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INVASION OF THE ISTHMUS

British Capital to Build a Railroad Line
Across Panama.

A despatch from Colon says: Ratification of a contract between the Panama Government and the Balboa and Pacific Estates, Limited, of London, is expected at an early date in the Panama Assembly. It will provide for a railroad from end to end of the Republic. It is the project long considered under the title of the Darien Line. It is to open up the virgin country on the Pacific slope and will parallel that coast. One day it will be an important link in the inevitable line linking North and South America.

The United States is watching with an anxious eye this English invasion. Ratification of the contract will give Great Britain a foothold on the isthmus at the very brink of the canal and the right to assert a "sphere of influence." Once having attained this no one expects England to loosen its grip. It was expected American opposition would prevent completion of the negotiations, but now it seems plain the contract will be closed within a few weeks. The line will begin at David and will be extended eastward toward the Colombian border.

A NEW LAND TAX.

German Reichstag Passes Third Reading of Measure.

A despatch from Berlin says: The Reichstag on Wednesday passed the third reading of the bill taxing unearned increment by a vote of 199 to 93. Cities and other local municipalities will retain 40 per cent. of the proceeds derived from the new taxation, and also may collect an additional tax in the form of supplementary percentage. It is estimated that the German Empire, as a result of the measure, will obtain \$5,000,000 annually. The Socialists and Radicals voted against the bill because it exempts the reigning princess and makes extensive exceptions of agriculture lands.

STATUE OF KING EDWARD.

Quebec Will Erect Monument on Plains of Abraham.

A despatch from Quebec says: On the historic Plains of Abraham a statue is to be erected to the memory of King Edward the "Peacemaker." Hon. Mr. Taschereau, Minister of Public Works, has given notice of a motion of the intention of the Government in that respect. After the adjournment of the House Mr. Taschereau said the Government will erect, at its own expense, a monument worthy of King Edward. It will be presented to the Battlefields Committee, and the site will be on the Plains of Abraham.

FINED FOR SELLING COCAINE.

Fourth Conviction of Druggist at Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: For the fourth time since the first of September, Jos. A. Labranche was brought before the Recorder and fined \$25 and costs or ninety days, on the charge of selling cocaine illegally. Labranche is a druggist, and Recorder Weir, in delivering sentence on Wednesday morning, said he was anxious that the anti-cocaine legislation, but recently considered, should be brought in force to punish these flagrant violations of the law.

ELECTRIC WIRING.

Ontario Government Will Give Municipalities Wider Powers.

A despatch from Toronto says: The Ontario Government is about to bring in a bill, it is understood, which will tend to lessen the deplorable frequency of destructive and even fatal fires as a result of improper wiring of buildings. Col. Hendrie, Chairman of the Railway Committee, says that the bill, which it is contemplated to enact would give municipalities the power to insist on the work of electric wiring, not only in public buildings, but in private houses as well, being safely and carefully done. This object would be attained by making the compelling power of the municipality extend not only to companies, but to individuals also.

EPIDEMIC OF GRIP.

Many Factories Running Short-handed at London.

A despatch from London, Ont., says: London's factories are experiencing trouble through their employees being sick. As a result many of them are running short-handed. Grippe, an epidemic of which has been prevalent in the city for the past month, is keeping many of the factory men at home. Office staffs throughout the city are diminished in size. An estimate shows that on an average more than a hundred employees of the factories of the city have been off work daily for the past month with colds and grippe. Office managers also report that they cannot keep any kind of system in their office. Some of the stenographers or clerks are staying at home every day.

ISOLATED IN HOMES.

Moncton Has No Special Hospital to Combat Smallpox.

A despatch from Moncton, N.B., says: The smallpox situation grows more serious, ten new cases developing on Wednesday, making fourteen in all. The city has no isolation hospital, and the Board of Health has been busy looking for one. The patients are all isolated in their houses.

THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL.

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

CANADA.

Three aeroplanes are under construction in Toronto.

Miss Annie Clobesky of Guelph stepped off a moving train at Clifton, and was seriously injured.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux gave notice in the Commons of a bill to allow slot stamp machines to be attached to letter boxes.

The C. P. R. has let contracts for a big dam in Bow River, which will bring half a million acres of land under irrigation.

George Murray of St. Catharines was fined \$50 for personating an elector and voting at the municipal election in Thorold township.

For robbing Conductor Armstrong of Toronto when he was hurt in a wreck, William Payne was sentenced at London to six months' imprisonment.

Judge Snider reversed Magistrate Jelfs' judgment at Hamilton in a recent liquor case and fined Robert Gardner \$50. The defendant is a hotel proprietor, and the sale was made by a bellboy from a flask.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Mylius, who slandered King George, has been sent to jail for one year.

