness While Persia's Independence is Being Sacrificed, is Joined in by Liberal Press—Russia Apparently Determined to Punish Defenceless People.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—The Russian Government has decided upon stern measures to suppress the disorders at Tabriz and other disturbed Persian towns. The dislocation of the telegraph lines makes it impossible to get a reliable narrative of the outbreaks. Yet it cannot be doubted that a situation of the gravest complexity has arisen.

As reports of Russian progress in Persia, and stories of the indiscriminate killing of natives in Tabriz and Resht, and of the destruction of Persian constitutional government under Russian menaces, continue to reach England, the people are becoming increasingly disquieted at the British Government's attitude, which the foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, thinks is a matter of policy and compelled by the Anglo-Russian agreement.

Persian Autonomy Gone.
Doubts have also been increased as to whether Persian independence will ever be restored to even the feeble status it had before this last assault by Russia. If parliament were sitting there would undoubtedly be severe questioning of the government on this subject, and an arraignment of the foreign office.

The Times is the only paper which strongly supports the government, and it expresses considerable uneasiness over Russia's intentions as hinted in the St. Petersburg reports. The Manchester Guardian, the ablest and most influential provincial Liberal paper, deplores the British course and questions whether the government could not have taken some stand earlier, but fears that it is too late now. In short, the whole affair is repugnant to Liberal sentiment.

Troops on the Move.
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—The latest reports from Tabriz announce that the telephone lines to Julfa has been cut. Julfa is a small town in Transcaucasia, on the Aras River, something less than 100 miles from Tabriz. It was from this point that the Russian reinforcements were despatched to Tabriz several days ago.

About 200 Caucasian felds, including a number of leaders, fled last night to Karadagh, with the intention, it is believed, of crossing the Russian frontier. A Russian guard has been placed over the Russian bank and the citadel over.

Russia May Bar All Trade With U.S.
Measure Before Douma is in Relation for United States Request for Treaty Abrogation.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—A supplementary legislative proposal of a frankly prohibitive character was introduced by the Nationalists in the Douma to-day. It is aimed directly at the United States.

According to the terms of the proposed enactment American citizens of the Jewish religion are to be totally excluded from Russia, and in the second place customs duties are to be raised by 100 per cent, unless the Russian normal schedule is lower than the American. In that case a duty equal to the United States duty will be collected.

The author of the bill states that the last provision is necessary in order to deal with the import of agricultural machinery. An effort will be made to have all commerce with the United States cut as a result of abrogation of the United States of the treaty of 1832.

"Nothin' Doin'"

The Globe is at it again. Too many large public works on hand, says the do-as-little-as-you-can organ, and it tells of the important work of framing an agreement with the Toronto Railway for the interchange of traffic with the new civic car lines.

Someone should explain this to the reverend editor. The only condition on which the Toronto Railway Company would ever consent to an interchange of traffic would be on the basis of a four cent fare to be paid to the Toronto Railway Company for every passenger carried over its lines.

The Toronto Railway Co. pays \$700,000 a year to the city on its new traffic. It is under no obligation to help the citizens in the new districts and is entrenched behind a decision of the privy council.

On both occasions The Star took exception to the bylaw for a number of reasons. Some of these objections no longer hold good. It cannot be said, for instance, that the estimates submitted this year are hastily prepared.

The vehicular, street car and pedestrian traffic of the east demands access to the central part of the city. The gap must be bridged. The people of the western sections, who expect the widening of Bloor-street, interfering to a great extent with the natural beauty of the district, has been advocated by the Guild of Civic Art.

Another Witness.
The advertisement of Messrs. Ryrie Bros. to the effect that they intended to close their store at 5 o'clock in the afternoon so that employees could get home in time for their evening meal, is the greatest testimony in favor of tubes and improved traction conditions that has, as yet, been made manifest in this city.

Drastic Street Car Regulations.
Far from being unaware of the doings of the Toronto Street Railway since the order to run the Queen cars up Roncesvalles was issued a few days ago, the Ontario Railway Board are very conversant with all that's going on in this regard.

