

ROGER'S PASS  
Victims of Avalanche  
Lying on Canadian  
Mountains.

These have been killed according to reports here.  
Two days will be required to clear the tracks.  
A similar avalanche occurred at the same place two years ago.  
When the news of the disaster at Roger's Pass reached Revelstoke the alarm bell was rung and turned out the town. Two hundred citizens volunteered to accompany a wrecking train and were sent at once. Outfitted from Field earlier, clearing the track from their end.  
Roger's Pass is the highest railroad point in the Selkirk range, and the portion of the railway line just east of the pass is admitted to be the most dangerous part of the whole mountain division. It is protected by snow-sheds seven miles of which are between Glacier and Beavermouth, and where there are gaps between the sheds special chutes have been built on the mountain side which divert slides into the valley thousands of feet below. Where this morning's slide occurred there were no snowsheds.



Photo by Howard Chapman.

LORDS WILL PASS  
MONEY BILLS  
LANSDOWNE OUTLINES  
ATTITUDE OF UNIONISTS

(Special to the Times)  
London, March 4.—In the House of Lords yesterday Lord Lansdowne, Unionist leader in that body, announced that he and his followers would not oppose the passage by the Lords on March 7th of two money bills now before the Commons. But in regard to the Treasury's temporary borrowing bill, Lord Lansdowne said they would call attention to the government's delay in meeting the financial needs of the current year.  
Lancashire Cotton Industry.  
In the Commons yesterday afternoon the government was asked whether owing to the danger to the Lancashire cotton industry caused by the fact that the United States desired for its own use an ever increasing proportion of its cotton crop, a parliamentary commission should be appointed to investigate the subject. Mr. Buxton, president of the board of trade, in reply, referred to the fact that the treasury recently appropriated \$5,000 a year to assist the cotton association's experiments in certain portions of the British empire. He contended that the appointment of a commission, as suggested, unnecessary.  
Predicts Unionist Victory.  
New York, March 4.—Sir Edward Tennant, brother-in-law of Premier Asquith, Mr. George Wyndham and Sir Henry M. Stanley, arrived at New York yesterday by the Royal Mail steamer Packet Tagus. He will sail for England by the Lusitania next Wednesday. In an interview, Sir Edward said it was twenty-four years since he had last visited this country. "What do you think of the recent election in Great Britain and the present position of the government?" he was asked.  
"Well you see I was defeated at Salisbury," replied Sir Edward with a smile, "but I am confident that the government will be defeated and that there will be another general election next year. I think the Unionists will go in with a whoop on tariff reform."

"Black Bread" for Members.  
German "black bread," which was solemnly abused by Liberals in a recent election, has been introduced to the menu of the House of Commons restaurant, where it is demanded by Unionists and travelled members of parliament who learned to like it in Germany. It is popular except among Liberals who, it is said, refuse to touch it lest they be thought treacherous to national professions.

REORGANIZING CHICAGO  
STREET RAILWAYS  
Bonds Amounting to \$22,000,000  
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(Times Leased Wire)  
Chicago, March 4.—Bonds to the amount of \$22,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for a re-organization of the street railway system here are being offered for public subscription today.  
The bonds were put up to public investment by J. P. Morgan & Co., the First Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago and the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago. The securities are five per cent gold bonds of the Chicago City and Connected Railways Company.  
Securities have been pledged with the banks for the bonds offered. The holding company virtually is a trust as it is a consolidation of nearly all the railways in Chicago. The capital will control more than 400 miles of track in the city and suburbs.

MILITIA IN TEXAS  
READY FOR EMERGENCY

Investigation Opened into the  
Lynching of Negroes at  
Dallas  
(Times Leased Wire)  
Dallas, Texas, March 4.—Local authorities to-day began an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the lynching of Allan Brooks, an aged negro, assassin of a two-year-old white girl, with the hope of securing grand jury indictments against the leaders of the lynchers. Brooks was taken from the courtroom here yesterday, taken to the public square and hanged.  
The city is quiet to-day and Sheriff Ledbetter's deputies are in control. Two companies of militia are being held in readiness for any emergency in case the feeling of the populace against the negroes is still bitter.

