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RAILROAD BOOM IN THE WEST

RECORD CONSTRUCTION DURING PRESENT YEAR

Preparations in Winnipeg for Time of Unprecedented Activity.

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 1.—The rail-ways have given orders to start the Canadian Northern and the Canadian Pacific big shops preparatory to the big-geared staffs, preparatory to the big-geared railway building year in west-ern Canada's history. The great mass of the preliminary work has to be done this month in shops, getting the construction trains and machines in shape.

By the end of the year western Canada will have over eleven thousand miles of constructed railway, besides 45 miles of extra double track- ing between here and the lake ports. In round figures the big roads will end the year with the following mileage: Canadian Pacific, six thousand; Cana- dian Northern, four thousand; Grand Trunk Pacific, two thousand; Great Northern, four thousand.

CANON BURMAN DEAD.

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 1.—Rev. Canon Burman, of St. Johns college, died on Saturday after a lingering illness from tuberculosis.

BRUCE COUNTY MAGISTRATE.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 1.—Col. Belcher, ex- mayor of Southampton, has been ap- pointed magistrate for the county of Bruce.

CONSULTS CANADA AT EVERY TURN

DOMINION LOSES NOTHING BY BRITISH DIPLOMACY

London Times Comment on Course of Anglo-American Treaty.

London, Feb. 1.—The Times, refer- ring to the long standing complaint of the Canadian press against the meth- ods and traditions of British diplo- macy, says the general feeling in Can- ada on the subject is something not far short of deep-seated historic sense or grievance against the imperial tie.

The Times proceeds to "deal frank- ly" with the immediate grievances arising out of the waterways treaty, and says: "It is an absolute misrep- resentation of the facts to say that the routine of British diplomacy is withholding from Canada the terms of the treaty. So far as is known here, the treaty has not been published in the United States. It could only be so published by a total disregard of in- ternational usage and etiquette. It had only been communicated to the United States senate because the sen- ate's sanction was essential to its passage into law.

"It may, however, be said in Can- ada that while there are constitutional necessities for the circumstances which caused complaint, they do not remove the popular grievance against a system which decides questions at- fecting Canadian interests without proper reference to Canadian senti- ments. If this again, does not misrep- resent Canadian views, it betrays an equal misconception of the case. The treaty in point of fact, was in- spected by an officer of the Canadian government, and every amendment made at the suggestion or with the approval of that government. Its terms are therefore known as well in Ottawa as at the White House, where the text itself has not been received.

"The Canadian public, perhaps, like a very small section of the British one, may hold that no treaty should be concluded by ministers without refer- ence to parliament. If so they have only to make the fact known to the government which they themselves elect."

With reference to the Canadian de- mand for a representative at Washing- ton the Times thinks such could not bring so powerful an influence to bear as a special representative sent for the special task in hand. "Nor could he speak with equal force solely as a representative of the Dominion. Arm- ed strength in the background, as re- sults in Europe have eloquently shown, is still the only sanction to which diplomacy can look for effect. If Canada desires the power of the Empire to invest her representatives with its unrivalled force, and argu- ment, she must accept the condition on which alone that power can be be- stowed."

The Times thus concludes: "It would be difficult to show that the Dominion has anything to gain by holding aloof from the support of British diplomacy with the conditions whereon diplo- macy is based, as instanced by the ex- tent to which Canadian diplomacy is handicapped through the absence of imperial support in its present nego- tiations with France.

STEAMER TURNS TURTLE; 47 DROWN

OCEAN DISASTER OFF AUSTRALIAN COAST

Clanranald Founders in Heavy Sea—Captain Among Victims.

Melbourne, Feb. 1.—The British steamer Clanranald is a total wreck near Edithburg and the captain and 46 of the crew, most of whom were Asiatics, have been drowned. The vessel was seen drifting ashore last night but sank before boats could reach her. Eighteen members of the crew, including 12 coolies, were picked up.

The Clanranald was struck by a heavy sea yesterday afternoon and rendered unmanageable. Then being driven ashore she turned turtle.

