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VETERAN OF 1837

pege, April 5.—P. H. Bradt, a Port pioneer, died yesterday, aged 88. He was a resident of this city since 1878, a remarkable career. He was one of the few survivors of those who took part in the events of 1837, having served in the government against W. Lyon.

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ENGINEERING BUILDING DESTROYED AT MCGILL

Heavy Loss Sustained by Science Department of University

SIR WILLIAM MACDONALD'S GIFT

Expensive Machinery, Laboratories and Other Equipment Quickly Reduced to Ruins

Montreal, April 5.—The Macdonald engineering building, McGill university, destroyed by fire today. The total loss will be \$750,000, insurance \$420,000. The magnificent pile of native limestone and brick, probably the most perfectly equipped science building on the continent, is tonight a complete ruin, with its thousands of dollars worth of valuable machinery and laboratories destroyed.

The Workmen's mechanical building, an annex to the Macdonald building, was saved by the fire department but the loss from smoke and water will be very heavy.

The burned building was five stories high, with its upper stories in the upper story, where "Italian sun baths" were enjoyed, particularly by the first year students.

It was on the third floor, about the centre of the flat, that the fire originated, from just what cause it probably never be known, for when the alarm was rung in by a policeman, the entire centre of the building seemed to be in flames, and when the caretakers of the other McGill buildings, the famous Rouleau collection of kinematic models, the finest in America.

On the ground floor and in the basement of the structure was an extensive machinery, all of which is, of course, practically a heap of ruins. It was there throughly equipped, electrical and mechanical laboratories, laboratories of mathematics, dynamics, mechanics, geodesy, modelling, testing and thermo-dynamics.

The structure was first opened by Lord Stanley in 1893, and has since been from time to time added to as regards equipment.

MR. BRYCE LEAVES

Toronto, April 5.—Right Hon. James Bryce left last night for Chicago after spending two days in Toronto.

Mr. Bryce addressed meetings of students and others at Wycliffe college in the afternoon.

CENTRAL AMERICAN WAR

San Salvador, April 5.—The bombardment of Amapala by Nicaraguan gunboats, has received wide publicity in this country.

The cruiser Chicago, anchored in the Gulf of Fonseca in order to be near the probable theatre of operations, has established government headquarters at Amapala. The frontiers are protected by a large army.

CAZAR TO ABDICATE THRONE OF RUSSIA

London Paper Predicts Radical Changes Will Occur in Big Empire

London, April 5.—The Mirror claims to be in a position to announce upon the "highest authority" that the Emperor of Russia purposes to abdicate within a month, and that Grand Duke Michael will be appointed regent during the infancy of the Czarovich.

For the past three or four weeks, the paper says, the events in this direction have been proceeding with lightning rapidity in St. Petersburg, but the secret has been well kept. Continuing the Daily Mirror says: "The Emperor's mind has given way even more completely, and he has shown himself incapable of performing the smallest duties of his office."

"The lower house of parliament is to be abolished, and there will be formed a military dictatorship, with the object of stamping out revolution and putting an end to anarchy in Russia."

The paper further declares that a marriage has been arranged between Grand Duke Michael and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and that the viceroy of London, the Dowager Empress of Russia was chiefly for the purpose of negotiating this.

Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador to Great Britain, in an interview with the Daily Mirror, expressed surprise thereat, and said he had heard nothing of the matter. He said that the Emperor's intention was to continue the present situation.

G. A. R. OFFICER DEAD Albany, N. Y., April 5.—Major Daniel J. O'Brien, vice-commander of the G. A. R. of the New York state department, G. A. R. died suddenly here today of heart disease. Major O'Brien was 77 years of age, and had a notable war record.

SCARCITY OF LABOR

New Westminster, April 5.—A cry of more help wanted is being heard from many industries in this city and from all parts of the Fraser valley almost every day. The farmers and heads of industrial concerns are already beginning to fear the approach of summer when labor is so much more in demand than it is at present.

The manager of a local industry stated to The Province today that his company was unable to get out many orders on hand on account of the short age of help and that although they advertised almost continually for helpers they could not get as many hands as they required and the wages paid were over double what was being paid a year ago.

The sawmills are the only industries that state they have sufficient laborers at the present time but they are paying much higher wages than they have a year ago.

The managers state that they expect they will have a decided shortage of help during the summer months when the fishing season opens and when the farmers begin to offer high wages for help in harvesting.

