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JAPAN'S GREATEST STATESMAN VICTIM OF KOREAN WRATH

Prince Ito Shot at Arrival Reception at the Railway Station at Harbin.

WAS ON A MISSION TO PACIFY CHINA.

TOKIO, Oct. 26.—Hirobumi Ito, a prince of Japan, but the greatest commoner in the empire and for two years the uncrowned ruler of Korea, who above all stood between Korea and the degredation of immediate annexation, hoping to build up that country anew, was assassinated by Koreans to-day just as he alighted from a special train at Harbin, Manchuria, to which place he went from Tokio in his capacity as president of the privy council on a mission of peace.

Prior to his departure, Prince Ito said to the Associated Press: "I am going on my own initiative, with the approval of my emperor, with the hope of securing a better understanding with China and of assuring the world that Japan's intentions in Manchuria are amicable to China and friendly to the commerce of all nations. When I return I hope to give positive evidence of this."

Undoubtedly Prince Ito intended to inaugurate and enforce a distinct policy in Manchuria, but the exact nature of this was not disclosed. Marquis Katsura, the premier and minister of finance, after the assassination, said in an interview: "The death of Prince Ito will not change the policies of Japan. The pacific motives of Prince Ito will ever be maintained and the traditions left by him will be followed."

Shot Three Times.

Smiling and bowing, the Prince had turned towards Russian Finance Minister Kokovsoff, who was awaiting him on the station platform, a few paces distant, when suddenly came half a dozen revolver shots in quick succession. At the second report, Prince Ito staggered and a moment later fell, having then received three bullets, two of which entered the abdomen. He died in twenty minutes without recovering consciousness. He was 68 years of age.

Three other members of the part on the platform were also injured. They were Prince Ito's private secretary, Japanese Consul-General Kawakan, and General Manager Tanaka of the South Manchurian Railway, who had moved closer to the prince a the firing began.

The assassin stood defiantly in the crowd, revolver in hand, until arrested. He proved to be a Korean. With two companions of the same nationality, he boasted of a conspiracy, the object of which was the life of the former resident-general of Korea, and exclaimed dramatically: "I came to Harbin for the sole purpose of assassinating Prince Ito to avenge my country."

Later, he admitted that he had a personal grudge against the Japanese statesman, who, while resident-general in Korea, caused the execution of several of the murderer's friends.

Police Guard Handicapped.

The Harbin authorities had yesterday arrested three Koreans who were at the station and found to be armed with revolvers. However, the task of guarding Ito was rendered difficult by reason of Japanese Consul-General Kawakan's request that the railway officials permit all Japanese to enter the railroad station to greet the prince, and it was quite impossible to distinguish Koreans from Japanese by their appearance. The Russian minister of finance, Kokovosoff, and the Russian military authorities accompanying Prince Ito, were exposed to the same danger from flying bullets as was the prince.

Had the assession delayed shooting for a moment the foreign consuls would have been in much danger, as Ito was approaching them and they would have been directly in the line of fire.

Had Important Mision.

Prince Ito had gone to Harbin to meet M. Kokovsoff, the Russian minister of finance, for what was believed to be an important conference. The conference was suggested by Prince Ito. The subjects to be discussed were supposed to concern affairs of administration in Manchuria. Kokovsoff had before declined an invitation to visit Japan for such a conference and Harbin was agreed upon as a meeting place. The conference had been announced widely in advance and it was generally known when the diplomats would reach Harbin.

Despite an official denial that Prince Ito's last tour was political, it had been made apparent that he was entrusted with several most important missions by the Mikado, the foremost being an attempt to forestall the protest of the foreign powers by effecting a more complete understanding with China. Prince Ito played an important part in the framing of the recent treaty between Japan and China, relating to railway construction in Manchuria. The treaty was concluded on Aug. 31 and has been considered by many diplomats a violation of the treaty of peace concluded between Japan and Russia after the war.