ROOSEVELT'S LETTER TO GOVERNOR GILLET

Laws Dealing With Aliens Must Respect Treaty Rights.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 1.—Governor Gillett made public last night the text of a letter received yesterday from President Roosevelt with regard to the anti-Japanese legislation now pending in the California legislature. President Roosevelt quotes from a letter of former Secretary of State Root to Governor Gillett, and from a memorandum, pointing out that Mr. Root saw no ob- jection to a law which treated all aliens alike, but to avoid conflict with the constitution such statutes should con- tain an expressed provision, excepting from their operations any rights secured by treaty between the United States and foreign nations. Mr. Roose- velt says that this view has his cordial approval.

TAFT PANAMA BOOM HAS COMMENCED

Visit of President-elect Inspires Feeling of Optim- ism.

Culebra, Panama, Feb. 1.—W. H. Taft, and the engineers accompanying him, reached here from Panama to-day on a special train, and made a de- tailed examination of the fourteen miles of the Culebra cut.

The fact that the existing plans for the lock and dam at Gatun are satisfac- tory to the visiting engineers has created a local feeling of optimism and fear of delay in the completion of the work have been relieved.

If the official report of the engineers accompanying Mr. Taft is favorable to the work already done on the Pan- ama Canal, and the despatches from the isthmus intimate strongly that they will take this view, the contro- versy between those who favor a sea- level canal and the adherents of the lock system, probably will be ended. The present plans for locks and the approval of the engineers will mean the completion of the project on this basis.

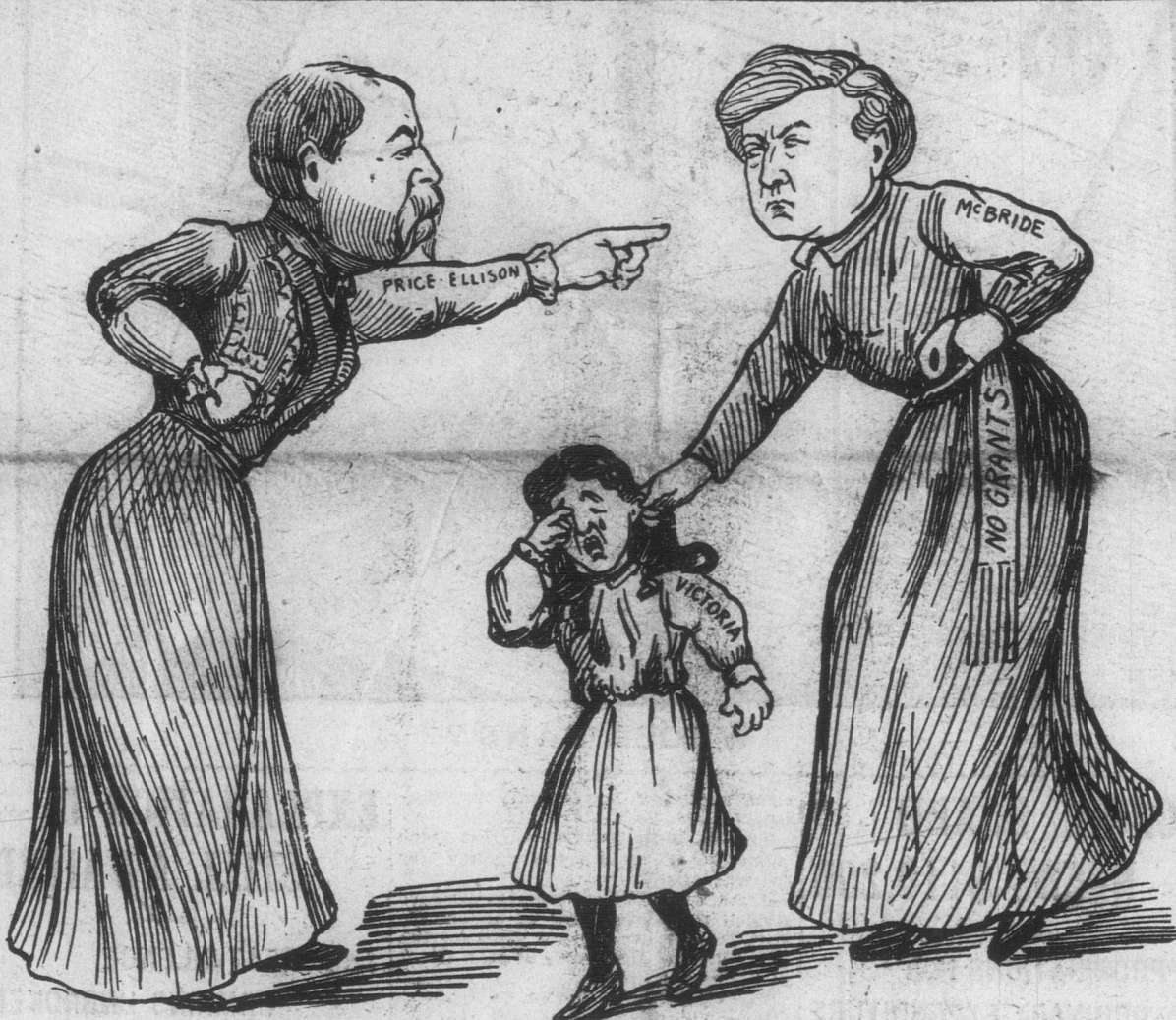
DEATH OF ABBE LAPORTE.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 1.—Rev. Abbe Laporte, one of the oldest priests in the Diocese of Montreal, is dead, aged 78 years. He was ordained in 1856. Abbe Laporte commenced his career as a professor in L'Assomption col- lege, where he had Sir Wilfrid Laur- ier as one of his pupils.