Farmers in all parts of the valley complain of being unable to get hands at greatly increased rates of pay, and that it is hard to secure even ordinary help of any kind at the present time, and many fear that unless there is a large influx of laborers it will be practically impossible to get the crops gathered in good time or even to get them planted unless the season proves exceptionally favorable.

FEAR LOSS OF LIFE

Osprey, N. Y., April 5.—Coroner Squire said today that he had heard from the crew of the steamer City of Troy on the Hudson river near Ardley last night and that he would investigate the matter. He referred to the matter to W. E. Hopper, a special officer to examine the hull of the steamer as soon as possible to ascertain whether or not any bodies remain in the wreck.

MORE EXPOSURES OF LAND DEALS

Several Ottawa Scandals Have Been Obscured and Virtually Ignored

Toronto, April 1.—The Toronto News says: While the air has been full of revelations of the private characters and business dealings of various cabinet ministers and members of parliament, several other scandals have been obscured and virtually ignored.

There has been a succession of revelations at Ottawa, of the way in which large tracts of Western lands have been allocated to members of the royal family, and to other persons who stand very close to the government. Some of these men appeared in the transactions only by proxy, but agency was proved, and their connection with these lands was established.

These four or five years have been close to several departments of the Ottawa government. Their family ties and political affiliations have drawn them into intimate relationships with the administration.

Some of these transactions are well known and understood at Ottawa, in the West and in the East. There seems to be no doubt that a good deal of jobbery has taken place in these transactions, and their relatives appear to have obtained possession of lands worth perhaps from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

These tracts of land have been allocated from the crown to members of this particular group together with the timber and the land which is of great value in the West. The demand for timber increases as settlement advances.

The railway construction in the West during the next twenty years will call for millions of railway ties. Material for furnishing these ties is none too plentiful. And if reports from the West are true, the timber of the West which bears much of the timber suitable for railway ties is now in the hands of a small group of Ottawa politicians and their relatives and friends.

Even the more or less ascertainable facts bearing on these land deals which are not particularly secret, there are many rumors which suggest even wider ramifications. The land deals in the Western States were made under a system which was in operation for many years, and was perfected by nearly every trick that human ingenuity could devise.

Powerful influences were concerned there, as on this side of the line; and it is to be expected that the interested ones would aggressively exert every agency that could be commanded to obstruct inquiry and investigation. But the facts are becoming more widely known. We do not believe that these accumulating land scandals can be hushed up. It is of no avail to our "peace, peace," when there is no peace.

Laurier's Duty

We submit that it is the duty and the privilege of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to probe these scandals in Western land management. He is the leader of his party and of the nation. He should be jealous of the honor of his party and of the honesty of his administration.

He should be concerned for the honor of his party, and should guard its credit from those who, through artifice and fraudulent land transactions, it seems to us, that the worst thing that befalls the country should order a commission of inquiry to investigate these transactions in Western lands. He will have little difficulty in identifying the group. The country is being given a more scandal than it can digest in honor. For the sake of his party, for the honor of parliament, for the sake of the nation, he should order a commission of inquiry to investigate these transactions which will sift these deals to the bottom.

COLONIAL CONFERENCE ON THE EVE OF MEETING

Gathering Promises to be Most Interesting of Series Up to Date

THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED

Preferential Trade and Imperial Defence Likely to Prove Difficult of Settlement

London, April 5.—The fourth colonial conference, which will assemble here on April 15, promises to be the most interesting and most important yet held, although the absence of Joseph Chamberlain, ex-colonial secretary, whose imperialistic enthusiasm gave the movement its greatest impetus, and the death of his personal antipathy, the bluff and picturesque Richard Seddon, premier of New Zealand, will be greatly felt.

Personal interest in the conference is enhanced by the participation of Dr. Jameson, the famous Transvaal rider, who is now premier of the Cape Colony, and General Louis Botha, premier of the newly-reconstructed Transvaal. Alfred Deakin, the Australian premier, Sir Joseph G. Ward, premier of New Zealand; Frederick R. Moore, premier of Natal, and other colonial premiers, whose health is now precarious, have already arrived in London, and Premier Sir Wilfrid Laurier of Canada, Premier Sir Robert Bond of Newfoundland, and General Botha are on the way here.

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The most important questions slated for discussion during the conference are a project for a permanent inter-colonial trade between the colonies and Great Britain, and among the colonies themselves, and the question of preferential trade between the colonies and Great Britain, and among the colonies themselves, and the question of preferential trade between the colonies and Great Britain, and among the colonies themselves.

