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FOR PROTECTION OF MANUFACTURERS

NEW TARIFF LIKELY TO BE INTRODUCED

Statement by Mr. A. Campbell, M.P.—
Foreign Mission Board Deprecates
Chinese Exclusion.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—Arch. Campbell, M. P. for West York, a prominent supporter of the government, was the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Montreal Manufacturers' Association to-night, and created a sensation by declaring that he had come to the conclusion that the time had arrived when the government should give the Canadian manufacturers increased protection against the United States manufacturer, who, under the present tariff, was making Canada a slaughter house for his own productions. He believed that the government, although he was not authorized to say so, would at the present session of parliament introduce a tariff which would absolutely prevent this, and be of the greatest benefit to Canada.

Isadore Turcotte, a veterinary surgeon, at an early hour this morning, threw a lamp at his wife, which set fire to her clothing and caused severe burns. Turcotte then took a dose of carbolic acid and died shortly afterwards.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bell Telephone Company, held here to-day, the annual report submitted showed the revenue for the year amounted to \$1,851,335.22, and operating expenses, \$1,324,424.53. The action of the directors seeking powers from parliament to increase the capital stock to \$10,000,000 in order to further extend the system to sparsely settled parts of the Dominion, was approved.

Arthur Brunet, nephew of Jacques Brunet, recently elected member in the House of Commons for St. James division of Montreal, is again in trouble. He was arrested to-day on a charge of illegally attempting to bribe the clerk of justice in election cases, by giving witnesses in the cases money to purchase tickets to Boston. He pleaded not guilty and was admitted to bail.

St. Scholastique, Que., Feb. 27.—Jas. Flaherty to-day was acquitted of the murder of Frank White, his brother-in-law. Last summer Blais got drunk, and being bad friends with his brother-in-law, conceived the idea that the time was opportune for vindictive purposes. Accordingly he made an attack on the Flaherty residence. He hurled stones through a window. Flaherty non-resisted, and this falling got a shotgun and shot Blais dead. The evidence showed that Blais had twice previously made murderous attacks on Flaherty. The jury brought in a verdict of "Not guilty," and his wife, against whom a charge was laid, was also acquitted without evidence being heard.

Foreign Mission Boards.
Toronto, Feb. 27.—The conference of secretaries of Foreign Mission Boards of the United States and Canada passed a resolution yesterday deprecating the legislation in both countries regarding the exclusion of Chinese. The resolution regarding the restriction of Chinese immigration was adopted. Hence the delay in obtaining the ratification of the gold rule. Rev. Dr. Willbur Crafts, of Washington, secured endorsement for a very remarkable movement to obtain the prohibition of distilled liquors and opium from all aboriginal tribes of the world. The student missionary volunteer movement convention of the United States and Canada opened here yesterday afternoon, and will continue till Sunday. At the opening meeting in Massey hall, 1,800 delegates were present from all parts of the United States, and from the chief mission fields of the world, and it is expected the attendance will reach 2,500. In the evening the delegates were welcomed to the city and Dominion by Bishop Streetman, representing the Anglicans; Principal Cavan, the Presbyterians; and Rev. Dr. E. Potts, the Methodists. All the speakers expressed their strongest approval of the movement of students to promote the world's evangelization.

The Press Association.
Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The Canadian Press Association met here to-day. The executive reports a deficit in connection with the paper combine fund. They regret that the publishers in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Quebec city and St. John have not stood more loyally by the association. They recommend that the association petition the government to pay ex-currency, amounting to about \$1,700, incurred in connection with the investigation.

Quebec, March 1.—The statement of revenue and expenditure of the Quebec government for the past seven months shows a surplus in favor of the province of \$135,000.

VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION.

Four Bodies Taken From Extension Mine Last Night—More Will Be Reached To-Day.

Nanaimo, Feb. 28.—Four more bodies were taken out of the Extension mine last night. Twelve more were seen, but could not be taken out until the debris were cleared away. It is expected that perhaps all will be out to-night. The funeral for all of them will probably be held on Sunday next.

TURKEY RESPONSIBLE.

