

ANCIERS FIELD BIG STICK

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ON NEW YORK MARKET

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Trusts

(Times Leased Wire.)
New York, Feb. 8.—An undercurrent of port with a sharp fractional following the opening of the market under heavy pressure to toward the "interests" who moved to be giving the govern- and the courts an "objecte- mented to give just enough to prevent a disastrous panic, believed that the "interests" care to protect themselves any severe loss, but the object is proving a most expensive to those who were not prepared

men who have been credited, clearing millions in the sensa- upward movement of steel and have seen all their profits out by the steady downward in those stocks during the weeks.

stated upon official information, the banks are in good condition, here is the strongest belief out the financial district that of the slumping tendency, the is under the control of the pow- that it is "well in hand."

charges are made that suc- in the stock markets are for- of influencing the govern- its dealing with trusts. It is that the money powers have ned to give the government and its "a practical demonstration" it might be expected if the to- trust should be dissolved and vision dissolving the Standard npany of New Jersey should be

also believed that certain in- are very much disturbed by posed federal incorporation bill that congress will "throw fat fire" by providing more strin- regulations through amendment measure presented.

half a dozen men or even two of the giants of finance could a slump through a simple and- aching reached after a few min- conference in a Wall street pri- no one doubts. Such a cam- could be conducted through the various field machines operated by neyed kings in such a way as to the weakening influences into the market from every fractional of the compass and without any means of tracing the force be- concerted movement.

operators who have held pos- of prominence have been com- to sell high-price securities, they could not get further ac- tion from the banks to carry as on a lot of low-priced stocks which they loaded themselves up- tation of prosperity.

Problems for Taft.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—President face to face to-day with the on of whether he must turn his to the wall and fight it out to a with the big financial interests, as with congress, in order to rough his legislation programme, known that threats of a panic been intimidated by financiers and tes who have visited the White this winter.

It is believed here that Wall is most worried by the pos- of the United States Supreme upholding the Sherman anti- law in the cases of the American to Company and the Standard mpany.

House has brought out the "boo" of a financial panic. Most have tried to show that rationisation would "ruin the coun- dent Taft has had a hard time since the beginning of the present proving that his measures are ed ultimately for the benefit of."

pretty definitely settled that proposes to make a general can- under the Sherman anti-trust it is upheld in the two big cases ending.

Supreme Court is to decide the great Rockefeller hum- million-dollar holding company, represents holdings far in ex- of its capitalization, must be dis- according to the order of the al Circuit Court at St. Louis.

Supreme Court also must decide the vast tobacco trust has conducted in violation of the law, the day approaches for the an- nement of these decisions, the ner- ness of the "interests" increases, the excitement in Wall street was yesterday by the introduction a federal incorporation bill, the sers were frightened by a w. Taft has no intention of ing the bill to passage at this

SHOOT HIMSELF.
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 8.—Because he would not open the door so- aid murder her, "Professor" Wil- Roskopp, a professional hypnotist, ad, the result of a self-inflict-

BUY LAND IN NORTH SAANICH

TRAMWAY EXTENSION
TO RUN THERE SOON

Rumor That Canadian North-
ern Will Come in That
Way

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The Saanich people state that some big corporation, probably the B. C. Electric and Power Co., is buying up the property they can get on the west side of North Saanich. A number of transfers of property have taken place quite recently, the areas secured extending all the way from Union Bay to the north end of the peninsula, and a few blocks have been bought south of Union Bay.

There is a movement afoot to have the Mount Newton road diverted in order to avoid the grade. The new route will take it nearer the beach and will not only be a perfect grade, but will open up a number of valuable properties which will probably be subdivided and put on the market in small blocks.

From the fact that the company is acquiring the lands at the north end of the peninsula it is inferred that the run line up the West road will be built in the near future. It would open up practically all new territory and would be a very great convenience to the people of Saanich. Instead of running to the village of Sidney it will make its terminus at the north end of the peninsula, leaving the other side of the peninsula to be served by the Sid- ney railway, which it is said Jim Hill refuses to sell.

Those who know something about the situation say that there is a still more important move on foot, and that the new railway extension. The scheme as outlined is that the Can- adian Northern Railway will have run- ning rights over the tramway from North Saanich to Sidney, and from there to the north end of the penin- sula. They will have a landing port on the extreme north of North Saanich. The route to that place from Vanco- uver, it is claimed, is much more direct and easier than to Sidney.

