

PUGSLEY SEEKS TO MAKETARDY RETRIBUTION

Driven To Cover By Revelations In Public Accounts Committee, Gives Order That Dredging Contracts Must Not Be Exceeded.

WHOLE SYSTEM TO BE INVESTIGATED

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 1.—The Department of Public Works has decided to issue instructions to all its district and resident engineers that in no case, particularly dredging contracts, is the cost to exceed the contract or previously arranged price.

This drastic order is taken to mean that Mr. Pugsley is alarmed at the disclosures which are being made in the public accounts committee as to slip shod methods of the department in permitting favored dredging contractors, particularly in the Maritime Provinces to secure contracts and then go on with the work at their own sweet will, charging whatever excess they like.

Many instances have been brought out already of large sums paid out on the signature of the district engineer, who is afraid to do otherwise than authorize the contractor.

Evidence is now being collected by Mr. Crockett and other members of this committee in which the money of the people is being squandered in a general and a general shoddy manner.

A systematic tabulation is being kept of expenditures for buildings in small villages represented by Conservative supporters, while larger centres are left to get along with inadequate accommodation because they are represented in parliament by Conservative members.

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FARM COMPANY INCORPORATED

Concern With \$48,000 Capital To Develop St. John River Valley—Liquor Seizure At McGivney's.

Fredericton, Feb. 1.—Application for incorporation is being made in today's Royal Gazette by the St. John River Valley Farm and Fruitland Company, A. R. Slipp, D. W. Hubbard of Burton, and A. M. Chamberlain of Kamsouraska, E. C. are the applicants.

Miss Margaret Kitchen, daughter of J. C. Kitchen of this city, is to be married on Wednesday next to H. D. Smith, of Edmonton. The ceremony will be performed at the residence of the bride's parents in this city, and the happy couple will visit Boston and New York before taking up their residence in the west.

A. R. Foster chief of police of the Transcontinental Railway, and Constable Joseph Pearson, are at the Queen today on their way back from McGivney's, where yesterday they made a seizure of \$100 worth of liquor from the hotel of Charles Labelle, of that place.

Germany follows lead of England. Berlin, Feb. 1.—The Reichstag today passed the third reading of the bill taxing unearned increment by a vote of 199 to 92.

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NEW YORK SHAKEN TO FOUNDATIONS BY EXPLOSION WHICH KILLS THIRTY



IMMIGRATION QUARTERS, ONE OF DISTRICTS AFFECTED BY TERRIFIC SHOCK.

700 TOLL OF EARTHQUAKE

Governor General Of Philippines Reports Dreadful Suffering—Falling Mud And Lava Destroys Crops.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—The eruption of Taal volcano and the accompanying disturbance in the Philippines killed 700 people in the town of Talisay according to the report of the governor of Batangas province, which was cabled to the war department today by Gov. Gen. Forbes of the Philippine Islands.

Recent earthquake shocks have been slightly perceptible in Manila, Gov. Forbes reports, but they have caused no damage.

Since the first disturbance the seismographic apparatus of the Manila observatory has recorded the unprecedented number of 714 shocks up to 3:45 p. m. today.

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JOB STILES TAKEN TO ALBERT JAIL

Arrested Yesterday On Two Bailable Writs—Gale Of Wind Preceding Cold Weather Did Some Damage.

Albert, N. B., Feb. 1.—The financial affairs of Job Stiles were advanced to a further interesting stage today when two bailable writs were served upon him, and in default of bail being secured Mr. Stiles was taken to jail on a warrant of commitment.

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Whole Cargo of Dynamite Blown Up While Being Transferred From Train to Lighter.

No Vestige Remains of Crew, Craft or Twenty Laborers on Dock—Acres of Glass Broken Throughout City and Total Property Loss Will Be \$750,000.—Indescribable Confusion.

The estimated number of dead is thirty-two, of whom five have been recovered.

Robert Burdett, New York, captain of the tug John Tweshey, blown from his wheelhouse.

Edward Traver, master of the steam lighter Katherine W. Louis Heineman, engineer of the Katherine W. Frank Ackley, Henry Ackley, Oscar Stolpes, James London, Louis Belgian, all of the crew of the Katherine W.

Twenty unknown laborers just getting ready to eat luncheon on Pier 7 when the explosion came.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 1.—A cargo of dynamite in transit from a freight car to the hold of a lighter moored at Pier 7, Communipaw, N. J., let go at just one minute past noon today.

Forty yards back stood another car of dynamite. The explosion ripped the roof off it, and broke in the doors, but the dynamite itself held true and rested quiescent in its wooden boxes.

What might have happened had the second car added its chained forces to the first can hardly be guessed; the visible terrors of the actuality were enough.

For 100 feet the pier end itself was utterly demolished. The planking seemed to have been ground to powder, and the few splinters left were an utterly inadequate account of its bulky substance.

All about were strange freaks of the explosion. One freight car had the roof blown inward, as if it had been crushed by a falling boulder, but the sides were untouched.

In the train shed of the terminal, nearly the whole southern portion of the glass roof had collapsed, showering the piers with broken glass.

The lighter receiving the dynamite, the Katherine W., owned by James Heineman, of Jersey City, vanished utterly with her crew of 7 men, including the master, Edward Traver.

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RUSSIA GUARDS PUBLIC HEALTH

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—In the Duma today, Premier Stolypin, declaring that the regresses levelled at Russia as the focus of infectious diseases filled him with pain and shame, strongly supported the bill introduced to transfer to the government the carrying out of the proper drainage of St. Petersburg if the municipality fail to complete that task within a specified time.

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Reciprocity Debate In House Next Tuesday

Opposition Notified to Be in Readiness For Coming Struggle.

U. S. Senate Defer Action Until House Takes Up Agreement

Taft Abandoned Southern Trip in Order to Rush Measure—Control From North Pole to Yucatan Object of U. S.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 1.—The government notified the opposition tonight that the debate on reciprocity with the United States would be begun next Tuesday.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 1.—The Conservatives were in caucus tonight from 8 o'clock until midnight. The question under discussion was the attitude of the party with respect to reciprocity.

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BRAZILIAN AID FOR ENGLISH EXPLORER

Government Grants \$10,000 To Henry Savage Lander For Expenses In Exploring Country—Hitherto Unknown

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 1.—The government has appropriated \$10,000 towards the expenses of the expedition, which under the leadership of Henry Savage Lander, the English explorer, will traverse the eleventh parallel of latitude, between the Araguaya and Madeira rivers.

GOVERNOR SHOT BY A RUSSIAN

Teherna, Feb. 1.—The governor of Ispahan, Mutemid Khan, and his nephew, were shot today by the ex-chief of police, who is a Russian subject.

CANAL FATALITY

Panama, Feb. 1.—Four men were killed and seven others seriously injured as a result of a collision between a work train and string of dirt cars at Miraflores today.