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TORIES HELD BRIBERY ORGY

LAVISH DISTRIBUTION OF RUM AND MONEY

Startling Revelations of Cor-
ruption in Colchester
Election Case.

Halifax, Aug. 21.—The lifting of the
in the trial for bribery of A. R.
Bayne, the "Yankee Mining man,"
who seems to have been the chief
operator in the "Purity" election of
John Stanfield, M. P., for Colchester,
continues to furnish a lively revela-
tion of corruption practised on behalf
of the opposition candidate in the
famous by-election last November.

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the distribution with a lavish hand of
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tion of liquor and money took place
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in some cases asked to "forget some
things."

COLLECTING FISH DATA.

New Westminster, Aug. 20.—Dr.
David Starr Jordan, of the Interna-
tional Fisheries Commission, visited
New Westminster yesterday and spent
the afternoon visiting the St. Mungo
and B. C. Packers plants with Mr. C.
B. Sward, inspector of fisheries. He
examined a number of fish at both
places, taking measurements and
counting the scales, taking numerous
data in his notebook from the answers
of men employed at the plants and
from fishermen on the waterfront.
Especially he enquired as to the ef-
fects of trap fishing along the coast
on the Fraser salmon industry.

O. O. WINTER'S PLANS.

Winnipeg, Aug. 21.—O. O. Winter,
who has hitherto been general super-
intendent of the Grand Trunk Pacific
railroad, severs his connection with
that railway to-day. Although Mr.
Winter is leaving the Grand Trunk Pa-
cific he is not going out of the rail-
road work, but is going to the United
States, where he will be connected with
one of the big American roads.

MINNESOTA'S GOVERNOR.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 21.—Shortly
before noon yesterday Governor John
St. Paul announced that he would accept
the nomination for governor tendered
to him by the state Democratic con-
vention at Minneapolis yesterday.

CUNARDERS TO SAIL FROM SOUTHAMPTON

Only Method by Which First
Class Traffic Can Be
Retained.

Liverpool, Aug. 21.—The Post under-
stands that at their monthly meeting
the directors of the Cunard Steamship
Company, after much discussion, ar-
rived at the decision that their boats
must go south if a remunerative sphere
of first class traffic is to be retained,
but that the terms of the mail contract
with the government, which still has
19 years to run, preclude the abandon-
ing of Queenstown as a port of call,
and on political grounds the govern-
ment declines to yield.

AMERICAN FARMERS POURING INTO WEST

Numerous Land Buyers Are on
Their Way to Tramping
Lake.

Winnipeg, Aug. 21.—That the Ameri-
can invasion of western Canada is
still in full swing was indicated yester-
day by the arrival at the Cana-
dian Pacific depot from the Twin cities
of the largest individual party of
American land buyers that has ever come
to the city. The travellers were ac-
commodated in five sleeping cars, with
a diner, which constituted a special
train.

The company has been organized in
St. Paul by the Luse Land Company,
and had been assembled there from
the states of the central west. Almost
all the members of the American party
were successful American farmers who
have been engaged in cultivating their
own or rented lands. They are now on
their way to Tramping lake, where the
Luse Land Company have large hold-
ings, which they are now offering for
sale and settlement to American buy-
ers.

FATALITY IN HOTEL FIRE.

Hundred Guests Have to Flee in
Scanty Attire.

Plattsburg, N.Y., Aug. 21.—Fire early
to-day destroyed Owleyout Lodge, a
summer hotel in Clinton county, near
Merrill, and burned to death John
Synge, a 12-year-old boy employed in
the hotel. The hotel, which houses
about 100 guests, and was crowded with
summer visitors, all of them escaping
injury, but losing their effects. The
guests suffered considerably from ex-
posure, having been forced to flee in
scanty attire.

OLD SAILOR'S DEATH.

Almonac, Mich., Aug. 21.—Capt. Chas.
K. Jackson, 71 years old, a Great Lakes
sailor for more than half a century,
died at his home here yesterday.

UNION OIL COMPANY.