That the Tramway Company is con- templating the extension of their sys- tem to Saanich is well known. That the work will be commenced in the near future is the popular belief, and that it will be brought with great signifi- cance to the peninsula and to the city of Victoria is a certainty.

GILL REPUBLICAN
NOMINEE FOR MAYOR
Moore Choice of Democrats at
Seattle Civic Primary
Election

Seattle, Feb. 9.—With the overwhelm- ing nomination of Hiram C. Gill as the Republican candidate for mayor, Seattle to-day announced its decision in favor of a "wide open" town, and its displeasure at the recent period of "restriction."

The fact that the Republicans cast 15,458 votes, giving Gill a plurality of 3,000 over his opponent, A. B. Bouillon, while the Democrats cast only 2,746 votes, is taken by many politicians to message Gill's election, William Hick- man Moore was nominated as his op- ponent by the Democrats.

Gill went before the people with the fat declaration for an open town. The campaign was clearly conducted along the lines of this issue.

The municipal election will be held on March 8th. The supporters of Bouillon to-day predict that there will be a break in the Republican ranks, alleging that it will be impossible for certain elements of the party to sup- port Gill. Some are asserting that a strong Republican vote will go to Moore, the Democratic candidate.

GENERAL MANAGER APPOINTED.
Montreal, Feb. 9.—At a meeting of the directors of the Bank of Nova Scotia held yesterday H. A. Richardson, appointed general manager in succession of H. C. McLeod, who re- cently resigned. Mr. Richardson, who is a native of Liverpool, N. S., has been connected with the bank for some years, formerly at Halifax and for some years as manager of the Mon- rovia branch, which will now re- quish to become general manager. Mr. Richardson enjoys a high reputa- tion in banking circles.

FOUND DEAD.
Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 7.—David J. Bosch, one of the best known hotel men in the country, was found dead in his home on Hughson street south, yesterday. Enlargement of the heart was the cause of death.

KING OF SWEDEN
IMPROVES RAPIDLY
People Are Preparing to Cele-
brate Recovery of Their
Ruler

Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 9.—King Gustave's condition, following an oper- ation for appendicitis, continued to improve to-day. There is little fear of complications now according to the court surgeons as soon as it is abso- lute recovery is experienced. The monarch will experience a speedy and complete recovery.

The announcement was received with joy by the people and prepar- ations are being made to celebrate the king's recovery as soon as it is abso- lute recovery is experienced. The monarch will experience a speedy and complete recovery.

Explosion in Mine.
Lexington, Ky., Feb. 9.—Six men are reported to have been killed and a score injured to-day in an explosion in the Sterns mine at F

MR. DUNSMUIR REMAINS SILENT

WILL NOT TALK ABOUT
TRANSFER OF MINES

In Highest Circles, However,
Report of a Deal is Ac-
cepted

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Hon. James Dunsmuir returned from the Sound Tuesday on his private yacht, the Dolaura, after an absence of a couple of weeks from the city. In reply to a query Wednesday as to the rumors that are afoot to the effect that he has disposed of his coal mining and other interests, Mr. Dunsmuir said he did not wish to discuss the matter at all.

In this connection it may be noted that reports that the properties have been disposed of continue to be cir- culated in the best-informed quarters. The purchasing party is said to be the C.P.R., of which company Mr. Dunsmuir is a director. The suggestion that the coal mines have passed into the hands of the Canadian Northern is scouted by those who realize how important it is that the C.P.R. should be guaranteed a coal supply, the de- mands for which to meet the needs of the company are constantly increasing. It is contended that a little calcula- tion will show that the C.P.R. is to- day consuming about 1,000 tons of coal per day, and that its fuel requirements are constantly increasing. It is sug- gested that in the event of the rail- way company taking over the mines that coal bunkers will be established at Esquimalt, as the cost of transport- ing the coal from the mines would not exceed a cent per ton, and with fa- cilities for loading ships at Esquimalt many vessels would be supplied with fuel which otherwise would not take the Island product.

That there is more than mere rumor in the story of the transfer of the im- mense holdings of the Dunsmuir in Vancouver Island is the universal im- pression, but in the absence of any authoritative announcement the gen- eral public are denied possession of the facts of the case.

That such a deal as is mentioned would be fraught with tremendous im- portance to the development of Van- couver Island and the future of Vic- toria goes without saying. With the greatest coal mine properties on the Island in the possession of one of the most powerful corporations in the world, there would be a guarantee that they would be developed and ex- ported to a degree much in excess of that which has characterized the policy of the original management; and it has long been known by those who have made a study of the situation that the erection of coal bunkers at Esquimalt is imperative if the needs of ship- ping in the North Pacific are to be recognized and catered to.

