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The Year's Events

(Toronto Mail and Empire)

Taken as a whole, the year 1908 was not crowded with intensely interesting events. With the exception of the terrible earthquakes in Southern Italy, by which over one hundred thousand people were killed and millions of dollars damage caused to property, there were no startling accidents. The Italian earthquakes were the worst disasters of the year, but the stringency was overcome and investments increased.

The South American Republics figured prominently in the world news. President Nord Alexis of Hayti was deposed by the revolutionists, and Gen. Simon is now President. President Castro of Venezuela was also deposed while on a visit to Berlin, and was succeeded by Vice-President Gomez. The Kaiser talked a little too much during the year, and almost precipitated trouble in the German Empire which was averted only by the diploma of Prince von Bismarck. The assassination of King Carlos and the Crown Prince of Portugal started the world. The war cloud in the Balkans was lowering, but trouble was finally averted.

In Canada several important events were watched with interest. The strike of the C. P. R. mechanics ended disastrously for the strikers. Several prominent men passed away, and elections were held throughout the Dominion and Ontario, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland. Elections were also held in the United States, when the Republicans won a decisive victory. The discovery of foot and mouth disease led to the destruction of hundreds of cattle.

In giving a short review of the events of the year, which was, however, impossible obviously to mention every event but during the last 366 days the most important occurrences have been as follows: On New Year's Day, 1908, Joseph Oliver was elected Mayor of Toronto by a large majority, and the power balance was carried, as was also the case in other towns and cities in Ontario, which voted on the ballot later. Fears for the steamer Mount Royal were first expressed.

First Coins
On the 2nd the first coins to be made in Canada were made in the new mint at Ottawa by Earl Grey, Governor-General. Dr. Philip Strachan, 59, in Toronto County, died of pneumonia. Prince de Sagan bought on a Paris street and commenced the bitter fight which have since been waged in the French capital. Dr. J. C. Stiebel, of Chicago, claimed to have made a discovery which would prolong life.

Black Hand letters in Montreal were circulated on Jan. 27, and continued every day since. On that day one Italian was murdered and injured. Maximilian Vardan, editor of the "Toronto Star," was sentenced to serve four months in jail on the 3rd for libelling Count von Moltke, and the Night Riders' raids in Kentucky commenced.

Next Italian, the famous carman, died in his home in Toronto on the 4th, and on the 5th the Pope startled the world by saying that a government must be despotic and tyrannical in order to govern well. Slight earthquakes were felt in Jamaica. Prussia decided to raise a loan of \$75,000,000.

The Mount Royal arrived at Queenstown on Jan. 7, after having been a month at sea. The Wireless Spark Telegraph Company succeeded in transmitting a message 2,200 miles without wires. Ned Hanan was buried on that day in Toronto and thousands attended his funeral. John Lee, the Englishman, who stood three on the scaffold and was never hanged, was released.

On the 8th of January all Jewish butchers shops in Toronto closed on account of lack of patronage. The House of Commons resumed after the Christmas holidays. Janoff Posen, the famous Russian brigand, was captured while digging drains in New York.

The United States not satisfied with verbal agreements demanded an agreement in writing from Japan on the 9th. J. W. R. Fairbank resigned as Minister to Japan. The new National Club building on Bay Street was opened.

On the 10th Baron Ito, admiral of the Japanese fleet, was dismissed on account of a scandal. King Edward decided to give medals for bravery in rescuing miners. Japan agreed to restrict the number of passport holders to Japanese going to the United States. The shareholders of the Bell Telephone Company authorized the sale of the Manitoba system to the Manitoba Government.

Thirteen children were killed in Barnsley, England, in a rush for seats at an entertainment on the 11th. Next day George Manolusky, the most famous aviator in the world, died.

More than 70 people died in Boyertown, Pa., in a panic when a moving picture theatre burned on the 18th. An act was passed at Ottawa prohibiting Italian carrying bowie knives. Hawthorn's storage warehouse in Port Arthur was badly damaged by fire, at a loss of over one hundred thousand dollars.

The Court of Appeal of Nova Scotia gave judgment in favor of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company in the Steel Coal suit on the 14th. French and Moors engaged in a ten-hour battle in Morocco on the 16th, and citizens of Johnston, Pa., quenched a fire with snowballs. The British ship Hartfield was lost on the British Columbia coast with 18 men.

