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THOUSANDS DROWNED IN SOUTHERN RUSSIA—OUTLOOK FOR CIVIL WAR IN IRELAND

CHRISTIAN FAITH NOT BUILT ON MIRACLES

They Are Stumbling Blocks to Conception of Christ's Nature—Dr. Endicott Exhorts University Men to the Destruction of Idols and Idol Worship.

In a sermon to university students yesterday, Rev. Dr. James Endicott declared that the miracles ascribed to Jesus were not His greatest work. The miracles, declared Dr. Endicott, were sometimes a hindrance, standing in the way of a true appreciation of the Christ character, upon which Christianity is built.

Not Stepping Stones.
"What great works did Jesus do?" asked the preacher. "It is useless to look to the miracles which attested the greatness of Christ. They are not stepping stones but stumbling blocks, not buttresses, but burdens to a proper conception of His greatness. We accept them because we believe so strongly in Him. He set no great value upon them. They were in a sense a temptation to Him, and He refused to grant them too freely, rebuking the people when they asked for a sign."

"One of the greatest works of Jesus was when He put His hand on the head of a little child and blessed him; this was an incident a hundred times more influential in the world's history than was Waterloo. Childhood had been changed from that moment for all time. When He talked to an outcast."

THIEVES AT KINGSTON STOLE BRASS FITTINGS.
KINGSTON, March 15.—Thieves entered the pumping station of the Grand Trunk Railway at the outer station and stripped the pumps of brass fittings, entailing a loss of several hundred dollars. Henry Smith, caught in the act of disposing of some of the stolen brass, is under arrest.

BUYS MASSENA STORE.
CORNWALL, March 15.—Allen E. Cline of Cornwall has purchased the stock and good-will of Miss Monaghan at Massena and has taken charge of the store.

ASQUITH'S PROPOSALS SPURNED CIVIL WAR SEEMS INEVITABLE BOTH SIDES ARE DETERMINED

Permanent Exclusion of Protestant Counties From Home Rule Demand of Orange men—Carson Says Ulstermen Will Make Good in Action All Pledges Given.

LONDON, March 14.—A settlement of the Irish home rule difficulty apparently has been little advanced by the British Government's great concessions to the Ulsterites, and taking the assertions of both political parties at their face value, the deadlock today remains as immovable as before Premier Asquith's conciliatory offer was made in the house of commons on March 9.

The signers of the Ulster covenant declare strongly that nothing less than the permanent exclusion of the Protestant counties of Ulster from the Irish Government at Dublin instead of the proposed six-year option will be considered by them.

CARSON STILL DEFIANT.
Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Ulster Unionists, today sent a message to Belfast, saying: "So far as our preparations are concerned, the pronouncement of the government, if anything, necessitates a still more forward movement this year. We are going to make good in action all we have been saying and preparing for during the past two years."

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VILLA SOON TO MAKE ATTACK ON FEDERAL FORCE AT TORREON

Rebel Army Expected to Leave Chihuahua Tonight for South and Active Hostilities Will Follow—Villa Has Assistance of Expert Artillery Commander.

EL PASO, Texas, March 15.—Coupled with the arrival here today of Gen. Felipe Angeles, secretary of war in the Carranza cabinet, were persistent rumors that Gen. Villa would leave Chihuahua next Monday night for the south and that the attack on Torreon might be expected to begin soon after Angeles is one of the most expert artillery men in Mexico, and was especially requested by Gen. Villa to take his political and administrative duties long enough to command the big gun arm of the service in the impending attack on the federalists' stronghold at Torreon.

That Gen. Villa purposes an early move received additional credence here when it became known that Gen. C. Carothers, special agent for the state department, said he expected to leave for Chihuahua in a day or two.

MAN BURNED TO DEATH BY MEXICAN RAIDERS

Another Seriously Wounded in Affray on the Border of the United States.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 14.—One man was burned to death and another was seriously wounded when a band of raiders, believed to be Mexicans, attacked a general store at Tecate, 45 miles from this city, tonight, and escaped.

Tecate is just over the border on the American side. A woman who saw the attack reported to the commander at Fort Rosecrans that troops were needed, and the populace were terrorized.

GOVERNMENT VESSELS WILL NOT PAY TOLLS

Statement Otherwise Branded as Monstrous Perversion of the Truth.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Statements that government vessels would be compelled to pay tolls if the Sims bill repealing the exemption clause of the Panama Canal Act were enacted were characterized today as "monstrous perversion of the truth and most foolish folly announced since fools were discovered" by Representative Adamson, chairman of the house interstate commerce commission.

