

FIGURES IN BRITAIN'S FIGHT

NUMBER ONE

technician in debate, is Arthur J. Balfour, leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons. He is one of the most brilliant of British statesmen, and his name is known to all who follow the progress of British politics. He is a man of high intellect, and his mind is always at work on the problems of the day. He is a man of high intellect, and his mind is always at work on the problems of the day.

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his own. Mr. Balfour, on the other hand, is in his very marrow and to his fingertips a British aristocrat, and try as he may he cannot get the range of the common people. It is the distinction of Mr. Lloyd-George that by blood and spiritual heritage and personal affinity he belongs inalienably to the Welsh democracy. He is in an avital touch with the unprivileged working masses as is John Burns, and he has felt to the quick the burden and the sting of social injustice.

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RAN ON ROCK TO SAVE SCHOONER

Allan Liner Corinthian Stranded on George's Island to Avoid Running Down Schooner.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 19.—The Allan steamship Corinthian is stranded head and fast on George's Island in the western of Halifax harbor, one of its biggest fortifications. Captain Rennie, who is in command, says it was a choice for him either of running down a fishing schooner and perhaps drawing all on board or of taking his chances of striking George's Island. The Corinthian arrived from Boston on Saturday afternoon to finish loading and take passengers, and when she hauled out from her pier at seven o'clock last night to sail for Havre and London she had on board a cargo of 7,000 tons and thirty-four passengers.

A northerly breeze was blowing, and a schooner which had come out from a dock was proceeding out, the sails completely covering her lights, so that she was not at first visible, though the night was perfectly clear. When Captain Rennie made out the schooner he was right after her, and in order to clear her and avoid cutting her down he starboarded his helm. Then to escape George's Island he ported his helm. But the big steamship was going faster than half speed, and was consequently so slow in responding to the helm that she struck the northwestern point of the island. The Corinthian is now stuck fast, and nothing could be done to get her off. She is making no water.

DAMAGES FOR \$250,000.000 For Suits to be Filed Against Standard Oil Company.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 19.—Five or six hundred suits against the Standard Oil Company involving claims for damages of \$250,000,000 or more, will be filed today in the federal court here, ordering the dissolution of the big monopoly, is upheld, was the statement by Hon. Charles E. Hughes, U.S. district judge, of the Independent Petroleum Makers association of the United States and also president of the Four Brothers Independent Oil company, the most aggressive competitor of the Standard Oil company.

"We are preparing our case on the assumption that the highest court will uphold the dissolution of the Standard Oil company," said Mr. Hughes. He said the actions would be brought under section 7 of the Sherman anti-trust act, which forbids any company to monopolize interstate commerce. The Standard Oil company stands convicted, he said. It is a little more than an eye for an eye, he said. Specifically, the Standard Oil company will be charged with depressing the price of oil and with monopolizing the oil business, notably in Oklahoma. "We are going to show the people's rights should be day after day the smash of a smooth stone from another David's sling." From the Tribune.

HIS NEGLECT WAS NOT CONCLUSIVELY PROVEN

Fritz Braun, Accused of Sacking Supreme Court Sittings of Manglestern, Charges Alfred J. McKinnon Remanded for Sentence.

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 19.—The whole of the morning session of the Supreme Court yesterday was taken up with the manglestern charges against Fritz Braun, a farmer, living near Bruno, who is charged with allowing his fifteen-year-old daughter to violate the laws of the province while giving birth to an illegitimate child. The defense was of the most revolting character and unfit for publication, but went to show that the Braun girl had given birth to a child and had expired during the confinement. The Crown endeavored to prove that she had used proper medical treatment the result would have been different. During the summing up, Chief Justice Wetmore hinted that the father of the girl might also have been the father of her child, but the evidence was insufficient to prove him guilty of negligence, and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, whereupon the prisoner was discharged.

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TOOK CURVE AT HIGH SPEED

Rock Island Flyer Wrecked—Two Killed; Thirty Injured.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 19.—The Rock Island flyer on the Southern Pacific, which left Los Angeles Saturday morning, went into the ditch near Benson, Arizona, at four o'clock this morning, killing the engineer and fireman and injuring thirty.

The accident was caused by taking a sharp curve at high speed, the engine tender, mail and the baggage car, chair car and tourist sleeper going straight ahead into the ditch. The standard sleeper kept the track and ran about 500 yards beyond the wreck before coming to a stop. The engine turned completely over, crushing the engineer and fireman beneath the wreckage, and both met instant death. The mail car telescoped the engine and tender, and the four mail clerks were badly scalded and otherwise injured.