In respect to the question of the erection of coal bunkers, it may be mentioned in this connection that for some months the C.P.R. have had on file at Ottawa the plans for the build- ing of coal bunkers on the Indian Re- serve. These plans came before the Board of Trade at the time they were drawn and were duly passed by that body.

HONOR FOR PEARY.
U. S. Senate Passes Bill Making Dis-
coverer of North Pole a Rear-
Admiral.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—The sen- ate to-day passed the bill introduced by Senator Hale authorizing the president to make Commander Robert E. Peary a rear-admiral, and place him on the retired list in recognition of his discovery of the north pole. It is be- lieved here that the bill will be passed without delay by the House.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Vice-President Whitney, of the Brotherhood of Rail- way Trainmen, announced to-day that unless the eighteen railroads with ter- minals in Chicago grant the trainmen's demanded wage increase before Sat- urday night, the switchmen and yardmen employed by those roads will strike.

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"MAMMON."
(Suggested by G. F. Watts's famous picture in the Tate Gallery.)

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SPECULATING ON RESULTS OF COMET'S VISIT

Approach May Be Attended by
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Professor

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 9.—That the ap- proach to the earth of Halley's comet may be attended with dire con- sequences to terrestrial life, is the opinion of Prof. Edwin Booth, of the chem- istry department of the University of California.

Following the discovery of cyanogen bands in the tail of the wanderer by scientists at the Yerkes observatory, Booth to-day declared the danger from this gas alone was incomparable to that offered by the combination of the cyanogen with the hydrogen of the air. This union, he stated, would produce hydro-cyanic acid, one of the most deadly poisons known to science.

"The rarity of the cyanogen that has been marked in the tail of the comet will determine the consequences when we are enveloped by it," Booth said. "Hydro cyanic acid will be formed to more or less quantities, but unless the gas is of greater density than is ap- parent, there is little danger for us."

"If the substance resulting in a combination of these gases is dense enough, the people of the earth will ex- perience the same sensation when the comet's tail envelops them as we ex- perience when they are exterminated with the deadly stuff."

TRANSFORM CHURCHES
INTO TENEMENTS
Italian Deputy's Scheme for
Housing the Poor in
Rome

Rome, Feb. 9.—Pietro Chiera, a So- cialist member of the Italian chamber of deputies, announced to-day that he has secured the endorsement of twenty- three other deputies of his party to his plan for transforming one-half of the churches owned by the state into ten- ements for the use of the poor at moderate rentals.

The death of living accommodations for the poorer classes in Rome has long caused perplexity among the national legislators, and Chiera's plan, which he already has presented to the speaker of the chamber, is the first practical step taken to relieve the stress.

His plan calls for the transformation of one-half of all state-owned religious institutions in Rome in addition to church edifices into model tenements. He believes that this plan will serve to make less exorbitant the rentals charged by other landlords through the competition with the state they will have to meet.

MINISTER RETURNS HOME.
Winnipeg, Feb. 9.—Hon. A. T. Mc- Nabb, of the Saskatchewan govern- ment, who has been seriously ill in St. Boniface hospital, has so far recovered that he was able to leave for his home in Regina yesterday.

PAYMENT OF LABOR MEMBERS

TRADES UNIONS SEEK
CHANGES IN LAW

Will Ask Government to Make
Levy of Assessment
Legal

(Special to the Times.)
London, Feb. 9.—A Labor conference, at which the Trades Union Congress, the General Federation of Trades Union and Labor party, etc., was re- presented, was held at Newport, Mon., yesterday for the purpose of consider- ing the recent judgment of the House of Lords, that the levying of compul- sory contributions upon members of trades unions for the payment of salaries to Labor members of parliament is illegal.

The conference passed a resolution calling upon parliament for an altera- tion of the law.

This is the first step to be taken in the direction of compelling the new government to so amend the law as to allow these contributions. All the courts have decided that they are il- legal under the present laws.

TWO NEGROES EXECUTED.
Kansas City, Feb. 8.—For the first time in the history of Missouri, two men met death yesterday upon the gallows for an attack on a woman. The men were negroes, George Reynolds and John Williams, who waylaid and assaulted the wife of a prominent musician here. They were condemned to death after having made a confes- sion of their crime to the authorities.

