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March 24, 1910

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DAY

FOODS OF LAVA FROM MOUNT AETNA

Villages in Serious Danger— Volcano Has Become Once More a Terrifying Spectacle.

PROF. RICCO, director of Mount Aetna Observatory, says that the eruption is very grave, and that it will become much more serious. The lava has covered five miles in six hours, and if its calculations are right, the eruption will continue until it is of short duration.

CATANIA, Sicily, March 24.—Mount Aetna, whose eruptions in the past have wrought great destruction, is again in a state of activity. A pronounced movement within the crater which began last evening has steadily increased in volume, and to-night the gravest fears are entertained as to the results if the eruption continues in its present violent form.

From Catania, a correspondent reported in the direction of the mountain. Passing the village of Mascali, twelve miles in a direct line from the crater, a thick curtain of smoke was encountered which entirely concealed Aetna.

At Nicolosi, ten miles from the crater, the entire population had gathered in the square to watch the volcano which appeared as a black phantom above.

Hot craters covered the ground like a carpet, rendering walking difficult. A few feet further along, four colossal columns of black smoke could be observed. Occasionally they were cut by flashes of fire. It was an awe-inspiring spectacle. Then the wind opened the clouds for a moment and a wide strip of fire could be seen in the distance, advancing with monstrous contortions. It fell like a torrent from Mount Capriole, and spread out in the valley below.

The lava flow which has reached the vineyards above San Leo and Hinzuolo, seven miles from the crater, and has buried a large number of peasants' houses. It is estimated that it is now 20 feet in height, and 1500 feet wide. Its velocity was estimated at three or four feet a minute, according to the condition of the ground.

This mighty wall of lava was today not more than five miles from Belpasso and Bologneta. The meteorological station on the mountain side has been destroyed and the village of Bologneta is in serious danger. The population, terror-stricken, are fleeing from their homes.

Help for the people of the devastated region is being organized here. A detachment of soldiers and a large number of engineers and doctors have come forward. The prefect of Catania, returning from the scene this evening, said: "I witnessed a spectacle of desolation and ruin which only those who saw the eruption of Vesuvius in 1868 can imagine. The present eruption is compared to no other. The authorities have issued orders that no one shall be permitted to go to the volcano, and soldiers have been stationed at various points to see that these orders are obeyed. The village of Borrello is surrounded by the lava and the inhabitants have fled to Belpasso."

Dr. Walter Craven, an Englishman, after his return to-day from Nicolosi, where he had photographed the lava, said: "Horrible! Catastrophic! The lava current is moving at the rate of about 100 feet an hour, and that it has passed over Mount San Leo. Cardinal Francesco Saverio Archibishop of Catania, visited Nicolosi this afternoon. The earth shakes continue."

Fielding is Off To Washington

Supposed to Have the Limit of Tariff Concessions to Which Canada is Prepared to Go.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special.)—From Mr. Fielding, minister of finance, left this afternoon for Washington, where he will meet President Taft in another conference over the tariff.

Mr. Fielding refused to give any information as to the stage which the negotiations have reached, but the prevailing impression is that when he left Mr. Taft at Albany, on Sunday, it was on the understanding that Canada, to save a tariff war, would grant certain concessions to the United States, if it is believed, therefore, that after conferring with the premier, Mr. Fielding is now empowered to say what concessions Canada will give.

The cabinet were in session all afternoon.

PROGRESS ALL CANADA'S NEXT QUARTER CENTURY

That's Why U.S. Should Negotiate Reciprocity Treaty, Says Newly-Elected Congressman.

BOSTON, Mass., March 24.—Officers of Boston trade organizations were much pleased to learn that Minister of Finance Fielding is coming to Washington to confer with President Taft regarding the tariff. The organizations recently protested against the imposition of the maximum schedule.

The Canadian Club of Boston today sent a communication to Taft, expressing the earnest hope "that the president will use his compelling influence to avert the impending crisis." The letter sets forth that the members of the club believe that the imposition of the maximum provisions of the Payne-Aldrich law "will be damaging alike to the port of Boston and the welfare of New England," and that "the only feasible course is in accord to Canada in a liberal spirit the benefits of our minimum tariff."

