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Forty Killed in Barcelona Fights

Strikers Make an Attack on Prison

Disturbances Have Broken Out in Neighboring Towns and the Situation is Grave.

Barcelona, Feb. 21.—Forty persons have been killed since the disturbances broke out here. The strikers to-day attacked the jail in an attempt to rescue their imprisoned comrades, but they were repulsed by the troops after a number of rioters had been killed or wounded.

The ordinary necessities of life are failing and the distress is accentuating, though it is still threatening. An effort will be made to-day to resume ordinary work in the city. The most stringent measures have been prepared to protect traffic and business. The strikers have few rifles, but they are well supplied with revolvers and daggers. The search of suspected houses continues, resulting in the arrest of large numbers of anarchists and revolutionists of all kinds, who are considered to be the chief movers in the troubles.

The Strike Spreading.

Madrid, Feb. 21.—According to this morning's advices received from Barcelona, the situation there is improving, though it is still threatening. An effort will be made to-day to resume ordinary work in the city. The most stringent measures have been prepared to protect traffic and business. The strikers have few rifles, but they are well supplied with revolvers and daggers. The search of suspected houses continues, resulting in the arrest of large numbers of anarchists and revolutionists of all kinds, who are considered to be the chief movers in the troubles.

Fierce Fighting Reported in Spain

Conflict Between Troops and Strikers in Which Many Were Killed and Wounded.

London, Feb. 20.—A message to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Barcelona, via Perpignan, France, says a fierce battle has been fought between the troops and the rioters in the suburbs of Barcelona, known as Sane.

Before the engagement the cavalry and infantry had been located on the plaza, from which vantage point the strikers could sweep the surrounding streets. When the final clash with the troops occurred, the artillery was brought into action and raked the streets. The rioters engaged the batteries at close range, but were finally driven off. It is reported that 500 persons were killed and wounded on both sides. The near neighborhood was wrecked by the shells. The ruins caught fire and this completed the destruction.

Further fighting is reported at Matara (15 miles from Barcelona), where a quantity of arms have been discovered.

Fighting is also reported at Tarragona, 100 miles southwest of Barcelona.

Street Fighting. Madrid, Feb. 20.—According to telegrams received here late to-night from Barcelona, the street fighting continues. The heavy rain which fell during the day helped to disperse the rioters, and the authorities are taking severe measures. A proclamation has been issued ordering all private individuals to surrender any weapons they may possess, under pain of severe penalties. The sale of arms has also been prohibited. Forty workmen's associations have been dissolved, and the members of their committees arrested. The dwellings of the rioters and of anarchists are being registered, and put under guard.

The battleship Pelayo has been ordered to Barcelona. The military engineers have assumed control of the street car service, and a few cars half filled with soldiers, are running. Even the funeral coaches have to be protected by the police. No letters have been delivered in Barcelona in three days, and in some parts of the town business is completely paralyzed.

A pitched battle occurred in the outskirts of the city between the strikers and the military escort attached to several wagons that were bringing in provisions. The contents of the wagons were dragged out and barricades were built across the roads. The mails have been torn up to prevent trains from entering the city. The strike movement has begun to spread seriously.

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BURGHERS IN TRANSVAAL

Those in Eastern Part of Colony Are Reluctant to Continue Struggle.

London, Feb. 21.—In a dispatch from Pretoria, the correspondent of the Times says there is no doubt the Boers in the Eastern Transvaal Colony are greatly demoralized, and that they are so hard pressed that many are reluctant to continue the struggle.

In an intercepted letter from Gen. Piet Viljoen to Mr. Schalkburger, the writer urges the latter to do something to counteract the spirit of surrender among the Boers. It is rumored that Gen. Botha and Mr. Schalkburger are trying to arrange a meeting. In spite of these indications, however, there is no ground for believing that the war will be immediately over, continues the Times correspondent.

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THREE FIRES IN EASTERN CANADA

DAMAGES NEARLY A QUARTER OF A MILLION

Recent Outbreaks at Rat Portage Believed to Have Been Work of Incendiary.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 20.—Rev. A. F. Brine, one of the best known Anglican clergymen in the Maritime Provinces, died here this morning.