COMMISSION TO
GOVERN ALASKA
New York Congressman Says
Alaskans Should Rebel
Against Move

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Revolu- tion, secession, independence were the features of a talk Representative Sul- zer of New York gave to a group of Alaskans in the shadow of Thomas Jefferson's statue in the House lobby yesterday.

"If," said he, "congress enacts this iniquitous measure for the government of Alaska by an appointive commission I am in favor of Alaska rebelling. They should secede from the United States and establish a government of their own. If this be treason, make the most of it."

"I fear that this so-called administra- tion measure for the government of Alaska will pass," went on the New York congressman. "Every effort should be made to stop it. The people of Alaska should consider the matter gravely. They should appoint dele- gates to come to Washington to pre- sent the views of their territory."

BUDGET PROBABLY FIRST BUSINESS

PUBLIC FINANCES
DEMAND ATTENTION

Premier Asquith Has Returned
to London—Calls Cabinet
Meetings

London, Feb. 9.—Cecil Norton, Lib- eral whip, speaking at Walworth last night, said that in a fortnight the bud- get would be passed and they would be attacking the Lords' veto. There were loud cries of "Veto first."

The opinion now seems to be that the grave necessity of putting the pub- lic finances on a satisfactory basis makes the passing of the budget the most urgent matter. It is pointed out especially that if the guarantees exist subject to veto, the precedence of the Lords' veto over the budget is a mat- ter of dramatic rather than tactical importance.

Asquith Returns.
Premier Asquith returned to London last evening. He has called meetings of the cabinet for both Thursday and Friday, and it is expected that he will go to Brighton to confer with the King.

Lloyd George's first public word on reaching London was: "Trust your leaders; they know best," but the Daily News, which is one of the pow- erful Cadbury newspaper combination, still insists that if Mr. Asquith has not already received the King's guar- antee for the overthrow of the peers he must quickly get it.

Preparing for Another Election.
Meanwhile preparations are being made for another general election. De- spite the absence of fighting funds, the Unionists have begun to key up their defective organization in Yorkshire and Lancashire. A wealthy Transvaal- er has come forward to help convert Scotland by tariff reform organiza- tions.

The Radical organizers are also be- ginning to seek for funds through the newly organized Gladstone league and the Free Trade Union. They are at- tempting to stimulate subscriptions through the story that the tariff reformers have already spent twenty millions sterling and are now prepared to spend another twenty millions.

The plans now being formulated in- clude the contesting of thirty Nation- alist seats, which would secure a len- gth of at least £15,000 from T. P. O'Con- nor's already depleted war chest.

To Test Alliance.
The tariff reformers are determined to put the alliance of the Liberals and Nationalists to the test at the earliest chance. They believe that the Irish electors are overwhelmingly in favor of tariff reform. The Redmondites cannot be depended upon to support a free trade government. Accordingly, Austen Chamberlain will move an amendment to the address in parlia- ment, raising the whole question of the existing fiscal system, in the hope that the Nationalists will either vote against the government or abstain from voting.

Trouble Among Nationalists.
The two sections of the Irish party are already coming to grips. John E. Redmond, leader of the Nationalists, having called a party meeting at Tim- othy Healy, M.P. for the north division of Louth, has written a letter to Mr. Redmond, challenging his action and claiming that every member elected, including himself, is entitled to be in- vited to the meeting, that Mr. Red- mond has no right to discriminate be- tween the members, and that his ac- tion nullifies the party pledge. In spite of Mr. Healy's protests, it is stated that Mr. Redmond has no intention of recognizing the O'Brienites as mem- bers of the party.

CAR JUMPS TRACK.
Girl Is Instantly Killed and Fifty Other
Persons Injured. One Fatally.

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 9.—Miss Jessie Ryan, 21 years old, was instantly killed, an unidentified man fatally hurt and fifty persons seriously injured when a suburban car, carrying 100 passengers, jumped the track and struck an embankment into a railroad abutment.

A relief car sent to the scene of the wreck from this city jumped from the tracks within a few feet of the scene of the first accident. No one was injured. A second relief car brought the injured to this city.

MURDERED BY RETIRED OFFICER
Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 9.—Charged with killing Dr. S. A. Russell, with whom he quarreled, Capt. Stephen O'Connor, United States army, retired, is now a prisoner in the Santa Cruz county jail at Nogales, charged with murder.

Declaring that he had "weared" of the discussion which they were hav- ing, Dr. Russell is said to have turned away from Capt. O'Connor, who is 70 years of age. Then it is reported that the retired army officer followed Rus- sell, and with a repeating shotgun shot him through the body. It is believed O'Connor will be committed to the insane asylum, as he was retired from the army about ten years ago for dis- ability.

