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Vance Would Break Gamey By Employing Disturbers

His Method of Combating Force of Manitouliner Creates Dissension in Ranks.

Pembroke, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—There is dissension among the Liberals who are running this campaign. In two former fights Nicholas Jeffrey, a bright young barrister of Guelph, was the autocrat. In this one, however, the master mind is James Vance, who is seconded by Duncan Marshall. But the fine necromantic hand of Nicholas is seen in many ways.

It is admitted by Liberals that Gamey has focused the electors' minds in his charges, and his defiance to Stratton has made the public say "it is up to Stratton." Now the question is how best to combat this. Mr. Jeffrey takes the position that Mr. Stratton is justified in refusing to face Gamey, and in standing on his dignity. This is the attitude of Cicero. Czar Vance believes Gamey can be checked in his progress by systematic and organized disturbance. This is being put into effect. Charles Smith, M.L.A., left on Friday for the "Soo," mainly to send down to this riding a band of rioters, who will be employed in annoying Gamey wherever he appears. The band reached the upper portion of the riding today.

Must Break Gamey Down.

But there are other Liberals of more weight in their homes and outside than those already mentioned who openly declare that there is only one thing to do to break Gamey down, and that is for Stratton to meet him. Failing that, a powerful speaker should appear for Mr. Hale at every Gamey meeting and ask for a hearing, depending on the audience for fair play. Amid such variety of counsel it is easy to see where dissension creeps in.

Gordon Henderson, K.C., who intended to remain in the riding till the vote was polled, left for Ottawa to-day, as a direct outcome of his opposing the tactics of Orator Jeffrey and Autocrat Vance. There are other Liberal speakers who need only a word to pack their grips and get out also. A sentiment is growing among some of the workers that Gamey must be discredited before the people if his influence is to be broken.

It is argued that Callaghan's affidavit has no weight now that he is in jail. By analogy, Gamey's story would not be believed if he were behind the bars. So desperate has the game become here that Liberals are advocating the arrest of Gamey on charges of perjury and forgery, and are willing to take chances with the effect his arrest would have in public opinion. The argument that Liberal canvassers meet with is "Why don't you arrest Gamey if you think he is a fugitive from justice, a thief and a forger? You can't answer that question in North Renfrew without arresting Gamey."

Hides His Movements.

In the meantime, fearing assault or something worse, Gamey hides his movements. He left last night for Chalk River, where he spent to-day among the railway men of the northern part of the riding. He spoke to-night at Point Alexander. A body guard of ardent Conservatives was with him, while Jack Stewart of this town went out with a score of good fellows from here. No one except R. Birmingham knows where Gamey speaks to-morrow.

Thomas Crawford, M.L.A., spoke at Petewawa No. 2 to-night to the Germans. His theme was the corruption rampant in Ontario politics. He told a few capital stories, and made himself solid with the Teutons. Colonel Matheson and W. J. Hanna were at Haley's, in Ross Township, Dr. Ryan and A. Avery at South Algoma and Dr. Reaume among the French. Mr. Latchford is the only cabinet minister in the constituency at present. J. J. Foy and Dr. Nesbitt arrive to-morrow.

Would Be a Boomerang.

James Findlay, ex-M.P., hunted up The World at breakfast this morning to say that if anything is done to harm Gamey in this riding it will be the saddest move the government ever took. He believes that if Gamey is arrested on any charge, the action will be a boomerang for the government. The riding is rapidly drawing in its voters. Two young men who have been absent for a year in the West came to town to-day. The Liberal organization provided them with return tickets from Alberta, worth $40. Every train brings in a batch of shantymen, and the town begins to put on a lively air.

A UNIQUE ELECTION.

Pembroke, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—On election day a unique thing in Ontario politics will be seen. A member of the legislature will be at every polling subdivision in the riding watching the interests of the Conservative candidate. There are 25 outside divisions and 8 in Pembroke. If corruption is in evidence, the members of the House will be witnesses of it.