SIR THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY AND MONTREAL ON A MISSION

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy says that C.P. may mean the Canadian People, rather than the Canadian Pacific, in opposing any further assistance to the Canadian Northern Railway by parliament.

Certainly neither the Canadian Pacific nor Sir Thomas can pose as the Canadian People in the morals of a railway question. The Canadian Pacific's record is just a little more so than the Canadian Northern in the way of public help: free roadbed, loan, money, exemptions, loans, and the non-enforcement of a contract that called for reduced rates years ago. Nor do we know that the C.P.R. has any better record in sharing profits for construction, or making purchases, or cutting melons at the expense of the public.

Sir Hugh Graham of the Montreal Star is also roasting Mackenzie and Mann and the Canadian Northern, and, by contrast, applauding the Canadian Pacific. He wants the probe put into the Canadian Northern. So do a lot of Canadians who put into the Canadian Pacific, and into Sir Hugh Graham. The Canadian People are entitled to know what the Canadian Pacific cost, by a charter provision, in order to get at fair freight rates; and putting the probe into Sir Hugh Graham will be the sensation of Canadian history for the next twenty years, not to say the last three years.

In fact, the bulk of Montreal's financiers are very sore over the Canadian Northern. They resent a Pacific road that has its headquarters outside of Montreal, that does its business with Toronto banks, and that is the first Pacific road in Canada to be built, financed, and, now almost brought to completion, by two native Canadians. They do not happen to be either Scotch or American, and they happen to live in Toronto!

Why is Montreal so censorious, so prim, so good in this respect? Is it because the two Toronto men found a way of tunnelling under Mount Royal while the Mount Royalers slept on their park benches? And we've heard of a Montreal bank that had an experience—and a narrow escape from daring railway adventures!

We rather like to see Sir Thomas and Sir Hugh posing as the guardians and voices of the Canadian People!

And while the Canadian Northern must toe the mark, let the Toronto people remember, as we believe they will, that they never heard Sir William Mackenzie ever say a hard word of another or try to injure a rival railway. Nor has he ever taken notice of the abuse that has been heaped upon him. In this respect he is something of a contrast with the two other knights errant.

A Side-Splitting Farce-Comedy.
The attraction at the Princess Theatre this week, "Six O'Clock," a Cuban and Harms success, is said to be of the side-splitting variety. You will forget your troubles while seeing it, and for a long time after.

FLOODS SWEEP RUSSIAN TOWNS THOUSANDS PERISH, HAVOC GREAT HURRICANE CAUSES TIDAL WAVE

Sea of Azov Invades Surrounding Territory—Hundreds of Buildings Collapse, and in Two Towns Alone Loss of Life Reaches Thousand.

EKATERINODAR, Russia, March 14.—More than 1000 persons perished today in the inundation of the Towns of Stanitzka and Achtyrekaja by a tidal wave from the Sea of Azov. The wave struck the towns during a violent hurricane which swept the Province of Kuban.

Over 150 persons also were drowned in floods in Yassenkaja. A dam collapsed in the Town of Temryuk, situated on the Taman Peninsula, 98 miles northwest of this city, flooding the greater part of the city and drowning many persons.

The sea washed away 380 buildings in Achtyrekaja. Temryuk is an historic town with a population of 16,000. It once was the seat of the Turkish fortress, Adass.

The Towns of Stanitzka, Achtyrekaja and Yassenkaja do not appear on any available maps and probably are small localities bordering on the Sea of Azov.

The Province of Kuban, in which the stricken towns are located, is in Southern Russia, and has coast lines on both the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. The population of the province aggregates about 2,000,000 persons, of whom two-fifths are Cossacks. The country is extremely fertile and extensively used in the culture of grain. Cattle breeding also is carried on on a large scale.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—The hurricane which swept the Province of Kuban, Southern Russia, Saturday, was so violent that all the telegraph lines were badly damaged, making communication almost impossible. Meagre despatches received today reported that 1500 lives had been lost as the result of the tidal wave from the Sea of Azov, but no reliable details of the disaster came thru.

QUAKE OFF COAST OF JAPAN CAUSED HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE

Island of Hondo Devastated and Hundreds of Lives Probably Lost—Volcano Ninety Miles From Tokio is in Eruption—Details Meagre.