Broke Portsmouth Pledges.

In face of her Portsmouth pledge not to obstruct any measures that China may take for the development of commerce and industry in Manchuria, Japan forced a specific pledge from China not to build a railway from Hsinmintun, north, without Japan's consent. Another significant provision is that,

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PRINCE ITO
President of the Privy Council of Japan, Assassinated at Harbin.

TYNE-BUILT STEAMER FOR OVER-LAKE TRADE

Twenty Knot Boat With Capacity of 1500 Passengers For Toronto-Olcott Route.

There is to be one more big, brand new passenger boat on the lake next summer. This is to be the outcome of a reorganization of the Argyle Steamship company which, taking in new Canadian and American funds, will lift its capitalization from the present $40,000 to $150,000.

The new boat will be Tyne-built, a three decker, with a capacity of over 1500 passengers. She will be a side wheeler, affording ample deck and cabin space, palatially equipped and furnished with modern comforts in water travel. Her speed will be 20 knots per hour by her new model triple expansion engine, allowing ample margin for a schedule of two return trips daily.

She is to be what is called in England a "saloon steamer," and to insure the steadiness and absence of vibration all that can be done to prevent seasickness, will be supplied with ample water ballast capacity.

A new long season will be instituted, which was impossible under old conditions, but which the traffic of last season, in the opinion of the company, seemed to warrant. Connection will be made with the network of electric railroads out of Olcott thru Lockport with Buffalo, Rochester and New York, taking her operations outside the lines of purely pleasure excursions.

Her season will open May 1, and she is expected to be at the dock in time to begin on schedule. She will run well into November.

The Argyle which thru a long and profitable season pointed the way to this advance will be placed permanently on the north shore route which also showed bright promise during the last season. It is believed that the prosperous towns Whitby, Oshawa, Port Hope, Bowmanville, Cobourg, Newcastle and Colborne, which have been so systematically overlooked, will welcome this additional means of pleasant communication with the city covering as it will the entire summer and extending well into the autumn.

The arrangements for these improvements are now complete, and the appearance of the new boat has passed from the realm of conjecture to that of assured promise.

IS CENTRAL ONTARIO IN HANDS OF M. AND M.?

Canadian Northern Said to Have Acquired Trenton-Coe Hill Road.

Have Mackenzie & Mann purchased the Central Ontario railway?

Is the C. N. R. planning a system of steam railways in Ontario outside of the trunk line now under construction?

If reports current on the street yesterday have any foundation in fact, the Central Ontario line has already been acquired by the Canadian Northern, or is being negotiated for. When seen by The World last evening, W. H. Moore, secretary of the Canadian Northern, said he knew nothing about the reported purchase.

The Central Ontario line has during the last three or four years been practically controlled by C. E. Ritchie of Akron, Ohio, who is president of the company. George Collins of Trenton, is general manager, and J. J. Warren of Toronto, vice-president. The line extends from Trenton to Coe Hill, a distance of about 100 miles.

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34 LOSE LIVES IN WRECK OFF N.B. COAST

Donaldson Liner Hestia Runs Ashore in Storm—Lifeboats Are Swamped—Only Six Survivors.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Oct. 26.—(Speial.)—That the entire crew of the Donaldson line steamer Hestia, with the exception of six men, or thirty in all with four boy passengers, have been lost beyond the shadow of a doubt is the firm belief of the survivors, who were taken from the forward rigging of the steamer at 3 p.m. to-day. The rescue was effected by Seal Cove life saving station with great risk to their own lives, as seas were running mountains high, covering every portion of the ship except the very top of the foremast, which threatened to go by the board with each wave.

Meagre information from the six survivors now on Grand Manan Island, N. B., contain a story of terrible suffering and death.

