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### FRENCH TROOPS SUFFER REVERSE

### TRIBESMEN IN AFRICA CAUSING TROUBLE

### Eight Sharp-Shooters Killed—Seven Officers and Twenty-five Men Wounded.

Paris, March 19.—The Echo de Paris publishes a dispatch from Konakry, capital of French Guinea, West Africa, saying that a French column suffered a serious reverse in Upper Guinea while attacking the Thomas tribesmen, who were strongly fortified in a village.

Seven French officers were badly wounded and eight sharp-shooters were killed and twenty-five were wounded.

Tribesmen Defeated. Brassaville, French Congo, March 19.—A French punitive expedition has administered defeat to the revolted tribesmen at the village of Tlilo.

Sixty-two of the tribesmen were killed, while the French column lost four men.

### REVOLUTIONISTS DEFEATED.

Victory of Honduran Forces—Many Dead and Wounded Left on the Field.

San Salvador, March 18.—General Barahona, the war minister of Honduras, according to advisers received today, has defeated at Maleras Isaga, and Salena Lanza, 3,000 men, commanded by Gen. Gutierrez, the general-in-chief of the Honduran revolutionary forces.

Gen. Gutierrez' followers are said to have left many killed or wounded on the field and the government force is in the demand of the labor unions and prisoners. The fighting is alleged to have extended over a front of eight miles long.

### TO PENITENTIARY FOR TWENTY YEARS

Judge Regrets He Cannot Order Flogger to Be Flogged While in Prison.

Brandon, Man., March 19.—A severe sentence was pronounced on Jesse Perriman, an English farm laborer, convicted on a charge of raping an eleven year old girl. In pronouncing sentence Judge Richards said:

"Considering the horrible circumstances I may say I seriously thought of ordering you to be hanged, and though I am not doing so, I may tell you that murder is not more deserving of than punishment than the heinous crime with which you are charged. Unfortunately I can't emphasize your sentence by flogging. Why the legislature has not made such provision under this count I can't say, but I greatly regret I can't order you to be flogged three times during the term of your imprisonment. I order you to be imprisoned in Manitoba penitentiary for twenty years."

### MINER KILLED.

Butte, March 18.—Michael Schwentner, a miner, was instantly killed in the Pitsburg and Montana mine to-day and Patrick Lynch was seriously injured by the explosion of a misplaced shot in one of the lower drifts.

### SUB-TREASURY ROBBERY.

Chicago, March 18.—The counting of the \$2,000,000 in the local sub-treasury to determine whether the shortage of \$178,000 discovered February 20th was due to a mistake in bookkeeping was finished to-day without the discovery of anything to explain the shortage other than that the money had been stolen.

### ALARMING REPORTS DENIED.

Tehran, March 19.—The alarmist reports regarding the arrival here of a large number of Russian troops are unfounded. Thirty Cossacks, without their horses, have arrived to relieve the guard at Kerman, Kermanshah and Isfahan. The Russian legation at Tehran has a guard of 14 men all told.

### THAW CASE IS DRAWING TO END

ONLY FOUR DOCTORS TO BE EXAMINED

The Evidence Will Probably All Be In Before the Court Adjourns To-night.

TO HUMMEL—The summing up by the defence.

Mr. Delmas put on the stand a man who saw Thaw the night of the tragedy, or in the morning, and who declared that he looked or felt irritated. One of them said he complained of hearing young girls' voices.

The witnesses admitted on examination that there were women in the street in the station house the night Thaw was there, and that they were making considerable noise, but the officers said these women could not be heard from Thaw's cell.

After this testimony had been presented, Mr. Delmas passed the final stages of the trial by introducing further alienated witnesses, three of the experts being new to the case.

Dr. Charles W. Pilgrim, superintendent of the insane hospital at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Dr. McCreger, superintendent of the psychopathic ward at Bellevue hospital; Dr. B. D. Evans and Dr. Wagner, the two latter having already testified for the defence.

Each will be asked, basing his opinion on the district attorney's hypothetical question, whether in his opinion Thaw when he shot White, knew the nature and quality of his act, and that he did not know the nature or quality of his act, and did not know that the act was wrong.

None of the three would classify the form of insanity from which they said the defendant was suffering.

### DOCTOR FOUND DEAD.

Woman Suspected of Murder Has Been Taken Into Custody.

Guthrie, Okla., March 19.—The body of Dr. W. J. Davenport was found on a road near Ardmore, I. T., on Saturday, and yesterday Mrs. M. Brooks, a neighbor, was arrested. Blood hounds followed the trail to her house, where a revolver with one chamber empty was found.

