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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR.

IMMIGRATION SHOWS INCREASE

Figures for Passing Year Give Total Greater by Forty Thousand Than That of Previous Twelve Months

LARGEST NUMBER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

Regulations Relating to U. S. Naval Officers Passing Through Canada—Investigation of Departments

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The Canadian immigration figures now are practically complete for the year, and show a total of 351,595, as compared with 311,000 for last year. The immigration from the United States increased by 4,000 being 145,545 for the eleven months. The influx from Great Britain increased from 123,013 to 141,835 in 1911.

U. S. Naval Officers
Strict regulations have been laid down by the government as the conditions upon which United States naval officers are to be permitted to pass through Canada from Chicago en route to ports on the Atlantic seaboard. Application was made early in December for permission of the passage of these officers through Canada from their training stations. The government has consented conditionally, the stipulations being that the officers are to pass through unarmed and only after giving the "good" notice, and that the permission now given is not to be a precedent. The officers are to be allowed to go through in uniform under this arrangement. They travel in companies of 200.

After calling on the Hon. J. G. Macdonald, the minister of immigration, the members of the recently appointed commission to conduct an inquiry into all government departments, held their first meeting this afternoon. The three commissioners, Mr. Morin, chairman, U. S. Lake and O. N. Ducharme, discussed the question of securing quarters and decided to meet tomorrow to consider the question of appointing a secretary and other officers necessary to the proper carrying on of the work on hand. It is quite probable that the quarters recently vacated by the railway board will be secured by the commissioners who propose to get established in Ottawa and commence the work of hearing evidence early in January.

Kills Family and Himself
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 27.—News reached this city this afternoon that the entire family of James Grant, consisting of himself, wife and six children, had been murdered. Grant lived 12 miles from Beton. The evidence tends to show that Grant killed his wife and children and then took his own life. Details regarding the tragedy are being given.

Obect to Dragon Flag
MELBOURNE, Ore., Dec. 27.—The Young China league in this city has written the Chinese consul general strongly objecting to the hoisting of the dragon flag at the consulate on the receipt of news of imperial successes. The members of the organization consider this act of sympathy to what they term a despotic and corrupt government exceedingly disrespectful to the republican feeling. They consider it as being in bad taste to uphold the hateful imperial flag, at the sight of which the blood of every true Chinaman boils.

Portland Unemployed
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—The city council today appropriated \$10,000 to be used in the payment for work to be provided for the unemployed now in this city. The purpose of the measure is twofold. Primarily the money is to furnish sufficient work for those who are out of employment to enable them to live, and to weed out the hobo element, sending them out of town or to the city rock pile. The work will consist of grubbing stumps in the city parks, breaking rocks at the city quarry for streets and road building. With the arrival of winter, these men have been thrown out of employment and have flocked to Portland, augmented by a horde of loafers.

Found Not Guilty
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The state failed in its efforts to fix the blame of the fire of March 25, 1911, in which 147 employees of the Triangle Waist company lost their lives. A verdict of "Not Guilty" was returned late today in the case of Isaac Harris and Max Black, proprietors of the factory, who were indicted in connection with the holocaust. Harris and Black are charged specifically with manslaughter in the case of Margaret Schwartz, a young girl who was found dead near a door on the sixth floor of the building. The main argument of both prosecution and defense was directed against this door, the state introducing more than a hundred witnesses in an attempt to prove that it was locked, and the defense answering this contention with a mass of testimony.

"FLYING DUTCHMAN"

Mysterious Craft Sighted by Captain of Steamer Williesden When Off Cape Flattery.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 27.—Whether the steamship Williesden, Captain C. E. Cox, which arrived in from Honolulu today saw a phantom steamer or a real one in distress a couple of hundred miles off Cape Flattery on Christmas Eve, is a mystery which only time will solve. They sighted and tried to speak a vessel which was steering an erratic course and forced the Williesden to alter her direction. The stranger did not acknowledge any of the signals of the Williesden, and was finally not sighted.

Fire in Trenton
TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 27.—The village of Trenton was practically wiped out by fire tonight. There have been no particulars received.

Storm in California
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Following the low record for the barometer yesterday, today a rain storm of wide area swept down through the northern and central portions of the state. The entire northern half of the state was covered, the storm shading into snow in the mountain foothills, with an unusually heavy snowfall. A slight thaw of snow fell on Mount Tamalpais in Marin county, late in the afternoon. According to Alexander G. McAule, the chief of the government weather bureau here, the storm will not be followed by low temperatures, and there is little danger of frost.

