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INVESTIGATION OF FARMERS BANK

Question of Subsidy for Second Narrows Bridge Taken Up by Ministers—Revote is Promised

OTTAWA, Nov. 18 .- The militia dertment will raise the standard of for men from 50 cents to \$1 a day camping term will be lengthened m 12 to 16 days.

It is understood that the government has decided to issue a royal commission to enquire into the failure of the armers' bank.

William McNeill, vice president of the V. W. and Y. railway, had an interview today with Premier Borden nd Minister Cochrane, accompanied H. H. Stevens, M. P., of Vancouver nd applied for a subsidy for a bridge cross the second narrows. It deeloped in the discussion that it was unlikely that any new subsidies would be provided at the present sesion. On this account Mr. McNeill reuested on behalf of the Burrard ridge and Tunnel company for an inreased bridge subsidy, which was unavorably received. Mr. McNeill then proached the ministers with a reest for a re-vote of the old approriation provided in the original V. and Y. application, which has used, namely, \$200,000 for the bridge, \$8,400 per of the ra way for ancouver. This proposes as lavor-

rould be made this session and favorble consideration for an additional bsidy next session. Hon. Mr. Cochane promised Messrs. Stevens and McNeill to visit Vancouver this coming summer.

by received, and Mr. McNeill was

ractically assured that this re-vote

BEER IN CANTEENS

Officers at Conference Excites

Temperance People. TORONTO, Nov. 18 .- Officers attendng the militia conference at Ottawa ave recommended the legalizing of ome of the lighter beers in canteens in military camps. This procedure has

aused quite a "to do" in temperance

"I never dreamed of such a recom nendation being made by anyone," said irs. E. A. Stevens, general secretary the Dominion Women's Christian emperance union. "It would be retrograde step, and I don't ink the minister of militia will conder such a proposal at all. The act as never really been enforced in the anteens until the last two years, and go back again, oh, no, that would ver do, and if such a recommendation put through we will send a delega

on to Ottawa." Rev. H. Spense, secretary of the Do inion Alliance, said that Hon. Sam ighes has declared against the sale liquor in canteens, and he didn't k the recommendation would have weight.

Earthquake Record.

AWRENCE, Kas., Nov. 18 .- An th shock was recorded on the seisraph at the University of Kansas today. The main wave started 1.34 a.m. and lasted several minutes

RATE CASE APPEAL

Spokane Shippers Join With Washing ton Authorities in Fight Against Commerce Court

POKANE. Wash., Nov. 18 .- Spoe shippers today joined with the artment of justice and the Interte Commerce Commission in an anto the supreme court of the Unit-States from the recent adverse de on of the commerce court in the kane rate case. Attorney H. M. phens, with the authorization of Interstate Commerce Commission, the Spokane Chamber of Commerce the traffic committee of the Spo ane Merchants' association, wired the rtment of justice to join the names Spokane shippers in the appeal to highest judicial tribunal of the

the department of justice, in a telesent to H M. Stephens this morn-

The government intends to appeal thwith to the supreme court of the nited States from the interlocutory der granting an injunction, ake motions to advance in the two termountain cases, and desires that ur clients join. If you approve, ase wire quickly authority to the rney general to include your ents and to sign their names and own name as counsel to all neary papers to perfect the appeal."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Its Composition Delayed by Cold—Will Deal with Fanama Canal, Preight Bates and Trusts

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 .- President Taft did not begin writing his message today as he intended. The bad cold

which the president caught on the last day of his western trip has affected his throat, and the White House doctors warned him not to leave the executive mansion, but to rest if he intended to keep his speaking engagement before the good roads congress in Richmond, Virginia, Monday, Secretary Stimson had a long conference with the president, however, relat-

ing to what attitude the government should take toward the regulation of freight rates on traffic through the Panama canal. The president will treat the subject comprehensively in his message. It is believed he will adopt Secretary Stimson's plan, and recommend that congress place the control of the traffic under the interstate commerce

commission. Secretary Stimson believes that unless the government acts, the competition in trans-continental freight, which the canal will naturally create, will be stiffed by the roads.