Russia Protests Regarding the Situation in Albania.

Constantinople, Feb. 28.—The Russian ambassador here, I. A. Sevanoff, has made vigorous representations to the Porte concerning the belligerent situation in the neighborhood of Ipek, Albania, where a tribal fight, during which two Turkish soldiers were killed, occurred February 23rd, pointing out Turkish responsibility for the safety of Christians in Albania.

SIX HUNDRED WERE KILLED OR TAKEN

BOER LOSSES DURING THE LAST TWO DAYS

Twenty-eight Thousand Head of Cattle and Two Thousand Horses Also Captured.

London, Feb. 28.—The war secretary, Mr. Brodrick, announced in the House of Commons to-day that during the last two days six hundred Boers had been killed or captured, and that 2,000 horses and 28,000 head of cattle had fallen into the hands of the British troops.

The prisoners include General Dewet's son and the general's daughter.

Halifax, Feb. 28.—The members of F. G. and H. Companies of the first contingent to South Africa, who were in the battle of Paardeberg and who were in Halifax last night, celebrated the anniversary of that famous fight by holding a dinner at the Victoria hotel. There were present about fifty members, including the blind trooper, Mulloy.

At St. John.
St. John, N. B., Feb. 28.—The men of G. Company celebrated Paardeberg day by a dinner in the city restaurant.

FRENCH SHORE QUESTION.

St. Johns, Nfld., Feb. 26.—In the colonial assembly this afternoon Premier Bond moved the passage of the modus vivendi bill. He said that imperial negotiations were progressing between the governments of Newfoundland, Great Britain and France, but that these were necessarily secret. The Premier also expressed his firm conviction that the French claims in the Gulf of St. Lawrence would be satisfied by a satisfactory settlement of the question in the interest of Newfoundland in the near future.

THE CAPTURE OF CONVOY.

Over Three Hundred Soldiers Still Prisoners in Hands of Boers.

London, Feb. 28.—In response to an inquiry made by the government as to the fate of the escort of a convoy of empty wagons which, according to a dispatch from Lord Kitchener, made public on February 26th, was attacked and captured by the Boers, northwest of Kimberley, Transvaal Colony, February 24th, Lord Kitchener has cabled the following message: "A report has just been received that 16 officers and 451 men were taken prisoners. Of these 1 officer and 100 men have been released. Col. Anderson, of the Imperial Yeomanry, who commanded, is still a prisoner. Major Enderby, who commanded the infantry, was wounded. Hence the delay in obtaining definite information."

MUST BE VACCINATED.

Order Regarding All Persons Aboard American Bound Vessels Now in Force.

London, Feb. 28.—Commencing to-day all American bound vessels from English ports infected with smallpox must have their officers, seamen, firemen and immigrants vaccinated, unless they were recently inoculated with vaccine virus. The order includes Liverpool, Glasgow and London, but Plymouth and Southampton, so far, are excepted. The United States consul officers are instituting a rigid system of inspection. It shows a surplus in favor of the province of \$135,000.

CUSTOMS REVENUE FOR EIGHT MONTHS

INCREASE OF OVER MILLION AND A HALF

Compared With Same Time Last Year—Yukoners Want F. C. Wade Selected as Judge.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The customs revenue for the eight months ending to-day, was \$1,675,430 greater than for the same time last year. The figure was a \$20,675,210 as against \$18,999,777 for the last fiscal year. For the month of February there was \$4,000 of a decrease, but it should be remembered that February last year was \$100,000 higher than the year previous.

Visited the House.
Sir Charles Tupper visited the House of Commons this forenoon and spent some time with the leader of the opposition and his followers.

SHIPBUILDERS' REQUEST.

Canadian shipbuilders waited on the government yesterday and asked that certain alleged discriminations be removed so as to better foster trade in this country.

Minister's Reply.

A number of parties in the city from the Yukon waited on Hon. C. Fitzpatrick yesterday and asked that F. C. Wade, K. C., be appointed to the vacancy in the Supreme court of British Columbia. This was owing to the delays in British Columbia courts hearing Yukon appeals. They wanted a judge acquainted with the nature of the appeals. If this could not be done they asked for an appeal court in the Yukon by appointing an additional judge. They were told that the appointee to the vacancy in British Columbia courts had been practically agreed upon.