Eugene N. Fos, newly-elected Democratic congressman for the 14th district, said today:

"Canadian reciprocity is something for which I have been fighting steadily for eight years. My election, after my campaign for the reciprocity plank, is certainly most encouraging. It indicates that the people are beginning to recognize in the votes the importance of the Canadian market for our products and the necessity of opening our markets to those of Canada. This line between Canada and the United States is all wrong. It should be removed and the commercial interests of the two countries should be one. The idea that the interests of a population of 2,000,000 can be jeopardized by a people of 6,000,000 is all fiction. Canada will make greater progress in the next 25 years than this country, and that great market, greater than the whole of Canada, her wheat, her lumber and her other agricultural products."

TO SURVEY SHORT CUT CANAL

Department of Public Works to Send Engineers Out at Once.

OTTAWA, March 24.—The department of public works, on the strength of a vote made last session, will send engineers to survey the proposed new route of communication between Montreal and Lake Champlain, and thence by the Hudson to New York.

The present route, which needs much improvement to become of practical use, is around by Sorel and the Richelieu. The new scheme is to cut off a distance with a direct canal across country to Montreal.

MONTREAL, March 24.—(Special.)—It is estimated that from three to four thousand people left to-day to spend Easter in New York.

TAX RATE CUT TO 17-4 MILLS

Board of Control Whittles Down Estimates and School Trustees Will Lop Off Another \$60,000.

Toronto's tax rate this year will be 17 1/4 mills.

This was decided on at a meeting of the board of control last night, to finish the work of pruning estimates. Controller Church and Foster held out for a reduction of 1 1/4 mills from last year's rate of 18 1/2 mills, and the board finally agreed to trim the estimates further with this end in view.

Even with the reduced rate, it is figured that the yield from taxes will be \$25,000 greater than last year, owing to the big jumps in assessments.

Must Cut Estimates.

In making the cut, however, the board must be careful, for, if the estimates are not cut, the school trustees will have to raise the rate to 19 1/4 mills. The board of education, it is estimated, will have to raise the rate to 19 1/4 mills. The board of education, it is estimated, will have to raise the rate to 19 1/4 mills.

Without starving the city departments, however, we can easily get along with the 17 1/4 mill rate, said Controller Church last night in answer to the World's queries as to the outcome of the session. "But I do not think that the board of education should be limited in its appropriations. The estimates have gone over the city estimate dollar by dollar, and it is an effort to get the lowest rate consistent with the public service. While we will have to give some of them again, I am sure that the result will not be a hardship to anyone."

The board will meet again Tuesday morning to formally "strike" the rate.

SUES FOR \$25,000

Nurse Says She Was Wronged in Being Sent to Asylum.