At one a.m. Monday morning, while the Hestia was proceeding into the mouth of the bay, she struck with terrific force on submerged ledges five miles from Seal Cove and four miles north of Gannet Rock. The seas, which were very high, began to wash over her from stem to stern, and Capt. Newhall ordered the boats out. The first boat, containing one of the four boy passengers and several of the crew, parted at the davit tackle and fell headlong into the sea. The crew on board heard the boy crying, "Mama, save me." This boat righted and drifted away with one man in it, only to be swamped a moment later.

Another boat was lowered, with the captain, first officer and all the rest of the crew, except the six men rescued to-day, who remained on board, and rowed away. This boat has not been heard from.

The survivors think no boat could live ten minutes in such a sea and gale.

The Hestia was many miles out of her course, in a place mariners say is most dangerous on Atlantic coast. A sixty mile an hour gale was blowing and the rain falling in torrents. Just how the captain came to miscalculate will probably never be known, as all the officers of the ship, except the third officer, lost their lives. Freight is now floating from the ship's hatches. A tug left St. John to-night for the scene of the wreck.

The names of the rescued men are: Stewart, third mate; Morgas, second engineer; able seamen Keene, McKenzie, Smith and Frank Vigar.

The Hestia which is a total wreck, was bound for Glasgow to St. John, N.B., and Baltimore, Md.

The Hestia was a steel screw steamer, built at Sunderland in 1890, and was formerly the Mary Bayts. She registered 2434 tons net and hailed from Glasgow.

A heavy northeasterly gale is believed to have been responsible for the Hestia's fate, altho it is supposed that a mistake of the man at the wheel in believing he had picked up Gannet Rock light, while really discerning the gleams of the lighthouse on Machias Seal Island, several miles southwest, carried the ship many miles off her course.

SHORT CUT TO ST. THOMAS

Michigan Central May Establish Car Ferry at St. Clair.

WINDSOR, Ont., Oct. 26.—(Special.)—The Detroit News publishes a despatch from St. Clair, Mich., that the Michigan Central has in contemplation the establishment of a car ferry service between that place and Courtright, Ont., to give shorter connection with St. Thomas for freight in that district.

P. J. M. Hally, corporation counsel of Detroit, has evolved a plan of renting to the Detroit United at $300 a day the streets whereon the franchises have expired or will expire.

SUBPOENA AT AWKWARD TIME

Premier McBride Called as Witness When He Should Be Campaigning.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 26.—(Special.)—Premier McBride, Hon. Mr. Tatlow and other members of the government were summoned to-day by The World Newspaper Co. as witnesses in a suit in which the newspaper is defendant to R. F. Green, who asks damages for alleged libel. The matter has been delayed for several years and politicians are having a big joke about it to-day, the suit being revived for Nov. 10, which will be right in the midst of the premier's political tour thru the upper country.

Mayor C. S. Douglas announced today he would go before the Conservative convention for nomination Friday evening. He was three years a member of the Manitoba Legislature.

Douglas will in any event be a candidate to succeed himself for the mayor's chair in January next.

THE AUSTRIAN BUDGET

Match Monopoly Must Wipe Out a Huge Deficit.

VIENNA, Oct. 26.—The budget for 1910 was submitted in the lower house to-day. The expenditures are estimated at $672,874,868, and the revenues at $662,364,192. The deficit is to be met by increasing both direct and indirect taxation on the match monopoly.

Minister of Finance Von Bilinsky, announced that the government also contemplated an additional credit of $64,000,000 which will be required by the army and navy.

MALICIOUS

But ineffective.

FREE INVESTIGATION POLICY AT M'MASTER

Chancellor McKay's Reference to Higher Criticism—Teaching of Old Testament.