Sudden Death. Halifax, N. S., Feb. 20.—Israel Longworth, of the firm of Longworth & Layton, barristers at Truro, and one of the best known lawyers in Nova Scotia, died suddenly last night.

Body Found in Creek. The lifeless body of Daniel McDonald, of Pictou, was found in a creek at Loch Broom station yesterday. He had been put off the train on Tuesday night and was not seen afterwards. An investigation will be held.

Fatal Fall. London, Ont., Feb. 20.—Dr. R. M. Buecke, for many years medical superintendent of the asylum for the insane in this city, met with a fatal accident at an early hour this morning. There were no witnesses to the accident, but it is supposed that while walking on the veranda of his home the doctor slipped and fell, striking his head with such force as to cause concussion of the brain.

Preferential Treatment. Montreal, Feb. 20.—Preferential treatment of colonial products by Great Britain was all but unanimously approved by a resolution in the Montreal Board of Trade to-day. It was a special meeting to discuss the subject, introduced by Robert McGehee, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, and about 75 members were present.

Pleaded Guilty. David Sutherland, who shot his wife a few days ago, pleaded guilty to-day of attempted murder, and was remanded for a week.

The Election Frauds. Investigation into the frauds at poll No. 37 in the recent election for St. James division was continued to-day. Eight witnesses swore that they voted for Beagan, Conservative candidate, as did six others on the first day of the investigation, making so far 14 votes, although the returning officer only gave four. Others whose names appeared on the list of the returning officer as having voted, swore that they voted at other polls. Bench warrants were issued for the arrest of Edward Lefebvre, L. A. Gingras (poll clerk) and F. X. Hétu, all of whom failed to appear.

Sent Back. Windsor, Ont., Feb. 20.—Thomas Brooks, a Windsor painter, was deported from Detroit yesterday on the ground that if he was allowed to fill his contract for painting houses, it would be a violation of the United States Immigration Act.

Destructive Fire. Toronto, Feb. 20.—The biggest fire in several years occurred in the city early this evening. Mensies's window shade factory and the Merchants' Dyeing & Finishing Company, adjacent buildings on King street West, near the subway, being destroyed. Loss on Mensies's place was \$100,000. During the fire the dyeing place, next door, was wiped out, the damage being \$90,000. The fire is believed to have arisen from the spontaneous combustion of waste cotton in piles.

Mr. Whitney Entertained. The banquet to Mr. Whitney this evening by his followers in the legislature was a decided success from the standpoint of enthusiasm and good-fellowship. The company was made up largely of a parliamentary delegation and presidents and secretaries of Conservative associations, and candidates for the legislature throughout the province, numbered nearly 400.

Proposed Veterinary College. Efforts will be made to establish a veterinary college in Winnipeg.

Prominent Mason Dead. W. J. Hemanway, one of the best known merchants in Manitoba, and partner of Premier Roblin, died at his home in Carnar at midnight. He came from Pakenham, Ontario, several years ago. He was high up in Masonry.

Fire Inquiry. A committee of Rat Portage citizens have been conducting an inquiry into the recent fires and have strong evidence that these were the work of incendiaries.

Political Reform Party. The Political Reform Union, now the new provincial party, has organized

SCOUTS SURPRISED FORCE OF BOERS

AND TOOK OVER ONE HUNDRED PRISONERS

Three Officers Among Captured—There Were No Casualties on the British Side.

London, Feb. 22.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Friday, February 21st, says Colonel Park, with 300 mounted National Scouts, recently surprised a Boer force at Nooitgedacht, Transvaal colony, and captured 104 prisoners, together with a quantity of munitions of war and a number of horses and wagons. There were no British casualties.

The prisoners included Field Cornets Joubert and DeJager and Lieut. Viljoen. Refused Passports. Chicago, Feb. 22.—Dr. and Mrs. Hiram W. Thomas, of Chicago, have been refused passports to visit the South African concentration camps by Secretary Hay, of the state department at Washington. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas intended going to Africa to distribute money for use of the camp prisoners. Secretary Hay, it is said, gave as his reason for refusing the passports that President Roosevelt would object, and consequently he would not make application for them to Lord Pauncefote.