### STILL THEY COME.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, March 18.—A. E. Thompson, of Melita, ex-M.P.E. for Arthur, is in the city, closing out his business in Melita.

Mr. Thompson intends taking up his permanent residence in Victoria, with a party of 25 other southwestern Manitobans.

### DECLINE IN PRICE OF BRITISH CONSOLS

Questions in House of Commons—Reply by the Chancellor of Exchequer.

London, March 18.—In the House of Commons to-day the government was questioned by Unionist and other members on the low price of consols, in an attempt to draw the inference that the decline of British credit was coincident with the attempt of the government in 1885 to grant home rule to Ireland.

The ministers ignored the insinuation and reply to a question by Sir Howard Vincent Conservative, as to whether or steps were contemplated to restore the national credit, the chancellor of the exchequer, Mr. Asquith, said that while the government fully recognized the serious character of the decline in consols, it could not accept the statement that the credit of Great Britain was lower than at any time within the memory of men living.

Many of the causes contributing to the decline in British government stocks, and of most other high-class securities, during the last ten years were international in their operation, and independent of government control.

On the other hand, the enormous increase in the national expenditures, the neglect to make adequate provision for the redemption of the national debt and the freedom with which new debts were contracted undoubtedly affected the sinking funds and avoid as far as possible borrowing for current expenditures.

### GIRL'S LIFE LOST IN A WELL.

Her Father Had Almost Saved Her When She Slipped Back.

The seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Garrett, of Reid Hill district, near Nanton, Alta., met with a fatal accident. The little girl fell into an open well 32 feet deep.

### REAR-ADMIRAL DEAD.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 19.—Rear-Admiral Benjamin F. Tilly, commandant at League Island navy yard, died last night after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was made commandant at the navy yards on February 22d.

### THE LUMBER INVESTIGATION

H. P. WELLS EXAMINED BEFORE COMMITTEE

Higher Prices Would Be Charged But For Fear of Outside Competition.

OTTAWA, March 19.—H. P. Wells, secretary of the Mountain Lumber Manufacturing Association, was examined at the lumber committee to-day.

He produced his minute book and took up the minutes of January 1905, in which a man named Jones said that he was going to Calgary and would meet the retail men of Calgary to form an association for the purpose of maintaining prices. There were advances in wholesale prices of lumber in November of 1905, January, 1906, February, 1906, and May, August and September. Most of these advances amounted to a dollar a thousand all round.

He said the association had the same prices of lumber in November of 1906, January, 1906, February, 1906, and May, August and September. Most of these advances amounted to a dollar a thousand all round.

He said he had made advance on water rates. The water rates in Winnipeg are to be advanced 50 per cent. The board of control has decided to abolish the softening plan, and thus save \$60,000.

Killed While Skating. Winnipeg, March 18.—While skating on Sunday afternoon at Thomas Stoddart, watchmaker, collided with another skater, was knocked down, became unconscious and lingered until evening, when he died.

### TWO DEAD; ONE DYING.

Result of a Three-Cornered Pistol Fight Between Colliery Superintendent and Two Miners.

Birmingham, Ala., March 19.—H. H. Chamberlain, formerly of Richmond, superintendent of the mines of the Crescent Coal Company at Sloca, Ala., whose other part was destroyed by the explosion of a magazine March 12th, resulting in considerable loss of life.

### THE DISASTER ON BATTLESHIP.

Expert Assigns New Reason For Explosion Which Killed Many Men.

Toulon, March 18.—M. Naudin, the wireless telegraph expert, has advanced a new theory regarding the cause of the disaster to the battleship Jena, whose other part was destroyed by the explosion of a magazine March 12th, resulting in considerable loss of life.

He says that at the time of the explosion it was noted that powerful wireless currents were passing, and he believes that the vessel's isolation in the dry dock here resulted in the accumulation of secondary Herizian waves in the powder magazine from the ship's wireless apparatus and that an static current commenced a high tension spark.

### SAILED ARRESTED.

Toulon, March 18.—The explosion which destroyed the battleship Jena, it is now believed, may possibly have been due to a criminal act. A sailor has been arrested for having stolen in gratification at the disaster, and the commander of another warship has received a letter threatening a similar catastrophe to his vessel.

### DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE.

Newspaper Plant Destroyed—Telephone and Ticket Offices Gutted.

Augusta, Ga., March 19.—At 3:26 this morning fire broke out in the building occupied by the Augusta Chronicle and the Western Union Telegraph Company.