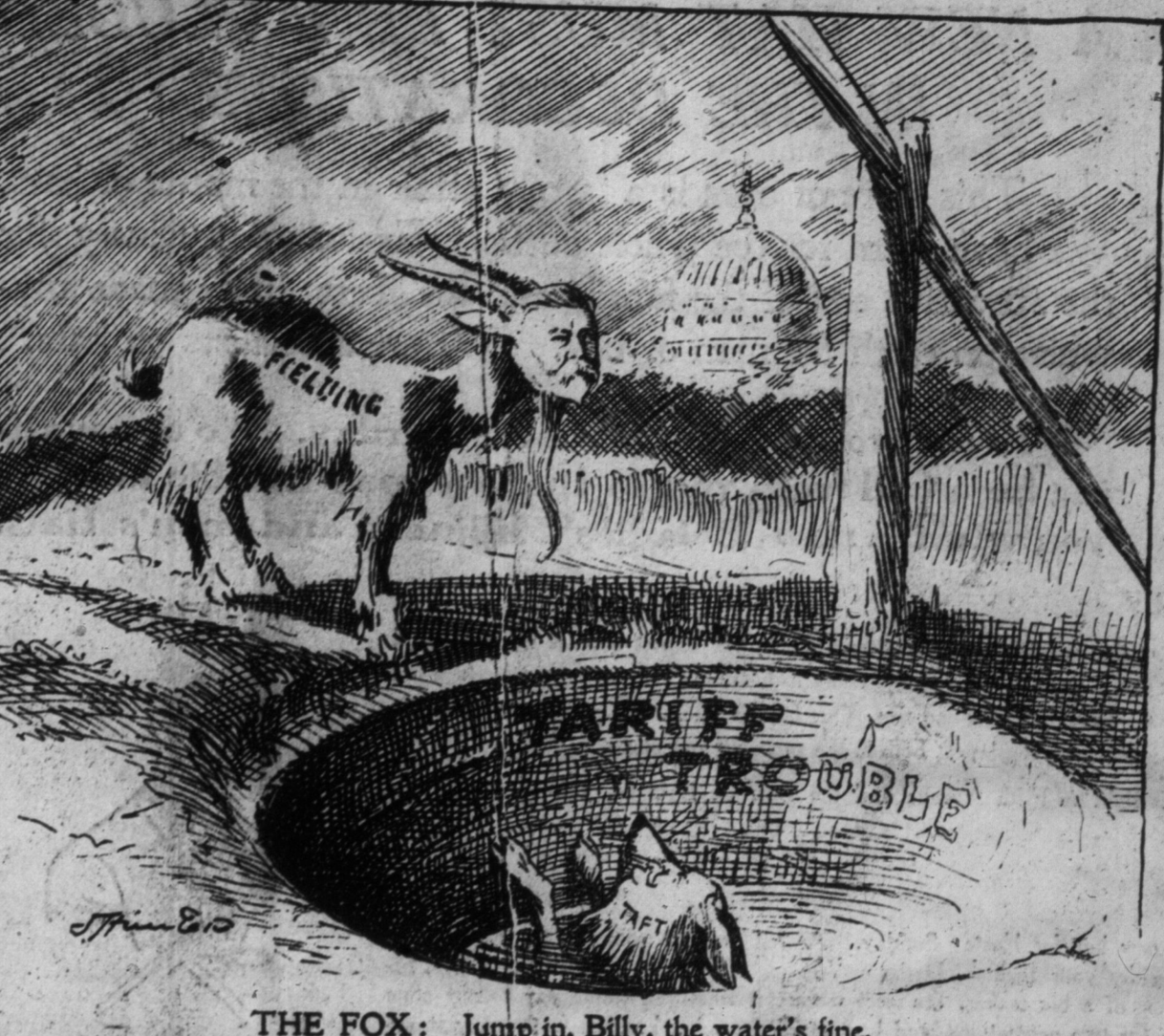
DETROIT, Mich., March 24.—Miss Jennie Alexander, formerly of St. Thomas, Ont., is suing Sheriff Moore of Port Huron, Mich., for \$25,000 damages for false imprisonment and slander. Miss Alexander is a nurse. She was sent to the London Asylum a few years ago by her parents for treatment for some mental disorder. After a short period she was released and came to St. Thomas, where she was employed by Dr. Thompson, who testified that she threatened to kill him. She was returned to the London Asylum, she alleges, against her will.

Miss Godfrey, a nurse from the asylum, today testified that Miss Alexander was voluntarily returned to the asylum by her parents. Dr. Thompson, she stated, was in her right mind.

GRAIN ELEVATOR COMMISSION
Growers Make Public Their Nominees for the Board.

WINNIPEG, March 24.—(Special.)—The clubbush recreation of the city's wealth and fashion, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. It was discovered about 8 o'clock to-night, and \$30,000, insurance \$35,000.

The Toronto World



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CONFERENCE AT OTTAWA ON COMPANY OPERATIONS

British Columbia's Deputy Attorney General Is On the Way East To Take Part in It.

VICTORIA, B.C., March 24.—(Special.)—H. A. Maclean, deputy attorney-general, has left for Ottawa to represent British Columbia at the conference arranged between the Dominion Government and the governments of the several provinces in respect of the status of companies provincially incorporated and which may extend their operations beyond the limits of the incorporating provinces, this conference opening on the 28th inst.

British Columbia has many such companies engaged in business, largely, or originally, incorporated in Ontario, or Manitoba, or other of the provincial companies, extra-provincial license or registration, and extend their fields of operation to the shores of the Pacific. The contention of the Dominion is that this extension is beyond the jurisdiction of the incorporation; that any company incorporated in Ontario, for example, must restrict its operations to Ontario or else secure Dominion incorporation in fact that it is ultra vires to do so has been done in past years and is still the very general practice.

The interesting question at issue arose through an Ontario company accepting a risk on timber in the State of Maine, owned by the C. E. Maclean Railway Company, which had had no possible right to collect, and one feature of the supreme court decision was to affirm that extra-provincial operation was allowable by the adjustment of the company's laws, federal and provincial, in Canada may be stricken at any time.

It is Mr. Maclean's intention to immediately after the conference, to take up with the minister of justice of Canada the questions in dispute between the Dominion and the Province of British Columbia in respect generally to Indian lands and fisheries jurisdiction.