BUILDING, WITH TWENTY STORES, IS MASS OF RUINS

Costly Blaze at Schenectady, N. Y.—Firemen Unable to Check Outbreak.

Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 1.—The Central Arcade, consisting of 20 stores on the ground floor and offices, society rooms, and printing plant above, was destroyed by fire early this morning. Two alarms were turned in shortly after 4 o'clock calling the entire de- partment, but the best endeavors of the firemen were futile to check the flames. The entire structure at 8 a. m. was a mass of ruins though the walls had not yet fallen.



THE BENEVOLENT GODMOTHER AND THE UNFEELING PARENT
The Benevolent Godmother—Give your own child a show, and don't hand all the cookies to Biddy Bowsler's kid.

200 VICTIMS OF FLOATING HOLOCAUST

Canton, China, Feb. 1.—At least two hundred lives were lost in a fire which occurred to- day in a fleet of slower boats. The charred bodies of 170 vic- tims have already been recover- ed, but many persons are still missing.

INTENSE COLD IN NEW YORK

WORK ON STREETS HAS TO BE DISCONTINUED

Two Thousand Homeless Per- sons Await Food at Bow- ery Mission.

New York, Feb. 1.—Swept by a north- west wind New York city to-day ex- perience the coldest weather of the winter. With the temperature in some portions of the greater city down to the zero point, just before daylight, and the official thermometer of the weather bureau registering five degrees above zero, the suffering of the home- less during the night must have been intense.

Two thousand applicants for food and coffee were lined up at the Bowery Mission during the night, which was the largest number fed at that place thus far this winter. In addition to these, 318 persons, including 24 women, were given shelter at the city lodging house and at the pier of the charities department at the foot of East Twenty- sixth street. The street cleaning de- partment had 600 men at work remov- ing the snow during the night, but when the cold became intense the men suffered so greatly that the work was discontinued.

Nine Below at Utica.
Utica, N. Y., Feb. 1.—It was intensely cold throughout the Mohawk valley last night, and this morning tem- peratures were as low as 18 below accord- ing to exposure. At 9 o'clock this morning the mercury was 9 below in this city.

TEN-POUND BOND.

London Economist Says Hon. Mr. Fielding Has Done a Great Service.

London, Feb. 1.—The Economist says Hon. Mr. Fielding has done a great service as the pioneer in England of the ten-pound bond, and he has no need to be discouraged as a result of the issue, half of which remains with the underwriters, but is sure to be ab- sorbed in a short time.

STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

Antwerp, Feb. 1.—The Leland liner Antillian, from New Orleans and London, was in collision on Saturday with the steamer Respel. The Antillian was badly damaged.

