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29TH YEAR

BLITHE'S AGONY STIRS PUBLIC TO PROTEST

Many Letters of Protest Against Torture of Man Condemned to Die For Murder of His Wife.

This morning, petitions will be circulated thru the city in a last desperate attempt to save Walter Blithe from the scaffold. Strangely enough, the effort does not emanate from near friends of the condemned man, nor even from his own counsel.

Certainly the laying bare of Blithe's pitiable plight in The Sunday World has stirred this community to think earnestly of the case. It also had its effect in stimulating those closely connected with the case to action.

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A Wonderful Sight Say the I.P. Delegates

Impressed By the Display of Britain's Might and Heartily Cheer the First Lord.

LONDON, June 12.—(C. A. P.)—The Imperial Conference delegates were profoundly impressed by their inspection yesterday of the home fleet at Spithead.

The 18 miles of warships included four Dreadnoughts and seven Invincibles, and constituted the most powerful fleet ever assembled for review. Sir John Fisher, first lord of the admiralty, accompanied the delegates. On the arrival of the Victoria they gave him a great ovation and escorted him to his car, singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

All the delegates admit the fleet was a wonderful object lesson to them of the empire's naval might.

OFFICERS WON'T TAKE "SKELETON" INTO CAMP

So the 59th Regiment Will Not Go Under Canvas This Year

CORNWALL, June 12.—(Special.)—As the officers of the 59th Regiment and Gleanery Regiment practically refused to go into camp at Cornwall on June 21 at half strength, as ordered by the militia department, it is understood that the camp has been called off for this year so far as the 59th is concerned.

The officers were anxious to have a full turnout, and the citizens of the town and the district have never had an opportunity of seeing the regiment, which has always camped at Barrisfield, Kingston or Rockcliffe, Ottawa. The officers thought it would be folly to incur the expense to drill a mere handful of men.

A HUNDRED PERISH IN FRENCH 'QUAKE'

Several Towns and Villages Devastated—Many Die Lingering Death Under Debris.

MARSEILLES, June 12.—From 75 to 100 dead and 100 injured is the estimated total casualties as the result of the earthquake which devastated several towns and villages in the southern part of France, particularly in the department of Bouches du Rhone, Friday night.

The villages of Saint Cannat and Rognes were completely demolished by the debris before they died. At Rognes a family of four were buried. Their cries could be heard through the night, but all were dead in the morning when a rescuing party reached them. At Saint Cannat an old man and his son were watching a billiard game. They were killed. The players were wrecked, but no one was killed.

The historic village of Vernegues was wrecked, but no one was killed. The monetary loss is heavy. The confusion—fearing new shocks last night a large number of residents left the city and camped out in the country. The mayor opened the schoolhouse for those walking the streets. The earthquake damaged the arsenal and several ships were almost driven ashore.

Quakes in Spain.—MADRID, June 12.—Light earth quakes occurred Saturday morning at Barcelona and Sagalona, six miles northeast of Barcelona.

BELLEVILLE BOY DROWNS

Falls Overboard From a Motor Boat in the Lake.

BELLEVILLE, June 12.—A drowning accident occurred on the Bay of Quinte this afternoon. Ora and Harry Delong were out in a motor boat. When near Trenton the former in some manner fell into the water and was drowned. He was about 19 years of age.

THE PETITION.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, OTTAWA.

We, the undersigned, humbly petition that the sentence of death upon Walter Blithe, now awaiting execution in Toronto Jail, be commuted to life imprisonment, believing such commutation to be in accordance with the dictates both of justice and humanity:

Name. Address. Profession or Calling.

C. N. R. DEBENTURE ISSUE.

LONDON, June 12.—(C.A.P.)—The Canadian Northern Railway is offering \$1,200,000 of 4 per cent. debentures at 97 1/2, guaranteed by the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL DISPLAY

Delegates to I. P. C. See Monster Fleet and Witness Realistic Mimic Warfare.

