

FRENCH PENSION FOR WORKMEN

Passage of the Bill Assured Despite Opposition.

ALL EYES ARE ON ALGECIRAS

Paris Notes That Delegates From Morocco Play Off One Power Against Another.

Paris, Jan. 31.—The Chamber of Deputies devotes the forenoon to discussing the workmen's pension bill and the afternoon to the budget. The pension bill is progressing well and will probably be passed despite obstacles, of which there are many.

One of the most important is the claim of the mutual benefit societies, the leaders of which say: "The moment the state imposes payment of subscriptions, the workman will be not only unable to pay the voluntary subscriptions that compose our budget, but will lose even the habit of economy and foresight, which is our raison d'être. What is to become of us?"

It was thought at one time that it would be best to exempt all members of the mutual benefit societies from paying subscriptions, but it was recognized to be impossible, for it would have been sacrificing the law to benefit the societies.

Then the commission promised to draft a clause to satisfy everybody. The said clause is awaited with curiosity, for it will not be easy to give satisfaction to institutions for the same purpose, namely, the state and the benefit societies.

I will recall the mechanism of the system. It consists in retaining 1 per cent of the employee's salary, in making the employer pay a similar sum, and a third 1 per cent is added by the state, all three to be paid into a fund for the benefit of the employee.

The budget debate is responsible for an incident which has become annual, namely, the suppression of subsidies, the chief arguments being that the progress of communications has made administrative dividends smaller. But the senate will surely reinstate the subsidies to delight the deputies, because the sub-prefect is primarily an electoral agent.

I have already spoken of the Franco-Venezuelan conflict. As already reported, M. Rouvier sent his passport to the representative of Venezuela in Paris and ordered him to be escorted to the frontier. On the other hand there is no news of the naval division off the Venezuelan coast. Let us hope it will all end with the collaboration of the United States, before which President Castro must give way.

So far as Europe is concerned, attention is drawn from this conflict by the Algerian comedy, where the Moroccan delegates are gradually taking the habit of playing off one against the other. Thanks to their Arabic, they understand no one, and no one understands them.

Moreover, they continually refer questions to the Sultan, who gives himself airs as if he himself convened the conference, and it was for consultative purposes. Europe will end by opening its purse in order not to appear ridiculous.

In the Chamber of Deputies M. Grunau made an interpellation regarding the inventory necessitated by the separation of church and state. It was stated that it would be necessary to open the tabernacles to take stock of the communion plate, thus leading to considerable agitation.

M. Merlon, Minister of Finance, calmed the agitation by stating that the treasury agents were not satisfied with the statements made by the priests, adding that his instructions were to the contrary.

A MOTHER'S DUTY

She Should Carefully Guard the Health of Her Growing Daughter—Her Future Happiness Depends Upon the Change From Girlhood to Womanhood.

Every mother should watch with the greatest care the health of her growing daughter. She is a girl today—tomorrow a woman. The happy health of womanhood depends upon this vital change from girlhood. When nature makes new demands upon her blood supply, you must build up her blood with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Her system is unequal to that strain if her back aches, if she is pale or thin, dull-eyed or languid. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will give her new, rich, red blood and tide her over the crisis. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will make her development perfect and regular—they will make her a strong, happy, graceful woman. Miss Fernie Villandre, St. Germain, Que., says: "While attending school my health began to give way. I suffered from headaches and dizziness, my appetite left me and I grew pale as a corpse. As the doctors did not help me any my father got me a supply of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Before I had used two boxes there was an improvement, and when I had taken half a dozen I was again in perfect health. I believe all weak girls will find new health if they take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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were similar to those given to the priest by the archbishop of Paris.

Despite this prudence and goodwill, the operations of the inventory, now proceeding throughout the country, have given rise to a deplorable incident. The Sable d'Olonne treasury agent, named Pascal, who came to make an inventory, was assaulted by a party of women, and his skull was fractured by a blow from a youth.

MORE PLUMBERS FOR TRIAL

The Police Magistrate of Hamilton Finishes Preliminary Examination.