EARLY SEEDING. Farmer Near Portage la Prairie Completes Sowing of Twenty-Five Acres. Portage la Prairie, Feb. 21.—A record in early seeding has been established this year by Thos. Leeder, a farmer, who resides west of Portage on the Plains. Yesterday Mr. Leeder completed sowing twenty-five acres of wheat, and to-morrow, if the weather is suitable, he will put in twenty-five acres more. The land which was sown in the fall is in fair condition. It has become dried out on top and was easily harrowed. Unless a very severe period of weather sets in, and with a favorably spring, Mr. Leeder's wheat will be ready for harvesting in June.

FORGED BANK NOTES. Counterfeits Are the Most Perfect of Their Kind Ever Attempted. New York, Feb. 21.—A special to the Herald from London says: "Some hundreds of forged bank of England notes for £5 have been put in circulation during the last fortnight. They are almost perfect counterfeits, and have been accepted without hesitation by bank cashiers and at business establishments. Many of the notes were passed off on book-makers at the last Hunt park race meeting. It is admitted that the counterfeits of which about 300 have already reached the Bank of England, are the most perfect of their kind ever attempted. They are beautifully printed in sleek black ink on paper whose crispness of texture and water marks resemble almost exactly the genuine article. Scotland Yard is busily engaged in the task of trying to track down the counterfeiters, but the work is so immeasurably superior to that of all the known forgers that new hands are suspected, which greatly increases the difficulties of running them down."

OVERDUE VESSELS. List at the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, Is Growing. San Francisco, Feb. 21.—The list of overdue vessels posted at the Merchants' Exchange is steadily growing. The Red Rock is 85 days from the Fraser river for London with salmon; the British ship Cape Rock is out 35 days from Port Los Angeles for Portland; the Earl Cadogan 34 days out between these ports; the French barque Les Adelphe 123 days from Madagascar for Portland; the French barque Ernest Lequire 105 days out from Hobart, Tasmania, for Portland; the French barque Olivier de Silson 165 days out from Cayenne for this port, and the Roseville 70 days out from Tacoma for Callao. The insurance on these vessels is quoted at from 15 to 20 per cent. each.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY. Trans-Atlantic Messages Will Cost Ten Cents a Word—Dominion Government Arrangements. Ottawa, Feb. 22.—The bill which the minister of justice is preparing for presentation to parliament in connection with the Marconi wireless telegraph will provide for a rate of ten cents a word for trans-Atlantic messages, a pre-rate of five cents a word, and the right to employ, without payment of royalty, the Marconi system on Canadian coasts, rivers, and lakes for safeguarding life and property. In return for these concessions the government will give about \$70,000 for building a station for the Marconi system at Cape Breton.

COUNT TOLSTOI. Latest Message Says He is at the Point of Death. St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—The latest news received here from Yalta, Crimea, is to the effect that Count Tolstoi is at the point of death.

MR. J. CHAMBERLAIN AND THE DELEGATION

Accused of Lack of Tact in Discriminating Sharply Between Canada and South Africa.

New York, Feb. 21.—The strictures of the Canadian press on the reply of the colonial secretary, Joseph Chamberlain, to the Welsh delegate of Patagonian agriculturalists who wish to emigrate to Canada, are considered well founded by prominent Canadians here, says the Tribune's London correspondent. They do not reproach him for any feeling of unkindness to the Dominion, but charge with lack of tact in discriminating sharply between Canada and South Africa. They assert that when the Dominion government offered to do so much for the unfortunate Welsh colonists stranded in Patagonia, Mr. Chamberlain ought to have avoided the implication that aid of the Imperial government might have been successfully invoked for sending them to Boer colonies, but not to Canada.

REDMOND'S VIEWS. Places All Blame on Government for Present Agitation in Ireland. London, Feb. 22.—The Irish party attaches great significance to the eviction of the tenants on forty farms of Lord Dufferin's estate in Roscommon county, Ireland, for refusal to pay rent, and instead of making a mere parliamentary struggle over the matter, John Redmond, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party, said to a representative of the Associated Press: "Not only are forty tenants now sold out, but many hundreds of others are being proceeded against. The country thereabouts is alive with police, who patrol the roads day and night, force themselves into people's houses and in every way create a reign of terror. Fifteen representative public men of the district have been imprisoned merely for taking part in meetings of a peaceable nature, and many others are being prosecuted. Everything has been peaceable so far, but the proceedings of the government are so extraordinary that we cannot help feeling anxious lest violence occurs. The cause of all the trouble is the government's refusal to face the unanimous demand of the Irish people that it pass legislation giving compulsory powers to put out Irish landlords, and thus restore to the Irish people their land."

