

PERSIA DECIDES THAT SHUSTER MUST LEAVE

At Last Yields to the Demands of Russia—Administration Dismissed—Persian Charge d'Affaires Announces Decision to Foreign Office.

London, Dec. 25.—Persia today yielded to the demand of the Russian ultimatum that W. Morgan Shuster, an American, who holds the post of treasurer-general in the Persian government, be dismissed from the service of the Persian government. The Russian ultimatum also calls for the payment of an indemnity, which is to reimburse Russia for money expended in sending an armed expedition into Persia to enforce the ultimatum.

SUIT AGAINST SHIPPING COMBINE IS TO PROCEED

United States Circuit Court Overrules Demurrer—Interposed Suit Brought to Restrain Transatlantic Steamship Companies From Carrying Out Agreement.

New York, N.Y., Dec. 26.—The full bench of the United States Circuit Court today overruled the demurrer interposed by the Hamburg-American Steamship Company and other trans-Atlantic lines, which form the "Atlantic conference" against the government's suit for their dissolution.

THOUSANDS WITNESS A MURDER IN PARIS

In Broad Daylight in Crowded Thoroughfare Bank Messenger Is Shot Dead and Satchel Containing \$100,000 Seized—Bandits Escape in an Auto.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The latest sensational murder here occurred this morning in broad daylight in the heart of one of the crowded thoroughfares of the city. A bank messenger, who carried a satchel containing \$60,000, was stopped by four bandits. They invited the messenger to turn the satchel over to them and when he refused and offered resistance they shot him dead. The thieves then seized the satchel and jumped into a waiting auto. The murder and robbery were witnessed by thousands of amazed and frightened citizens.

LOWER RATES FOR WEST BY APRIL 1ST

Regina is Informed That Railway Companies Must Put New Tariff in Operation by That Date—In Case of Appeal May Ask Rebate.

Regina, Dec. 26.—In answer to an inquiry of the board of trade, a telegram has been received from the board of railway commissioners stating that the new rates which the railway companies must put into force consequent upon the decision of the supreme court of Canada in the Regina freight rate case, will come into effect on April 1st, 1912.

C. N. R. Depot Robbed.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The C. N. R. depot at Sifton, Manitoba, was robbed of \$400. The agent in charge is named Cobb, and he is relieving Card, the regular agent. Detectives are investigating. There is no safe in the depot.



SCENES RE-ENACTED LAST WEEK AT DELHI, WHEN THE KING WAS MADE EMPEROR OF INDIA—One of the above pictures shows the Indian army on parade as it was on the occasion of the grand review, when proclamation was made of the King as Emperor of India—The pictures show the Indian army on parade as it was on the occasion of the grand review at the Durbar—Some of the most striking incidents of the mutiny occurred on the plain outside Delhi, and these incidents are still vividly recalled—The pictures show the veterans approaching the Royal Amphitheatre.

RUSSIA TO BEGIN A HUGE TARIFF WAR

Proposal in Duma to Greatly Increase Duties Against Americans—A Commission Will Consider—The Authority is Given for the Proposed Legislation.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—A legislative proposal to provide for tariff war schedules applicable to the United States at the expiration of the Russo-American treaty of commerce and navigation of 1832 has been introduced into the Duma by ex-President Guchkov and other signers representing the parties which control the majority of the Duma. The bill proposes to raise existing Russian duties by 100 per cent and also to impose a duty of 100 per cent on articles which are admitted free under the present Russian tariff.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MAKING 'PROGRESS'

Council of Empire After Three Years Finally Admits Principle of Equality of Religions—State Will Permit But Not Recognize Any Other than Christian Religions.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—A more progressive attitude has been exhibited by the Council of Empire at its present session by the passage of the bill for religious freedom, which it had kept in the committee stage for over three years.

A RAILWAY FROM FORT CHURCHILL TO LAKE ATHABASCA

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Canada Gazette contains notice that application will be made for an act incorporating a company under name of "Churchill and Athabasca Railway Company" with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of railway from a point at or near Fort Churchill on Hudson Bay, or thereabouts to a point at or near the easterly portion of Lake Athabasca.

GIGANTIC FRAUDS ARE UNEARTHED

As Punishment for Stock Swindles Said to Have Netted Millions in Profits to Promoters, Four Members of Firm Get Year's Imprisonment Each.

New York, Dec. 22.—As punishment for carrying on a stock swindle which netted millions in profit, four promoters of the firm of Burr Brothers, Incorporated, were each sentenced today to a year's imprisonment in Blackwell's Island.

TELLS OF PROBLEMS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Associate Secretary of Temperance and Moral Reform Department Discusses the Conditions in the Coast Province.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—"The problems of British Columbia are more serious than we have here and we should think sympathetically and fairly of their conditions when disposed to judge them," said Rev. J. W. Akins, associate secretary of the Methodist department of temperance and moral reform in an interview today regarding his recent tour of the west.

HAT TO PUT SINGLE TAX INTO OPERATION

Passing of Charter Amendments by the Legislature Will Give City Much Wider Power Than Held in the Past.