EPIDEMIC OF DIPHTHERIA  
Seen Ont., March 4.—The epidemic of diphtheria has become so widespread here that one school has been closed and others are depleted of pupils. As the means of checking the disease it is suggested that moving picture shows and other places of amusement be closed.

A DEARTH OF  
STENOGRAPHERS  
IS EMBARRASSING TO  
INSURANCE COMMISSION

(From Friday's Daily)  
Notwithstanding the fact that many shorthand schools are turning out scores of "stenographers" each year in the province of British Columbia, yet the fact remains that there is a dearth of persons competent to take a report of important cases in court or public enquiries. For two days the Royal Commission appointed by the provincial government to enquire into the fire insurance business in British Columbia have been trying ineffectually to make arrangements for stenographic reports of the proceedings, and this morning's session had to be abandoned until the afternoon, when Justin Gilbert, Mr. Gilbert was too busy. Then he had asked Mr. Evans, the court stenographer at Vancouver, to take the work. Mr. Evans was too busy also, but he agreed to get a man from Seattle. Yesterday morning the understanding was that this man would arrive on the afternoon boat, but it appears that through a mistake in instructions he went to Vancouver, and will therefore not reach Victoria until to-night. That was the situation, Mr. Gilbert said. Mr. Lennie, had kindly consented to take this afternoon's proceedings.  
Robert Day ventured to suggest that he might be able to get a lady from his office who would do the work, but on enquiry this arrangement could not be made.  
It was then decided to have certain documentary evidence put in this morning, and the session was then declared open for that purpose.  
Mr. Challers explained that he was not representing the Board of Trade, but was present because he was supposed to contribute to the cost of the trial. Mr. Bodwell put in at once his report on a "standard" city, a statement of the amount of insurance carried by each company in Victoria, the by-laws and constitutions of the Vancouver Island board; statement of all premiums collected and losses paid for the last twenty-five years; also the recommendation for the court of enquiry into all fires.  
Mr. Bodwell said he would give the information about the standard city almost at once as to by-laws they would be presented. In regard to the other information there might be some delay.  
Mr. Challers said it would be impossible to know what losses would be paid in the event of a conflagration unless it was known what the security of the particular company carried in the province.  
The chairman said the commission wanted all the information they could get.  
Mr. Challers asked that all local agents be subpoenaed to bring their books.  
Mr. Bodwell said this reveals one of the weaknesses of the act—that at the question of securities should be fixed by legislation. He would consult with his agents and compile the information. Mr. Challers asked for at the earliest possible date.  
Mr. Ker then put in a quantity of documentary evidence, after which adjournment was taken to 2 p.m.

