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DEFENDS ROSS RIFLE

Oliver Says Interior Department Has
No Control Over W. T. R.

Preston

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—In the house today Mr. Connors introduced a bill to amend the Railway Act of 1906 in the direction of affording protection to agricultural communities in the matter of railway accidents. The bill was read a first time.

A bill seeking to make it a misdemeanor to enter into a contract binding the lessee to use exclusively certain machinery was introduced by Mr. Germain and read a first time.

Mr. Lennox (South Simcoe) asked the Minister of the Interior whether he had taken action with reference to the letter alleged to have been written by W. T. R. Preston to the London Times praising South Africa as a field for emigration.

Hon. Mr. Oliver replied that Mr. Preston was not under the control of the department of the interior.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Borden pressed for information. The prime minister explained that it had been assumed that a copy of the London Daily Express would be received, but none had reached the government. The paper would be sent for, however, in order that the report referred to might be verified.

On motion to go into supply Col. Sam Hughes took advantage of the opportunity to defend the Ross rifle. He engaged in a lengthy description of the rifle, stating that it was a masterpiece of engineering, and that it was the best rifle in the world. He stated that the Ross rifle was a masterpiece of engineering, and that it was the best rifle in the world. He stated that the Ross rifle was a masterpiece of engineering, and that it was the best rifle in the world.

Col. Advantage (Sherbrooke) said that the Grenadier Rifle Company, Birmingham, Eng., were prepared to supply the service with rifles at a cost of \$20 each, including bayonet, while the American Springfield rifle could be bought for \$17, a difference which, compared with the cost of the Ross rifle, was quite an item even in a time of prosperity. Even, however, if it cost a little more he thought it better that the rifle used by the Canadian forces should be made in Canada.

The evening was spent on the labor bill and the house adjourned at 2 a.m.

GETTING READY.

"It's just as well to be prepared for that war with Japan. At least that's what our people think at home."

"But what sort of preparation can they make?"

"I've just had a letter from my wife and she writes that the Winfield Scott Light Guards unanimously disbanded Saturday night."

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PAARDEBERG DAY.

Today is the seventh anniversary of the surrender of General Cronje at Paardeberg, an incident of particular interest to a number of St. John boys who happened to be there at the time. A great deal of nonsense has been written about this successful engagement, and papers which are generally supposed to be reliable contain the bulk of the rubbish. It would appear from most accounts that a small sized battle was fought as the conclusion of a desperate attempt to storm the Boer trenches. Nothing of the kind ever occurred. The British troops had advanced their trenches to within six hundred yards of the Boer position, and on February 26th Lord Roberts gave permission for another advance under cover of darkness. The Canadians, G and H companies in particular, were selected, and half of the men, with fixed bayonets, formed the front rank to act as guard in case of an attack, while the remainder, carrying picks and shovels and with rifles slung, followed fifteen yards in rear, prepared to dig the trench. They were to move two hundred yards out from the most advanced British trench, dig, and hold the position. But one of the mistakes, so common in those days, happened. The companies halted after having gone the required distance, and the digging was begun. Then from someone—no one seemed to know who was responsible—came whispered orders for a further advance. Through the inky darkness the men stumbled on, without the faintest idea as to where they were going, until one of them kicked a tin can. The noise alarmed a sentry, and in an instant the whole Boer position was a mass of rifle fire. The salvation of the Canadians was in the fact that their whereabouts were uncertain, and though a number were killed or wounded, most of the bullets flew high. The fire was not returned, for a flash of a rifle would have betrayed their position, and at such close range the two companies, along with the detachment of engineers who accompanied them, would have been wiped out. But in the rear and on the left flank the supporting companies returned the Boer fire, and in this way protected the men engaged in digging the trenches. The Canadians did not retire. The rear rank as arranged, constructed the trench, and when it was ready the front rank crawled back to it, as had also been ordered. The distance between the Canadian and Boer trenches was about thirty yards; the advance party had been fifteen paces nearer the enemy. At daylight the Boers surrendered. The loss was very small compared with the results achieved, and would have been smaller had the original order been carried out, though it is scarcely probable that the inevitable surrender would have taken place so soon.

THE HARBOR COMMITTEE.