LONDON, June 12.—(N. Y. Herald Cable.)—It was the turn of the navy today to do honor to the delegates attending the Imperial Press Conference in London, and at the invitation of the admiralty a distinguished company journeyed to Portsmouth to make personal acquaintance with the premier naval establishment and with the home and Atlantic fleets at Spithead.

It is the first time that the fleet has emerged from its chrysalis state, and its present high standard of strength, which includes no less than seven Dreadnoughts, received its due meed of praise from the visitors. The empire's gunnery, its discipline, its seamanship, its organization, its maintenance, its readiness for action, its ability to sustain a long and arduous campaign in far distant waters, its ability to sustain a long and arduous campaign in far distant waters, its ability to sustain a long and arduous campaign in far distant waters.

The admiralty has issued a statement complaining that the short notice given did not give them time to organize for registration.

LE NATIONALISTE EDITOR JAILED FOR CONTEMPT

Sent Down for Three Months for Commenting Upon the Court's Decision in Lavergne Matter.

MONTREAL, June 12.—(Special.)—Julius Fournier, editor of Le Nationaliste, has been sentenced to prison for three months for contempt of court in commenting upon the decision of the court in the Lavergne matter.

Following Fournier's advocate, N. K. Lafamme, The Nationaliste reminds its readers of the fact that the Quebec authorities call contempt of court, and of course The Nationaliste refused to say anything about what he calls a "most disgraceful sentence."

Starting Gunner Spectacle.—After the visitors proceeded to Whale Island, at the top of the harbor, to be entertained by one of those realistic spectacles for which this great summer festival is famous.

The beach of the island here slopes down toward the sea and in it rows of trenches had been dug, one above the other in preparation for the attack expected from the enemy. The patrol was partly sheltered among the bushes and the bushes on the bank, affording the only sign of life and watchfulness.

Presently away to the seaward a flotilla of gunboats made out, and at once they began to shell the beach. Blue jackets were in large numbers and lined the trenches.

Then gunboats opened fire and shells were seen bursting amid the ranks of the defenders, while stretcher bearers and there picked up a wounded man and conveyed him to the rear. The fire from the attack grew hotter, and boats were seen putting off with a party, evidently intent on landing.

On the seaward the invaders sprang ashore quickly and occupied the beach. The gunboats were obliged to take refuge in the lagoon, and as the gunboats fire drove the defenders from their trenches the invaders sprang ashore quickly and occupied the beach.

The ground was strewn with their "dead" and "dying," and episodes of bravery were not wanting, as men dashed out to save a fallen comrade or succor a friend in need.

At this juncture the tide of the struggle turned. Suddenly there appeared upon the scene an armored train, the guns from which, playing upon the flank of the attackers, discouraged them. This was the first check, and then out of the haze of smoke overwhelming the scene poured from the train and swept back the invaders toward the sea.

They made an attempt to save the guns, but several of these were captured, and the remainder had to be abandoned, and in a few moments the whole body of the enemy was in full retreat towards the boats.

It was too late, however, for the invaders to reach the beach, save a little band which, up to their knees in water, kept the flag flying and perishing to the last man, and then, after the band played "God Save the King" and at the sound living and dead sprang to their feet and saluted.

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FIVE THOUSAND SLAIN

Fierce Massacre—Are Reported From Persian Wilds.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 12.—A despatch from the Novoe Vremya from Astara, says that the Shakh-sevan tribes are ravaging Ardabid district in Azerbaijan, the most northerly province of Persia.

According to the despatch 5000 persons have been killed, and the leading inhabitants have appealed to the Russian consul for protection.

EARL GREY BOOMS FAIR

Hopes Britisher Will Take Opportunity to Exhibit.

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Registration In Waterloo Not Legal?

Formal Protest Entered—Conservatives Claim They Haven't Had Time to Organize.

BERLIN, June 12.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding the people apparently have been enthusiastic regarding the approaching election, interest may be shown as a result of a protest entered Saturday afternoon against the registration of the board of registration on the grounds that insubstantial notice of the same was given.