Corporation Increases Its Capital From
Ten to Fifty Millions.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 21.—At their
meeting at Oileum yesterday, the Union
Oil Company directors took the final
steps to increase the company's capi-
talization from \$10,000,000 to \$50,000,-
000. The action was authorized at a
shareholders' meeting. The regular
September dividend will be declared
payable on Sept. 20th. The directors
declared a dividend of \$2.00 per share,
payable out of the surplus earnings. The
regular monthly dividend of 50
cents a share was also declared.

DEATH TOLL IN WIGAN MINE.

Seventy-Six Perish Through Explosion
and Fire.

Wigan, Eng., Aug. 21.—It is now
known that 76 miners perished in the
explosion and the fire that followed
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UNFOUNDED STORY.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Aug. 21.—A re-
port which became current last night
of a wreck with several fatalities on
the Pennsylvania and Harris Narrow
gauge road at Clarksburg, proves to
have been unfounded. While an en-
gine pulling several coaches was tak-
ing water, a light engine collided with
it, shaking up the passengers, but in-
juring no one.

ROLLING STOCK IN BAD REPAIR

C. P. R. TRAINS DITCHED ON LETHBRIDGE BRANCH

Many Locomotives Have Broken
Down Since Strike
Commenced.

Winnipeg, Aug. 21.—That the Cana-
dian Pacific railway rolling stock is
getting in bad condition owing to
the absence of mechanics in the repair
shops was made evident to-day when
an announcement came in that three
trains went into the ditch on the Leth-
bridge branch yesterday. Much
rolling stock was also destroyed.

With the addition of 30 constables
yesterday, the company has 300 police
guarding the shops. Men patrol the
tracks in gasoline motors. Box cars
with bunks accommodate the strike
breakers. Six new locomotives arrived
here yesterday.

150 Engines Disabled.
Medicine Hat, Aug. 21.—The Alberta
C. P. railway strikers have a big meet-
ing on Saturday evening at which all
the strikers in the railway services will
be represented. One hundred and fifty
engines, between Swift Current and
Calgary, have been put out of business
since the strike commenced. Forty
broken down locomotives are stalled at
Coleridge, Alberta.

MADMAN ATTACKS MAYOR.

New York, Aug. 21.—Attacked by
an insane man, armed with a knife,
in his office yesterday, Mayor Stelle,
of Hoboken, had a narrow escape from
death and was saved by the arrival
of his bodyguard, a detective.

William Carmody, who was released
from an insane asylum a few days
ago, ventured into the office when the
mayor was alone and demanded pay
for his time spent in the asylum. The
mayor, overcome by temporizing with
him, but Carmody whipped out a knife
and started for him.

DEAD AT THE TILLER.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 21.—Beaten
about by a storm from Monday night
until Wednesday night, the little
schooner-rigged yacht Jubinta of Mil-
waukee, with David Beebe and the
dead body of his sailing companion,
Philip Thompson, on board, was towed
to the harbor yesterday. Thompson had
been steadily at the tiller for hours,
when in the height of the rain and
wind storm he arose to put on a coat.
Without a word he dropped to the bot-
tom of the boat dead.

SIR ALLAN JOHNSTON.

The Hague, Aug. 21.—It is believed
here that Sir Allan Johnston, the Brit-
ish minister to Denmark, will succeed
Sir Henry Howard as British minister
to the Netherlands. Sir Henry will
reach the age limit on October 1st, and
will then retire.

POLICEMAN IN SHOCKING ACCIDENT

Enveloped in Flames When
Gasoline Lamp Explodes
in His Hands.

Chatham, Aug. 21.—As a result of an
explosion of gasoline Police Chief
Mackey, of Blenheim, lies a mass of
wounds, and it is doubtful whether he
will ever use his hands again. He was
engaged in a house where there had
been a case of scarlet fever in the
fumigation of the building. Mackey was
about to enter the house when a gaso-
line lamp exploded in his hands. In a
second the flames enveloped his head,
face, hands and chest, scorching the
flesh to a sickening red mass, burning
his hair from his head and blinding the
unfortunate man.

HON. W. TEMPLEMAN IS BANQUETTED

CRANBROOK ENTERTAINS VICTORIA'S MEMBER

Review of Work Accomplished
by Parliament During Past
Session.