Medicine Hat, Dec. 22.—The legislature at Edmonton have finally approved the city's adoption of the principle of single taxation, the new law will come into effect on the first of January.

NEW YORK HAS SLUMP

New York, Dec. 22.—One of the greatest slumps in foreign immigration ever recorded at the port of New York is being written into the records. Already they show that nearly 300,000 fewer immigrants have landed there up to the present time than for the corresponding period in 1910.

PRESIDENT ESTRADA OF ECUADOR IS DEAD

Since His Inauguration in September Last He Had Been Unable to Assume Executive Duties—Dying Early Part of Illness Plot to Assassinate Him Was Discovered.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 22.—Ermilo Estrada, president of the Republic of Ecuador, died here suddenly at midnight. President Estrada was elected to office on January 11th, 1911, and was inaugurated on September 1st. He was taken seriously ill on the 18th of the same month, and went to Quito to recuperate. During his sojourn there a plot to assassinate him was discovered, and several conspirators were arrested.

UNEXPECTED LEGACY TO MINNEAPOLIS MAN

Thos. L. Wann, a Nephew of Lady Harlan, Widow of Sir Edward Harlan, of Shipping Fame, Receives Bequest Amounting to Over \$400,000.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 22.—A Christmas surprise in the nature of an unexpected legacy of \$2,000,000 pounds in English money, or about \$400,000, has come to the family of Thos. L. Wann, manager of the St. Paul office of the Piper-Johnson Co., of Minneapolis. The letter announcing user good fortune came from England without preliminary warning.

FARMERS CONTINUE FIGHT.

Manitoba Farmers Demand Removal of Duty on Farm Implements. Cartwright, Man., Dec. 22.—At the annual meeting of the branches of the Grain Growers' Association, resolutions were passed asking for an increase of the British preference to fifty per cent, the immediate removal of duties on agricultural implements, and for the expediting of the Hudson's Bay Railway, while the suggestion was made for a monetary deputation of farmers to Ottawa, double the size of last year's deputation.

Suit Against Cement Co.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A writ has been issued by the Bank of Montreal Company, the defendants quoted as Sir Sanford Fleming, Joseph Samuels, Irvin Sanford, Hugh Fleming, Hugh Fleming, Anglo-Canadian Finance Co., Ltd. and William E. Paul. The claimants state that they were made victims of a promissory note and interest that was accruing from the date of issue to the present time.

GIRL JUMPED TO HER DEATH WHEN CAUGHT BY TRAIN ON BRIDGE

Shocking Accident Occurs at Calanville, Three Miles From Brantford, Ontario.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 22.—A shocking accident occurred at Calanville, three miles from Brantford, last night, when Jessie E. Gibson, 19 years old, was killed, after she had jumped in the darkness from the G. N. R. overhead bridge to the T. H. and B. tracks, 25 feet below, because of an approaching train on the bridge. A companion, Miss Jean Irving, who also jumped and sustained a broken hip, nose and jaw, and internal injuries, and it is feared they will prove fatal.

MME. LANGEVIN SECURES DECREE OF SEPARATION

Paris, Dec. 20.—The petition for separation from her husband, presented in the divorce court here by Mme. Langevin, was granted today.

HEARING OF WINNEPEG APPEAL BY PRIVY COUNCIL CONCLUDED.

London, Dec. 20.—The appeal case of the Winnipeg Electric Railway Co. against the City of Winnipeg was finished today, the privy council rendering judgment on the appeal. The case was argued by Mr. F. J. G. Ewart, K.C., who said shortly, on behalf of the company, that they had waited to see all the time where the respondents could point to anything prohibiting the introduction of electricity from outside. The case turns on the point whether, under their charter, the company can bring in power manufactured outside the city limits.

PERSIA WILL GRANT ALL DEMANDS MADE BY RUSSIA

Russian Minister Receives Verbal Assurances of Persia's Submission to Russia's Ultimatum—British Officials Advised of the Action of the Persian Cabinet.

Teheran, Persia, Dec. 22.—The Persian cabinet has given to Russian Minister Pokievski-Kosell, verbal assurances of its intention to comply with the demands of the Russian ultimatum.

PERSIA TAKES SAME COURSE

London, Dec. 22.—The Russian ultimatum, the terms of which Persia has now acceded to, was delivered to the Persian government by Russian minister at Teheran, Nov. 29. It demanded besides the dismissal of Mr. Shuster, an apology from the Persian government on account of its interference with the property of Persians under Russian protection, and also payment of an indemnity to Russia for the expenditure she has incurred in sending troops to Persian territory.

FIGHTING IN TABRIZ

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The Russian foreign office expects in the course of today to receive a definite reply from the Persian government, complying with the demands of its ultimatum. The fighting between Russians and Persians, which was reported from Tabriz, yesterday, lasted in the streets of the city throughout the day. The old Citadel was bombarded.

A Bill of a Clash Yesterday

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—According to reports received from the town of Julfa, a suburb of Isfahan, Persia, the Persians today attacked a Russian detachment. The firing lasted all day and artillery took part in the engagement. Telegraphic communication with Persia has been interrupted. A later despatch from Tabriz says a small body of Russians was attacked while repairing a telephone line. One of the attacking party was killed.