The facts are that E. J. Beaumont, clerk of the county court, being unable to act, owing to the sittings of court, County Clerk Bowman was appointed to act in his stead. The writ was issued at Ottawa on June 2, and was delivered here in person on June 7, by J. G. Foley, clerk of the crown in chancery at Ottawa, who came here to attend a convention. Registration began on June 9.

The authorities claim to have acted within the requirements of the act, but the conservatives claim they haven't had time to organize.

There is no indication however, that the conservatives will place a candidate in the field against Hon. Mackenzie King. Liberals claim that the action taken is simply in order to maintain political capital.

The registration court sat three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. The number who registered was less than 40. The Conservative executive have issued a statement complaining that the short notice given did not give them time to organize for registration.

THE REASON WHY

"Votes for Women" Printed Across the Cover, the First Number of the American Suffragette, the New Organ of the Millitary Woman Suffrage Party in this country, was placed on sale Saturday. The cover is yellow, the suffragette color, and carries this announcement:

"For the long work day  
"For the taxes we pay  
"For the laws we obey.  
"We want something to say."

FRENCH FLAGS VANISH FROM CHURCH PARADE

Noticeable Omission From Corpus Christi Procession in Montreal—Children Carried Union Jack.

MONTREAL, June 12.—(Special.)—The feast of Corpus Christi, the most important of the Roman Catholic Church, was closed here to-day, but two incidents were generally commented upon. The first was the total absence of the French tri-color flag in the monster procession, which for a very long time has occupied a very conspicuous place in this splendid religious demonstration of the French Canadian people.

Of late years the anti-Catholic attitude of the French Government has been conducive to the abandonment of the old national flag, first by the church, and secondly, by the people in the cities of the Province of Quebec.

There were a good many of the sacred heart religious flags, and hundreds of school children carried miniature British flags as they marched along. The second incident was the word of the change that has come over St. Lawrence street, up to the boulevard years ago the street has become a great thoroughfare for the French Canadian race, and through which this great procession always walked. To-day the street has become a thoroughfare for the Hebrew merchants, and the saying is that there will not be a Roman Catholic storekeeper on this street five years hence, and that the attitude of the people to-day and the comparatively few decorations in honor of the old national flag, first by the church, and secondly, by the people in the cities of the Province of Quebec.

The annual convention of the Provincial Retail Merchants' Association will be held in Brockville Wednesday and Thursday.

GERMANY'S GOOD WILL

Kaiser Will Express It to Visiting Clergymen.

BERLIN, June 12.—The emperor will receive five visiting British clergymen at the palace to-day, and His Majesty will make a speech of good-will toward Great Britain, although probably he will make no mention of recent alarms in England over Germany's naval construction.

The German Government has been waiting for some opportunity to make further expression of this country's pacific aims toward all the powers, and this is considered a favorable occasion clearly and unequivocally to set forth this kindly feeling entertained by Germany toward Great Britain.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

In The World's Great Contest

Suffragettes, socialists, believers in direct legislation and the popular veto have an opportunity in The World's Fifteen Thousand Dollar Prize Contest to realize their ideals. All are enfranchised and the contest affords what social reformers have so strenuously called for, "equal opportunity for all."

It is not a lottery, or handicap, but a popular election. The lucky chance rests upon the records of the nominees, and the only handicap will be a let up on their own part, or that of their supporters to hustle for votes in their behalf.

Sept. 10 will be a red-letter day in the 54 successful popular Ontario homes. That is the date when the greatest contest ever conducted by a Canadian newspaper will close. The interval will fly with lightning speed and the contestants for the \$15,000 worth of prizes to be awarded by The World to the recipients of the majority votes in the respective districts.

The only qualifications for achieving success are: a good industry, a strength of persistence. The race is ever to the swift and battle to the strong. This competition will develop the best of the industry, and the best of all who participate. The possibility of sharing in the victory for some nominee is stimulating the minds of thousands of readers of The World. The interest promises to steadily increase until the winners of the \$4000 house and lot, and of the other four grand prizes, and the 48 district prizes, are announced.