TRACES RACIAL RESEMBLANCES

Prof. Starr Returns from Korea With Belief That He has Proof of Buddhist Tendencies in Yucatan

Discoveries made by Prof. Frederick Starr on his recent trip to Yucatan, Mexico, have convinced him that the temple in a seldom visited part of southeastern Korea tend, he believes to prove the theories advanced and heretofore not accepted by anthropologists of Buddhist influences in Yucatan and southern Mexico, according to an announcement made by Prof. Starr on his arrival here on board the steamer Sado Maru of the Nippon Yusen kaisa yesterday from Korea and Japan. He has been making extensive studies of Buddhist origins and primitive culture, and his study has led him to believe that the art as practised by the Japanese tattooers, shows a Polynesian strain admixed with the Malay blood of the Japanese people. He will make an extensive exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition to be held at San Francisco in 1915.

Prof. Starr said: "I went to Korea to make some studies of Korean culture. I wanted to get a general impression of the country before the evolution now taking place, has resulted. Under Japanese influence there is bound to be a great change, and I wanted to see Korean culture before it passed and was also interested to study how Japan is dealing with its great problem. The acquisition of Korea may be a great blessing to Japan and it may result in damage. The absorption of Korea, I consider absolutely necessary for three reasons. Japan is crowded and ground was necessary for the overflow of the population; secondly, the Japanese are unable to take sufficient food supplies in their own country and Korea was necessary to Japan to secure ground available to grow food supplies; and thirdly, for strategic needs put forward by the naval and military authorities. It was absolutely necessary to Japan to absorb Korea on these grounds. Korea must have a mainland possession, and this inevitably led to the absorption of Korea. Sentimentally, I personally regret the absorption of the Korean people by the Japanese, but it was practically politically inevitable.

Korea Anthropologically
"Anthropologically, Korea is somewhat of a disappointing country to the scientist. It is very hard to get connecting clues. Ordinarily the student can get some connection when studying the art and culture of a country between the past and present, but this is extremely difficult in Korea. I made extensive journeys in the country. Starting from Fusan in the south I went to the border of Manchuria and when at Wiju, the walled city at the northwest frontier, I went over the battlefield where Russians and Japanese fought at the Yalu, having the scene described to me from the battlements of the city wall which overlooks a wide expanse of country. I visited Antung, the centre of the silk exporting trade on the Yalu, and then returned southward, going to Pingyang where evidences of both the Russo-Japanese and Chino-Japanese wars were noted. From there I went to Sung-do and took many trips to visit the "Miryok"—the interesting ancient stone figures of Buddhist origin, many of which tower like great monuments high above the trees. The lower parts are cut from the living rock, some of the upper parts being placed together. There are both single and double figures.

Three Firemen Are Carried Down
HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 27.—The French mail steamer St. Pierre Miquelon arrived at North Sydney from Halifax tonight having on board the crew of the British steamer Renwick, Captain Chapman.

Car Falls Into Stream
POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 27.—A trolley car carrying 35 persons, mostly residents of Schuylkill-Haven, jumped Black Bridge, between this city and Schuylkill-Haven, Sunday, dropping 20 feet into the Schuylkill river. All the injured were brought to the Pottsville hospital.

Kills Eight Spaniards
MADRID, Dec. 27.—An official dispatch from Melilla, Morocco, says the Rif tribesmen undismayed by a severe repulse of Dec. 23 and 24, which lasted for some hours, the Spaniards held their positions and forced the enemy to retire, but suffered heavily. Present figures show six officers killed and 46 men killed or wounded. Reports of continued fighting in the Rif country, which has heretofore been pacified, foreboding the possibility of another campaign in Morocco, has created a painful sensation in Madrid and King Alfonso has decided to cancel all his immediate engagements and remain the capital for the present.

WORK STOPPED IN COTTON MILLS

Industry in Northeastern Lancashire Paralyzed by Lock-out of Weavers—"Open Shop" Issue in Fight

LITTLE PROSPECT OF SETTLEMENT

Situation Likely to be Complicated by Demand for Advance in Wages—Trouble May Spread

MANCHESTER, Dec. 27.—The refusal of one man and two women to join a trade union, coupled with the decision of the master option spinners to close their mills "open shop" in the week, caused a complete stoppage in a great portion of the cotton mills in northeast Lancashire tonight.

Efforts are being made to bring about a settlement, but because of one woman who left the union after twenty years, believing the benefits are not commensurate with the payments, a long and bitter struggle is feared against the "open shop."