Hamilton, Jan. 30.—The preliminary examination of the master plumbers in the alleged combine was finished and the defendants were committed for trial by Magistrate Jelfs this morning.

Five witnesses were examined by Mr. John G. Farmer, who is assisting Crown Attorney Washington in the prosecution.

John Elliott, an ex-member of the Master Plumbers' Association, and Henry Morley, sen., who was never a member of the association, swore that they were shut out from obtaining goods because they were not in the association.

Elliott said that when he was a member of the association he could not get goods on a certain \$25 contract, because the association objected to the low price, and told him it should be at least \$50.

Henry Morley, jun., a member of the association, explained that the advanced prices asked for plumbing work were because of the increased cost of material and labor.

\$5,000,000 SMELTER FOR TORONTO

Toronto, Jan. 30.—It is reported that Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann have purchased a \$5,000,000 option on an iron mine at Hutton, Ont., and that a huge smelter will be erected in Toronto for the treatment of the ore. The location of the smelter is said to be in Ashbridge's Marsh, at the mouth of the Don.

JERSEY MAY OUST STANDARD OIL

A Resolution in Senate to Institute Proceedings Against Big Corporation.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 30.—A resolution was introduced in the state senate today directing the attorney-general to institute legal proceedings against the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, and its subsidiary corporations in the state for the purpose of annulling the charter of such company upon the ground of the violation of the common law relating to monopolies and of the laws relative to interstate commerce.

This resolution, the preamble states, is the result of the testimony given in the State of Missouri against the Standard Oil Company.

THE LATE JAMES BRADT

Old and Much-Esteemed Resident of Delaware Called Away.

One of Delaware's oldest citizens, Mr. James Bradt, died in Delaware village on Sunday, Jan. 23, at the family residence, aged 51 years. He was the only son of the late Aaron Bradt, who lived on the 2nd concession, Delaware Township. Mr. James Bradt lived on the old homestead all his life, until two years ago, when he rented the farm and retired to the village. He was married to Miss Janet Ireland, of Westminister Township, who survives him, as does also an adopted daughter, Mrs. John Pinkham, near Lambeth, and Mr. Chas. King, a half-brother of deceased, from Hamilton, who was present at the funeral.

Mr. Bradt contracted a severe cold last fall, and not having a strong, robust constitution, it developed into lung trouble. He was confined to his home for some time, but only took to his bed a few weeks before his death. He was well known all over the township, having held the office of township clerk for some time, after which he was appointed justice of the peace. He held for a number of years, and both offices he filled very creditably. He was also one of the newly-appointed justices of the peace for Middlesex.

The funeral services were held on Friday afternoon at the Methodist Church in the village, and were largely attended. Rev. Messrs. Leach and Fisher officiated.

The remains were taken to Woodland Cemetery for burial. The pallbearers, who were old friends and neighbors of deceased, were Messrs. William Healy, John Hooper, John Switzer, Thos. Kennedy, Samuel Lewis, and James McGregor, V.S. Mr. Bradt was a member of A. O. U. W., of Lambeth Lodge, and also of Delaware Valley Lodge, A. F. and A. M., who attended the funeral in a body, and conducted their solemn services at the house and grave.

Bribed to Kidnap Governor.

Indianapolis, Jan. 31.—Mayor Book-walter admitted yesterday that an attempt had been made to bribe him to permit the kidnapping of W. S. Taylor, former governor of Kentucky, who is wanted in the state for alleged complicity in the murder of William Goebel. Twenty-five thousand dollars was the price offered if he would instruct the chief of police of Indianapolis to permit Taylor to be seized and hurried back to Kentucky before the state officers of Indiana could interfere.

A Fatal Crash.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 30.—It is reported here that the Seaboard passenger train, northbound, was wrecked in collision, 14 miles north of Columbia, today, and that six people were killed.

WIRELESS JOKER HUNT

Message "Received" From a Lightship That Had Been Sunk a Week.