WHY MR. HAYS HAS FAILED TO SECURE G.T.P. MONEY

Grand Trunk Shareholders Demand Modification of Agreement re Eastern Section of Road.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The government are anxiously awaiting the return of Mr. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk, from England. The Grand Trunk Pacific have not put up the $5,000,000 they agreed to put up, and as a consequence the contract ratified by parliament last session has lapsed. It will require, as the Liberals now admit, confirming legislation at the next session of parliament to make that contract valid again. The reason given out, that the Grand Trunk has not been able to get $5,000,000 in ready money to put up as security for the performance of the contract, is not the true one. It would be no trouble for the Grand Trunk to raise $5,000,000 from its shareholders, if it was for a scheme that they approved, but as a matter of fact the shareholders of the Grand Trunk refuse to assume the responsibility of the Grand Trunk Pacific as defined in last session's act of parliament.

Where Ratification is Refused.

The portion that they object to, and what they will not ratify, is the eastern section of the road. They are ready to go ahead with the prairie and western sections on the terms as provided in the contract; in fact, they would be only too glad to do this, but they will not assume the responsibility of the eastern section as defined in the contract. The real situation, therefore, is that the Grand Trunk have not put up the money and have not complied with the agreement for the reason that they will insist on another session of parliament on its modification, in so far as the eastern section is concerned. That will be Mr. Hays' message to the government when he arrives here this week, and he will be here almost any day now.

Will Bring on Elections.

What is likely to happen then, is that the elections will be brought on and the public given to understand that the Grand Trunk is willing to put up what is as good as $5,000,000 cash when they offer to put up preferred stock. But inasmuch as they are not putting up what the contract calls for, but only offering to put up preferred stock, they are not lying themselves in any way, and are free to withdraw, and they will certainly refuse to go into the bargain unless it can be with the modification of the terms of the eastern section.

The indications, therefore, are that the government will wait and see Mr. Hays and after a day or so will announce the general elections, giving the public to understand that the contract is practically accepted and completed by the Grand Trunk; while as a matter of fact it is not completed and will certainly not be completed unless on modifications in the contract at the next session of parliament. It is therefore up to the Grand Trunk and the Liberals to join in carrying the country in order to secure the legislation the Grand Trunk desires.

JAPAN ASKS CONSIDERATION.

Reply to Russia in No Way Regarded as an Ultimatum.

Tokio, Dec. 21.—Japan's reply to Russia was handed to Baron de Rosen this afternoon, at a conference between the Russian Minister and Foreign Minister Komura at the Russian Legation.

It is in no way in the nature of an ultimatum, but it asks Russia to reconsider certain essential points in her reply to Japan. Baron de Rosen is now sufficiently recovered to resume the negotiations.

Smoker's Present—Pipes, B.B.B., 85c and upwards, a box in cases. Alive Bollard, Yonge Street.

SHOT FRIEND BY MISTAKE.

Ingersoll, Dec. 21.—Miss Minnie McGraw of Detroit, who, with Miss Maud O'Connor of the same place, is visiting her parents over Christmas, uncovered a 22 calibre revolver this morning while doing housework, and not knowing it was loaded, pointed it at her friend. The weapon was discharged and the bullet entered the right side of Miss O'Connor's nose. Fatal results are not anticipated.

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WAGES DOWN 10 PER CENT.

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 21.—Notices were posted at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Works to-day that when the works resume, which probably will be within a few days, it will be at a reduction of 10 per cent. in wages of skilled employes.

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COLOMBIAN TROOPS LAND.

Colon, Dec. 21.—Information has been received here that about one hundred Colombian troops have landed at the Island of Pines, northwest of Cape Tiburn, which is situated at the western extreme of the Gulf of Darien. The Island of Pines is in Panama territory.

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ROYAL MARRIAGE PLANNED.

Madrid, Dec. 21.—According to the Spanish newspapers, a project is on foot for the marriage of King Alfonso to his cousin, Maria del Pilar, aged 13, daughter of the Infanta Maria de la Paz.

Prompt service in Smith's.

MINERS BURNED BY GAS.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 21.—An explosion of gas occurred in the Nottingham mine of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, at Plymouth, to-day. Eleven men were seriously burned, two of them fatally.

WHERE ELECTION "WORKERS" MEET

Canadians in Buffalo Get Their Pointers From "Jack" McCarty.

Buffalo, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—John McCarty's saloon at the corner of Niagara and Mohawk streets is once more the headquarters of the Ontario government in the United States. It always is when there is an election on "across the river." The proprietor, who came here from St. Catharines a couple of years ago, where he is said to have controlled the Liberal patronage, keeps in close touch with Ontario politics, and Canadians come from all over the city and suburbs to read the Canadian papers and hear the latest news of politics from the lips of the well-informed and popular boniface. Especially is this so when there is a by-election pending. A year ago, when three Ontario constituencies voted, the election workers from the other side knew where to go to select men who could be trusted, and a gang was recruited at McCarty's to assist the government cause in North Perth. One of the men, Nelson, afterwards made an affidavit. He had not been paid for his services, and told some unpleasant things.