Cranbrook, Aug. 21.—Hon. Wm.
Templeman, minister of mines, met the
board of trade here on Wednesday eve-
ning, with regard to the mining needs
of this district. The board urged for
a geological survey of the St. Mary's
valley a few miles north of Cranbrook
in which valuable mineral de-
posits are believed to exist.

The minister promised to have this
done as soon as possible. The board
also asked for the establishment of a
daily mail service by the St. Paul and
Spokane line of the C. P. R. system
which would give this place a better
mail connection with coast points.

Another request was that Cranbrook
be raised from the status of a customs
sub-port to a port of entry. The min-
ister assured the board he would take
up their points with the proper de-
partment at Ottawa. After the meet-
ing the minister was tendered a ban-
quet by the board of trade, which was
largely attended.

In the course of his remarks he re-
ferred to the extension of the geological
survey in British Columbia this year
and expressed the desire to do all in his power to de-
velop the mineral industry of the
province. He also expressed briefly
the various measures passed by parlia-
ment last session commenting par-
ticularly on the extension of the rail-
way commission both in its personnel
and jurisdiction, the consolidation of
Dominion land in the Northwest, the
old age annuities, the civil service re-
form and the amendments to the In-
land Revenue act to encourage the
Canadian tobacco industry.

Hon. Wm. Templeman and Director
Brook of the geological service yester-
day left for Moyle and Nelson.

SAYS TEXT BOOKS ARE OUT OF DATE

Dr. Brydson-Jack's Comment
on Teaching of Hygiene
in B. C. Schools.

Vancouver, Aug. 20.—"The text books
on hygiene used in the public schools
are worse than useless, out of date and
misleading."

Adding that the kind of instruction
giving instruction without practical
demonstration, is almost useless, Dr.
Brydson-Jack, chairman of the special
committee of the B. C. Medical Asso-
ciation, expressed his regret that
hygiene, thus concludes a crushing in-
dictment of the manner in which the
subject is taken up in the schools of
British Columbia.

Following the president's address, Dr.
Brydson-Jack this afternoon rose to
present the report of his committee to
the ninth annual gathering of the as-
sociation which went into session this
morning at Pender hall. He first of all
quoted reports from the education de-
partment on the teaching of physiology
and hygiene in the normal school, the
public school and the high school. The
facts disclosed showed so clearly that
in none of the three was any adequate
instruction given, and that since the
teachers were themselves former pupils
taught under the system, none could
be, that the doctor remarked with very
apparent justification that comment
was needless.

Continuing, he came to a side of the
general question, his report on which
was much more gratifying to this city.
This was to the effect that only here
and in South Vancouver are any ar-
rangements made for the medical in-
spection of the children.

"Vancouver is further ahead than
any other place in that it has appoint-
ed a medical inspector of schools," said
the doctor, "and the superintendent
writes that this appointment has done
more than any other agency to direct
the attention of parents, teachers and
pupils to the question of the care of the
body. Our medical inspector has been
very pains-taking in instructing both
pupils and parents."

South Vancouver has also a medical
inspector for her three schools, who is
doing excellent work."

EATS STRYCHNINE AND DIES.

Denver, Col., Aug. 21.—Mrs. N. Snel-
lenberg, wife of the manager of a de-
partment store of Wilmington, Del.,
committed suicide on Tuesday at the
Oakes Home in this city by eating
strychnine, which had been procured
by her own medicine. Mrs. Snellenberg
was afflicted with consumption, and it
is believed that her affliction produced
melancholia. The fact of her suicide did
not become public until last night.

PULSE OF SPRINGFIELD IS AGAIN NORMAL

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 21.—Military
rule ceased in Springfield to-day. The
militia force here is being reduced to
one regiment and the task of preserv-
ing order will be turned over to the
civil authorities. The first cavalry
broke camp at daylight and the seventh
infantry patrols were withdrawn from
the streets. Sheriff Wener had an in-
creased force of deputies on duty and
the city police also were re-enforced
by a few special policemen.

Except for the closed saloons and the
ruined homes and business houses in
some of the streets, there was nothing
to indicate that a week ago the city
had been in the hands of a mob.