Mr. Maclean will visit Toronto during April for the purpose of taking up with President Mackenzie the form of trusteeship to be created for the administration of the funds obtained by the sale of the provincially-guaranteed railway bonds and also the holding of the mortgage to be given by the Canadian Northern and the Canadian Northern Pacific to secure the faithful carrying out of the indemnification clauses of the important contract just entered into.

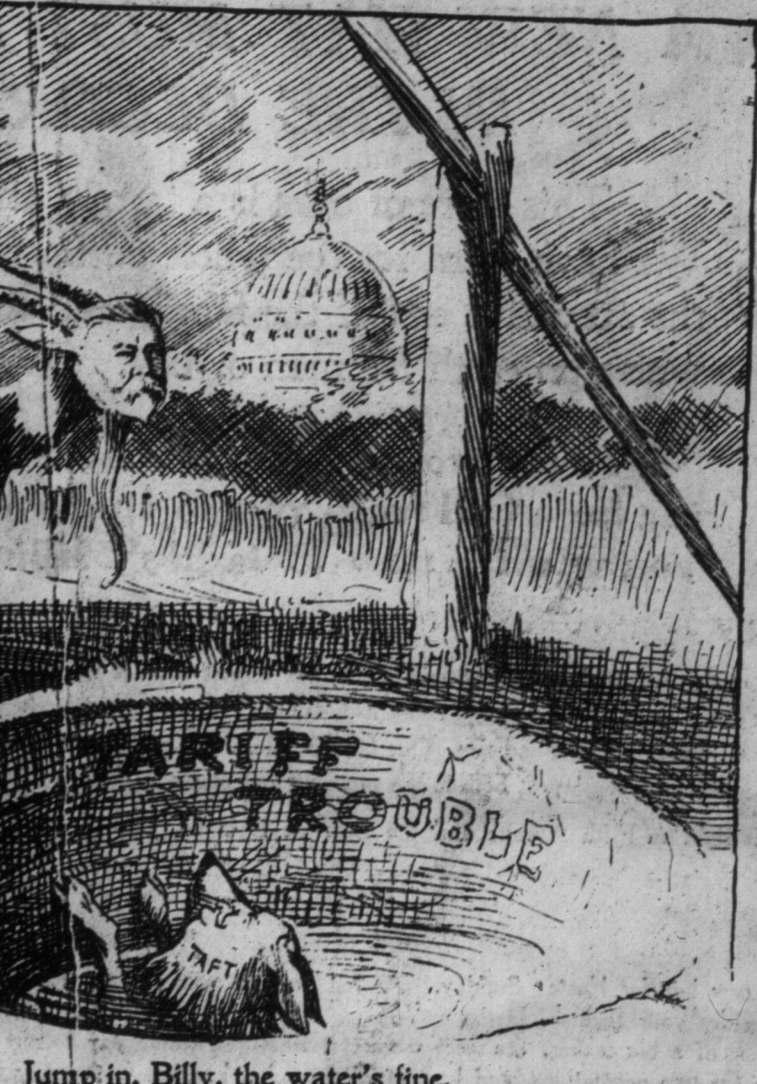
STRANGE FIGHT FOR FORTUNE

Claimant to Estate Who May Prove To Be an Imposter.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 24.—The contest over the estate of Daniel Russell of Melrose, Mass., by a man claiming to be a long lost son from North Dakota, closed to-day, so far as the evidence is concerned, after the probate court, since Sept. 20 last. It will be argued on April 4. The testator's estate is valued at \$100,000, or nearly a third of the value of the estate.

Whether the claimant is Daniel Blake Russell, of Dickinson, N.D., or the right heir to half of the Russell estate, or James D. Russell, of Massena, N.Y., and one of the most notable impostors in legal annals is the question which Judge Lorton is expected to decide.

IS HE THAT KIND OF A GOAT?



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CONFERENCE AT OTTAWA ON COMPANY OPERATIONS

British Columbia's Deputy Attorney General Is Not Afraid of Being Attacked—
Ex-President Attracts Large Crowd.

CAIRO, Egypt, March 24.—Colonel Roosevelt's visit excites such interest here, not only among the many Americans who have arrived at Cairo purposely to see the ex-president and take part in the proceedings, but among the populace generally, that he is taking measures to avoid demonstrations. Great crowds gathered about the entrance of Shepherd's Hotel, where the Roosevelt family are quartered, and twice to-day Col. and Mrs. Roosevelt were compelled to leave the building by the garden entrance, in order to keep away from the enthusiastic people.