GENERAL.

Another great landslide has taken place on the Panama Canal.

TURNED OUT IN BITTER COLD.

Mr. Heistand's Residence at Lamont, Alberta, Burned.

A despatch from Lamont, Alta., says: A fire here on Thursday morning leaves Mr. Heistand and family homeless. With the mercury at forty below zero, his house was burned to the ground at about 9 o'clock. The family were at breakfast, and the fire was not discovered until too late to check its headway. Very little of his household effects were saved from the flames.

SPANISH RAILWAY SMASH.

Thirty People Killed at Valencia in a Train Disaster.

A despatch from Barcelona, Spain, says: A passenger train at Valencia was derailed on Wednesday by a wash-out of the road-bed. Thirty persons were killed. A wild storm swept the Spanish coast on Wednesday night. A score of fishing craft were dashed upon the rocks and many of their crews lost. On Thursday the bodies of twenty-five sailors were picked up along the coast.

ROBBED MAIL BAGS.

Forged Names of Parties to Whom Money Orders Were Sent.

A despatch from Halifax, N. S., says: Louis LeBlanc, employed by a contractor to drive the mail between Yarmouth and Wedgeport, pleaded guilty on Wednesday before Stipendiary Pelton and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary in Dorchester for robbing the mail bags and forging the names of the parties to whom money orders extracted were payable.

WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT.

An Aviator on Blériot Monoplane Flies With Eight Passengers.

A despatch from Pau, France, says: A four-seated Blériot monoplane, piloted by L. E. Martin, flew over the Pau aerodrome on Thursday with eight passengers, whose combined weight was 1,112 pounds. This establishes a new record for the number of passengers carried in an aeroplane.

DIED IN HIS STORE.

Sudden End of Kingston Merchant From Heart Disease.

A despatch from Kingston says: While talking to a clerk in his store on Thursday morning, S. J. Horsey, owner of a hardware establishment, suddenly expired from heart disease. He had been ill for some time. Deceased was about 45 years of age, and married.

THE QUEEN-MOTHER.

Report That She Will Not Attend the Coronation.

A despatch from London says: It is stated, it has been definitely decided, the Queen-mother will not attend the coronation.

The man who thoroughly understands anything doesn't make much noise explaining how much he knows about it.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$3.55 at seaboard. Manitoba flours—First patents, \$5.40; second patents, \$4.90, and strong bakers', \$4.70, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern \$1.01½, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern, 99c, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 96½c, Bay ports, with Winter storage at Goderich 1c extra.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, 56c, and No. 2 red and mixed 55c, outside.

Barley—Malting qualities, 53 to 60c, outside, and feed 43 to 50c outside.

Oats—No. 2 white, 35 to 36c, on track, Toronto, and 33 to 34½c outside; No. 2 W. C. oats, 37½c, Bay ports, and No. 2 at 36c, Bay ports.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 52½c, prompt shipment, Toronto freights.

Peas—No. 2 at 82 to 83c outside. Rye—64 to 64½c, outside.

Buckwheat—No. 1 at 43 to 49c, outside.

Bran—Manitobas at \$22, in bags, Toronto, and shorts, \$22, in bags, Toronto, and bran \$22, in sacks, Toronto, and shorts \$24.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Spys, \$4.50 to \$6; Baldwin, \$4 to \$5; Greenings, \$4 to \$4.50; No. 2 assorted, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per barrel.

Beans—Car lots, \$1.70 to \$1.75, and small lots, \$1.85 to \$1.90.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10½ to 11c per lb. No. 1 comb, wholesale, \$2 to \$2.50 per dozen; No. 2 comb, wholesale, \$1.75 to \$2 per dozen.

Baled Hay—No. 1 at \$12.50 to \$13, on track, and No. 2 at \$9.50 to \$10.50.

Baled Straw—\$7 to \$7.50, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots 75 to 80c per bag.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry:—Chickens, 15 to 16c per lb.; fowl, 11 to 13c per lb.; ducks, 16 to 18c per lb.; turkeys, 19 to 21c per lb. and geese, 13 to 13½c per lb. Live, 1 to 2c less.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Dairy prints, 21 to 22c; choice dairy solids, 21 to 22c; inferior, 17 to 19c; choice large rolls, 20c. Creamery quoted at 28c per lb. for rolls, 25c for solids, and 23 to 24c for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots of picked bring 25 to 26c; cold storage, 26 to 27c; fresh, 28c, and strictly new-laid, 30c per dozen.

Cheese—Large, 13c, and twins 13½c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 11½ to 12c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$21.50 to \$22; do., short cut, \$25 to \$25.50; pickled rolls, \$22 to \$22.50. Hams—Light to medium, 15 to 16c; do., heavy, 14c; rolls, 12½ to 13c; breakfast bacon, 17 to 17½c; backs, 18 to 19c.