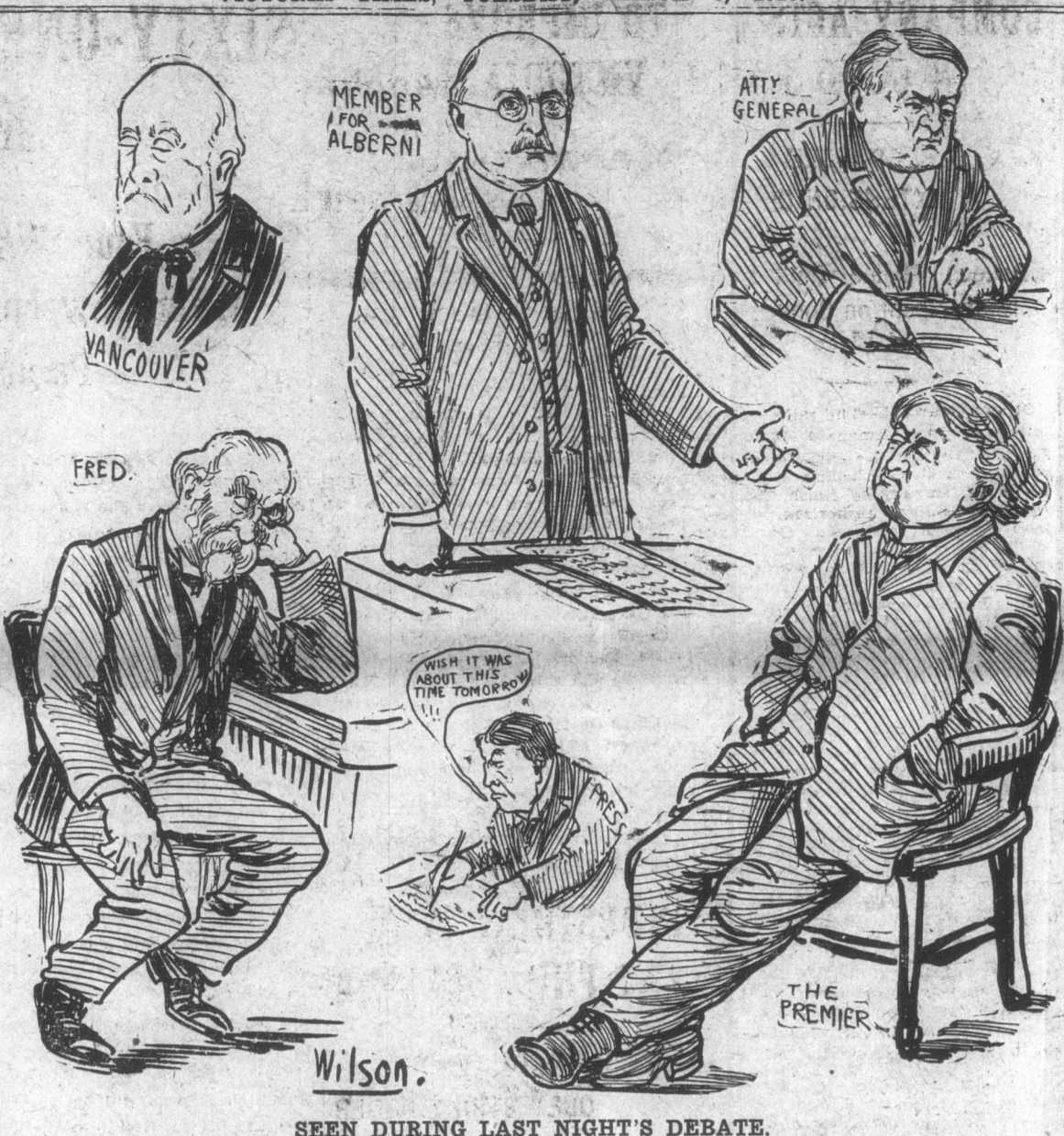
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Managua, March 4.—A proposal of the defeated revolutionists to divide Nicaragua into two republics will meet with the opposition of President Madriz and the entire government army, according to an official announcement here to-day.  
If General Estrada issues his prospective proclamation announcing the secession of the eastern half of Nicaragua, General Vasquez will lead an army against him immediately.  
The defeat of the revolutionists, which are reported to be hurrying to the support of the government and has strengthened the hold of the Madriz administration upon the country. Madriz now can put a larger army into the field than ever he could before.  
Insurrectionists admit that their hold on the success lies in invading the United States in the affairs of the troubled country.

DOGS SLOUGHED.  
Hamilton, March 4.—The death of young John Taylor from rabies has been followed by the killing of over 100 dogs here. Sixty were killed at the pound. Three doctors who viewed the dog's sufferings went home and put an end to their pet dogs. One prominent citizen slaughtered a \$200 dog.



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Twenty-seven men were killed instantly. The other three have died since in the hospital.  
Little attempt at rescue work is being made to-day because of the absolute impossibility of it. Forty boxes of giant powder exploded with terrific force and so completely wrecked the station where the men were working, that it will take days to clear away the debris. The men rescued and all the bodies recovered were farther back in the level, and were taken through a tunnel into another shaft and thence to the surface.  
All of the men are foreigners. The body of Nels Rastgard, the stope boss, is the only one identified. He leaves a wife and family. Some of the men were literally torn to shreds, while others were practically unrecognizable except for horrible burns on the face, which makes identification difficult.  
Company officials state to-day only the grossest carelessness would have caused such an explosion.