Half an hour was spent this afternoon in conversation with the khedive at Abdin Palace, the khedive showing the keenest interest in Col. Roosevelt's hunting trip. Politics were not discussed, but there was an exchange of views on irrigation and agriculture. The conversation was conducted in English.

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HIT BY ENGINE, UNHURT

Five-Year-Old Girl Hits Remarkable Escape From Death.

UTICA, N.Y., March 23.—Tossed from the railroad tracks by a locomotive this evening, Gertrude Sparrow, five years of age, escaped, without a scratch.

The West Shore Railroad runs close to the Sparrow home, and the little girl running to meet her mother crossed directly in the path of a freight train.

The pilot of the engine threw her to one side, and she struck several feet away in a ditch filled with water. This near miss was a remarkable escape, as she was not injured.

Two hundred dollars' damage was done to the premises and stock of a Burgess manufacturing jeweler, 25 West Adelaide street, by a fire which broke out there at 8:15 last night. The loss is fully insured.

C.P. GETS LAID HAMILTON

Has Acquired Three Blocks North of T. H. & B. Station—After New York Traffic.

Concurrent with the rumor of large purchases of land by the Canadian Pacific Railway in Toronto, in the vicinity of Yonge and Carlton streets, comes a story from Hamilton that three blocks of land to the north of the present T. H. & B. station, from McNaab to Catharine, have been acquired by the same company. These blocks have been transferred to the Mercantile Trust Company for a Union Station and Hotel for the C. P. R. T. H. & B. and C. N. O.

It is undoubtedly apparent that the C. P. R. is beginning to enlarge on its small scale and considers the New York traffic as one of the most important sections of its Ontario business. It built the Sidbury branch in order to provide the quickest routes from Vancouver and Winnipeg to New York via Toronto. The C. P. R., as it is well known, is not altogether satisfied with the Union Station arrangements in Toronto, nor does it care to be forced to use so much Grand Trunk track, and has, therefore, in mind an Ontario service of its own from Toronto to New York via Hamilton and Buffalo, this involving an independent track to Hamilton.

The number of rapid changes in the railway situation, and the indications of a growing movement in the C. P. R. from the far west to New York and vice versa. A new and independent station will most likely be built in Toronto; enlarged facilities are to be provided at Hamilton. This altered line will cross the main line of traffic via North Bay, but the bulk can come to Toronto, and here split up to go direct to New York via Hamilton, the remainder to go eastward to Montreal.

It is significant that the sale of the Hamilton property has been conducted in the same quiet, mysterious way as the Carlton street job has been handled. Few questions were asked; the price did not appear to be any object, and the transfer has been made in some unknown, or the sale papers have merely been held in reserve in these changes, and bears out The World's proposition that the C. P. R. has altered its attitude towards Toronto and Hamilton. It recognizes that these two blocks are to become large commercial and industrial centres, whose business must be secured, and facilities provided for the competition. After a full in railway construction for a few years older Ontario is upon the eve of a remarkable expansion, which extends from coast to coast, and the hannel province to be the centre link in the transcontinental chain.

RAID ON THE CONTROL OF MONTREAL STREET RY.

Unidentified Group of Canadian Capitalists Reported Well-Backed in Their Attempt.

MONTREAL, March 24.—(Special.)—There is a formidable movement on foot by a group of Canadian capitalists to secure control of the Montreal Street Railway and the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co. The statement is made to-night that they have already obtained a voting power of 40,000 shares of street railway stock, and will lay siege to the power company in a very short time.

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GERMAN NAVY BUILDING

An Official Denial to Some of Mr. Kennan's Statements.

BERLIN, March 24.—An official communication to-day says that there has been no change in the German naval program, as had been intimated by Rignold McKenna, first lord of the British admiralty. On the contrary, the first explains that it would be ill-advised to begin the building program of any year prior to April 1, when the financial year opens.

As a matter of fact, all of the new ships will require the regular period for their construction. The Vesuvius will be completed in 40 months, the Westfalen and the Rheinland in 20 and the Posin in 25 months, the average period of construction being 6-10 months. The assumption of Mr. McKenna that the new ships will be finished in 26 months is accordingly not justified.

IMMIGRANTS HAVE FUNDS

Party of Two Hundred En Route Average \$2500 Up.

LONDON, March 24.—(C.A.P.)—A remarkable thing about the exodus of emigrants to Canada, is their cooperative wealth. The express for emigrants of British origin extends from coast to coast, and the majority 1500 or more. They are mainly farmers.

A RETROSPECT.

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