HAMILTON, Oct. 26.—(Special.—A breeze wa scaused at the Ontario and Quebec convention of the Baptists this afternoon when the reports of the board of McMaster University and other colleges were presented. Rev. O. C. Elliott, Stratford, demanded to know the particulars concerning the retirement of Principal Hardy of Moulton College. The borad's reply was that a change was considered necessary and that Principal Hardy's character had not been brought into question. The report of Chancellor McKay showed that the enrollment at the university and colleges was as follows: McMaster University, 283; Woodstock College, 274; Moulton College, 210; total 657. He announced that the responsible authorities would give full consideration to the question as to the teaching in Old Testament, and that a special meeting would be held for the purpose. Woodstock College showed a surplus of $500, it being the first time it has had a surplus. Moulton College also had a surplus.

The chancellor concurred in the finding of the senate exonerating Prof. Matthews, and he said the university stood for freedom, progress and investigation. It stood for the fullest and freest investigation, not only in the scientific realm, but also in the realm of Biblical scholarship. It rejected the authority of traditions.

Rev. T. Moody, a missionary from Congo, protested against King Leopold's misrule, and expressed the hope that Great Britain would put an end to it.

The following were elected to the McMaster University board: James Ryrie, Rev. Dr. E. K. Hooper, Dr. J. Brown, John Firstbrook and Dr. W. E. Morton.

At this evening's session, Rev. John Young, Rev. Mr. Tovell and Rev. H. Tippett delivered addresses of welcome. Rev. Dr. Morton reported for the home mission board, referring to Canada's great strides in moral and religious progress, but deploring the gambling evil. The total membership of the society was 9700. The society required a permanent assistant, a hapel for Cobalt and a missionary for Elk City. The total receipts of the society amounted to $39,000, an increase of $7000 over last year.

TORONTO GIRL MISSING

Flossie Ferguson Disappears Between St. Kitts and the Falls.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Oct. 26.—(Special).—Flossie Ferguson, a twelve-year-old Toronto girl, who has been visiting her uncle, J. J. Murray, Niagara Falls, Ontario, has been missing since yesterday. She came with her uncle's hired man when he brought a load of pork to Meyer Bros. pork packing establishment, and went into the office to warm himself. She was not seen afterwards.

The hired man told Murray when he arrived home that he gave Flossie in charge of a lady on Niagara Falls trolley, who promised to see she got off safely at the Falls.

NO LIQUOR IN CANTEENS

Important Proviso Incorporated in Australian Defence Bill.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Oct. 26.—(C.A.P.) The defence bill has passed the committee stage in the house of representatives, with a new clause prohibiting the use of intoxicants in naval and military canteens.

MAYOR AND ALD. FOSTER ALMOST COME TO BLOWS

Offensive Remark, Afterwards Withdrawn, Stirs Wrath of Chief Executive.

Place: Members room at the city hall. Time: 6.35 p.m., or a few minutes after adjournment of the city council. Dramatis personae: Mayor Oliver, Ald. Foster, controllers and aldermen.

The mayor (addressing Ald. Foster). You had no right to say what you did.

Ald. Foster—I didn't say anything that meant you were dishonest, but I apologized anyway.

The mayor—If you hadn't apologized, I would have gone over and — — (dire threat indicating happenings to Ald. Foster's countenance that would require treatment by an expert beauty specialist).

Ald. Foster — Oh. I don't know. Maybe two could play at that game, you might try it now?

Chorus of controllers and aldermen led by Ald Church—Here now, go easy. They interpose between the mayor and Ald. Foster. Excitement and general hubbub, after which the mayor retires to his office.

The foregoing little drama followed yesterday's city council meeting at which Mayor Oliver and Ald. Foster exchanged verbal threats.

It all arose because Ald. Foster, who is not a professional humorist, attempted to be kittenish. Alluding to an item of $186.50 for "master keys for city hall locks," he hazarded a guess that the locksmith's wit was needed on the city treasury to prevent the mayor and board of control from wasting the people's money.

The mayor objected and asked for a withdrawal. Ald. Foster didn't see what there was to withdraw, and argued that he had the floor. This the mayor disputed, and finally Ald. Chisholm, chairman of committee, said Ald. Foster must retract.

"Keep cool," advised Ald. Foster.