For several days there has been unusual activity. The boys have been gathering to enquire if there is anything doing. The arrival of a dozen strangers in North Renfrew on Saturday last is said to be related to the disappearance of several frequenters of the McCarty hostelry during the past week. At any rate the boys are being watched. There have been seen around a couple of suspicious looking individuals who are believed to be in the employ of the Conservative party, sent from Toronto to keep a watch on the saloon and report the movements of several ex-Canadian politicians who are now working the Buffalo end of the game.

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Radnor for Xmas.

WILL NOT BUY GREENLAND.

London, Dec. 21.—(C.A.P.)—Lord Strathcona in an interview said that the announcement that Canada would purchase Greenland was premature. The intended purchase was not within the range of practical politics at present.

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NORTH RENFREW BY-ELECTION.

This is Dr. Mackay, the only man in North Renfrew who had the spunk to go on the same platform with Gamey. He is a government official, and his taking the stump was a surprise, for it was known that he was the choice of the local Liberals for the nomination, and would have got it only Mr. Stratton forced Lorne Hale, a man of means, on the party. The doctor is already known to fame from the fact that at the time the Hon. Mr. Latchford was taken into the cabinet he was registrar of this county. But, and Premier Ross admitted this on the floor of the House, he was registrar in name only, for with his appointment he had to deposit his resignation with the Premier. Mr. Latchford ran for South Renfrew and was elected, taking the place of Bob Campbell, who was made registrar in place of Dr. Mackay. The doctor was made clerk of the County Court, clerk of the High Court, special examiner, and clerk of the Surrogate, a bunch of offices netting him about $1300 a year. Besides this he also practises dentistry up to 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. till midnight. He is a dapper little man and a keen debater, fearless if not fair. He considers Gamey the fairest opponent he ever faced. His butting into the campaign has not pleasem some of the old-time Liberals, for the doctor has been a candid friend of the government.

PREFERS DEATH TO PRISON.

Written Confession of Ship's Cook Admits Four Murders.

New York, Dec. 21.—When Frank Henry Burness, a ship's cook, was placed on trial in Brooklyn to-day for the murder Nov. 10 of Captain Geo. B. Townsend, the skipper of the lumber schooner Charles Buckley, the prisoner admitted his guilt, and a written confession was submitted, in which he declared that he had shot the captain deliberately and with premeditation, because the latter owded him money and that he desired to facilitate the trial because he preferred to be executed rather than remain in prison. The confession further stated that the prisoner had previously killed three men. For shooting a man in Charlestown, Mass., he said that he had served three years in prison. He had served a term in Havana for killing a teamster, and had killed a man named Henry Hecker, on which charge he was acquitted on a technicality.

AUTHORS OF KISHINEFF HORRORS.

Two Russians Sentenced for Atrocities Against Jews.

Kishineff, Bessarabia, Dec. 21.—Two Russians named Gnetschin and Marosjelik, who have been on trial charged with murder as the authors of the massacre of Jews here last spring, were sentenced to-day to seven and five years penal servitude respectively.

Twenty-two other persons charged with being involved in the massacre are sentenced to periods ranging from one to two years each. One person was sentenced to six months imprisonment and twelve were acquitted, while civil actions brought against the accused were dismissed. The costs of the prosecutions must be paid by the convicted persons.

TWILIGHT AT MIDDAY.

Light Motionless Atmosphere Caused Oddness in Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Berlin at midday to-day was in twilight, and the whole life of the capital was carried on by artificial light. The meteorological office has not noted such a phenomenon in a generation, and attributes it to the light, motionless atmosphere in which the city's smoke and vapors did not ascend, thus blanketing and darkening many square miles.

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Useful Xmas Gifts.

Mr. N. Rooney would call special attention to the large consignment of choice linens he has just received, consisting of John S. Brown's famous brand of linen table cloths—newest designs, all sizes; Webb's "dew bleach" linen towels, ladies' and gents' hemstitched linen handkerchiefs, ladies' embroidered handkerchiefs, also carriage and traveling rugs, and beautiful eiderdown quilts. The above goods will be sold at remarkably low prices. N. Rooney, 62 Yonge-street.