Aeroplane Man Arrested.
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Harry Graves Carter, president of an aeroplane company, was arrested to-day charged with misappropriating funds of the company. The complainants against Carter are Arthur A. Hart, vice-president; Royal E. Hibbins, treasurer; and William A. Carter, a director of the company. The latter is an uncle of Carter.

ANOTHER "MAD DOG" FAKER



PARTY IN MASK (to watchdog): "You'd keep me out, would you? Well, I'll start a red hot mad dog scare agin you."

MONGOLIA UNDER SHADOW OF BEAR

While Proclaimed Nominally Independent To-morrow, it and Turkestan Will Practically Be Russian Protectorates — China May Choose Provisional President To-day

PEKIN, Dec. 28.—(2.35 a.m.)—(Can. Press.)—Mongolia, which almost equals China proper in size, will be proclaimed independent to-morrow, simultaneously with the cutting off from China of the vast dependency of Turkestan.

The construction of the trans-Mongolian Railway, for which Russia has long sought permission from China, will now be a matter of time, Europe thereby coming nearer to Peking by three or four days.

Russian influence will flank the Japanese sphere in Manchuria perilously, and a Japanese alliance for the sake of preserving Japanese interests may sooner or later be expected.

Elect President To-day.
SHANGHAI, Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—It is reported that the delegates of the 18 provinces of China proper intend to meet at Nanking on Dec. 28 to elect Dr. Shun Yat Sen as president of the provisional government of the United Provinces.

Commission on the Job.
Meeting Yesterday Discussed Appointment of Counsel and Secretary.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—After calling upon Premier Borden, the minister of public works and the civil service commissioners, the members of the recently appointed commission which will conduct an enquiry into all the government departments, held their first meeting this afternoon.

Flames Sweep Golden City

A bulletin from Golden City, Porcupine, received about 2:15 a.m. says: "Half of the business section of Golden City in flames; 20 stores completely gutted. Mulligan House saved. Fire still raging fiercely."

Steamer Sank and Three Men Drowned

British Vessel Renwick Was Rammed Off Nova Scotia—Capt. and Others Rescued.

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—The French mail steamer, St. Pierre Miquelon, arrived at North Sydney from Halifax to-night, having on board the crew of the British steamer Renwick, Captain Chapman.

The Renwick was under charter for the Inverness Coal & Railway Company and was on her way from Port Hastings to Bridgewater, coal laden. The names of the drowned men are unobtainable. All were firemen. The survivors lost all their belongings, as the steamer sank so quickly that they barely escaped with their lives.

Steamer Hughenden Founders.
LISBON, Portugal, Dec. 27.—The British steamer, Devonshire, which arrived here to-day reports the foundering of the British steamer, Hughenden, in the Bay of Biscay, on Dec. 21. The Devonshire rescued two of the crew of the Hughenden, the others being lost. The Hughenden was bound from Smyrna for Dublin.

Conservatives Lead in P.E.I.
CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Dec. 27.—Premier Matheson was to-day elected by acclamation with his colleague, Temple MacDonald, to the Prince Edward Island Legislature. Other acclamations are: John MacLean, Conservative, in the first district of Kings; Hon. John Kitchin, Conservative, also in the first district of Kings; and John A. MacDonald, Conservative, in the third district of Kings.

DESERT BENCH FOR FESTIVE BOARD

Bar Association Holds Annual Banquet—Many Prominent Guests—Felicitous Remarks in Order — Lawyers and Judges Cast Aside Sombre-ness of Law.

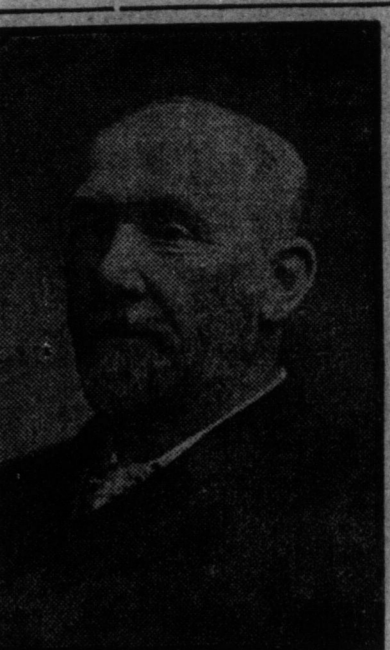
Innumerable volumes of the Dominion and Ontario Revised Statutes materialized themselves around the luxurious tables of the Bar Association at the King Edward last night on the occasion of the annual dinner.