New York, Jan. 30.—Sending "fake" messages by wireless telegraphy as a joke is no joking matter from the point of view of the wireless telegraphic companies, as was instanced by the recent affair on the North German Lloyd steamship Bremen. A cyclone of accusation and counter-accusation between the various companies, and a correspondence that would fill a volume followed the announcement by the operator of the Bremen that he had received the following message:

Here Nantucket lightship. Congratulate such a long distance has been overbridged. Weather clear, variable winds, and a smooth sea.

Several days later the Bremen learned that the Nantucket lightship had gone down in a terrific storm the week before the message was received.

Sending such a message had a particularly unpleasant aspect, for it was joking in a matter of life and death. The North German Lloyd Company at once tried to locate the jester. It sent an inquiry to the Marconi Company, and the Marconi people in its turn sent out others. The company believes it has discovered that the joker was on board the Bremen, that he was the operator of the Bremen himself.

Blunder Causes Death of Four

by Collision on Seaboard Air Line.

FREIGHT CREW FORGOT PASSENGER

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 30.—A disastrous wreck occurred on the Seaboard Air Line Railway between Hamlet, N. C., and Columbia, S. C., early today by which four persons are officially reported dead, and two others are said to have been killed. The wreck was between a northbound passenger train and an extra freight train, southbound from Hamlet. Those officially reported dead are: Engineer A. A. Smeek, Hamlet; Fireman Andy White, Hamlet; two unknown United States railway mail clerks. According to rumors here Engineer John Robertson, of Raleigh, and his negro fireman, Don Douglas, also of Raleigh, were also killed. The official report says that Engineer Robertson and Fireman Douglas were injured. The wreck was caused by the men in charge of the freight train overlooking the passenger train.

ODD AND CURIOUS CLUBS

One That Blinds Members to Swear Upon Entering Building.

London, Jan. 30.—The large number of strange clubs in London has been increased by the addition of the "Utopians," a society of twenty, mostly women, who have established themselves in Chelsea. The club meets occasionally in a building erected on the site of Sir Thomas More's old dwelling place, by the name of "Utopia." The club's motto is "Serve God and be Merry," and its "Utopia" is reached by sharing the pleasure of books on music and art.

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As a member he was bound, he said, to curse and swear every time he entered the club.

There are, however, many clubs in London that bring together men and women of culture which are scarcely known to the general public. Among these may be mentioned the Boz Club, representing admirers of Charles Dickens. The "Castaways' Club" is for resigned naval officers, the "Lost Legion" for empire builders, and its "Utopia" is reached by sharing the pleasure of books on music and art.

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Hitch Over Telegraphs.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—The tenders for the construction of the Winnipeg and Quebec sections of the Transcontinental will not likely be issued for a couple of days. The commissioners are ready, but there is a point as to the specifications in regard to the telegraph line which the Grand Trunk Pacific people desire, and which will have to be settled by the Government before the tenders are issued. The commissioners say that the point is not at all material, but it will require the passing of an order-in-council and the approval of the G. T. P. people.

If a man has enough drinks he can make himself believe that everybody thinks he hasn't had any.

ASSASSIN'S BOMB MANGLES FOUR

Atrocious Murder of a High Russian Official at Tiflis, Caucasus.

Tiflis, Caucasus, Jan. 29, via St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—The murder today of General Griaznov, chief of the staff of the viceroy of the Caucasus, was most dramatic and audacious. The assassin evidently had studied the habits of his victim and lay in wait behind a wall of the Alexander Garden, opposite the entrance of the palace, where a carriage was drawn up to take the general for his daily drive.

He impersonated a painter and carried the bomb with which he committed the crime concealed in a paint can. He was thus able to pass the sentry posted at the gates of the palace and reached his place of ambush without arousing suspicion. When General Griaznov emerged from the palace and stepped into his carriage the man sprang on the wall, swung the can by a cord and the bomb struck the General on the neck. A terrific explosion followed and Griaznov's carriage was blown out of the carriage and with his coachman and a Cossack orderly, was instantly killed. A lady who was passing at the time of the explosion, was mortally wounded. When the correspondent of the Associated Press reached the scene immediately after the tragedy, the ghastly and still lay in the mud. Griaznov's shapeless body, surrounded by soldiers, presented a sickening spectacle. The General's distracted widow knelt in the blood and mud beside the mutilated body. The fact that the assassin had been caught, beaten into insensibility by the infuriated soldiers, and after being loaded into a drosky was being carried off to the ancient fortress above the city where, as Tiflis is under martial law, he will probably be executed at dawn.