Attorney-General Wickersham had a brief talk with the president regarding the anti-trust features of the message The president has indicated that he will recommend'a federal incorporation act, or if that cannot be passed by congress he will approve certain amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law.

The president expects to begin writing his message next week. In addition to the regular document he will write special message on the tariff board's report on the wool and cotton schedules

WIND AND RAIN **WORKING HAVOO**

Gale Raging on Coast Cause of Much Trouble-Floods in Washington Rivers Stop Traffic

SEATTLE, Nov. 18 .- During the 24 hours ending at noon today the wind blew hard, the greatest velocity having been 44 miles an hour. In the afternoon the wind abated somewhat, but only to prepare for another onslaught. A strong southeaster is due tonight, which will rage probably for 48 hours before blow-

ing itself eastward. favorable for floods in western Washington. In Whatcom and Skagit counties the Nooksack, Skagit and other rivers are high, and railroad bridges are endangered. Some county bridges in King and Pierce counties have been washed away. Slides and soft roadbeds are delaying all trains in western Wash-

No report of weather conditions at Cape Flattery has been received for two days, the telegraph line being out of order. No serious damage to shipping on Puget Sound, in British Columbia or Alaska has been reported since the series of storms began nearly two weeks ago.

The danger of serious floods appears to be worse in Whatcom, Skagit and Snohomish counties than in the other portions of Western Washington, although the rivers in King and Pierce counties are rising rapidly, threatening to inundate the valley farm lands. Heavy rain continues to fall tonight. No trains have been sent forth from Seattle to night, and the mails are being handled to Everett over the interurban line.

Damage in Vancouver VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 18 .- Many washouts along the line of the Great Northern railway, due to floods caused by the melting snow and by the heavy rains of yesterday, are reported. The morning train leaving here at 10 o'clock was cancelled, and the "owl" express had not arrived at midnight tonight. Considerable damage was caused in Vancouver. The telephone service suffered severely, and attempts to "cut in" a new

exchange to serve a suburban district had to be abandoned.

Steam Schooners in Trouble MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 18 .- The storm which has been raging off this section of the Oregon coast for several days is diminishing, and in all probability the schooners Sausalito and Queen. which were in a precarious position off the Coquille river bar, are safe unless there is a recurrence of the strong winds. The sea is still too rough for tugs to reach the schooners. Both are riding at anchor in the same positions they were in last night.

The gasoline schooner Randolph, reported on the beach at the mouth of the Rogue river, is in an easy position and n no great danger.

ASTORIA, Ore., Nov. 18 .- The gasoline schooner Patsy, reported from Marshfield as probably being ashore somewhere on the Oregon coast, is safe in this port. She arrived here Thursday.

Train Service Disorganized BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 18 .- Bellingham is without through train service today owing to floods in the Stilaguamish valley, south of this city. The Northern Pacific discontinued

its service yesterday on the line entering this city and on the Sumas-Seattle

The Great Northern train service is (Continued on page 2.)

Disaster Caused by Coal Dust in West Virginia Mine-Four Engineers Are Among the Victims-

BODIES RECOVERED BY RESCUE PARTY

Over One Hundred and Fifty Men at Work in Mine at Time of Explosion-Engineers Making Survey

VIVIAN, W. Va., Nov. 18.-Eighteen men were killed in a coal dust explosion which occurred today in the Bottom Creek mine of the Bottom Creek Coal and Coak company at this place. Over 150 men were in the mine at the time of the explosion, but all escaped except eighteen of the twenty-two who were in the explosion zone. The other four were rescued. All but two of the bodies had been recovered at midnight Among the men killed were Engineers W. H. Henderson of Rockville, Maryland; E. H. Hervey of Fhiladelphia Marvin Williams of Keystone, West Virginia, and Charles Brewer of Elkhorn, West Virginia, who were in a party of five making a semi-annual survey of the mine. Alex Williams, the fifth engineer, was saved. The others killed were negroes or