The baggage car, chair car, and tourist sleeper turned on their sides, but were not demolished. Most of the injured were taken from the chair car and tourist sleeper. C. R. Doyle and injured brakeman walked three miles in the bitter cold to Benson for assistance.

Within an hour a hospital train with doctors and nurses left for the scene of the accident. The dead and thirteen of the injured were taken aboard at once and taken to Tucson, the injured being taken to St. Mary's Hospital. Survivors of the injury were able to proceed on their way after having their wounds dressed. They were taken to Benson, where a repair crew was made up and sent on its way eastward.

DERAILED RUNNING AT 45 MILES AN HOUR

Broken Rail Causes Wreck of Great Northern Flyer Drawn by Two Engines—Fireman Killed—Passenger Members of Crew Escape Without Injury.

Minneapolis, December 19.—The Great Northern flyer, northbound, drawn by two engines, about one hour overdue and going 45 miles an hour, rolled off a broken rail, four miles east of Moorhead, Minn., about forty miles out of Minneapolis, at 7:30 o'clock last night.

The first engine passed over the broken rail in safety. The second engine and five cars went into the ditch. Geo. W. Heabrough, 115 West Main street, St. Paul, fireman on the second engine, was instantly killed by being crushed between the tender and the boiler. The escape of L. Robertson, St. Paul, fireman on the first engine, was a narrow escape. He was crushed on the second engine, was miraculously saved. The passengers received only a bad shaking up.

The wreckage of the engine and the broken rail were sent out from St. Cloud and Minneapolis. The first engine, Harry Hamilton, Melrose, Minn., was sent to Moorhead, where he took two box cars off a side track, secured two local physicians, Drs. Metcalf and Hill, and returned to the scene of the derailment. The passengers in the meanwhile had a wild ride. Engineer Robertson through a window of his cab. He was unhurt. Almost at his feet was the fireman mangled to a mass.

Passengers Kept Warm. The passengers of the two day coaches that repaired to their shelter and one warmer. The thermometer was ten degrees below zero and a high wind was blowing. No discomfort was suffered on account of the independent heater system on the cars.

Conductor W. P. Finnigan, 1723 Dayton avenue, St. Paul, had taken the roll call of the members of the crew and passengers during the absence of the engineer, and found none missing or injured. Some time following the derailment of the engine the coach, fanned by the high wind, set fire to the express and mail cars, which rapidly burned, setting fire in turn to the day coach, which was half consumed.

The wreckage of the engine has been a complete wreck. Relief trains were ordered out from Minneapolis and St. Cloud. Passengers perished on the St. Cloud train to resume their journey. Others returned to the town cities on another train arriving early this morning. Twelve of the passengers who live in Moorhead were taken there by livery teams. The tracks were cleared for traffic at 7:30 this evening. Great quantities of mail were destroyed in the burned mail car, all of it for points between Minneapolis and Winnipeg. Hundreds of Christmas presents were lost utterly. It was reported that twelve corpses in the baggage car were also cremated. Tonight the number is in doubt, but the railway officials admit that several were on board. They refuse absolutely to give up any information as to the identity of these bodies. It was injured.

BRANCH TO PRINCE ALBERT

Right of Way Agent Has Purchased Property Required.

Prince Albert, Dec. 19.—The G.T.P. right of way agent who was here a week ago looking over right of way property, yesterday purchased a block on river lot at from Mr. Holmes. The price is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$15,000. H. T. Goodfellow also sold his block to the G.T.P. agent and it is understood that all the right of way will be bought up within another week. The route has been surveyed and the work of building the branch from this city to the C.N.R. through the city, a boom in real estate is expected here.

Nova Scotia to Jail Strike Leaders. Halifax, N.S., Dec. 18.—Today a bill was introduced in the Nova Scotia legislature which would place in jail any strike leader who enters this city near the end of a strike or lockout and who is a year imprisonment, and others to a two-months' penalty.

TALES FROM THE GOLDEN WEST

THE NEW FLAVOR used the same as lemon or vanilla. By dissolving granulated sugar in water, and adding a few drops of the essence, you can make a delicious syrup. It is a new flavor, and it is a new flavor.

