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SECRETARY BRYAN WILL CONFER WITH JOHNSON

Expects to Settle Japanese Trouble in Short Order.

JAPAN PROTESTING WITH GREAT ENERGY

Many Chinese Would Be Affected by Pending Legislation—Peaceful Arrangement of Difficulty Now Looked for by U. S. Cabinet.

Washington, April 25.—Secretary Bryan is not expected to spend more than a week at Sacramento conferring with Governor Johnson and the State legislators over the proposed anti-alien laws. From semi-official sources today it was said that Mr. Bryan expected to present the views of President Wilson, and do all that was possible to remove friction between the United States and Japan over the particular legislation in time to be back to Washington on May 7th.

In official circles today it was suggested that the energy with which Japan had protested against the enactment of the pending alien land holding legislation in California, had served to obscure the fact that many Chinese would be affected by such laws, though not in proportion to the Japanese residents.

The Chinese legation here, though holding the facts, had refrained from lodging any protest at the state department while awaiting instructions from Peking, as well as the lapse of the negotiations between America and Japan regarding the question of alien land ownership. It is apparent, however, that the situation is viewed with deep concern, developing, as it had, the very moment when the Chinese states government is about to encourage the Chinese people by extending recognition to the infant democracy.

Specific treaty guarantees, it was pointed out, would probably give the Japanese property owners a decided advantage over the Chinese in protecting their rights in the event of discriminatory legislation.

The number of Chinese in California is said to be very much smaller than commonly supposed. According to the report of the immigration commission, owing to the stoppage of immigration the return of many of the Chinese to their own country, and the migration of many others in California to the east of the United States, their number in the west had materially decreased in the last decade. Even in 1900 there were only 84,000 Chinese in the whole of continental United States, about 40% of whom resided in California.

MONTENEGRIN QUESTION IS BIG ISSUE

Conquerors of Scutari Determined to Hold City While Powers Demand Immediate Evacuation.

London, April 25.—The ambassadorial conference met again yesterday. Premier Asquith and Viscount Morley, lord president of the council, were present and discussed the Scutari problem.

It is understood the conference adheres to its decision that Montenegro must evacuate Scutari, but is indisposed to acquiesce to Austria's demand, that the powers undertake to compel evacuation by force of arms.

No demand has been formally sent to the Montenegro government, and probably nothing will be done in this respect until after the next meeting of the conference. Montenegro, when Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Minister, who has been absent from London this week, again will preside over the deliberations.

The Montenegro crown prince, Danilo, made his formal entry into Scutari yesterday. General Yokitch has been appointed military governor of the city, and M. Plamenatz, former charge d'affaires at Constantinople, civil governor.

THE BANK ACT ALMOST READY FOR A REPORT

New Measure Will Not Provide for Inspection by Government.

SYSTEM NOT NEEDED IN CANADIAN BANKS.

Audit of Accounts Will Meet Views of Those Who Favor External Audit—Other Changes Suggested.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 25.—The Bank Act will probably be reported back to the house by the standing committee on Banking and Commerce within a week. The consideration by the committee has been exhaustive. The new bank act has been viewed and reviewed from every angle and some suggestions have been made which will likely be embodied in part in the bill before its final adoption by parliament.

Expert witnesses called by the committee have not supported the demand for government inspection of banks, in view of the character of the Canadian banking system and the difference between it and banking in countries where government inspection has been attempted.

The question of audit, which has been prominent in the committee's deliberations, is likely to be settled in such a way as will meet to some extent the wishes of those who favor an external audit.

The suggestion was made by H. C. McLeod, former general manager of the bank of Nova Scotia, that in the interests of the shareholders and public there should be some system of check in regard to the qualifications of the auditors. It would work out somewhat in this way, the bank managers would select a list of auditors, that list would be checked over by the Minister of Finance and from the list as finally approved the shareholders would make their selection.

MANY ESCAPE FROM DEATH BY MIRACLE

Big Audience Gathered to Hear Temperance Address Fell Fourteen Feet With Floor—Everybody Safe.

Amherst, N. S., April 25.—Seventy-five citizens of the Joggin Mines had what may be termed a miraculous escape from death or severe injuries tonight.

Rev. J. I. Duddy, of Moncton, at an invitation of Hobbs Lodge, I. O. O. F. of that place was to lecture in the Odd Fellows Hall. About 7:30 p. m. there were about the number mentioned above, in the hall which is in the second story of the building. Without any warning whatever the floor gave way precipitating the audience to the floor beneath, a fall of about fourteen feet.