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TELEGRAPHERS' CASE

Board of Arbitration at San Francisco Makes Award

San Francisco, April 5.—The board of arbitration between the Southern Pacific company and the Order of Railroad Telegraphers handed down its decision today, awarding the telegraphers 7 1/2 per cent increase in pay and a half day's work on Sunday, or in lieu thereof a vacation of 24 days in each year, with full pay. The Southern Pacific company gains the concession that the telegraphers should not legislate for train dispatchers, and that station agents whose salaries or commissions equal or exceed \$1,000 should be eliminated from the agreement between the company and the telegraphers.

GERMANY'S REPRESENTATIVE

Kiel, April 5.—The German steamer Rose, which is to take one of the ships to represent Germany at the Jamestown exposition, today received orders to sail April 8 for Hampton Roads.

TORONTO'S WATER REVENUE

Toronto, April 5.—City Treasurer Coady says the water works department will show a surplus of \$300,000. For seven years there have been deficits, while the gross amount received will be practically impossible to get the crops gathered in good time or even to get them planted unless the season proves exceptionally favorable.

MISCREANT IN THE TOILS

Hamilton, Ont., April 5.—Sidney Jones, arrested in Toronto a few days ago on the charge of attempting to blow up the boiler of the Hamilton Street and Iron Company, was found guilty at the police court this morning and remanded for a week for the national Red Cross at Washington and to the Christian Herald, of New York. Jones was a member of the company, an explosion being narrowly averted.

SUBMITS PROPOSITION FOR REGULAR SERVICE

A. E. White Illustrates How New Westminster-Victoria Route Would Pay

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STARVING CHINESE EAT BODIES FROM GRAVES

Horrible Results of Famine Reported From Stricken District

NO RE HELP IS BADLY NEEDED

Only Hope for Millions of People Lies in Contributions of Money and Food From Abroad

Washington, April 5.—To correct an erroneous report that has found general circulation with harmful results, the Red Cross society today issued the following statement in regard to the famine in China.

"The famine in China is unprecedented in severity, and the period of greatest distress is yet to come. Many weeks must pass before there will be relief from the new crops, and hundreds of thousands—yes, millions—today are kept alive only through the contributions of the American people who have sent their donations to the national Red Cross at Washington and to the Christian Herald, of New York. The two great organizations are working together for the common cause, and have furnished over three millions of dollars of relief supplies sent to China to succor the starving millions.

The large amount of money and supplies already sent, which only partly relieved the situation, and while hundreds of thousands of lives have been saved, hundreds of thousands must yet die unless large additional sums of money and large shipments of food are immediately provided.

"The following cablegram received by the editor of the Christian Herald from the editor of the North China News, terrible as it may be, speaks only the truth: 'Shanghai, China, April 5, 1907. Famine in New York. Approaching period of severest pain. Authenticated instances of corpses eaten. Thousands of people are working effectively, maintaining whole districts until harvest.'"

"When people have been reduced to such straits that they will dig up and eat their own dead, the severity and wide extent of the famine can be realized."

FOOTBALL IN ENGLAND

Newcastle, Eng., April 5.—The final game in the annual series of association football was played here today between England and Scotland. The score was 1-1. Wales takes the championship series, for the first time in its history.

An enormous crowd of people witnessed the game.

SEALING STEAMER MISSING

St. John's, Nfld., April 5.—The sealing steamer Southern Cross, which left this port March 11th with 172 men, has not been since and it is feared she has met with an accident. The steamer's Adventure and Panther, which left this port March 11th, reported that except for the Southern Cross, the entire sealing fleet has been accounted for. It is thought that she may have been driven from the sealing grounds, and is now jammed in the ice floes far north. The ice is still thick at many points along the coast.

ACTION OF QUEBEC ANNOYING TO AMERICANS

Seining of Fish in Part of Lake Champlain is Subject of Complaint

St. Alban's, Vt., April 6.—United States Senator Proctor has written Secretary Root, of the state department, calling his attention to the action of the Quebec authorities in licensing seining in Missisquoi bay, part of Lake Champlain, in alleged violation of a promise to the contrary, said to have been made last year by Jean Brochu, minister of fisheries of Quebec. It is understood that Secretary Root has announced his intention of bringing the matter to the notice of the British ambassador, Mr. Bryce.

In a letter to the secretary, Senator Proctor said that the people of Vermont are very indignant over the action of the Quebec authorities.

"There is," he wrote, "a United States government hatchery, built and operated by the United States fish commission, six miles up the Missisquoi river, from the place where the Quebec licensed seiners are operating, and the Quebec government, besides its shameful breach of faith, directly injures and insults our government by licensing seining to catch all the fish in the way to our hatchery, where their spawn would be taken and hatched and young fish put back in the lake for the benefit of Canadians and Americans alike."