TOKIO, March 15.—A serious earthquake occurred today in the prefecture of Akita, island of Hondo. A number of persons in the city of Akita were killed and many houses destroyed or damaged. In the village of Kowakubi, which was ruined, there were many casualties. The disturbance badly damaged the railroad and telegraph lines.

The volcano Asama-Yama, 90 miles northwest of Tokio, is in eruption. Full details of the disaster have not been received owing to the interruption of communication. Sixty dead bodies were found in the basin of the Omoro River where 320 houses were destroyed. The Village of Kitameno was burned.

As a result of the earthquake a copper mine at Teunodate collapsed. The fate of 300 workmen in the mine is unknown.

Simultaneous with the earthquake came terrific explosions and the bursting of fumes from the volcano Asama-Yama, which terrified the inhabitants of that district.

HOT ONSLAUGHT MADE ON GOULN SEEK TO SETTLE INDIAN CLAIMS

Corruption Has Long Been Rampant in Quebec, Said Former Speaker of Legislature.

THREE RIVERS, Que., March 15.—Addressing a meeting on Saturday night in the interests of J. A. Desy, Conservative, who is opposing Hon. J. A. Tessier, Hon. P. E. LeBlanc, former Speaker of the provincial legislature, and at one time leader of the opposition, after outlining the evidence given at the Mousseaux enquiry, said that during his long political experience at Quebec he has come to believe that it was absolutely corrupt, but he had never been able to set legal proof.

The Parent and Gouln governments had shown themselves pastmasters in the art of corruption, removing or preventing the testimony of witnesses. He could say that there had certainly been the same system at work before Mr. Mousseaux's time, and pointed out that Mr. Tessier was chairman of the private bills committee before Mr. Mousseaux.

NO AID TO C.N.R. STILL SLOGAN OF BENNETT

Broder, Representing Section of Ontario Conservatives, Also Hostile to Guarantee of Bonds—Hon. G. P. Graham Will Support Government, It is Said.

OTTAWA, March 15.—There is little change in the situation regarding the all-absorbing topic of the straits in which the Canadian Northern Railway finds itself, and the assistance which seems necessary if Canadian credit abroad is to be maintained. While various opinions are vouchsafed in the lobbies as to whether the government will or will not recommend to the Conservative caucus on Wednesday the acceptance of the definite agreement which Sir William Mackenzie, on behalf of the railway, has offered the government, the fact is clear that the government will not consummate any agreement until the C. N. R. authorities deliver all information as to what has been done with the money already subscribed. If there is any watered stock in the company, it is freely said that this must be eliminated and the whole question reduced to a hard-cash basis.

Bennett Unalterably Opposed.
Two important statements have been made to The World which have to be considered. R. B. Bennett of Calgary says he will oppose any proposal of assistance to the Canadian Northern. He undoubtedly leads a western sentiment which is not confined to himself. In line with him is Andrew Broder of Dundas, who leads an Ontario contingent, more or less strong. On the Liberal side of the house it is expected that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will oppose any further assistance to the C. N. R., and in this he will be supported by the majority of his party, but on the other hand, Hon. George P. Graham, ex-minister of railways, will lead a contingent in support of the government if it is finally agreed to give the C. N. R. a guarantee of bonds. Western men generally, however, fear absorption by the C. P. R.

The second important statement made to The World in an influential quarter is that "if all the facts concerning the agreement were known there would be no opposition to a guarantee of bonds."