The flooring and joists blocked the lower doorway but the rescue party, which assembled speedily, broke in the doors and windows and one by one the victims of the fall were brought out. Two men, Samuel Gray and Edward Adams, were somewhat injured but not seriously, the others although badly shaken and somewhat frightened were no worse for the mishap.

Mr. Batty had not reached the hall when the accident occurred. He was caught in the stove was soon put out. If the accident had occurred half an hour later there would have been fully five hundred in the hall.

GERRITTS TREES AGAIN LEAPED TO DEATH FROM HIGH CATHEDRAL TOWER

Bill to Assist in Good Roads Starts for Senate

KILLED LAST YEAR BY GRIT SENATORS

Resolution to Enable Government to Take Over I. C. R. Branches Opposed by Mr. German—A Businesslike Session.

Special to the Standard.

Ottawa, April 25.—The House held a very businesslike sitting today, getting through a large amount of government business. The most important single item was the Highways bill, which was once more despatched on its journey to the Senate. Another measure dealt with was the proposal to prohibit the discharge of sewage into navigable streams, which a private member, Mr. Bradbury, fathered.

The morning sittings of the House are to begin on April 30.

The House, in the afternoon, without delay, went into committee on Mr. Cochrane's resolution to employ the Minister of Railways and Canals to construct, or purchase, any railway or railway works with a view to adding it to the government railway system.

Mr. Cochrane explained that it was for the purpose of empowering the government to obtain any branch line connecting with the intercolonial railway. The resolution gave no money and to get the money for such a purpose the government would have to come to the House.

Mr. German contended that this was a matter of general terms. It would give the minister authority to take over the Canadian Northern line to Vancouver. The resolution was not made with a desire to obstruct.

Mr. Cochrane said that the money would have to be furnished by Parliament.

Mr. Graham contended that Parliament should not be asked to purchase without being consulted.

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KILLED WHEN HOUSE FELL

Noted Frenchman and Wife Dead as Result of Collapse of their Paris Mansion—Grandson Escaped.

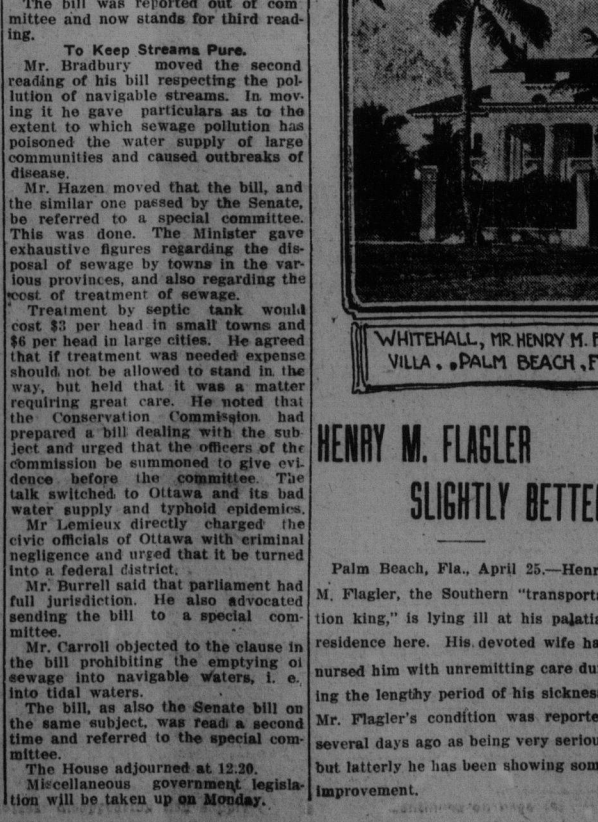
Paris, April 25.—The residence of Emile Froment-Meurice, 46 Rue Dauphine, one of the most aristocratic quarters of Paris, collapsed tonight, killing M. Froment-Meurice and his wife. He was one of the most celebrated goldsmiths and was descendant of the painter Rubens, and his family is prominent in Paris society. One of his sons, Francois, is a well known municipal councillor and another a celebrated sculptor.

M. Froment-Meurice and his wife were alone in the house at the time of the accident, with their little grandson. The child escaped with slight injury.

The digging of foundations for a large apartment house on the plot alongside the residence of M. Froment-Meurice is believed to have caused the house to settle and fall.

NOTED CAPITALIST, HIS DEVOTED WIFE AND HOME IN FLORIDA.