EXTENSION MINE. Report That Attempt Will Be Made to Open Number Three Slope. Nanaimo, Feb. 22.—An attempt, it is reported, is about to be made to open No. 3 slope, Extension. With the fine weather only what water is pumped in enters the slope, and leaks through the crevices of the rocks near the stopping in the tunnel forces the water. It is believed that about 230 feet perpendicular height of water is now in the mines, and that probably the fire is out. The management may adopt a plan of opening the stoppages of No. 3 slope at any time and investigate. It is rumored that this may be done to-day or to-morrow.

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FINAL SEPARATION

Of Lord Rosebery From Bannerman's Section of the Liberal Party Announced To-Day.

London, Feb. 21.—Lord Rosebery's announcement of his final separation from Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's section of the Liberal party, announced by the former in a letter to the London Times this morning, forms a fruitful topic for afternoon editorials and for discussion in all quarters of Great Britain.

One of the most noticeable phases is the curious effect the letter produced on the working of the Times editorials on the subject. Its friendliness to the ex-Premier might easily be explained on the ground of Unionist delight of a definite split in the opposition ranks. Its declaration that "what the country wants is not a brand new set of principles, but a new set of men capable of replacing the present set, without upsetting the policy of the Empire," precede the significant demand that Lord Rosebery's party must prove that they can be trusted to infuse business energy and capacity into the prosecution of an Imperial policy.

Concluding the Times says: "If the fruition of efforts in that direction may seem to be remote, we can only say it may come sooner than anybody expects." This cryptic utterance has started rumors of a new coalition between the Unionists and Imperial Liberals under the leadership of the Duke of Devonshire and Lord Rosebery, besides the possible defection of the Times in its support of the present government.

ANOTHER STORM IN EASTERN STATES

Railway Traffic is Interrupted and Electric Light System at Chester, Pa., is a Wreck.

New York, Feb. 22.—Telegraph poles carried down by the weight of the sleet burdened wires caused a delay of one to five hours in the passenger train service of the Pennsylvania lines during the night between this city and Baltimore. The main trouble, as reported by passengers from the south, is in the district between Chester, Pa., and Trenton, N. J. At the former place the entire telephone, telegraph and electric light systems are a total wreck. The town is in darkness. Trains on the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore division are being run without the aid of the telegraph, necessitating slow progress.

The worst of the wreck among the wires was between Bristol and Trenton, N. J. In the eleven miles between the two points more than 100 telegraph poles were broken, with many more in danger of falling. Half of those which fell dropped across the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad. Construction gangs were kept busy clearing the wreckage away, but all trains proceeded at a snail's pace that territory at a reduced speed. Telegraph companies are handling all messages to and from Philadelphia by train.

The wires and the train service from Baltimore to Washington and the south are in fairly good shape.

Horses Killed. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22.—The severe sleet and rain storm which struck this section during the early hours of yesterday is probably the worst that has visited this city since the blizzard of the 18th. Telegraph and telephone communication with outside points has been completely interrupted since early yesterday afternoon. The telegraph, telephone and electric light companies are suffering. In every part of the city broken wires are dangling, making it dangerous for pedestrians. Upwards of a dozen horses have been killed by broken wires, heavily charged with electricity, falling upon them and several persons sustained slight injuries.

Man Killed. New York, Feb. 22.—Live wires killed one man in Jersey City, and dozens of horses were killed by the same agency on suburban roads. Jersey City is ankle deep in water, many cellars are flooded, and the fire alarm system has been seriously interfered with.

POLICE POWERLESS.

Disturbances at Ponca Where Matter Looked Serious for Some Time. San Juan de Porto Rico, Feb. 22.—Dispatches received from Ponca last night say that political agitators incited a riot of the striking trolley workmen yesterday, and that bloodshed was only averted with the greatest difficulty. A mob, numbering hundreds of persons, controlled Ponca for two hours, the police not being numerous enough to suppress the disturbance. The chief of police and the American engineer of the road were surrounded after the chief had arrested the political agitators. A crowd of people followed the three men to the city hall, shouting: "Down with the Americans." The chief, with the assistance of the American employees of the road who were armed with revolvers, prevented a serious conflict. The native workmen on the trolley line are well paid, and are satisfied with their wages. They would not have struck had they not been intimidated by outsiders.