WORKS DEPARTMENT OVERBURDENED. This, in big headlines, is one of the chief objections taken by the Telegram to the construction of the tubes, the building of the viaduct, and the annexation of North Toronto.

What splendid emigration agents The Globe and Telegram would be. Don't come to Toronto, they say, as we have already more people than we know how to take care of. The new federal government has started out to improve the immigration policy of the Laurier administration and appointed a special commission for that purpose.

PHOTOS OF LEAP YEAR BABIES
In connection with our recent announcement that The Toronto Daily World would present all babies born on the 29th February of this coming leap year, with a silver mug, we desire to say that we will be glad to receive and publish photographs of babies who participated in this award last leap year, that is, babies who were born on the 29th of February, four years ago, and who received The World's silver mugs.

We Need Tubes Now Says Speaker Crawford



HON. THOMAS CRAWFORD
"The time has come for tubes."

Hope to Reclaim Fallen Women

Energetic Effort to Clean Up Kansas City by Moral Suasion and the Law.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—Accompanied by police, a committee of women religious workers to-day visited houses in the "red light" district here in an effort to persuade the inmates to take a fresh start in life.

IS TORONTO TO STAGNATE?
NO ROOM! This is the sign that The Globe and Telegram are hanging outside the Gates of Toronto. What a pitiful admission! Because of a change of government The Globe's attitude might be understood, but why this retrograde action on the part of The Telegram? Canada suffered for years because of insufficient new capital and new labor, but they did come, and both are willing to come in greater quantities if they are not frightened off by the two non-progressive Toronto journals.

Most other cities in Canada and the United States are only too willing to grow and spend washings of money to try and do so. Immigration is accomplishing this for Toronto, and will continue to do so.

And what a fine chance we have of getting factories from the outside. Keep away from Toronto will be their watchword. The civic administration cannot keep up with its business. Hamilton and other live places are fortunately for themselves not so over-congested.

On your business man, and on you working man, are you satisfied to allow Toronto to stagnate? If not, vote for all the bylaws. Encourage outsiders to regard Toronto as a good place to live in and tell your aldermen to put on more men if they cannot keep up with the work.

Impossible to Provide Adequate Surface Service in Congested District — Presides at Spence-Hocken Meeting — Tubes Enthusiastically Received.

Hon. Thomas Crawford started off the civic meeting last night in good style by a characteristic and vigorous declaration in favor of tubes for Toronto.

"The time has come," said Mr. Crawford, "when it is impossible in the congested district, on the surface lines, to get sufficient accommodation. We must have something done overhead or underground and I'm in favor of the underground."

Abolish the business tax and establish an imbricate hospital were two cute little time killers made use of by Controller Spence, while Controller Hocken saw the time for a tube debate being steadily reduced as if to the irreducible minimum.

Abnormal Baby Dead
After spending about ten days on earth under conditions which probably never before in the world's history have been the lot of any mortal, the little child at the Sick Children's Hospital, with the exposed heart, is dead.

KILLED WIFE AND SIX CHILDREN
Arkansas Man Then Took His Own Life, Wiping Out Family.

Duke of Argyll a Compozer.
LONDON, Eng., Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—It is announced that Oscar Hammerstein, whose London opera house was opened Nov. 12 last, has accepted an opera written by the Duke of Argyll for production in the spring.

THE BIG FUR SALE
The Dineen Company is having a special sale of fur goods, which were manufactured for Christmas selling. Very exclusive designs in the best of fur and at extremely low prices. You will find something unusually good from which to choose at figures you will not likely meet again.