Released the Prisoners.

Riga, Livonia, Jan. 30.—A mob attacked the jail in the center of the town this morning, shot down the sentries, broke open the cells, and liberated all the political prisoners. Half a company of soldiers was stationed in the building, but so rapid and unexpected was the action of the rioters that their purpose was successfully carried out. There were many women among the attacking party.

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Want 50 Year Franchise.

Ingersoll, Jan. 30.—It was rumored today that the Southwestern Traction Company would probably secure a 50-year franchise from the corporation.

The company has for some time been endeavoring to obtain a right-of-way through the town. The franchise being granted at an early date, it was learned from an authoritative source that the company would have its line in operation next fall.

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How many women have you heard say: "My, how my back aches!" Do you know that backache is one of the first signs of kidney trouble? It is, and should be attended to immediately. Other symptoms are frequent thirst, scanty, thick, cloudy or highly colored urine, burning sensation when urinating, frequent urination, puffing under the eyes, swelling of the feet and ankles, floating specks before the eyes, etc.



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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

(Corrected to date.)

MAIN LINE—SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND TORONTO.

Arrive from the east—10:55 a.m., 10:45 a.m. (except Sunday), 11 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 6:35 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10 p.m. (except Sunday).
Arrive from the west—12:15 a.m., 3:25 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 1:25 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:25 p.m.
Depart for the east—12:20 a.m., 3:25 a.m., 8:10 a.m. (except Sunday), 11:20 a.m., 2:05 p.m. (except Sunday), 4:25 p.m., 6:55 p.m. (Eastern Flyer).
The trains leaving at 8:10 a.m. and 2:05 p.m. stop at all stations. The 8:10 a.m. local, and the 11:20 a.m. and 4:25 p.m. expresses have through coach for Toronto. The Eastern Flyer at 6:55 p.m. stops only at Ingersoll, Woodstock, Brantford and Hamilton, and goes to Toronto.

Depart for the west—4:15 a.m., 7:40 a.m. (except Sunday), 11:10 a.m., 11:32 a.m., 1:55 p.m. (except Sunday), 8:00 p.m.

The 7:40 a.m. and the 1:55 p.m. trains stop at all stations. The 4:15 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. expresses run through to Chicago without change. The 11:10 a.m. express amalgamates with the 11:32 express at Port Huron.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.

Arrive—10:40 a.m. (except Sunday), 4 p.m., 6:50 p.m. Eastern Flyer, stops only at Chatham and Glencoe, and 11 p.m.
Depart—6:35 a.m. (except Sunday), 11:25 a.m., 2:20 p.m. (except Sunday), 7:50 p.m. (International Limited, stops only at Glencoe and Chatham).

STRATFORD BRANCH.

Arrive—10:40 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 1:25 p.m., 6:35 p.m., 10:55 p.m.
Depart—6:20 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 2:50 p.m., 5 p.m.

Passenger trains do not run on this branch on Sundays.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.

Arrive—9:45 a.m., 6:40 p.m.
Depart—8:15 a.m., 4:50 p.m.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Arrive—From the east—11:35 a.m., 8 p.m., 11:30 p.m. From the west—5 a.m., 8:35 a.m., 5:20 p.m.

Depart—For the east—5:05 a.m., 8:40 a.m., 5:28 p.m. For the west—11:35 a.m., 8:10 p.m., 11:25 p.m.

*From Chatham only.

*Runs only to Chatham.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Arrive—6:55 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 5:10 p.m., 9:45 p.m.
Depart—7:15 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.

Arrive—8:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 10 p.m.

*From Walkerville.

Depart—5:45 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 2:35 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:40 p.m.

*To Walkerville, without change.

*To St. Thomas only.

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