"Unless he withdraws he has no right to speak," declared his worship hotly.

"Just wait a minute," pursued Ald. Foster. Controller Hocken interjected that he wouldn't allow the alderman to continue until he made withdrawal.

The mayor—I won't either.

Ald. Foster—If I've said something that I shouldn't, then I'll withdraw. Is that satisfactory?

The mayor—No, it isn't. He practically said that the board of control were thieves and robbers. That's the inference. It must be an absolute withdrawal.

Ald. Foster reiterated that he had meant nothing sinister, simply that the locks were to be used to lock up the treasury.

Controller Hocken asserted that Ald. Foster tried to be as offensive as possible, and that the latter's conduct was "most reprehensible." The chairman, however, ruled the remarks out of order.

The mayor who usually hurries to his office after meetings was waiting when Ald. Foster entered the members' room afterwards with the result given.

STORM DAMAGE IN NOVA SCOTIA

Railway Service is Paralyzed by the Washouts.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 26.—(Special.)—The storm of yesterday has abated and winter weather prevails in this province. Many are homeless, and in the County of Antigonish the storm has left ruin and destruction. The railroad is one mass of washouts, ranging from 10 to 200 feet in length. All trains were cancelled to-day.

CANON CODY WHACKS CRITICS OF HOLY WRIT

You Can't Cut It Up or Piece It Up, He Tells S. S. Convention.

Hundreds of delegates attended the convention of the Ontario Sunday School Association, which opened yesterday in High Park avenue Methodist church.

The feature was an eloquent address by Archdeacon Cody at the men's mass meeting last night, in which he electrified the audience with a defence of the Bible against the attacks of Higher Criticism.

"God's book has gained more from criticism than it can ever lose," said the speaker. "The Bible is more than a book. It cannot be studied as mere literature. Some men are dwelling far too much on names and numbers. Criticism of the Bible is not a religious work, but a mere literary occupation. It is like as if God had sent down an angel with a message, and men had disregarded the message till they had stretched the angel on the dissecting table to see how he was made. The Bible is a book of all ages. You can't cut it up or piece it up. When the higher critics have seemingly rent it asunder, the dismembered limbs come together and stand, a living organism, and stares you in the face. This little ark of Hebrew literature still floats on the surface of the world, defying the billows and tempests of time, while the archives of Egypt and the empires of the East are dashed into oblivion. Gentlemen, if ever your faith grows dim, read the digest of the British and Foreign Bible Society and see what work the Bible is doing in the world to-day. It fulfils every requirement that science demands. It has enriched language itself. It has elevated the thoughts of men."

Walter M. Wood, general secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Philadelphia, gave a talk on "Investment of Personality."

CZAR'S VISIT TO ITALY HAS IMPORTANT RESULTS

Agreement Reached Between Monarchs as to Policy Towards Montenegro and Crete.

PARIS, Oct. 26.The Russo-Italian rapprochement has created intense satisfaction in the French capital where it is considered in accord with France's interests.

The precise results of the meeting are revealed, according to that paper, by the Liberte, which from "unquestionable authority" announces that while no written convention was signed, two pacific engagements were made. The first was a mutual assurance of the independence and the eventual economic development in Montenegro. The second was the support of the English-French policy regarding Crete; that is Crete for the Cretans, not for Greeks. A further and more important general engagement covers the respective spheres of influence that the two countries shall exert in the Balkans, according to this engagement. Italy is in the future to act with Russia as did Austria prior to the Herzogvina-Bosnia affair.

The Liberte insists that this latter agreement was made in full accord with Great Britain and France, as proved by the active exchanges at London, which preceded the invitation of Emperor Nicholas for M. Pichon to meet him at the frontier.

HALF A MILLION TO IMPROVE MARSH

Bylaw to Provide Money for Beginning of Comprehensive Scheme Will Be Submitted to Ratepayers.