BIG ICE-BREAKER TO COST NEARLY MILLION

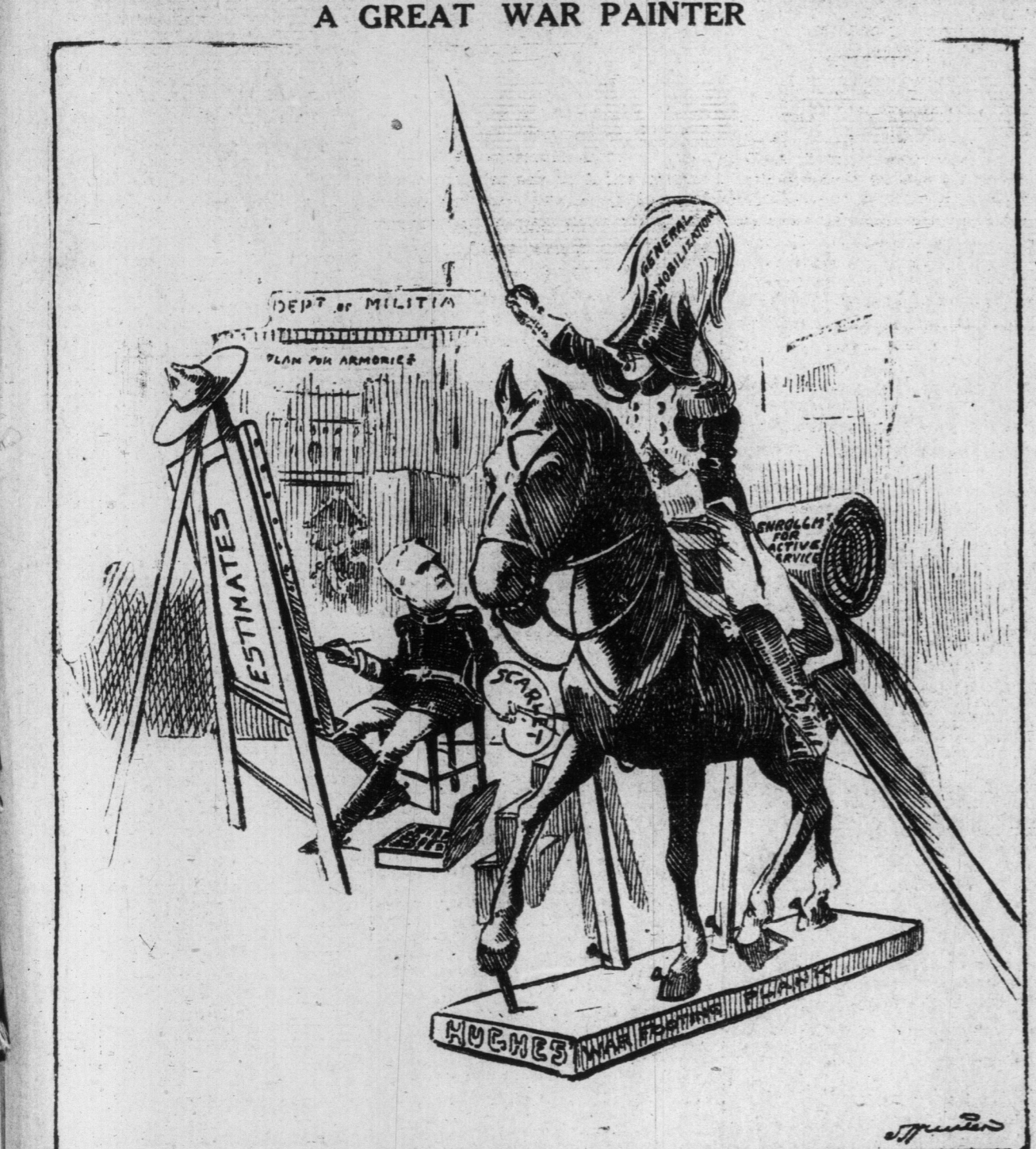
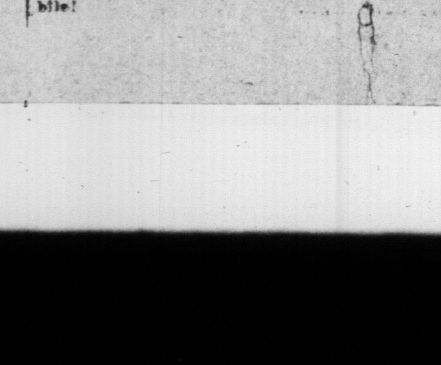
Will Expedite Opening of Spring Navigation in the St. Lawrence.

OTTAWA, March 14.—The Canadian Vickers Company has been given the contract for a powerful ice-breaker for the St. Lawrence. It will cost \$985,000, and will be one of the largest in the world.

Hon. Mr. Hazen's idea in getting the new ice-breaker is to expedite the opening of navigation in the spring.

For St. Patrick's Day.
You are probably going to buy a new hat for "St. Patrick's Day." A good hat is what you must select, for that is a "wise investment." The Dineen Company offer you some special temptations in the line of quality hats at the right prices. In both English and American blocks, W. & D. Dineen Co., 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance street.

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