EIGHTEEN PERSONS PERISH IN FIRE

ARMORY DESTROYED AND HOTEL DAMAGED

Many Guests Had Narrow Escapes—The Property Loss Amounts to Over \$700,000.

New York, Feb. 22.—Eighteen persons lost their lives and 50 or more were injured in a fire which was communicated early to-day from the Seventy-first Regiment, N. Y. G. A., armory to the Park avenue hotel. The armory was destroyed, entailing a loss estimated at \$650,000.

In the hotel the damage was principally in the tiers of rooms surrounding the elevator shafts. The loss to the hotel building is estimated at \$100,000.

When the fire started in the armory scores of guests in the Park avenue hotel were awakened by the clanging of engines and crowded to the hotel windows. It was about 45 minutes after the flames were discovered in the armory before they spread to the hotel, but in spite of this, many of the guests were in their rooms dressed in their night clothes, and some of them were in bed.

The firemen as soon as they learned that the hotel was in danger decided to devote all of their efforts to the rescue of its occupants. Men and women appeared at the windows of the Park avenue side of the hotel and called for help.

How the fire started in the hotel is a mystery. Many of the police and fire officials declared this forenoon that in their opinion the blaze in the hotel was entirely independent of that at the armory. It was established with a fair degree of certainty to-day that the fire started at the Park Avenue hotel originated at the base of the north elevator shaft. From this point it crept up to the fifth and sixth floors and spread in every direction, completely gutting the upper floors.

The Park Avenue hotel was built by A. T. Stewart, who spent \$3,000,000 on its construction and furnishings.

THE BANK FRAUDS.

Gondie and Barge Sentenced to Ten Years Imprisonment—Others Got Two Years.

London, Feb. 22.—Sentences were to-day pronounced on the prisoners found guilty of complicity in the Bank of Liverpool frauds. Thomas Gondie, the bookkeeper of the bank, and Barge, the pugilist, were each sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, and F. T. Kelly, a bookmaker of Bradford, and Stiles, another bookmaker, each received two years.

Counsel had previously announced that Lawrie Marks, the American bookmaker who is supposed to have committed the frauds, and another American bookmaker who is also missing, and Barge, had £91,000 of the bank's money, of which amount £76,000 had been recovered, Barge having returned £60,000, while £12,000 and £24,000 stood to the credit of Marks and Barge respectively in a bank. Kelly and Stiles had divided £75,000 between themselves, and Kelly had now restituted £17,000 and Stiles £6,500.

NUMBER OF ACTIONS.

For Alleged Violation of the Companies Act. Vancouver, Feb. 22.—Charles Dore, Tristan Atkinson, of 197 Cornwell street, Victoria, has entered suits here against the following companies for non-compliance with the Companies Act in failing to deposit the names of directors, etc., with the registrar of joint stock companies and other alleged contraventions: Byron N. White Co., Ltd., of Sandon; Brady Bros., and E. J. Matthew, constituting the Lucky Jim mines, of Kaslo; the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Company, Nelson; the Jackson Mines Ltd., Kaslo; the Great Northern Railway Company, having its head office in this province in the city of New Westminster; the Washington Mining Co., Ltd., of Kaslo; the Payne Mining Co., Ltd., of Sandon; the White Mines, Ltd., of Kaslo; the Idaho Mines, Ltd., of Rossland; the Old National Bank of Rossland; and the Red Mountain Railway Company, of Rossland.

YOUNG LIFE SAVER.

Arthur Egan, of Chicago, to Receive Royal Humane Society Medal. Chicago, Feb. 21.—Arthur Egan, the 17-year-old boy who has saved twenty-seven lives in Lake Michigan, will be presented with a medal awarded by the Royal Humane Society, of London, England, to-morrow night. William Wrudman, the British consul here, will make the presentation. The society gives only rare medals a year, and this is the first time that one of them has been awarded to a resident of the United States.

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