SOCIALISTS AND POLICE FIGHT ON STREETS

Over Twenty Casualties and Numerous Arrests in Hanover.

Hanover, Germany, Feb. 1.—Social- ist demonstrations here yesterday, in protest against the Prussian election laws, resulted in a collision between the Socialists and the police. The police used their side arms against the demonstrators, and in the fighting be- tween 20 and 30 persons were injured. The police also made numerous ar- rests. Order finally was restored.

NO RE-HEARING FOR CONSOLIDATED GAS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—The supreme court of the United States to-day denied the applica- tion of the Consolidated Gas Company of New York for a re- hearing. The case involved the validity of the 80-cent gas law, and was recently decided against the company and in favor of the law.

PEKIN GOVERNMENT IN HANDS OF DESPOTS

Manchus Evidence Their Su- preme Power by Arbitrary Acts.

London, Feb. 1.—A special despatch to the Times from Peking declares that since the death of the Dowager Em- press it has become increasingly evi- dent that the government is in the hands of the Regent and of the Man- chus, and that the palace has become a hold-up of party faction. This, the despatch says, is reflected in whole- sale impeachment by censors whose ac- cusations seem to be indiscriminately leveled against any official person whom they choose to attack.

GRAFT REVELATIONS IN REGINA LIBEL CASE

Contractor Admits Giving Laird Money for Election Expenses.

(Special to the Times.)
Regina, Sask., Feb. 1.—At the con- tinuance of the trial on Saturday in which ex-Mayor Laird is suing Pres- biter Scott for criminal libel, John Dobson, of Dobson, Jackson & Fry, Winnipeg (contractors), stated he had given Mr. Laird five hundred dollars for election expenses in December, 1905, in consideration that his firm was given thirty-five hundred dollars extra for sewer construction work. This confirmed Mr. Fry's testimony given on Friday that a thousand dollars were given altogether, five hundred going to Ald. Cooper for his influence. Mr. Cooper was the city assessor but was not called Saturday after this evi- dence came out.

Evidence was also given where Mr. Laird used his influence as mayor to get the nuisance ground away from where it was adjoining his property, and he got a sewer extended to it at its new position, thus increasing its value by twenty thousand dollars, which he made with his partners in the sale shortly after.

FAVORS WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—In reply to letters reminding him of his promise at a meeting last spring, that in the in- terests of woman suffrage he would introduce a bill in the Commons dur- ing the present session, Ralph Smith, says the time is not ripe for the in- troduction of such a measure. He however, says he is firmly in favor of woman suffrage, and will do his best to support its interests.

SHERLOCK HOLMES ON THE FORGED TELEGRAM

Famous Detective Takes Charge of Case—His In- teresting Deductions From the Evidence.

The Colonist has displayed such anxiety to unravel the mystery of the forged telegram and suffered such heart-breaking disappointments, that, out of sheer charity, the Times detailed its psychological editor to get into touch with Sherlock Holmes. Shortly after the Times had gone to press on Saturday he succeeded in tapping an ether-line marked "S. H. tele." One end was easily traced to an empty whiskey keg located in the back premises of the Foaming Stein, wherein the spirit of the famous detective was comfortably coiled, the other end was with diffi- culty traced to Harley street, London. Within ten seconds the intercept- ed ethergrams were hissing from the blow-hole in our radiator. We give a transcript, without additions or altera- tions, but with apologies to Sir A. Canon Doyle.

"My dear Watson, as usual, you are quite in the wrong; the forged addition to Borden's telegram, which is arousing much indignation in Fleet street, was not the work of the office cat. In spite of my tuition, you still persist in confounding the obscure with the ab- normal. Between your mistake and the Chink, who will persist in per- siodically rolling this keg around, life in this soon is violated, and cocaine is not—

"No, no, no! You are quite wrong, the question of carelessness can be in- stantly dismissed. My dear Watson, the newspaper in question had gone to the trouble of specially wiring for Borden's plank on the Asiatic question. It was timed to arrive at the most critical point, on the very message—openly as- sured, the Colonist people were eagerly waiting the arrival of this most important wire, it would never be treated carelessly, on the contrary, it would receive special care.