The Sorbolga Bank went into liquidation on the 17th, and a holy war was proclaimed by the Sultan of Morocco. Henry H. Godfrey, the famous song writer, died in Montreal on the 18th, and on the 19th and 27 people were killed. Twenty-five people were killed when the

ter having been seven weeks underground. The Commission on Chambers resigned in Toronto next day, and on the same day the first step was taken by Canada towards reciprocal trade with the West Indies.

The New Brunswick Legislature dissolved on the 23rd, and the first real blizzard of the winter struck Ontario, the novelist, died in poverty at Rome next day, and on the following day Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy left her home in Concord.

Yates Gladys Vanderbilt married Count Lazzaro Stachynski in New York on Jan. 27, and the Kaiser celebrated his 49th birthday.

Premier Peters of Prince Edward Island died on the 29th, and on the 30th Sir Oliver Lodge expressed his belief in spiritualism. That day was also the coldest in Toronto for four years, it being a below zero day.

On the 1st of February the world was startled by the news of the assassination of King Carlos of Portugal and Crown Prince Luis. The assassination was followed two days later by the resignation and flight of Premier Franco.

The Local Legislature opened on the 5th of February. On the 6th Kaid Maclean was released. Ten men were killed in an explosion in a coal mine at Port Hood, N. S., on the 7th. On the 9th King Edward attended a Roman Catholic Church, the first time such a thing was ever done by a British sovereign.

Burnt to Death
On the 10th a woman and her six children were burned to death at New Liskeard, and on the following day the Hon. W. J. Byrnes visited Toronto. Nine men were killed by an explosion of nitroglycerine in Montreal. Count Boni de Castellaine was fined \$20 for fighting on the street in Paris.

The automobile race from New York to Paris started from New York on the 10th. On the 14th scores of miners were killed in a coal mine. On that day also it was reported that the Shah of Persia had been murdered.

On the 15th the 18th an attempt was made to assassinate the Shah by means of a bomb thrown at his carriage. Forty men were killed in a mine in Mexico or that day. On the 16th a school at Colingwood, a suburb of Cleveland, General Stossel's death sentence was commuted to ten years imprisonment on the 6th, and on the 10th King Alfonso of Spain started for Barcelona, despite warnings. Next day a bomb was thrown at his carriage, but luckily the King escaped.

On the 16th an uprising was discovered by President Nord Alexis of Hayti, and promptly quashed by the execution of several of the ringleaders. The Duke of Devonshire died suddenly in France on March 24, and on the next morning the Hurry Lane theatre was almost totally destroyed by fire. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was reported as seriously ill with little hope for his recovery. West Toronto was incorporated as a city.

Fire and Earthquake
Fire and earthquake wiped out the village of Chilapa, Mexico, on the 27th, and 100 people were killed. Next day two people were killed in New York by the explosion of a bomb. The arrest of a man who attempted to break up a Socialist meeting. Sixty-five people were killed in Hanna, Wyoming, by an explosion in a mine.

The Irish Home Rule Bill was adopted by the British House of Commons on March 30. On the last day of March the Province of Alberta purchased the system of the Bell Telephone Company in the province for \$875,000.

The Royal Commission which has been investigating the marine Department was appointed on April 1, and on that day Prof. MacLaren resigned the principalship of Knox College.

Thirty-seven men were drowned on April 2nd in a collision between the British cruiser Hereward and the torpedo boat destroyer Tiger, near Portsmouth.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman the late Prime Minister of Great Britain resigned on the 5th of April, and the Hon. H. H. Asquith was summoned to London by King Edward. John W. Cowan died in Toronto.

Sir Henry Vincent, aide-de-camp to King Edward, died suddenly at Montebello on the 7th. Next day the Hon. H. H. Asquith was appointed Prime Minister of Great Britain.

Religious riots occurred at Troia on the 9th, and on the 10th General Booth of the Salvation Army, celebrated his 79th birthday.

Chelsea, Massachusetts, a city three miles from Boston, was totally destroyed by fire on April 29. Boston was hit by river floods. Captain Harbottle was captured in Cuba, after absconding from Toronto, and Senator Lovitt died at Yarmouth, N. S.

The C. P. R. steamer Mount Temple was wrecked on the 15th, and on the 18th Charles March, a prominent Laborite died in Montreal. Nine men were killed in a dynamite explosion near Quebec the same day.

April 9th was Easter Sunday. Jan Millar, a well-known high school teacher died that day. Two days later Sir A. Carson died. On the 22nd Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman died. Winston Churchill was defeated in North-west Manchester on the 24th, and on April 26th the village of Notre Dame de la Solitude was wiped out by a landslide. On the 27th and 28th 27 people were killed. Twenty-five people were killed when the

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