CONSOLIDATION OF BAY CITIES.  
Mayors of San Francisco, Oakland,  
Berkeley and Alameda Discuss  
Scheme

San Francisco, Cal., March 4.—The scheme to consolidate the cities bordering San Francisco into one corporation was revived to-day following a meeting of the mayors of San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda at Alameda last night. It had been stated that the conference was called with the view of discussing the question of municipal water supply. It was believed that Mayor McHugh, of San Francisco, might have something to say regarding the desirability of the trans-bay cities joining with San Francisco in its fight to retain its water rights in the Hetch Hetchy valley in Yosemite national park.  
The consolidation of the cities, however, was the principal subject discussed.

ACCUSED OF MURDER  
Harry Sound, Ont., March 4.—The jury in the Davis murder case, after being out for only a few minutes last night, returned a verdict charging Young, or Peterson as he sometimes calls himself, with willful murder. According to the evidence Young said to a chum "That old gentleman looks good for some change."  
Collin McDowell, conductor on the Canadian Northern Ontario railway, identified a ticket found on the prisoner as one he had sold to Davis.  
Young admitted that he hit Davis with a bottle, but did not know what he had done to for.

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TRUMPHER FOR  
RUTHERFORD  
HAS MAJORITY OF 8  
OVER OPPOSITION

(Special to the Times)  
Edmonton, Alberta, March 4.—After a day of debate the vote on the want of confidence resolution in the Rutherford government took place last night. The amendment presented by J. W. Woolf, of Cardston, was first voted upon and resulted in triumph for the government, the vote standing 23 to 15 in favor of the amendment.  
Mr. Woolf's amendment called upon the government to adopt the offers set out in the letter to the premier on February 23rd from President Clarke, of the Alberta and Great Waterways railway, in which he consented to let \$1,000,000 of the bond guarantee payable at the rate of \$20,000 a mile for fifty miles, in the banks until after the entire line from Edmonton to Fort McMurray was completed.  
The amendment was endorsed by the government, which contended that the agreement as it stood safeguarded the interests of the province, but there was nothing improper in accepting additional security on good faith from the company, when they offered it as a result of criticism in the legislature.  
The division, which was received with great applause on both sides, stood as follows:  
For the amendment—Premier Rutherford, Hon. C. W. Ross, Hon. Duncan Marshall, Messrs. W. A. Buchanan, Lessard, Walker, Tejford, McKeeny, Simpson, Olin, Puffer, McKenzie, Wolf, Boudreaux, Cote, Cornwall, McPherson, Gunn, Moore, Campbell, Shaw, Stauffer, O'Brien—23.  
Against—Messrs. Bennett, Hoadley, Michener, Riley, Holden, Dr. Campbell, Stewart, Smith, Roberts, Boyle, Cushing, McDougall, Warnock, McLean, Glendenning—15.

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(Special to the Times)  
Norwood, Ont., March 4.—No little sensation was caused at the preliminary trial here yesterday of Robert Henderson, who is charged with the murder of Margaret McPherson, when one of the witnesses in telling the story of his pursuit on the day of the assault, said he heard a revolver click twice when the prisoner turned on his pursuers and pointing a weapon told them not to come any nearer. The weapon was produced in court by Constable Bennett, of Havelock, and a close examination of it gave a possible explanation why further violence was not committed. The weapon proved to be a centre-fire revolver and was loaded in every chamber with rim-fire cartridges. Accused showed no sign of concern.  
Magistrate Edmison committed the prisoner for trial at the spring assizes which opens at Peterboro on Tuesday, March 29th.