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GAS JET WAS FULL ON.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—William Ingram, a C.P.R. fireman, formerly a resident of Ottawa, was found dead in his room at 6 Stanley-street this morning, with the gas jet turned on full force.

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HELPING HIMSELF.

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REVISION FOR DREYFUS TO ESTABLISH INNOCENCE

Victor Mercier Reports That Ex-Captain Did Not Write the Bordereau.

Paris, Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the Dreyfus commission next Wednesday M. Victor Mercier, reporter of the commission, and one of the directors of the Ministry of Justice, will submit a report recommending revision of the case of Captain Dreyfus. It is not yet positively known whether M. Mercier's report will recommend revision by the Court of Cassation or by the Court-Martial, but there is every reason to believe that the Court of Cassation will now consider the case in the light of facts gathered by M. Mercier, at the same time passing upon the other documents submitted.

While it is impossible to predict what view will be taken by the commission, it is expected it will at least adopt Mercier's recommendation.

If the revision of the case should be favorable to Captain Dreyfus, he will be restored to the army, no matter what protests may be made, but it is not expected that he will assume active service.

M. Mercier's report, it is believed, not only establishes that Dreyfus is innocent of writing the Bordereau, but dwells with emphasis on the modifications by M. Gribeling, keeper of the War Office records, of his testimony before council at Rennes. M. Gribeling then swore that Dreyfus was guilty, while the modification of his testimony now indicates that the alleged treason was committed by Col. Henry, who was at the same time chief of the Intelligence Department of the Ministry of War.

PATTULLO OF NO IMPORTANCE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 21.—R. Hawkin, writing to The Standard, says that Andrew Pattullo is of no importance, as he is only a member of the provincial parliament, which, like English County Councils, has nothing to do with tariffs. Another writer says that the Colonial Agent-General has no business with the tariff commission, and should keep aloof from politics like an ambassador.

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CANADIAN APPLE TRADE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 21.—The Mail says that but for Canada, Americans would have engineered a corner in apples on the strength of the failure of the English crop last year. Canada had shipped to England three million bushels, and this year the quantity would be far heavier.

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Bondsmen is Reimbursed.

New York, Dec. 21.—A despatch from Syracuse says that former Mayor William B. Kirk has finally induced Col. John F. Gaynor, a fugitive from justice at Quebec in connection with the Carter frauds against the United States government, to pay to him the $40,000 which he lost by being on Gaynor's bond when he left the United States.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

South York Liberals, Clyde Hotel, 3 p.m.
Foreigners' Home Mission, St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.
Dominion Temperance Alliance, Central Methodist Church, 8 p.m.
Exhibition Board, 2 p.m.
Normal School kindergarten closing, 11 a.m.
"Earl of Pawtucket," Princess, 8 p.m.
"Kerry Gow," Grand, 8 p.m.
"Rip Van Winkle," Majestic, 2 and 8 p.m.
Vaudeville, Shea's, 2 and 8 p.m.
Cherry Blossom Burlesquers, Star, 2 and 8 p.m.

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RIPPER UNDER ARREST.

New York Police Think They Have Cleared Up Mystery.

New York, Dec. 21.—By the arrest to-day of Emil Totterman, a Swedish sailor, the police believe that they have cleared up the mystery in the murder of Sarah Martin, whose mutilated body was found yesterday in Kelly's Hotel, a sailors' resort on East River front. The arrest, which was made in the Sailors' Union headquarters in South-street, followed information received from Detective Sergeant McCafferty of New York, who was sent to Bridgeport, Conn., to trace a purchase check of Meigs & Co. of Bridgeport for a pair of shoes and a sweater which was found in the room where the crime was committed. On the wrapper of a parcel left in the room by the murderer was written the name "Fred C. Belano," and underneath E. Totterman. McCafferty learned by telephone from Bridgeport that the schooner Fred C. Belano was lying at that port and that a sailor by the name of Totterman had been discharged from her on Saturday. He also obtained a good description of the man.

At police headquarters the prisoner was fully identified by James Kelly, the proprietor of the hotel, his wife and other persons as the man who, on Saturday night, accompanied Sarah Martin to the room in which her body was found. Totterman said he had never been at the hotel, altho he admitted that he had come from Bridgeport on Saturday, but denied having purchased there the shoes and sweater. After undergoing a long examination by Inspector McCluskey and Assistant District Attorney Garvin he was arraigned in the Police Court and remanded on the technical charge of being a "suspicious character" to police headquarters. Later Totterman was fully identified as the man who bought the shoes and sweater.