ELECTRICAL SHELLS.

Germany's New Explosive Tears Krupp
Armor Plates to Pieces.

Munich, Aug. 21.—A new high ex-
plosive, of a power beyond anything
hitherto used in the German army,
was tested here in the presence of the
Artillery Proving Commission from
Berlin, representatives of the Bavarian
War Ministry, the Imperial Navy and
the Fortress and Ordnance Department,
with what was secured as sensational
results. Three shells exploded by elec-
tricity, tore Krupp armor plates to
pieces. The explosive is the invention of
Frieze Gehre.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT NICOLA COAL MINE

(Special to the Times).
Vancouver, Aug. 21.—The
hundreds of tips and other
outfit above the ground of the
Nicola Coal & Coke Co., with
five hundred tons of coal, were
burned last night.

SHOT GUN MURDER.

Arkansas Farmer Kills His Wife in
Deliberate Fashion.

Conway, Ark., Aug. 21.—J. A. Cart-
wright, a local farmer, shot and killed
his wife at their home near here yester-
day. The weapon used was a shot
gun, the man firing three times, the
charge of shot striking the woman each
time. Cartwright was charged with a
murder in the first degree. The cause of
the killing is unknown.

CONGO QUESTION NEARLY SOLVED

RULE SLIPPING FROM KING LEOPOLD'S HANDS

Annexation Finally Determined
Upon, But Financial Prob-
lem Remains.

Brussels, Aug. 21.—After several
months of bitter struggle, the chamber
of deputies yesterday adopted the Con-
go annexation treaty by 83 votes to 55,
although this action probably will in-
sure the solution of the Congo problem
there still remains open the question of
Belgium's financial responsibility.

This action on the part of the cham-
ber of deputies had not been expected,
and at the last moment nearly caused
the collapse of the cabinet.
During the first reading recently of
the colonial bill, which provides for
the administration of the Congo In-
dependent State, and with which the
treaty was adopted, Herr Voeste, leader
of the right, secured the adoption
of an amendment releasing Belgium
from the responsibility of guarantee-
ing the payment of the interest of the
Congo debt. On Wednesday the
government made a determined effort
to secure restoration of the stipulation
that Belgium would make advances to
the Congo in case of necessity. The
government was defeated in this, how-
ever, and it was generally believed that
the ministers would be forced to resign.

At the conclusion of a long meeting
of King Leopold and the members of
his cabinet, it was announced that the
minister would not resign, the govern-
ment temporarily accepting the cham-
ber's action on the financial question.
It was pointed out, however, that a
direct contradiction exists between the
treaty and the colonial voters, who are
shouldering the financial responsibility,
while the bill rejects it. It is under-
stood that the government will make
an effort in the senate to amend the
bill so as to reconcile the provisions
of the two.

Among the important modifications
of the original articles of the bill are
the abolition of forced labor and the
prohibition of members of the Belgian
parliament from exploiting Congo con-
cessions.

The passage of the Congo treaty by
the chamber of deputies means that
the annexation of the Congo to Bel-
gium is now practically assured. The
personal rule of King Leopold, in Africa,
is now drawing to a close. In the fu-
ture he will have nothing to do with
the state, which is to be administered
by Belgium, and the hope is expressed
that there will now be an end to the
atrocities and maladministration in
this part of the world which for years
past have been subject of investiga-
tion and bitter complaint by humani-
tarians everywhere.

INCUBUS ON SHOULDERS OF UNITED STATES

Judge Parker Discusses Giant
Corporations and Cam-
paign Funds.

RAIN FALLING IN DUNCAN DISTRICT

Duncans, Aug. 20.—A thunderstorm
lasting from about 10 o'clock last night
to 4 or 5 o'clock this morning has partly
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Cowichan river.

NO MAIL LINE TO VENEZUELA

NETHERLANDS WITHDRAWS STEAMERS FROM RUN

Another Development in Diffi-
culty Between Castro and
the Dutch.