"Repeat that last wave! A long tailed rat sat on the bung hole and in- tercepted the current."

"But, really, your ignorance of newspaper work is colossal. How could all the responsible men be away at the meeting? Who would get the paper out? Besides, have I not already point- ed out for this very message—openly why certainly! For your edification I will state an hypothetical case, but really, I cannot for a moment under- stand your bothering me with such an obviously vulgar case."

"Let us presume, it was necessary for some of the staff to be present at the political smoker; surely the city editor and a brace of reporters would be sufficient? The heads of the me- chanical departments and the editor- in-chief, with safety, be assumed to be on deck, getting out the paper—and wait- ing for Borden's wire."

"It arrives by the hand of a C. P. R. messenger, he is, of course, opened or sealed? Sealed of course. Why do you interrupt with such a foolish question? This was a most important message, from the man who hoped to lead the next government; it is not a mere news item."

"Let us accept the statement of the Colonist, that a boy took delivery of the message, but, do not forget, this wire is anxiously expected; doubtless arrangements have already been made for its reproduction; it requires no stretch of imagination to surmise—some responsible man was hovering around, waiting for this vital wire, ready to rush it to the agreed quarter. Let us give the boy the very ordi- nary name of Jones, and the respon- sible man we will call something be- ginning with E—Brown will do. Now what happened to Jones? Did Jones take the wire to the editor, or does Jones disappear? I think we may safely deduce the latter, as no fur- ther signs of Jones are met with, and it is certain Jones did not open the message."

"At this point we must break off, and enter the editorial sanctum. The editor states that, on his receiving the message, it read, and the absolute production—this is a strong piece of evidence against the theory of altera- tion at the meeting, but a strong piece of evidence of duplicate copies being made—one for the meeting, one for the engraver."

"The idea of a member of the edi- torial staff having made the alteration is untenable—a trained newspaper man would never commit such an obvious blunder. Take my word for it! The perpetrator of the alteration was neces- sarily versed in editorial ethics nor busi- ness details, either training would have utterly prevented his committing such a sure-to-be-found-out crime.

RAILWAYS AFTER PAYING TRAFFIC

MANY WANT CHARTERS IN FLATHEAD COUNTRY

Victoria and Barkley Sound Line Will Open Up South Coast.

It looks as if the present session would be prolific in the sort of rail- way legislation that the attorney-gen- eral claims as a proof of the govern- ment having a railway policy. There are several extensions of existing lines being asked for, and charters for small roads of local importance. Half a dozen bills have already been intro- duced in the legislature, and some of them come before the committee on railways on Wednesday.

By the "Kootenay" country, there will be a considerable interests between the Hill and Corbin and other lines, all of which are likely to put up a good fight in the committee in support of their bills. Last week Mr. Corbin secured incorporation of the Eastern British Columbia Railway Company, with power to build from near the loop on the Crow's Nest Pass line southerly fourteen miles. This is built the full distance, to a point now known as Corbin. The charter, as applied for originally, contemplated construction to the boundary, but this power was refused by the legislature.

Mr. Corbin has a bill before the House now for the incorporation of the Flathead Valley Railway Com- pany. The incorporators are D. C. Corbin, A. J. Devlin and James A. Harvey, K. C. They ask power to lay out and construct a line of railway from a point on the Eastern British Columbia near Corbin, southerly fol- lowing the east fork of the south fork of the Michel river to the summit be- tween that creek and a tributary of the Flathead, thence southerly along that tributary and down the Flathead or the most convenient route to the boundary, a distance of forty miles.

NEW YORK MURDERER IS ELECTROCUTED

Italian Said He Killed Two Po- licemen in Self- Defence.

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Salvatore Governale, who killed two policemen in New York city in 1907, was put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison to-day. He was pronounced dead after three contacts had been given.

Governale was brought into the death chamber at 5.46 o'clock this morning, accompanied by an Italian priest from New York city, and Dr. C. V. Mahoney, of St. Augustine's Roman Catholic church of Ossining. The condemned man carried a crucifix in his right hand, and as he walked to the chair he repeated the prayer for the dying. The strapping man and the adjustment were completed at 5.47.