TO STAMP OUT RABIES.
Toronto, Feb. 9.—The joint campaign of federal and provincial governments with a view to stamping out rabies, with which the western part of On- tario is overrun, has been officially opened. Copies of the Dominion and Ontario orders-in-council are being distributed and made public. These orders covered 23 counties and direct that dogs must be chained up or muzzled until the orders are countermand- ed. The penalty for dog owners fail- ing to comply is a fine not exceeding \$200 under the Dominion act, and one of \$20 under the provincial act. The destruction of the dog is also involved.

DETERMINED TO CRUSH ANARCHY

LORD MINTO ON
SITUATION IN INDIA

Viceroy Announces Steps to
Strengthen British Ad-
ministration

(Special to the Times.)
Calcutta, Feb. 9.—After the passage by the legislative council yesterday of a bill to suppress the dissemination of anarchistic literature, the Earl of Minto, the Viceroy, astonished the council by announcing that the govern- ment had decided to release the state prisoners who were deported fourteen months ago in connection with a se- ditious movement.

He said the adoption of the bill jus- tifies the government's confidence that the enlarged representation of Indian communities in the council would strengthen the British administration. He hoped it would be the beginning of a new political era. He believed the political situation was entirely changed and that the movement which the prisoners had led had now degenerated to an anarchical plot, aimed alike at British and Indian communities, and that it could only be exterminated by the co-operation of both.

It was to encourage this co-opera- tion and to remove soreness that the government would release those who had been deported, tending to prove it was anxious to encourage the in- dential classes in India to render their help. It was probable that further outrages would occur, but the govern- ment was prepared to vigorously sup- press anarchy.

The Indian councillors heartily ap- plauded the release of the deported prisoners.

Lord Minto's Successor.
London, Feb. 9.—It is reported that Lord Minto, who will retire as viceroy of India before the end of the year, will be succeeded by Field Marshal Lord Kitchener.

WILL BUILD FACTORY.
Winnipeg, Feb. 9.—The Imperial Steel & Wire Company, in which J. A. Currie, M. P. for North Simcoe, Ont., is interested, will build a factory here this year to employ 300 hands.

RELIEF FOR FRENCH FLOOD SUFFERERS

Government Proposes to Re-
compense Workmen for
Wage Losses

Paris, Feb. 9.—The only official statement of what the French govern- ment intends to do for the sufferers from the floods at the earliest op- portunity, was given to the United Press to-day by Premier Briand. The premier thanked the people of the United States for the assistance given the flood sufferers and then gave out the following official announcement:

"The government proposes to recom- pense, as far as possible, the wage losses of the workmen and also to replace the furniture and household ef- fects of the poor."

"Generous gifts from America and \$4,000,000 asked from the chamber of deputies will be devoted largely to this phase of the relief work."

"By a system of small loans, prob- ably without interest and on easy terms of re-payment, aid will be ex- tended to farmers and small industrial concerns harassed financially by the disaster."

While the premier was formulating his official statement, other officials of the government, acting along the lines of the suggestions contained therein, began to prepare for the dis- tribution of the money allotments as indicated. Plans for the purchase of household effects and utensils also were made.

The departure of the government in recouping personal losses sustained in the floods will be watched with inter- est here. The plan is practically new, and its effectiveness remains to be demonstrated. In a number of previ- ous catastrophes in the history of the world, various governments have re- ceived funds and purchased supplies which were forwarded for general dis- tribution with the purpose of alleviat- ing immediate and temporary distress.

The payment of wage losses and the supplying of household articles de- stroyed by the flood is regarded here as an entirely new plan. While they will in all probability vote for the measure proposed, many of the deputies believe that the plan will make the flood sufferers too much dependant upon the government. They declare that if wages are restored, many men will lose their incentive for rehabilita- tion and will continue to live on the government's charity as long as they may be able to obtain supplies. This is not feared by supporters of the plan, however, who have every confidence in its success.

SLAYS WIFE AND COMMITTS SUICIDE

Storekeeper Kills Woman When
Effort to Effect Reconcili-
ation Fails

Winnipeg, Feb. 9.—Henry Swatz, a storekeeper, aged 46, shot his wife dead at her home, 519 Stella avenue, this morning, and then turned the re- volver on himself, dying instantly.

Swatz, who was a German, returned from Europe last night. He tried to effect a reconciliation with his wife, but failed. He then forced his way into the house and murdered her.