CHILDREN SAVE TRAIN.

Brantford, Dec. 21.—When the noble red man got on the spree the other night at Chiesville, he let his horse go home, and as a result it wandered on the railroad bridge and fell between the ties. While there three children came along and seeing its perilous position, understood the danger and signalled the express train with the lantern. The names of the children are: Hershel Vanderlip, Major Fougier and Carrie Fougier.

FRATERNAL DAY AT FAIR.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—At a meeting held to-day by representatives of numerous fraternal organizations, Friday, Sept. 30, was selected for the world's fraternal congress day at the St. Louis Exposition. Fraternities in all parts of the world have expressed willingness to take part, and a building at the Exposition will be erected by the combined associations.

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SECTION MAN KILLED.

Port Hope, Dec. 21.—George Floody, a G.T.R. section man, was struck and instantly killed here this morning by the westbound express. Owing to a run-off of a freight train between here and Cobourg, the express came up on the down track on which Floody was walking to work. He did not notice the train and was struck and killed.

DIED OF HEART FAILURE.

Norwich, Dec. 21.—Thomas Walker, a highly esteemed resident of North Norwich, died suddenly of heart failure this morning and immediately after the morning meal. He had been treasurer of the township for many years.

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POWERS TO EXERT FORCE TO PREVENT WAR ON U.S.

Represent the Futility of Attempt of Colombia to Capture Panama.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Diplomatic pressure will be brought to bear upon Colombia by several European powers to prevent war between that country and the United States. The first step in this direction has been taken already by several foreign powers thru their representatives here, who have informed Gen. Reyes of the futility of an attempt by Colombia to take Panama, declaring that it will result only in precipitating the Bogota government into war with the United States, and have said to him that the result of such a catastrophe Colombia herself must realize. If this is not sufficient the representatives of these countries at Bogota will be instructed to inform President Marroquin that Colombia can expect no sympathy from the European powers in any move she may make on Panama, which would inevitably involve her in war with the United States. The members of the diplomatic corps have been informed by Gen. Reyes himself that he fears he cannot check his people much longer. Gen. Reyes has said that he is doing everything in his power to prevent an outbreak before the conclusion of his mission, but that altho his influence with the army is considerable, he is so far away that it is difficult for him to make this felt as strongly as if he were on the ground.

CATHOLIC FEDERATION.

Rome, Dec. 21.—The idea of a Catholic Federation in the United States is being urged, especially after the Most Rev. Sebastian Messmer was appointed Archbishop of Milwaukee, when attempts were made to see how the movement would be received at the Vatican and by the propaganda. The opinions here are much divided. The supporters of the movement think they have Cardinal Martinelli, former papal delegate in the United States, on their side.

SHOT WIFE AT CHURCH.

Centreville, Iowa, Dec. 21.—L. W. Horn, a farmer residing near here, shot and fatally wounded his wife at church. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause. Horn fled, pursued by a sheriff and bloodhounds. His body was found with a bullet hole thru the head.

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131 PER CENT. REDUCTION.

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 21.—The wages of the iron mine employes of the Oliver Mining Company, which is the iron ore end of the steel trust, will be reduced 13 1-2 per cent. on Jan. 1.

Milton is All Right.

The family of the late Paul Anderson of Oakville claim to be related to almost the whole population of Halton County, and the Bank of Hamilton wants its case with them tried elsewhere. The Master-in-Chambers thought Milton would act fairly and so decided.

"OLD JOHN" MAHER.

Canada Should Have Right To Settle Own Boundaries

Laurier Says We Have Not Got Over Disappointment Over Boundary Award.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 21.—The Mail publishes an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier by H. Lucy regarding Canada and the treaty-making power. Premier Laurier said that at the instance of England Canada had consented to the inquiry and looked for it to be conducted by jurists free from partisan prejudice. Canada had entered a protest against the pronounced type of the American partisan commissioners, but the complaint had received scant consideration from the colonial office. Canadians were so certain of justice of their case and of the impartiality of Lord Alverstone that they were confident of a favorable judgment on the two points.