SCHOONER SINKS  
AFTER COLLISION  
Goes Down Rapidly—Crew is  
Saved by Men of Steamer  
Jamestown

(Times Leased Wire)  
Norfolk, Va., March 4.—The three-masted schooner Asbury is sunk at sea and her crew is en route to New York to-day as a result of a collision at sea yesterday between the vessel and the steamer Jamestown, of the Old Dominion line.  
The ships came together in a dense fog 47 miles southwest of Winter Quarter light.  
The Asbury was nearly cut in two. She sank rapidly, and her crew was saved only by the heroic actions of the men aboard the Jamestown, who risked their lives repeatedly.  
A large hole was stove in the bow of the steamer, which was not enough for two men to crawl through.  
This was patched up with a tarpaulin and several planks, and the steamer limped into this port.  
COUNTERFEITERS ACTIVE.  
Chicago, March 4.—A round up of all men having police or government records as counterfeiters is being made by the federal secret service men here. The activity of the federal agents is caused by the liberal circulations of counterfeit \$5 bills.  
Captain Porter, head of the secret service here, said that the bill is nothing more than a fair counterfeit and would not deceive those who are in the habit of handling paper money. The bill, however, might pass through many hands if exchanged in a hurry.  
The czar of Russia dislikes sport, but is very fond of drinks.

WILL REPORT INSURANCE BILL.  
Ottawa, March 4.—The Senate banking committee has decided to report the insurance bill to the Upper House on Tuesday next. It is then expected to be given the third reading without much delay and be sent over to the Commons at the end of the week.  
The Senate has eliminated the 15 per cent surtax on insurance affected outside of Canada in an unamended company. This was the provision inserted in the bill last session by the Commons banking committee and carried in the House on a division.  
The bill comes from the Senate committee practically untouched as far as the life provisions are concerned.  
C. P. R. EARNINGS.  
Montreal, March 4.—The earnings of the C. P. R. for the last week of February increased \$140,000 over the same week last year.

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Norwood, Ont., March 4.—No little sensation was caused at the preliminary trial here yesterday of Robert Henderson, who is charged with the murder of Margaret McPherson, when one of the witnesses in telling the story of his pursuit on the day of the assault, said he heard a revolver click twice when the prisoner turned on his pursuers and pointing a weapon told them not to come any nearer. The weapon was produced in court by Constable Bennett, of Havelock, and a close examination of it gave a possible explanation why further violence was not committed. The weapon proved to be a centre-fire revolver and was loaded in every chamber with rim-fire cartridges. Accused showed no sign of concern.  
Magistrate Edmison committed the prisoner for trial at the spring assizes which opens at Peterboro on Tuesday, March 29th.

SCHOONER SINKS  
AFTER COLLISION  
Goes Down Rapidly—Crew is  
Saved by Men of Steamer  
Jamestown

(Times Leased Wire)  
Norfolk, Va., March 4.—The three-masted schooner Asbury is sunk at sea and her crew is en route to New York to-day as a result of a collision at sea yesterday between the vessel and the steamer Jamestown, of the Old Dominion line.  
The ships came together in a dense fog 47 miles southwest of Winter Quarter light.  
The Asbury was nearly cut in two. She sank rapidly, and her crew was saved only by the heroic actions of the men aboard the Jamestown, who risked their lives repeatedly.  
A large hole was stove in the bow of the steamer, which was not enough for two men to crawl through.  
This was patched up with a tarpaulin and several planks, and the steamer limped into this port.  
COUNTERFEITERS ACTIVE.  
Chicago, March 4.—A round up of all men having police or government records as counterfeiters is being made by the federal secret service men here. The activity of the federal agents is caused by the liberal circulations of counterfeit \$5 bills.  
Captain Porter, head of the secret service here, said that the bill is nothing more than a fair counterfeit and would not deceive those who are in the habit of handling paper money. The bill, however, might pass through many hands if exchanged in a hurry.  
The czar of Russia dislikes sport, but is very fond of drinks.

WILL REPORT INSURANCE BILL.  
Ottawa, March 4.—The Senate banking committee has decided to report the insurance bill to the Upper House on Tuesday next. It is then expected to be given the third reading without much delay and be sent over to the Commons at the end of the week.  
The Senate has eliminated the 15 per cent surtax on insurance affected outside of Canada in an unamended company. This was the provision inserted in the bill last session by the Commons banking committee and carried in the House on a division.  
The bill comes from the Senate committee practically untouched as far as the life provisions are concerned.  
C. P. R. EARNINGS.  
Montreal, March 4.—The earnings of the C. P. R. for the last week of February increased \$140,000 over the same week last year.

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