The weavers locked out number about 150,000. There is danger of the fight spreading to other industries. There are indications of probable complications through the raising of a new issue on the question of wages. This move has been taken by the weavers who declare that as a lockout has been figured out, they intend to make five per cent advance in wages a condition of any settlement.

It is estimated that the weekly loss in wages to the weavers and allied workers, cast room employees, will be \$127,000 a week. The loss to the mills is \$127,000 a week. The loss to the mills is \$127,000 a week.

Waiver for Governor
LONDON, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Calcutta gives the rumor that Sir Krishna Gokhale, member of the Indian council, will be appointed governor of the new province of Burma. A native has never before held such an important position.

German Steamer Lost
GIBRALTAR, Dec. 27.—Still another vessel, the German steamer Chios, founded with nearly all hands during the recent storm in the Bay of Biscay. The Chios belonged to the German Televis line, and was proceeding from Hamburg to Alexandria last Thursday, when she was caught in the hurricane and sunk with all but two of her crew. The chief officer and one sailor were rescued by a passing vessel. The Chios was built in Hamburg in 1891 and registered 2,500 tons net.

LIVES ARE LOST IN COLLISION

Steamer Renwick Struck by a French Mail Vessel Off Nova Scotia Coast and Sent to the Bottom

THREE FIREMEN ARE CARRIED DOWN

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 27.—The French mail steamer St. Pierre Miquelon arrived at North Sydney from Halifax tonight having on board the crew of the British steamer Renwick, Captain Chapman.

The two steamers were in collision off Green Island, 100 miles east of Halifax, early this morning. The French boat struck the Renwick amidships, sending her to the bottom headforemost and carrying down three of the crew who were sleeping in the forward part of the vessel. The Renwick was under charter to the Inverness Coal & Railway company and at the time of the accident was on her way from Port Hastings to Bridgewater, coal laden. The names of the men that were lost are unobtainable. All were firemen. The survivors lost all their belongings as the steamer sank so quickly that they barely escaped with their lives.

Killed by Motor Car
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—Eye-witnesses of the killing of Attorney Otto Ballou, formerly of Omaha, last night by a motor car containing three persons, say that the car, which was driven rapidly, dragged Ballou's body fifty feet as soon as the wheels had thrown the dead man aside, the driver put on full speed and raced down the street. Ballou's skull was crushed in and a leg broken. The police have no clue.

SMALLPOX IN JAIL

Case Discovered in Provincial Institution at Nelson Another Reported at Silverton.

NELSON, B. C., Dec. 27.—The provincial jail here is quarantined today owing to a case of smallpox developing. The victim is Thomas Hart, of Cranbrook, who was sent with two other men from Cranbrook twelve days ago on a charge of fighting. Hart has been taken to the pesthouse and the prisoners, the warden, the guards and the warden's family have been vaccinated. A case of smallpox has also been discovered at the Vanrol mines. The mine has been quarantined.

Woman Man in Struggle
TORONTO, Dec. 27.—A very recent report, well known in Toronto and throughout Ontario as the founder and exponent of the cult of "Human Electricity," which is now headed locally by the Rev. C. S. Elby, is reported today in the hands of New York police charged with the shooting of his wife on Sunday morning last.

Test Case Brought
LONDON, Ont., Dec. 27.—T. G. Meredith, solicitor for the city of London, today issued a writ against the town of Newmarket asking for an injunction to prevent that town from leasing \$25,000 debentures in connection with the proposed loan to the Harding Motor company, which is now a London industry. This test case is one of great interest in view of the competition for factories between industrial centres.

SOME ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Premier Mathieson and Other Conservatives Returned to Prince Edward Island House Without Opposition

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 27.—Premier Mathieson was today elected by acclamation to the post of premier. Campbell McDonald, of the Prince Edward Island legislature.

Other acclamations were: John MacLean, Conservative, in the first district of Kings; Hon. John Kitcham, Conservative, also in the first district of Kings; and John A. Macdonald, Conservative, in the third district of Kings. Nomination day passed off very quietly.

SENATOR LAFOLLETTE

Wisconsin Candidate for Presidency Gives His Views on Trusts, and Their Remedies.

CLEVELAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—Senator A. La Follette, speaking in his campaign for the presidency here tonight presented an arraignment of the trusts and an enunciation of his ideas for the cure of evils resulting from the present system of government.

Mr. LaFollette launched into a discussion of Elbert H. Gary's plan for federal regulation of prices as a relief from monopoly. Mr. LaFollette said he had no patience with this method. In his analysis he went further and said that ultimately the government must have to fix the price of labor, hours of employment and compensation of original producers in order to fix accurately the prices to be offered the consumers.