Certain papers are strongly advocating the selection of Mayor Sears as one of the commission of five to outline a comprehensive system of harbor extension. While it is very true that by virtue of his office Mr. Sears should receive certain recognition, there is no reason why he should be selected as one of this body. Hon. Mr. Emmerson when addressing the meeting held here a few days ago suggested that three keen and alert business men be appointed a committee to study the harbor situation. Those present at the meeting at once fell in with this idea, or appeared to do so, though afterwards varied the proposal and decided to make the number of the committee five instead of three. This change it was thought would bring about better results, but the meeting did not make any variation in the condition imposed by Mr. Emmerson that those selected should be keen and alert business men. The nominating committee have no power to alter the decision of the meeting regarding the qualifications of the men; their instructions were definite; and it is difficult to see how Mayor Sears can be included in the list of those selected.

HIS MOVE.

In the game of chess, when the King has been placed in check, three moves are open to the defending player. He may take his opponent, interpose a protecting piece, or move his king. There is no advantage in attempting to cross-check the enemy; such a play is not permissible, nor does it remove the player from the danger zone.

In the national game now being worked out in Canada, the latest move has been made by the insurance commission and the reputations of several men, more or less prominent in public affairs, are threatened. One of these men has declared that in return he will expose the weaknesses of those who are responsible for his present position. By the rules of the game Mr. Fowler's threat is no defence. He is in check, along with others, and in order to maintain his standing must either counteract the charges made, offer a

good defence, or move along. He and his associates who have been referred to in the report cannot square themselves by attempting to bring counter charges.

Any doubts which may have existed as to the necessity for an insurance investigation, such as has been held, have been swept away by the report of the commission presented last evening, and Canada may well be congratulated on her action in this regard. The country has taken time by the forelock. There was grave danger of the introduction in this country of irregularities similar to those unearthed in the United States. This tendency has, however, been realized in time and will undoubtedly be checked. The danger which seemed imaginary, was real, but being understood it can be avoided. The report speaks in no uncertain terms of the policies adopted by different companies and by officials connected therewith; it makes certain suggestions for the overcoming of undesirable influences, and strongly advocates well defined reforms. There is certainly every reason for satisfaction in the knowledge that after all no serious injury has yet been done, and that little need be feared for the future.

LIKELY TO DIE FROM
BITING HIS OWN TONGUE

Violent Fit of Coughing Causes Wound That Becomes Gangrened.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 26.—During a violent fit of coughing several days ago, Ray Bowden, a clerk of Wilson, Pa., bit his tongue, and as the result will probably lose his life. He is now in the Allegheny General Hospital, where the physicians regard his case as one of the most remarkable in medical history.

Bowden had an attack of coughing, and when he was through discovered that one of his teeth had punctured his tongue. He paid little attention to the injury until yesterday, when his tongue began to swell so that he could scarcely talk or swallow. Today he came to the hospital.

Surgeons found that gangrene had set in as the result of the small wound, and his tongue was amputated at once. The infection has spread so greatly, however, that little hope is entertained for Bowden's recovery.

USED BROOM AS CRUTCH.

Man Walks Mile With Leg Broken in Two Places.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—George Green, Jr., of Tottenham, fell with one leg under him while he was getting his snack about.

He found that he could not use the leg, so procuring a broom he used it as a crutch, and managed to make his way home. It took him four hours to cover the mile and a half.

A medical man who examined the leg found that it was broken in two places.

COUGH DANGER

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BIRTHS.

HOLLY.—In this city, on the 26th inst., to the wife of M. McL. Holly, a daughter.

DEATHS.

STEVENS.—In this city suddenly on 26th inst. Elizabeth A. widow of the late Stephen E. Stevens, in the 78th year of her age.

AN OBVIOUS CONCLUSION.

Those who listened as the man and woman gazed at the station heard this conversation:

"Good-bye, dear," said he.

"Good-bye. Don't forget to tell Bridget to have the chops for dinner," she answered.

"All right."

"And be sure and feed the canary."

"Sure."

"Lock up the silver every night."

"Larky well."

"And don't forget that the gas man is coming to renew the burners. Be sure and have him put the four-foot burner in the servant's room."

"I'll remember."

"Order kindling wood on Thursday."

"All right."

"Consult the list I made out if you forget anything."

"I will."

"Don't not kiss me. People will think we are just married."

"Not if they have been listening."

ACROSS A TABLE FOR TWO.

SHE.

If I were but a country lass
And I were a country lad,
I wonder if the looking glass
Would serve to make us sad?
I wonder if I'd be a fright
And if your Sunday trousers might
Be baggy at the knees;
I wonder if you say "them there,"
And come with hayseeds in your hair?
Make mine as gratin, please—
I wonder what they'd say who had
The chance to kiss us pass,
If you were but a country lad
And I a country lass.