Coming to Victoria.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 18 .- John Maconald of the Winnipeg Electric Railway company, was presented with a handsome gold watch on the occasion of his retiring from the service of the company. Mr. Macdonald left tonight for Victoria, B.C., to engage in busi-

Hens Break Record.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 18 .- Two hens in the department of poultry husbandry of the Oregon Agricultural college, have, it is believed broken all records in egg production in the United States with 259 eggs each for the past 12 months. The nearest that any other experiment station has come to breeding and feeding such prolific hens was done at the Maine Agricultural college, months, several years ago,

Many Repair to Coal Creek Mine to Secure Places—Operations Will be Limited for Few Days

POLICE FORCE HAS BEEN REDUCED

FERNIE. B. C., Nov. 18 .- Several nundred men left here by the mine train this morning for Coal Creek to apply

for work and sign on. The mines will be opened up on Monday, but very few men can be employed until considerable cleaning up is done and things put into shape after the long close-down.

The coke ovens here have been pre pared for lighting, and will be sufficiently heated by the time the first slack comes down from the mines. The business condition has already begun to show a marked improvement, and everything points to a prosperous win-

The special police force has been reduced, but there are still about 25 men retained, and these will probably be discharged within the next few days. LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Nov. 18 .- An agreement between the striking Albera ta coal miners and operators was sign ed tais afternous as Hisroet and the strike which has been in existence since March 27, last, has been officially brought to an end. Nearly 7,000 min ers will go to work Monces.

Burned to Death CLOVERDALE, Cal., Nov. 18 .- Mrs. Anna Thueller, 44 years of age, was burned to death when her clothing caught fire today from a grass fire

time of whom she was visiting. U . S. Surgeon for Alaska WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 .- To safe guard the health of the 65,000 inhabitants of Alaska, the treasury department is about to assign a surgeon of the public health and marine hospital service to the territory. It is said he will supervise quarantine stations and enforce regulations against the intro-

duction and spread of disease,

near the home of S. M. Reed, a rela-

ander Macdonald Exonerated HALIFAX, N.S., Nov. 18.-Not guilty was the decision reached by court-martial on the H.M.C.S. Niobe in the trial of Commander

NO MORE RACING Silk Trains are to be Limited to Certain Speed Between Chicago and

New York SEATTLE, Nov. 18 .- There will be no more record-breaking races of silk trains from ocean to ocean, because of an agreement of western lines, announced to local traffic officials today to limit the running time between Chicago and New York to twenty-eight hours. The order against racing becomes effective Decem-

The racing was stopped, it was declared, through intervention of southern trans-continental lines, which because of loss of the business protested against further inroads by the northern lines. If any more records are broken the time will have to be made between Seattle and Chicago, and this it is believed, will not be attempted at the risk involved. To equal the present Seattle-New York record of 81 hours and 22 minutes would require a run of fiftythree hours between Seattle and Chicago, and this has never been done.

Ranch Houses Burn.

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 18 .-Four ranch houses and several smaller buildings have been destroyed and much scrub growth timber was burned by a fire that started in Los Tunas and Los Flors canyons in the Santa Monica range today.

Synod of B. C. Will Appoint Successor to Right Rev. W. Held in Cathedral

On Thursday, November 23rd, the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia will meet in Victoria for the ponsible. purpose of electing a Bishop to fill the position vacated by the Right Reverend Willesden.

There will be two celebrations of the Holy Communion in Christ Church Cathedral, one at 8 a. m., the other at 10 a. m. At the 10 a. m. celebration a ser mon will be preached by the Right Reverend, the Lord Bishop of New Westminster.

Immediately after the service, the members of the Synod will proceed to the cathedral schoolroom where the chair will be taken at or about 11:30 a. m. by the Very Reverend the Dean of Columbia, who, under the canons of the diocese, is called upon to preside over this special meeting.