Canadians would not get over the disappointment and were unanimous in the view that a repetition of the Alaska boundary incident would be rendered impossible by Canada having treaty-making powers. It would not lead to separation, as the Dominion would not demand absolute treaty-making powers, but only the arrangement of the preliminaries for all treaties affecting her trade and territory, leaving to the sovereign power the responsibility of vetoing them if her ministers thought it desirable in the interests of the empire. The question was not new, but something would come of it now for Canada was mightier than in 1882, when the point was noted by Edward Blake.

To-day nearly six millions of people have a passionate conviction that they have the right to determine matters affecting their own commerce and boundaries. Canada had besought the Imperial government to bring the Canadian just claims to court in the Alabama case, but England was afraid of offending the United States and left her colonies in the lurch and much the same had happened in the Alaskan case. Had Canada had the right to arrange the preliminaries in the Alaska matter the result of the inquiry would have been very different.

Sir Wilfrid said that in the next few weeks he would enlarge on the subject of the necessity for Canada possessing treaty-making powers in view of the demand having been acclaimed thruout the Dominion.

The Mail, commenting on the interview editorially, says: "There seems to be good reason for Canada's contention, but we are none the less hopeful that she will see her way clear to modify her demand."

NEW FACTOR INTRODUCED INTO ELECTION GUESSES

Failure of G.T.P. to Put Up the Money Accentuates Uncertainty of Appeal.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Star says: "The signs of the times indicate that the general current of Canadian feeling is setting against the Liberals, that the uncertainty of the outcome of an election now is likely to become accentuated, and that further delay may mean inevitable disaster.

"So an effort is made to appease contractors and those who have anything to gain by railway building in general, and in the meantime the government will decide whether it is better to hold an election before the people can see the full possibilities of the delusion or hold another session at which the government could introduce an entirely new bill or abandon the project.

"The Grand Trunk people in England will be quite within their rights in saying that the railway bill of last session has now no binding effect upon the country, because the legislation of the Canadian parliament was openly thrust aside by the Canadian government negotiators in London, and a new agreement entered into subject to the approval of the Grand Trunk shareholders, an agreement which these shareholders are at liberty to reject in toto.

"The government of Canada is in a grave dilemma. It cost the people of Canada hundreds of thousands of dollars for the extension of a session of parliament, for this sole purpose of jamming the great Pacific project thru the House, and now the bill to all intents and purposes is waste paper unless re-enacted.

"It is evident that government so framed the bill as to let the Railway Company off scot free if it chose to repudiate, for no penalty for repudiation was provided in the agreement. There are serious head shakings amongst thinking Liberals to-day, who have to admit that the hastiness of the government, at the last session, its palpable bad faith in enacting bogus legislation and its latest move in accepting a deposit with a string to it after the lapse of time, will suggest to discerning people that this qualified deposit was made to throw dust in the eyes of the Canadian electors and also to vastly weaken the government."

BURIED UNDER FALLING WALLS.

New York Fire Chief Loses His Life in Fierce Factory Fire.

New York, Dec. 21.—The famous "Nines" fire alarm, summoning more fire apparatus than any other alarm provided for by New York's fire department was sounded to-night for a terrific fire which destroyed the six-storey factory building of the Herrmann Furniture and Plumbing Cabinet Works at 188-192 Mott-street, and the four-storey varnish factory of the firm run under the name of the H. Herrmann Lumber Company. A quarter of a million dollars damage was done. Battalion Chief Martin Coleman perished in the fall of two great walls of the factory.

There was a frightful panic among the Italian inmates of the tenements opposite, and in the rear of the burning buildings, and the firemen and police reserves from three precincts had the utmost difficulty in getting the people to the street.

Richard Joyce, a fireman, is also missing.

NEEDLE RESTED ON SPINE.

Troy Man Could Not Explain Its Presence There.

Troy, N.Y., Dec. 21.—Henry F. Boardman, a wealthy citizen of Troy, had a peculiar experience Saturday. While stepping into a vehicle he felt a sudden sharp pain shoot thru his neck and down one of his arms into his hand, causing him to drop a grip he was carrying. The sensation following the shock resembled paralysis, and, greatly alarmed, Mr. Boardman returned to his hotel and the resident physician was summoned. He could not discover any wound or apparent cause and called into consultation a surgeon. They decided that a surgical operation would be necessary.

On making an incision in the neck the physicians discovered a needle resting on the spine. Mr. Boardman could not explain its presence there.