HE.

If you were but a country lass
And I a country lad,
You'd have no claret in your glass
To help to make you glad;
Upon your plate no bird would lie
And people might think you and I
Were not worth looking at;
But there would be no check for me,
No waiter to be tipped, you see,
You had not thought of that!
I'll be as to the bad
For what has come to pass;
I wish I were a country lad
And you a country lass.

THE EARNEST RECRUIT.

A lieutenant was examining a recruit as to his manœuvres in case of war.

"What would you do if you met an enemy on the field of battle?" asked the examiner.

"Shoot him dead, sir."

"Right. And what if you met a whole battalion of the enemy?"

"Shoot them dead, sir."

"Nonsense! You couldn't do it. You should fall back and give warning. What would you do if you met a cow belonging to the enemy?"

"Shoot it dead, sir."

"Wrong."

"Fall back and give warning, sir."

"Wrong again. You should catch hold of it by the horns and lead it into camp. What would you do if you met me on the field?"

"Shoot you dead, sir."

"Rubbish! I'm not an enemy. I want the same uniform as you do."

"Fall back and give warning, sir."

"Wrong, stupid! I'm not a battalion of the enemy."

"Then, sir, I would take you by the horns and lead you into camp."

MODERN DIOGENES.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 26.—A man named Lane was at work yesterday at Exhall colliery, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire, when the roof began to fall. Turning a tub on its side he crept beneath it, and six hours later he was dug out uninjured.

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BRUTAL MURDER
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Grand Deputy Ruler of Dreaded Camorra Charged.

Man and Wife, Who Turned Traitors,
Slain by a Terrible Organization.

NAPLES, Feb. 26.—Sensational revelations have just been made in Naples by the secret police in connection with the mysterious murder of a well known Neapolitan count, named Cuccolo, who, on June 8th last, were found murdered and their property plundered. Two days later one of the known murderers was in turn stabbed to death at Torre del Greco, at the foot of Vesuvius, in a quarrel over the division of the loot.

The crime remained a mystery.

During the last five months numerous Carabinieri, in divers disguises, have been living among the criminal clubs in Naples and the neighborhood for the purpose of tracking down the culprits. Two of these Carabinieri even stood as godfathers at the baptism of Camorrista offspring, for in Naples the associations of secret societies are for the most part persons of pronounced piety, who contribute generously to the upkeep of the priesthood.

RECEIVERS OF STOLEN GOODS.

Cuccolo and his wife are now known to have been the treasurers of the Camorra in their district, and their dwelling a storehouse of stolen goods. Cuccolo's claim to half profits on an immense haul of money and jewelry having been disallowed by the other associates, Cuccolo, out of revenge, put the police on the scent. No sooner did the act of treachery become known at the Camorrist headquarters than the supreme tribunal of 24 judges, composed of the president and vice-president of each of the 12 districts in Naples, received an urgency summons to assemble in a cavern at San Giovanni, in the suburbs of Naples. There a sentence of death was unanimously passed on the Cuccolos. Four novices Camorrist were called before the secret court and deputed to execute the vendetta within 48 hours.

The perpetration of the bloody deed was afterwards celebrated at an official banquet, when the novice assassins were admitted to the solemn profession in the society as a reward of their fidelity.

MANY ARRESTS MADE.

Between 20 and 30 arrests were effected last night and today, among them persons of fashionable society and grand deputy ruler of the Naples Camorra, Count de Marini. The latter arrest caused an inexpressible sensation among the smart set. Marini is a reputed millionaire and a notorious user, glittering all over with gems and driving a magnificent four-in-hand, he was one of the notable sights of the city and was adored by the ladies. Marini, who was in the habit of boasting that he kept a firm of London tailors exclusively employed in attending his enormous wardrobe, is now charged with having emitted the death warrant against the Cuccolo couple.

SMACK IN YEARS OLD.

PLYMOUTH, Feb. 26.—The Bridge-water smack Good Intent, which is now being converted into a ketch, was built at Plymouth in 1793. She is in excellent condition, and trades regularly with Cardiff. Her captain has never sailed in another vessel.

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MUMMY OF EGYPTIAN QUEEN
IS FOUND IN TOMB OF GOLD

CAIRO, Feb. 26.—Theodore M. Davis has discovered at Thebes the tomb of Queen Teie, one of the greatest names in the history of ancient Egypt.