The Syned sits with closed doors during the whole of its proceedings; that is, no one who is not a member of the Synod is permitted to be present. When the Synod has assembled in the cathedral schoolroom, the roll call will take place, and if one-half of the clerical members, and one-half of the lay members entitled to be present, are found to be in attendance, the Synod will be declared duly and canonically constituted for its important work. Should there be less than one-half of the clerical members of the Synod present, or less than one-half of the lay members of Synod present, then no election can take place and another session of the Synod must be called.

At the Cathedral After routine business has been transacted, bylaws and regulations adopted for the due and orderly conduct of the proceedings, the Synod will proceed to the cathedral.

Scrutineers for the clerical and lay vote will be appointed, and balloting will at once commence. The person who shall be chosen bishop-elect must receive a majority of two-thirds of the clergy present and voting, and also a majority of two-thirds of the laity present and voting.

Ballotting will proceed until an elec tion takes place or the Synod decides to delegate its power of choice to some person or body outside of itself. The whole proceedings will be marked by great solemnity and all results including the final result will be received in silence

Should a dead-lock occur, it is always possible for the Synod to adjourn for a certain time to allow of an informal conference taking place between the members, but in Synod itself, no disussion is allowed to take place after voting has begun. When the final result has been an

ounced, the Synod will at once be dismissed with the blessing, and if an election has taken place, the name of the bishop-elect will be forwarded to His Grace the Archbishop of Rupertsland, who will take the necessary steps for his consecration in due time to the sacred order of the Episcopate The day before the meeting of the Synod will be observed as a day of continuous intercession in the cathedral The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7 and 8 a. m. and the intercession will conclude with Evensong at 5:15 p. m.

FOR MONARCH

Chinese Premier Believes that Seceding Provinces Can Be Brought Back-Fears Foreign Interference

MAY BE DECEIVING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Brigandage Reported from Several Districts-Government Reports that Rebels Were Worsted at Nanking

PEKING, Nov. 18 .- Premier Yuan Shi Kai believes China cannot establish a republic with sufficient dispatch to preent foreign interference. Therefore he is endeavoring to re-establish the monarchy. This is his present attitude, as expressed and implied to members of the national assembly, foreign ministers and others whom he has seen.

The premier believes, or pretends to believe that the provinces of Chili and Honan are safe, although it is well known that only force retains them for the government. He says the masses in most of the provinces are rebellious but that the provinces seceded without giving the matter much thought, and very little pressure would bring them back to the fold, particularly if Wuchang is recaptured.

Some members of the legations think Yuan Shi Kai has the capture of Wuchang in view, and that the renewed fighting around Hankow yesterday and today is preliminary to an attack upon Hanyang. Additional troops are being sent south, but the explanation given by the premier is that they are intended to reinforce loyal troops in Honan. Yuan declared today that the W. Perrin-Services Will be fighting at Hankow is the result of a rebel attack.

Deceiving Assembly

If the imperial troops are taking the offensive by order of Yuan Shi Kai, the premier is deceiving the national assembly, to which virtually he is res-

It is reported that the premier has persuaded the assembly that it must W. W. Perrin, now Lord Bishop of permit the foreign loan, to which it was opposed.

The government intends to pay to members of the assembly a half season (Continued on page 2.)

Beginning of Work on \$4,500,-000 Project at Tacoma Will be Marked by Ruston's En-

TO ENTER CITY ON WATER LEVEL

TACOMA, Nov. 18 .- Plans for the small tunnel at Ruston, the Tacoma smelter district, which that town is to construct as a part of the agreement with the Northern Pacific Railway company, have been completed by the engineer for the town, and bids for the construction will be called next week.

This will mark the actual beginning of work on the \$4,500,000 project of the Northern Pacific Railway in maintaining a water level entrance to Tacoma by way of Point Defiance and the Narrows through a curved tunnel about a mile long. Four tracks are to be built on this line, which will make the ascent on a trifling grade by way of the Nisqually to Tenino on the old line. In President Howard Elliott's annual report, issued a few days ago he said work would start in this fiscal year, which ends June 30.