Radnor and Rye on Xmas Day.

STRANGLED SELF IN CELL.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Saloonkeeper Jas. Vleek, who, a few days ago, choked his wife to death, strangled himself in his cell at the County Jail to-day, with a handkerchief tightly knotted about his throat. Physicians had reported that he was shaming insanity.

XMAS PRESENTS.

No more desirable present could be had than a box of Dunlop's Choice Flowers

BIRTHS.

PETERS—At 102 College-street, Toronto, on Sunday morning, Dec. 20th, 1903, the wife of Dr. George A. Peters of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BURNS—On Dec. 21, at the residence of his father, 22 Maple Grove-avenue, Basil Harold, only son of Thomas J. Burns, in his 19th year.

Funeral Wednesday, 9 a.m., to Church of the Holy Family, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

Detroit papers please copy.

JONES—At his late residence, Victoria-avenue, Eglinton, Mr. Benjamin Jones, in his 81st year.

Funeral Wednesday, the 23rd, at 2.30, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

O'CONNOR—At Dubois, Pa., Dec. 21st, 1903, Michael Joseph, son of Michael and Jane O'Connor, 19 Water-street.

Notice of funeral later.

WHALLEY—On Monday, Dec. 21st, at Balmy Beach, Violet Christine, daughter of Fred Christie and Minnie Whalley, aged 3 years and 4 months.

Funeral (private) Tuesday morning, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, at 10.30 o'clock.

"It is enough, earth's struggles soon shall cease,
And Jesus call us to Heaven's perfect peace."

REPAIRED BROKEN NECK.

Portion of Vertebrae Removed and Patient is Recovering.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 21.—An operation having no parallel in the surgical world was performed at St. Joseph's Hospital to-day, by Dr. William Jepson. John Nerstrom of Danbury, Conn., fell from a load of hay, breaking his neck. A portion of the third cervical vertebrae was removed to-day, the false growth of tissue was cleaned out and the bone replaced. The patient is doing well, and has every prospect of recovery.

PROSPECTORS LOST.

Left in August to Explore Pic River District for Minerals.

Port Arthur, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Last August Patrick Karen and Patrick McCoy, two prospectors of Duluth, left on a trip to explore the country in the vicinity of Pic River, that flows into Lake Superior at Pentwick Harbor. They carried provisions for 50 days and nothing has been heard from them since. Their friends are now alarmed about them and believe they are lost. They went out for the purpose of exploring for minerals and timber, the latter especially in regard to pulp wood.

MEETS JAN. 15.

London, Dec. 21.—The first meeting of Joseph Chamberlain's commission of tariff reform, which has to enquire into the conditions of British trade, and to report with the object of drawing up a tariff reform bill, will be held Jan. 15. Mr. Chamberlain has accepted the honorary presidency of the commission.

A Rare Christmas Gift.

After you have finished giving presents to your mother, wife, your sister, or some other fellow's sister, then think about yourself. Is there any other more deserving creature on this green earth? Or any other more thoroly neglected? What's the matter with a fur-lined overcoat. One of Dineen's, wide otter collar and lapels, musk-rat lining, best beaver outside for $50. The best value on the continent. Showrooms open.

COLDER, WITH SNOW.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 21.—(8 p.m.)—Another disturbance is passing over the lake region to-night and the outlook for the eastern provinces remains stormy. The weather in Canada has been for the most part fair, but local snowfalls have occurred in the Ottawa Valley.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42—46; Kamloops, 26—32; Calgary, 14—32; Qu'Appelle, 2 below—10; Winnipeg, 12 below—zero; Port Arthur, zero—22; Toronto, 30—38; Ottawa 18—30; Montreal, 20—20; Quebec, 20—28; Halifax, 30—46.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes—Strong northwesterly winds; fair; becoming colder, with snow flurries.

Georgian Bay—Strong northwesterly winds; fair, becoming colder, with local snowfalls.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong northwesterly winds; much colder, with light scattered snowfalls or flurries.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong winds and gales, shifting to west and; colder, with light snowfalls.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales; southwest to northwest; unsettled with showers, becoming colder at night.

Superior—Fair and quite cold.

Manitoba—Fair and cold.

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STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

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Michigan	Liverpool ..... Boston
Moltke	Hamburg ..... New York
Lahn	Naples ..... New York
Prince Adelbert	Genoa ..... New York
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