She was the mother and inspirer of the famous Amen-hotep IV, the "heretic king" of the eighteenth dynasty, who broke with the religious traditions of Egypt and endeavored to introduce a pantheistic monotheism, the visible symbol of which was the solar disc. The worship of Amon, the god of his fathers, was proscribed, and for the first time in history, there was persecution for religion's sake.

The old religion of Egypt triumphed in the end, and the tomb of Teie bears witness to the blind rage of the victorious priesthood of Thebes and the intensity of their hatred toward the "heretic king" of the eighteenth dynasty.

The doorway of piled stones, which was sealed with the royal seal, was partially broken through, the wooden doors were wrenched from their hinges, the great catafalque which stood above the coffin was torn to pieces, and the mummy itself turned over in order to erase the name of the "heretic king" inscribed on the sheet of gold which lay beneath it.

Wherever the name of the heretic was found it was carefully destroyed, and the figure of the king, adorning the solar disc, which had been engraved on the gold plates of the catafalque, was chiseled out.

The men, however, who thus violated the tomb were no common robbers. The havoc they wrought was the result of religious zeal, and save for these desecrations, the tomb remains as it was left by the priests and the throes of a religious revolution which had spent its force before Moses was born.

Wherever the excavators walked they trod upon fragments of gold plate and gold leaf.

The coffin, when it was discovered, lay on a bier incrustated with gold and supported on four lion's claws, a sign of rank. The woodwork of the bier has been converted into touchwood by the action of water. The coffin, however, is intact, and is a superb example of the jeweler's work.

The wood of which it was composed is entirely covered with a frame of gold inlaid with lapis lazuli, cornelian, and green glass. The inlays represent for the most part a pattern of scales, but down the middle runs an inscription from which we learn that the coffin was "made for Teie" by her son.

The mummy itself was wrapped from head to foot in sheets of gold. There were bracelets on the arms, and a necklace of gold beads and ornaments of gold inlaid with precious stones. The neck, while the head was still encased by a priestess, was wrapped in imperial crown of the Queens of ancient Egypt.

This crown is at once simple and exquisitely fashioned, and represents the royal vulture holding a lotus in either talon, while its wings surround the head, and are fastened at the tips behind by a pin. The whole is of solid gold with inlay or other adventitious ornaments.

An idea of the personal appearance of Queen Teie is gained from the four portrait heads which replace the heads of the genii of the dead of Egyptian orthodoxy as the covers of the four cardinal jars.

These heads are done in Egyptian alabaster, with the eyebrows and eyelids represented by inlays of lapis lazuli and obsidian. The face is that of a woman at once masterful and engaging; but apart from the lips there is little that is Egyptian about it, and the delicate subquiline curve of the nose is European rather than African. Many articles of artistic interest were found in the tomb.

BABY MAY LIFT EXILE
BARS FOR DUKE CYRIL

Birth of Daughter, It is Hoped, Will End Czar's Exile.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—With the birth of a daughter to the wife of Grand Duke Cyril, a reconciliation may take place between the czar of Russia and his first cousin, who was exiled from his native land.

Grand Duke Cyril is the eldest son of Grand Duke Vladimir, and he offended the czar in marrying Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg. The princess had been divorced by the Grand Duke of Hesse, and when Czar Nicholas learned that Cyril was courting her he served notice that there must be no wedding.

Cyril tried to explain, but to no avail, and it is said that as a desperate resort Princess Victoria personally appealed to the czar to permit the match. Her pleas, too, were rejected.

The marriage was celebrated, and the banished crown prince and his bride took up their residence in Germany. A daughter was born to them last week.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—A talking bear is the most remarkable of the animal performers at Hengler's Circus. It greatly amuses the audience by saying to its trainer, "Give me a drop of rum."

CHURCH TO BE CHANGED
INTO PRIZE-FIGHT HALL

Pugilists Already Make Headquarters In Old House of Worship.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 26.—Transformation of a church into a prize fight pavilion is the plan of a group of sporting men here.

Already the West End Club has established headquarters in the old red brick house of worship situated on Washington avenue and Twenty-second street, and boxers at practice are exchanging blows there daily.

When the interior alterations have been completed many will congregate there who have not seen the inside of a church edifice since they were boys. At present public exhibitions of pugilism are barred in this city, but the promoters are hoping for a relaxation of activity on the part of the authorities.

Under the auspices of the West End Club, many of the best known pugilists have appeared in fights before the St. Louis sporting public. The game here has always been well patronized.

If the plans of the management are carried out, the big men in pugilism will soon be flooring each other in a ring where once was the pulpit, and the old sanctuary will rock with the applause of prizefight followers.