The office of the Chronicle was ruined and the main office of the Western Union Telegraph and the Union city ticket offices were destroyed. Eight typesetting machines in the Chronicle office were wrecked, and the presses of the paper were badly damaged. The loss is estimated at from \$70,000 to \$100,000 with partial insurance.

### WILL FIGHT THE HOME RULE BILL

A. J. Balfour Assures Deputation That Unionists Will Strongly Oppose the Measure.

London, March 19.—The Unionist campaign against the legislation which the government proposes to introduce after Easter, giving partial home rule to Ireland, was formally opened to-day.

A deputation of residents of Ulster, including about 50 Anti-Home Rulers, headed by the Duke of Abercorn and Lord Lansdowne, had a conference with A. J. Balfour, the opposition leader, and urged the necessity for an active propaganda to combat the government Irish policy. Mr. Balfour declared himself authorized to pledge every member of the Unionist party to fight everything in the nature of Home Rule.

### OUTRAGES IN ROMANIA.

Peasants in Revolt Against Tyranny of Farmers and New Taxes.

Bucharest, Roumania, March 19.—The Agrarian movement in North Moldavia, where the peasants are in revolt against the exactions and tyranny of the farmers and the new taxes recently voted by the parliament, is rapidly spreading and causing much anxiety to the government.

### EMIGRANTS TURN EYES TO CANADA.

THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND EXPECTED

Amending the Ontario School Act—Lord Charles Beresford on Way to Ottawa.

OTTAWA, March 19.—The outlook for a large number of emigrants this year is exceedingly bright. The department of immigration says that they expect about 300,000 immigrants this year.

All the accommodations in the steamers is taken for some time to come. Will Fly the Flag.

Toronto, March 19.—Changes in the Public School Act to be made at the present session of the legislature will embrace a movement towards the development of patriotism and the teaching of practical citizenship. Minister Pyne has decided that the department will supply every school in the province with a large flag, a Union Jack, upon which will be the Canadian coat of arms.

Bye-Election. Toronto, March 19.—The election in Carlton county for the provincial legislature resulted in the return of R. H. McElroy, of Carleton Place. He will have a thousand of a majority.

On Way to Ottawa. Winnipeg, March 19.—Lord Charles Beresford, the English admiral, arrived in the city from the Pacific Coast to-day on his way to Ottawa.

Traffic Receipts. Winnipeg, March 19.—The C. P. R. traffic receipts for the week ending March 14th were \$1,639,000. For the same week last year the receipts totaled \$1,748,000.

### CANADIAN PACIFIC ATLANTIC SERVICE

Company Has Not Ordered New Vessels—Question of Improvements Under Consideration.

Montreal, March 19.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy gives an absolute denial to the story that the C. P. R. has ordered or will order in the immediate future two new steamships for the Canadian British Atlantic service, and that the present Empress steamers will enter the trade between Canada and the Far East.

Sir Thomas states that the company is, of course, considering how they may in the future improve their steamship service with Honduras, but as yet they have not decided on any course, and that the company has positively not ordered any additional steamships and for the present at least has no intention of doing so, nor will the new Empress steamships now operating between Canada and Britain be disturbed.

### SUPPORTS HONDURAS.

San Salvador Sends Troops to Assist Republic in Fight With Nicaragua.

Panama, March 18.—According to reliable information received here from San Salvador, that country has allied itself openly with Honduras in the war with Nicaragua. On March 10th, 2,500 Salvadoran soldiers landed at Amalapa and proceeded in the morning for Choluta. This body of men came from San Miguel, in Honduras, and are under the command of General Jose Dolores, the president.

Port Captured. Managua, Nicaragua, March 18.—The port of Trujillo, Honduras, has been captured by the Nicaraguan naval forces. The Hondurans left behind them a piece of artillery, a number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition.

### WILL PRESENT FLAG.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—In response to a request by Rev. Ward W. Matthews, of London, formerly a chaplain of the British navy, Mrs. Roosevelt has promised to give a silk American flag to drape a bust of Lord Nelson presented to the National Academy by the Unionist party to-day.

The president gave Mr. Matthews a personal message of greeting and friendship for the King.

### TO PREVENT STRIKES.

Paris, March 19.—The municipal council has decided to incorporate in certain electric lighting contracts about to be concluded, a clause that will ensure the electricians the demands for which they recently went on strike in this city.

Billiards are becoming popular in Japan. The Mikado has had a fine table erected, and it is stated that I. W. Stevenson is to give him lessons.

BER LIMIT. notice that within sixty days I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to order the following described land to be sold at public auction...

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