Wilhelmstad, Curacao, Aug. 21.—
Dutch policy brings a development in the
difficulty between the Netherlands and
Venezuela, and this morning it was
learned that the Royal Dutch West
Indian mail line had decided tempo-
rarily to discontinue its Venezuelan
service.

The steamer Prinz William V., be-
longing to this line, arrived yesterday
from Curapano, Venezuela, and special
arrangements were given to the steamer
against sailing.

The captain said: "Although we do
not fear that the Venezuelan authori-
ties will molest our steamers in Ven-
ezuela ports, the recent occurrences
yesterday in the quarantine regulations
imposed on neighboring countries have
led the company to discontinue its
Venezuela service for the time being."

The steamer of the Royal Dutch
mail line on their regular schedule call
at the Venezuelan port of Puerto
Callao, La Guayra, Guantanta and
Carapano.

SHIPPING THOROUGHBREDS.

Racehorses Owned by James R. Keene
Are Sent to South America.

New York, Aug. 21.—Eighty-eight
thoroughbred horses, valued at \$500,-
000, the property of J. B. Haggin and
James R. Keene, were shipped from
here yesterday on the steamer Velasquez
for Buenos Ayres. Specially built
and fitted quarters were arranged for
this particular shipment. A track on the
deck will be used in calm weather for
exercising the animals. The shipment
is believed to be due to the decline in
horse racing which followed the en-
actment of the anti-gambling laws in
this state.

GATHERING EVIDENCE TO VINDICATE CRIME

Yacht Club Murder Promises
to Be Another Thaw
Case.

New York, Aug. 21.—Interest in the
case of the Hains brothers, now await-
ing indictment and trial in the Queen's
county jail for the murder of Wm. E.
Annis, on the boat of the Bayview, L.I.
Yacht club, last Saturday, centered
yesterday in various contradictory
statements issued by the lawyers for
Captain Peter C. Hains and his brother
Thornton J. Hains, and by those having
charge of the interests of Mrs. Hains,
the captain's wife.

Frank G. Wild, Mrs. Hains' attorney,
issued a formal denial of the allegation
against his client, insisting that signed
confessions to the contrary notwith-
standing, Mrs. Hains had never been
guilty of improper conduct with Annis.
As to a published statement that his
client was trying to effect a reconcilia-
tion with her husband and would testi-
fy in his behalf at the trial, Mr. Wild
was equally positive that his client had
never considered reconciliation possible.
C. Percy, the first lawyer called in
to defend Captain Hains and his
brother, refused to comment on the
various statements. In respect to the
much exploited incident of the automo-
bile ride by the captain, Mrs. Hains took
Annis just after his return from the
Philippines, however, Mr. Percy threw
a new light.

"The captain," said he, "returned
with the conviction that all the gos-
sip concerning Annis and his wife was
absolutely without foundation. He
studied out a way to speedily silence
the detractors of the woman he loved,
and decided that the best way would
be to openly invite Annis to dinner at
the fort. He did this, trusting in the
worth of his wife. That night Annis
came to the fort with his wife, and af-
ter a few days, Timbony declared that
Mr. and Mrs. Annis went out together
on an automobile ride. Subsequent to
that the captain discovered the truth.
The talk of Mrs. Hains not having been
in full possession of her faculties at the
time she signed the confession is ridicu-
lous. Nearly 12 hours elapsed between
her oral and written confession."

REPLACING FIRE LOSSES.

Fernie, Aug. 20.—The coal company
have lost no time in getting up slack
bins and the coke ovens will be charged
again in a few days. Timber was cut
in the bush, hewed on the spot and
placed in position in an incredibly short
time. The work is not false work, but
the permanent structure for holding
stock and getting it out to sell. There
will be work for a large number of
men in a few days.

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TEN-YEAR OLD FIANCEE.

Aged Clergyman's Method of Leaving
Fortune to His Favorite.

Elliot City, Md., Aug. 21.—A license
was issued yesterday for the marriage
of Rev. Geo. E. Fitzhugh, aged 62 years,
to Lulu V. Frazier, a girl 10 years old.
The proposed marriage has not taken
place, however, Mr. Fitzhugh having
suffered a severe attack of heart dis-
ease after obtaining the license, and
is now said to be