MERRY CHRISTMAS is coming With Peace and Good Will, Bringing all Sorts and Sizes Of Stockings to Fill. Jam Them Up to the Top: Cream Them Clear to the Toe: Watch the Merry Eyes Twinkle And Rosy Cheeks Glow, And we Beg to Suggest If You Wisely Invest In

OLD ROYAL CROWN

The Best Soap in the West. The Premiums Given For Coupons Will Help to Solve the Christmas Problem.

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DERAILED FROM THEIR BERTHS BY COLLISION

Pennsylvania Special, the Eighteen Hour Train Between Chicago and New York, Wrecked by Hitting Derailment Car—Passengers Were Asleep in Berths When Accident Occurred.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 19.—One man was fatally injured and passengers of the Pennsylvania special, the eighteen-hour train between New York and Chicago, were hurled from their berths and cut and bruised when the flyer hit a derailed freight car just west of Massillon, Ohio, early today. The injured man is Wm. Alexander, of East Palestine, Ohio, fireman on one of the two engines that was pulling the special on its way to Chicago. Both of his arms were broken, and he was internally hurt.

The special carried about fifty passengers, among them a number of Chicago "people," homeward bound. Asleep in their berths they were hurled over the rails at the rate of 45 miles an hour when the accident occurred. Before they realized what had happened they found themselves in the aisles or crushing under the wheels of the train. In the confusion that followed many ran out into the bitter cold air in their night clothes. Some of the women refused to return to the train until they were finally assured that there was no danger of it catching fire.

PROMISES GREAT RAILWAY ACTIVITY

Hon. C. W. Cross Outlines the Construction Work Which Will be Undertaken Next Year.

"Next year promises to be a big one for railway development in the lines guaranteed by the Provincial government," said Hon. C. W. Cross in the Bulletin Monday. Mr. Cross returned yesterday morning from Toronto, where he has been for several weeks. Mr. C. W. Cross will build their lines from Edmonton to Athabasca Landing, from Edmonton to Fort Assiniboine and from Strathcona to Camrose. The C.N.R. and the G.T.P. will also build to Calgary, thus giving the southern city direct connection with these transcontinental lines. "I understand also that the Canadian Northern will build from Edmonton to the mountains, but upon that I am unable to make a definite statement."

MEN HIGHER UP IMPERILED

Sugar Trust Employees May Implicate Higher Up Officials.

New York, Dec. 19.—This week promises to be a trying one for men "higher up" who are covered in the gigantic sugar frauds, against the government at this point. Some time tomorrow, special U. S. District Attorney Henry Stimson, who has successfully prosecuted the Havemeyer and Elder checkers and weighers expected to receive a visit from Patrick J. Henessey, the aged employee of the sugar trust, who was one of the five found guilty last Friday. There is every reason to believe that he will make a confession in order to get in money by recommending others to the position of checker, and that he will come to telling what he knows. Only those who speak with the utmost frankness can hope for any modification of sentence.

It was intimated today that the name of another man had in the sugar trust would be placed alongside that of Ernest W. Gerbraich, the former superintendent of the American Sugar Refining company's Williamsburg plant. It was learned today that both the National and the Federal Sugar Refining companies had under paid the government in settling for duties on raw sugar. The books of both corporations are now in the hands of experts employed by the government. It is expected that the exact amount of their indebtedness is ascertained an invitation will be sent to the business heads of the companies to step up to the government's cash window. The amounts involved will be nearly as large as the Arduick settlement of \$700,000. Only the difficulty of ascertaining the exact amount due the government has prevented this demand so far. The government attorneys do not anticipate that either company will fight the demand in court.

REPUBLIC IN BELGIUM

Socialists Refuse to Swear Allegiance to Leopold's Successor.

Brussels, Dec. 19.—A manifesto has been issued by the general Socialist organization, declaring for a republic denouncing dead King Leopold for imposing upon the country a heavy burden of Congo and refusing to swear allegiance to his successor, Albert, because, as monarch he will be bound to represent the opposing party who labor by those who fatten on the fruit of labor. The Socialists have a strong, well organized party in Belgium and fill thirty-five of the 166 seats in the chamber of deputies.

NEW DEAN FOR MINNESOTA

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 18.—Prof. F. A. Woods, head of the bureau of agriculture, has accepted the position of dean of the agricultural school of the University of Minnesota. The regents sent Professor Woods a unanimous call after several ballots had been cast for others as well as for the Washington man. He was offered a salary of six thousand.

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