Instead of the Gary plan or the Taft plan of a federal license for corporations, Senator LaFollette proposed his own plan for a commission on restraints of trade, to relieve the country of the condition in which he finds it. The senator saw great evil in the growth of the trusts.

Although Senator LaFollette made no direct reference to the president nor suggested his own candidacy, he included in his speech a denunciation of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

Sir Charles Improving
LONDON, Dec. 27.—A report from Bexley Heath, Kent, says that Sir Charles Tupper, who is suffering from an acute attack of bronchitis, is improving.

CHINA SHORN OF TERRITORY

Mongolia and Turkestan Passing Under Control of Russia, Which May Annex Them at Any Time

JAPANESE SPHERE TO BE LET ALONE

Arrival of Dr. Sun Yat Sen in Shanghai Makes Stir Among Revolutionists—Court May Yield

PEKING, Dec. 25.—Mongolia, which almost equals China proper in size, will be proclaimed independent tomorrow, simultaneously with the cutting off from China of the vast dependency of Turkestan. Both will pass under Russian influence, and will practically become Russian protectorates. Russia at any time will be able to annex them. A grand khan will be named as monarch of Mongolia. Russia will respect the Japanese sphere in Manchuria, and a Japanese alliance for the sake of preserving Japanese interests sooner or later may be expected. Russian officers and officials, it is not the Russian government proper, have influenced this action in Mongolia.

Sun Yat Sen at Shanghai
SHANGHAI, Dec. 27.—The arrival of Dr. Sun Yat Sen has incited a practically new and fresh element in the ranks of the revolutionists. There is every evidence that Dr. Sun is receiving more consideration than other leaders of the revolutionists here. His residence is crowded from morning till evening with representatives of all the provinces, generals and governors, with whom he has continued consultations.

Court Yielding
PEKING, Dec. 27.—Representative members of the imperial court, according to an authoritative source, have signified to Premier Yuan Shi Kai their willingness to agree to an abdication without regard to Peking. No plan has been arranged as to whether an armistice is to be continued.

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Much Wanted.
NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 27.—J. V. Ward, indicted here on a charge of forgery, was arrested today at Cheyenne, Wyo., according to a telegram received by the sheriff's office here. The local authorities have been advised that Ward will return to Washington without the formalities of extradition. He is said to be wanted also in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Denver, Buffalo and many other cities.

POISONED BY DECAYED FISH

Thirty Men Finding Refuge in Municipal Lodging House of Berlin are Victims—Others Likely to Die

ADDED HERRING TO FRUGAL FREE MEAL

MISSIONARIES ESCAPE

Party of Eighty Reaches Hankow From Interior of China—Maltreatment by Bobbers

HANKOW, Dec. 26.—Eighty missionaries, a majority of whom are Scandinavian-Americans, have arrived here from the Lochow and Fanchong districts. In the Province of Hu Pei. A few still remain at Lochow, awaiting the arrival of others from outlying districts.

Rev. C. W. Landahl, a missionary at Tathing Tien, at the request of the soldiers, took control of an improvised militia force for protection against robbers.

A letter from Sian Fu says the Rev. Donald Smith of the English Baptist Mission, and his wife attempted to take the Chinese school girls to their homes in the north of Sian Fu. A band of robbers attacked them, seized Mr. Smith, broke both arms and slugged him. They then gashed his wife on the leg and left them both for dead, but they revived and were brought back to Sian Fu.

DIES AT BANQUET

Mr. Allen Austin, Prominent Mason of Montreal, Passes Away During Festivities of St. John's Day

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—A tragic ending was given to the Masonic festivities connected with St. John's Day when Worshipful Brother Allen Austin of the Royal Victoria lodge, fell ill during the ice banquet and died almost immediately. Other lodges throughout the city were immediately informed by telephone and brought an end to the festivities.

To Unionize Mexican Miners
DENVER, Dec. 27.—A plan to unionize the 200,000 miners of Mexico will be presented to the Senate by the committee of the Western Federation of Miners, which is scheduled to meet here January 4.

Brockville Hotel Burned
BROCKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 27.—The hotel Strathcona, the largest in the city, was completely destroyed by fire this morning, involving a loss of \$80,000. All the inmates escaped. None of the contents were saved.

6 Passengers Injured
CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—The Twentieth Century Limited on the Big Four railway was derailed at Lagrang, about 45 miles out of here, tonight, and 15 passengers were injured, none seriously. The smoking car, which rolled over in the ditch, was the only car to leave the rails. The passengers in this car were the only ones injured.

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