"Does not this situation, Mr. Secretary, call for peremptory action on your part?"

WATER FAMINE RELIEVED

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., April 5.—The break in a water main here, which necessitated closing down the waterworks, leaving the city without water for protection and 12,000 people without water for domestic use, has been repaired and the service resumed.

BLOODSHED AT LODZ

Lodz, Russian Poland, April 6.—Ten workmen were shot and killed by strikers in the factory district here today because they attempted to resume work. The managers of the factories have begun to engage men, but the strikers are bitterly opposed to them.

STANFORD WHITE'S EFFECTS

New York, April 6.—The sale of the furnishings and decorations of the home of the late Stanford White was completed today, the receipts of the day's sale being \$77,979, and the total for the entire sale reaching \$135,905. The most important article sold today was a sample of the grand Gobelin tapestry, which brought \$10,500.

RAILWAY WRECKS

Pittsburg, April 6.—Train No. 22 eastbound, the fastest train on the Pennsylvania Railway between Pittsburg and Cleveland, was wrecked tonight near Hudson, Ohio, 127 miles west of here. None of the passengers were injured, but the fireman, who jumped when the accident occurred, was seriously hurt.

According to the railway officials the train was purposely wrecked. The investigation disclosed that the method of the wreckers was the same used several times in this vicinity recently. A reward of \$5,000 is offered for information leading to the identity of the wreckers, and \$5,000 if this information is furnished within 48 hours.

Marbleton, Ga., April 6.—In a freight wreck on the Southern Railway tonight at least eight negroes were ably fatally. An unknown cause killed and fifteen injured, several probably as a result of the wreck.

KING EDWARD'S VISIT TO SPANISH MONARCH

Preparations for Grand Reception—Suspected Anarchist Arrested at Toulon

Toulon, France, April 6.—Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria arrived here today and went on board the royal yacht, Victoria and Albert. The king and queen will be accompanied by the royal yacht, Victoria and Albert, in the vicinity of the royal yacht. He could not explain his presence on the vessel and was detained on suspicion of being an anarchist.

King Edward, who arrived here last night from Biarritz, delayed the departure of the royal yacht to visit the battleship Iena, upon which the explosion of March 12th caused the loss of about a hundred and twenty men. His Majesty expressed the sincerest sympathy of himself and Great Britain with the French navy in this disaster. King Edward then went on board the Victoria and Albert, and the royal yacht sailed for Cartagena.

Cartagena, April 6.—Preparations for the reception of King Edward have been made on a magnificent scale. King Edward will reach here on Monday morning, being preceded by King Alfonso. The visit of King Edward will be of very short duration, owing to the anxiety of the Spanish government concerning the visit of Queen Victoria, whose accouchment is expected shortly.

Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 6.—The representative of the Associated Press had an interview yesterday with President Cabrera, who author of the correspondent to make the following statement: "Guatemala views with extreme regret the present strained relations that exist between the other republics of Central America. The government of Guatemala works for peace and would welcome any arrangement that would bring about a settlement between all parties concerned guaranteed by the Washington government. This, we consider, is the only satisfactory condition of the present situation in Central America."

DR. DRUMMOND'S DEATH IS DEEPLY LAMENTED

Succumbed to Illness at Cobalt—Iron Smelting Plant in Prospect

Ottawa, April 6.—Profound regret is expressed here at the death at Cobalt today of Dr. W. H. Drummond, the poet of the habitant.

N. Thompson, of Vancouver, will leave for England next Saturday. Now that the government has decided to grant a bounty on Canadian iron smelted by electricity, Mr. Thompson is satisfied that he can raise the necessary capital for the establishing of a plant in British Columbia.

Domestic revenue for the nine months ending with March 31 was \$65,814,497, an increase of \$8,800,000 over the corresponding part of last year. The expenditures on ordinary account was \$100,000 greater and that of last year.

RUSSIAN RUMORS DENIED

London, April 6.—Major James F. B. Martin, comptroller and treasurer of the household of Prince Christian, father of Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, today authorized a denial of the report circulated by the Daily Mirror of this city, of the engagement of Prince Christian to the daughter of Michael of Russia, which the major declared to be absolutely without foundation.

The Daily Mirror, in addition to declaring that a marriage had been arranged between Prince Christian and the daughter of Michael of Russia, added that the lower house of parliament was to be abolished and that a military dictatorship was to