Lard—Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 13c; pails, 13½c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 40 to 40½c, car lots, ex store; extra No. 1 feed, 39 to 39½c; No. 3 C. W., 38½ to 39½c; No. 2 local white, 37½ to 38c; No. 3 local white, 36½ to 37c; No. 4 local white, 35½ to 36c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, \$5.60; seconds, \$5.10; Winter wheat patents, \$4.75 to \$5; strong bakers', \$4.90; straight rollers, \$4.35 to \$4.50; in bags, \$2 to \$2.10. Rolled oats—Per barrel, \$4.45; bag of 90 lbs., \$2.10. Feed barley—Car lots, ex store, 49 to 50c. Corn—American No. 3 yellow, 56½ to 57c. Millfeed—Bran, Ontario, \$19 to \$20; Manitoba, \$20 to \$22; middlings, Ontario, \$22.50 to \$23; shorts, Manitoba, \$22 to \$24; mouillie, \$25 to \$30. Eggs—Selected, 28c; do., fresh, 32c; No. 1 stock, 25c; No. 2, 21 to 23c. Cheese—Western, 11½ to 12½c; eastern, 11½ to 11c. Butter—Choice, 25½ to 26½c; seconds, 22½ to 23½c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Feb. 7.—Wheat—Spring, No. 1 Northern, carloads store \$1.125-8; Winter, No. 2 red, 98c asked; No. 2 white, 96½c asked. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 49½c; No. 4 yellow, 47½c, all on track, through billers. Oats—No. 2 white, 36c; No. 3 white, 35½c; No. 4 white, 34½c. Barley—Malting, 90 to 95c. Rye—No. 2, on track, 84c.

Minneapolis, Feb. 7.—Wheat—May, \$1.065-8 to \$1.06½; July, \$1.04½ to \$1.047-8; No. 1 hard, \$1.053-8; No. 1 Northern, \$1.03 to \$1.047-8; No. 2 Northern, \$1 to \$1.027-8; No. 3 wheat, 98c to \$1.01. Bran—\$22 to \$22.50. Flour—First patents, \$4.75 to \$5.15; do., sec-



TENDERS FOR TEN VESSELS

Four Bristols and Six Destroyers of the Latest Type.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Government has called for tenders for the construction of the ten new vessels of the Canadian navy, contemplated in the initial building programme, viz., four Bristols and six destroyers of the latest improved type. The plans and specifications are, as has already been stated, based on the plans received from the Admiralty last fall and embrace the very latest advances in naval science. The tenders are not publicly advertised, since following the rule of the Admiralty, details have to be kept secret, and only firms in whom the department

has confidence and who might be bona fide tenderers, will have access thereto. Letters have been sent to all the leading British and Canadian firms who are in a position to tender, inviting them to inspect the plans and put in tenders. It is stipulated that all the vessels must be built in Canada. Tenders must be in by April next. When submitted they will be gone over by the experts of the Navy Department and probably some time must elapse then before a decision is reached as to which tender shall be accepted, all the conditions being considered.

FEATURES OF THE BUDGET

Ontario's Estimated Revenues Will Exceed \$11,000,000 and Expenditure \$10,000,000.

A despatch from Toronto says: In his budget speech on Thursday, the Hon. A. J. Matheson, Provincial Treasurer, said that the total estimates for the year are \$11,394,361, and the total estimated expenditures, including \$2,644,900 on capital account, are \$10,283,787. The increase in the succession duties during the year amounted to \$180,000.

The excess over estimates of the receipts during the year was \$600,000. In spite of the spread of local

onds, \$4.65 to \$5.05; first clears, \$3.15 to \$3.55; do., seconds, \$2.15 to \$2.75.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—Some choice steers met a good demand at 6½c to 6¾c, and the common grades brought the same prices as quoted above. The market for hogs was 20c to 25c per 100 lbs., lower with sales of selected lots at \$7.75 to \$7.90 per 100 lbs., weighed off cars.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—The top price for a good bunch of export cattle, 1,250 to 1,300 lbs., was \$6.25. A few selected cattle of the export class were bought for local butchering at \$5.90 to \$6.20. Good loads of choice butcher, 900 to 1,000 lbs., sold steady at \$5.60 to \$5.75; medium, \$5.25 to \$5.50; good cows steady at \$5 to \$5.25; common cows easier at \$3.25 to \$4; good bulls, \$4 to \$5.10; canners, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Lambs, \$6.30 to \$6.40. Sheep, \$4.25 to \$4.75. Hogs, \$7.13 f.o.b., and \$7.40 to \$7.50 fed and watered.

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Interesting History of a London Structure.

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