The contest in every respect belongs to the people. It is a prize contest of the people, by the people, for the people. That is the secret of its immediate success.

C.Q.D. FLASH ONCE MORE PREVENTS HORROR AT SEA

Operator on the Wrecked Slavonia Secures Assistance From 180 Miles Distant.

PUNTA DELGADA, AZORES, June 12.—Wireless telegraphy played a prominent part in the saving of the crew and passengers of the Cunard liner steamer Slavonia, which is a total wreck two miles southwest of Flores Island.

The steamer Princess Irene was 180 miles away when the thrilling call "C. Q. D." was picked up. It was shortly before midnight of Wednesday, June 9, that the wireless distress signal was received on board the Princess Irene. The operator answered, and immediately got a message in reply stating the Slavonia was ashore, and where, and asking the Princess Irene to come to her assistance.

Her course was at once changed and she went ahead at full speed 15 knots an hour, to the designated location, two miles southwest of Flores Island. The Princess Irene arrived alongside the Slavonia on Thursday afternoon. It was arranged that she should take on board the cabin passengers of the Cunard liner and work was at once begun. The wreck and the Slavonia were with the transfer, and the 110 passengers, women and children, were on board by daylight. The transfer was made without a single accident and on Friday morning early the Princess Irene left the Slavonia for Gibraltar.

In the meantime the wireless call for help sent out by the Slavonia had been heard by the Hamburg-American liner Batavia, which hastened to the scene. The intermediate and steamer scene. The passengers of the Slavonia were transferred to the Batavia also without accident.

There remained on board the Slavonia only the members of her crew, but according to the latest intelligence received here the entire ship's company left the wreck and went ashore at Velas, on the Island of Flores, some time on Friday morning.

The Slavonia was full of water and she was a total wreck. The Slavonia is grounded, is the most westerly of the Azores group. Many dangerous reefs surround the island, which is of volcanic origin, and a great reef extends seaward to the southwest.

DISASTER DURING MANOEUVRES OF THE RUSSIAN FLEET—TWO DIVERS PERISH IN ATTEMPTING AID.

SEBASTOPOL, June 12.—All hope is gone of saving the lives of the crew of 20 of the Russian submarine Kambala, which was sunk in collision with the battleship Rostislav, during manoeuvres Friday night, or recovering the wreck, owing to the great depth of water.

Two divers died in the attempts to rescue the men, on account of the immense pressure. Others have tried repeatedly and heroically to pass chains around the wreck, but finally came to the surface utterly exhausted, having accomplished nothing. All operations have been abandoned.

The chances of saving the lives of the imprisoned men were recognized from the first as very remote, although under normal conditions the submarines have an air capacity of three days. The Kambala type of submarine, however, was weak structurally and for this reason cannot normally make a descent of more than 100 feet. The Kambala went down in 150 feet of water, and only trustworthy bulkheads stood between the men and death after the boat was struck by the Rostislav.

The disaster occurred five miles from Sebastopol. Four men were saved, including the commander, Lieut. Aquilonoff, who was giving orders thru the speaking tube to the helmsman just before the collision. These four men were misunderstood, the helmsman being put to port instead of starboard.

In the meantime a still alarm at the hotel was on fire, and was sent to Chief Thompson, who had returned with Hose 7 to Richmond-street, and several sections there picked up and hustled off. But the fire happened to be a trivial one.

The fire department consists of about 250 men, scattered among 19 stations in the city proper, and one in East Toronto. Detroit, it may be said, has 50 fire stations. The city has agreed to the necessity of four new stations, either in the outlying districts, either additional fire stations, or double plants, one of which would be a reserve, seem to be required.

At present nine stations are along Queen-street or south of it, five south of Bloor-street, and two just above Bloor-street. When the old Bay-street station is closed, it will leave the retail district in the portion bounded by the Esplanade, College and Jarvis-streets, without a fire station, and there are stations on the fringe.

NEED ALARM SYSTEM

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