Palm Beach, Fla., April 25.—Henry M. Flagler, the Southern "transportation king," is lying ill at his palatial residence here. His devoted wife has nursed him with unremitting care during the lengthy period of his sickness. Mr. Flagler's condition was reported several days ago as being very serious but lately he has been showing some improvement.



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TO ASSEMBLE IN MONTREAL FOR MEETING

National Council of Women of Canada in Annual Session Next Week.

MUCH IMPORTANT BUSINESS READY.

Besides Routine Work Wide Range of Subjects Will Be Dealt With—Many Prominent Men to Speak.

Montreal, April 25.—For the first time in seventeen years the National Council of Women of Canada is to assemble in Montreal, the twentieth annual meeting being scheduled to open here next Thursday, May 1st, and continue until May 9th.

A voluminous agenda has been prepared for the convention. While the social side of such a gathering of prominent women from all over Canada has not been neglected, the business sessions will be held in the lecture hall of St. James' Methodist church. A number of important features have been arranged. One is an evening session, Monday 31st of May, devoted to "women's suffrage," at which the chief speaker will be Mrs. Philip Snowden, the eloquent and charming wife of the well known labor M. P. and herself a leader of the non-militant branch of the English suffragettes.

Antwerp the Scene of a Shocking Love Tragedy

VICTIMS WERE BOY AND HIS SWEETHEART

Many Pedestrians in Busy Antwerp Market Witnessed Rash Act—Jumped from Height of 180 Feet—Crushed to Death.

Antwerp, Belgium, April 25.—A youth eighteen years old, and a nineteen year old girl are the principals in a shocking love tragedy enacted here today. Arm in arm they climbed to the clock gallery in the tower of Notre Dame Cathedral, and from a height of 180 feet, leaped into space, falling at the feet of passers by.

Every bone in the bodies of the boy and of his young companion was broken. As they hurled through the air several men and women who witnessed the sight fainted.

According to the police the leap from the church tower was in accordance with a premeditated double suicide pact.

The tragedy occurred at a time when the glove market, in front of the north tower of the cathedral, was thronged with pedestrians, a large number of whom stood transfixed, helpless witnesses of every phase of the drama.

That the act of the lovers was premeditated is shown by the fact that they had placed five letters, one addressed to the police commissary and the others to various relatives, where they could easily be seen by visitors to the tower.

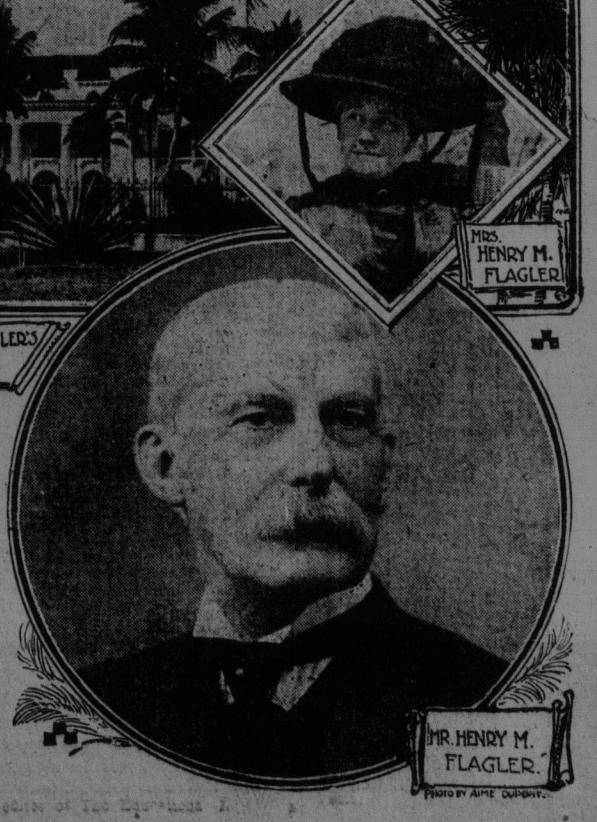
The letters showed that the youth was Elie Walke, and that his home was in this city. The girl has not yet been identified. The letters, it is declared, stated that the young couple had been driven to their dreadful death because of a love affair.

CHILD KILLED BY CAR IN HALIFAX

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, N. S., April 25.—The second fatality in a week on the Halifax Street Railway occurred today when William Abraham, the five year old son of Corporal Abraham of the Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery, was killed by a car on Agricola street.

The boy was running across the street and was caught by a second car, which was hidden from his view by one at the rear of which he started. The medical examiner has ordered an inquiry before the stipendiary magistrate but so far there is no evidence that anyone is to blame.



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