A by-law to provide $500,000 with which to begin work on the comprehensive scheme whereby Ashbridge's Marsh is to become an industrial and park area, will be voted upon by Toronto's ratepayers on New Year's Day.

The city council so decided yesterday. The question, the most important of the session, was not reached until after three and a-half hours of debate, with Ald. Foster acting in his usual role of wrangler extraordinary. So exhausted had his colleagues become that the big reclamation project slipped thru without discussion. As the council was adjourning Ald. Maguire protested against such haste, but the fast retreating mayor only looked back to say that the objection came too late, and vanished in the general scurry.

The plan, which has been previously detailed, involves an ultimate expenditure by the city of $2,700,000. The concrete piling will cost $1,700,000, and excavation $544,000. There will be 143 acres available for industrial purposes exclusive of streets, lanes, and slips. Slips and wharves will take up 70.9 acres, while there will be 160.74 acres of park land.

Report on Ozonation.

City Engineer Rust submitted a report in reply to questions by Ald. R. H. Graham as to what consideration had been given the electrical filtration process, and what would be the cost of altering the plant now being constructed to allow the ozonation process to be added. Mr. Rust thought the board of control should answer the first query. While admitting lack of experience with ozonation, he said he understood the treatment was given the effluent from filters of the ordinary type, so that the whole plan would be available in connection with ozone. He quoted from the Canadian Engineer that while sterilization might be feasible as an adjunct to filtration, it was absolutely useless as a method of purifying water by itself. Mr. Rust added that the whole subject of ozone treatment was too indefinite to permit an estimate of the cost of applying it to Toronto's plant.

Ald. Graham explaine dthat he had asked the questions because of the criticism of the city's course, but he was satisfied that sand filtration was needed, anyway, as ozonation was merely an added process. Controller Geary questioned, however, whether the heavy expense for masonry and concrete work would have been gone into if ozonation had been in view.

Ald. Foster surprised his colleagues by proposing the extravagant flight of printing the report as he thought serious consideration should be given the whole filtration scheme. The mayor retorted that with the by-law carried and contracts let it was too late. He denied that J. H. Bridge, inventor of the ozonation scheme, hadn't been given a chance by the city. His Worship had seen Mr. Bridge in Washington when the question was undecided, and the city in adopting sand filtration alone had followed the lead of Washington and Springfield, which were spending from $2,000,000 to $5,000,000 on their plants. Philadelphia, where Mr. Bridge lived, was using only sand for filtering.

To show that it was still open to argument, council voted to have the report printed.

Must Obey or Resign.

That any civic official who neglects to have his automobile lettered "City of Toronto" in "bold, distinct colors" be asked to resign.

This was the gist of a resolution by Ald. Foster with Ald. Dunn as his faithful henchman. It asserted that the order wasn't being properly executed, and that some reckless officials even ignored it entirely.

Ald. Keeler declared that the board of control was to blame in not seeing that the city council's orders were carried out.

"Is it my business to see that every cart owned by the city is labeled?" demanded the mayor. Ald. Keeler thought it was.

Ald. Harrison in his most propitiatory manner suggested that the resolution go to the board of control, but didn't sidetrack criticism thereby.

"The city is being made a laughing stock of," complained Ald. Hilton. "If visitors to the city won't ride in an auto with 'City of Toronto' on it, let them walk."

"You might be willing to ride in such a machine, but the mayor of Toronto isn't," answered Mayor Oliver. Ald. Hilton retorted that there were

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MAN, HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF IT?

The Great and Only Coat for a Canadian Winter.

Have you concluded to purchase a fur lined coat this winter? If you have now is the time to make the selection. Why? Because you have a splendid big collection from which to select. Dineen, corner of Yonge and Temperance-streets, has just received a second consignment from the workrooms all perfectly made from the best of outside cloth and lined with selected fur. There is the special coat at fifty dollars with wide otter collar and cuffs and lined with the best of muskrat or you may have it with a collar and lapels of Persian lamb