By the construction of the Ruston tunnel and connection with Front street and property which Tacoma will vacate, the town will have a highway to the business district of Tacoma. The Ruston tunnel will be be 500 feet long and will cost about \$25,000.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 18 .- Dr. B. B. Carlson, alias B. P. Gongera, alias C. P. Condor said to be one of the cleverest forgers in the United States, sought by Pinkerton detectives throughout the country, was arrested this afternoon while trying to pass a check for \$100 to which he had forged the indorsement of Mayor M. R. Beard, whom he said was his ousin. Carlson escaped from the Berkeley police Thursday night after passing a fictitious check for \$15 in that city.

ONE MORE TALESMAN

Provisionally Accepted As Juror, But Likely to Be Challenged—New Venire Summoned

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 18 .- The sixth court week of the McNamara trial closed today with five sworn jurors and one provisionally accepted. The prediction of Clarence S. Darrow, chief of counsel for James B. McNamara, that January 1, 1912, would see a jury to try his client, seemed to be optimistic in view of the fact that fourteen jurors will be finally sworn, two acting as supply jurors in case a member of the original panel should become incapacitated. Nevertheless, it is hoped that the early weeks in January will ee a complete jury.

Today's arrival in the jury box is J. H. Marshall, a hardware salesman. As is nearly assured of a peremptory challenge by the defense, his acquisi toin was not held to be any great help the process of jury getting. Fred De J. Meyer, the only other talesman examined, was being questioned when court adjourned. Indications were that he would not be on the final jury.

Robert Bain, F. D. Green, Byron Lisk, William Andre and J. B. Sexton, time-worn jurors, and William Nicholson, a talesman accepted as to cause by both sides yesterday, were given their usual automobile outing in the after-noon. Opposing counsel also escaped from their offices for automobile rides or trips to the country.

The examination of Meyer used up a whole venire except for six, who were under instructions to appear on Monday, an danother venire, the ninth, was drawn. The number of names was inreased from 40 to 50, and the venire men were instructed to appear in court

NO JUDGMENT BY CIVIL COURT

Withdrawal of Mr. Hebert from Suit Involving Validity of Marriage May Block "Ne Temere" Litigation

MONTREAL, Nov. 18 .- As the result of the action of Mr. Hebert in withdrawing from the famous Hebert-Clouatre marriage annulment case yesterday, the principle at stake in the litigation will not be decided upon by a civil tribunal, unless some new developments are forthcoming within a

short time. Lack of funds to finance his side of the proceedings is given by Mr. Hebert's attorney as the only reason which forced him to withdraw his opposition to Dame Clouatre's action in seeking to have the judgment annulling the marriage set aside.

The direct effect of the present change of front will be that both parties will be placed in the same position as they were prior to the judgment by which their marriage was declared null in the eye of the civil law. In view of Mr. Hebert's action it is most unlikely that when the case comes up next Monday judgment will be rendered in default, and thus the civil status of the marriage before Mr. Timberlake will be re-established. As Mr. George Cousins, attorney for Dame Clouatre, pointed out, however, this action will in no wise interfere with the ruling of the ecclesiastical court which has declared Dame Clouatre's marriage to have been invalid. Therefore, in the eyes of the civil law the woman will be regarded as the legal wife of Mr. Hebert and their child legitimatized, while in the eyes of the Catholic church and her coreligionists she will be held as unmarried.

His License Suspended. SEATTLE, Nov. 18 .- The license of Captain J. M. Smith, master of the old wooden freight steamer Multnomah, which was sunk in collision with the steel passenger steamer Iroquois in Seattle harbor on October 27, was suspended for thirty days by the United States marine inspectors today. The investigation showed that Captain Smith, who was on the bridge at the time of the accident, failed to keep a lookout at the bow of the vessel. The has undertaken, through General Duninspectors assert that although this in no way contributed to the accident it was a violation of the general rules' and regulations of navigation,

PORTLAND'S BONDS

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18 .- After giving an opinion that the municipal improvement bonds of Portland are satisfactory securing for banks handling postal savings deposits, the board of trustees at Washington, which controls the postal savings department, has notified the banks that the bonds are not accepted as security because they are not direct obligations of the city. By its decision today the board of trustees reverses its former decision. Leading lawyers have submitted opinions that the bonds are a direct obligation. Approximately \$1.000,-000 of these bonds have been bought by banks throughout the country, and particularly in the northwest, for the specific purpose of being used as security for postal deposits, and the government has already accepted \$400,000 worth, which will be turned back to the banks and other security

NEW REVOLUTION

Actions of Prominent Men Opposed to Madero Taken to Indicate Formidable Conspiracy

GENERAL REYES CONSIDERED LEADER

He and Others Are Arrested by U. S. States Authorities on Charge of Violating Neutrality Law

LAREDO, Tex., Nov. 18.—Besides General Bernardo Reyes, four Mexicans of prominence and the sheriff of Webb county, Texas, are charged in indictments returned in the United States district court here today with conspiring to violate the neutrality laws of the United States. Rudolfo Reyes, son of the general: Antone Magon of Monterey, Severio Villareal of Laredo, Amador Sanchez, sheriff of this county, and the private secretary of General Reyes, are those named in the indictments. Sanchez, Magon and Villareal were taken into custody at Laredo. Instructions were telegraphed to San Antonio for

the arrest of the others. Today's indictment came as a climax to an investigation by the federal grand jury in progress for several weeks, of reports that an uprising in Mexico, with Jeneral Reyes as the leader, was being arranged on this border.

Tonight search is being made for arms and ammunition said to be secret-

ed in this city. Arrest of Reyes SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 18 .- General Bernardo Reyes was arrested to

day by a United States marshal here
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of an indictment returned by the federal grand jury now sitting at Laredo. Federal secret service men have evilence of an active Reyes junta here which has been carrying on an exten-sive campaign of getting arms and ammunition across the Mexican border. It is said that the plan of the junta was to begin an attack on Juarez. Prominent men from Mexico, former

federals are in El Paso and severa of them are under close surveilance. One former Chihuahua attorney is said to have sent twenty or more wagon loads of arms across the river, hidden in household goods. When suspicion pointed to him he left the city. The junta. it is said, has \$100,000 available in El Paso banks.

Plot Is Extensive. WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 .- Evidence of a well defined revolutionary plot, which appears to have its base in the northern part of Mexico, has come to the state department. Agents, of the department of justice and the American troops along the border have been ordered to watch closely for and prevent any violation of the neutrality laws. General Duncan, commander of the department of Texas, has informed the department of various rumors of revolutionary activity.

Should the department of justice agents discover that any plots are being hatched on this side of the line they will immediately make efforts to discourage them. In this work they have the help of the American soldiers along the border.

It was stated at the war department that there would be no necessity for reinforcing the American troops now in the border states, although it is not deemed prudent to diminish the force there. The Sixth cavalry will be retained at Fort Huachuca until the situation clears up.

El Paso and San Antonio appear to be the centre of trouble just now, according to information at the war department, the Mexicans in those places showing great unrest and signs of political activity. The war department can, to take care of any Mexicans found bearing arms, but is obliged to rely on the department of justice to unearth plots for smuggling weapons across the border.

Border Patrolled.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Nov. 18 .- The Mexican forces at Agua Prieta, Mexico, were increased by 150 soldiers today. A heavy guard is patrolling the border to prevent violation of the neutrality law. United States Marshal Overlock is expected tomorrow to take personal charge of the investigation of the alleged attempted violation of the neutrality law last night, when 100 men were said to have planned to cross the border near this city and join forces, marching north from Nacozari, Mex. Although a large amount of ammunition was seized here last night, thus frustrating an alleged Magonista move United States officials here have made no arrests.

British Columbia's Indian population according to census figures is 24,561. The value of British Columbia's last year's grain crop is estimated at \$350,-