Waited on Hon. C. Stifton.

Yukoners now have waited on Hon. Clifford Stifton to-day, and put in a plea for having F. C. Wade, appointed to the Supreme court of British Columbia for the same reasons as they put forward to Hon. C. Fitzpatrick yesterday, and asking that he have an appeal court in the Yukon to facilitate the hearing of appeals.

Lake Bennett Railway.

A. Morrison introduced a bill in the House, for G. R. Maxwell, to incorporate the Lake Bennett Railway Co.

PANAMA CANAL COMPANY.

Must Obtain Assent of Colombia Before Making Any Transfer of Concessions.

Paris, Feb. 28.—At an extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the new Panama Canal Company to-day, the president read a message from the consul-general of Colombia at Paris, setting forth that the company could not transfer its concession to another nation without first having the assent of Colombia, modifying the stipulations of articles 21 and 22 of the agreement.

After a discussion, during which it was agreed that efforts should be made to settle the controversy for France, the meeting adopted a resolution expressing approval of the attitude of the board of directors and deciding, in view of the message of the Colombian consul-general, to postpone entering upon any engagement.

WORTHLESS CHEQUES.

Returned By Bank in Boston and an Arrest Followed.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Once again the bank swindler has been at work in Toronto, but this time the amounts involved were small, being respectively \$39.80 and \$18.50. The trick was worked by means of two worthless cheques, supposed to have been signed by A. Russell, assistant managing director of the Boston Globe, and in favor of Dr. W. Lottman. The cheques were returned by the State National Bank, Boston, on which they were drawn a few days after, with a note that the same were unpaid. A search for the endorser of the cheques followed, resulting in the arrest of W. Lottman, alias Frauley, alias Lanning, a swindler well-known in every city of the United States, and who has operated in Canada before.

BOER LEADERS.

Kitchener or Milner May Accept Renunciation on Modified Conditions.

London, Feb. 27.—The colonial secretary, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, made an interesting statement in the House of Commons to-day, to the effect that the proclamation providing for the banishment of the Boer leaders did not prevent Lord Kitchener or Lord Milner from accepting the surrender of the Boer leaders on modified conditions. Lord Kitchener, on his own authority, had already accepted the surrender of some of the minor leaders on the understanding that the provision of the banishment proclamation would not be enforced.

STUDENTS IN CUSTODY.

All Those Arrested Are to Be Expelled From Moscow University.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—According to official accounts of disturbances on February 24th at Moscow university, four hundred students armed with bludgeons, iron bars and revolvers, wrecked the interior of the university buildings and hurled stones and bricks at the police and hung out red flags from the windows. The police and troops forced an entrance into the interior and arrested the ring-leaders of the riot. A decree of the minister of public instruction has been gazetted ordering the expulsion from the university and high schools of all students arrested in connection with rioting.

GRANBY SMELTER.

The Third Furnace Was Blown in Yesterday.

Grand Forks, B. C., Feb. 28.—The third furnace of the Granby smelter was blown in yesterday. This will increase the capacity to 1,145 tons daily. A fourth furnace will be started as soon as a new pump is installed.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE APPOINTED TO-DAY

SELECTION CONFIRMED AT CABINET MEETING

The Charges on White Pass Road—Government Control of Telegraph and Telephone Rates.

Ottawa, March 1.—To-day's Gazette contains the orders-in-council in regard to the reductions of rates on the White Pass. These rates are sanctioned by the company and approved by the minister of railways. Hon. A. G. Blair says that the rates are now such as the company are fairly entitled to charge. While the charges are only fixed between White Horse and Dawson, provisions are made to cancel and rescind the government's approval and state their rates on the American end of the road. The maximum rate for the conveyance of passengers is fixed at 15 cents per mile. The fares will be computed according to mileage between the stations, adding one mile instead of any fraction less than a mile. The freight rates have already been given.

The Chief Justice.

At to-day's cabinet meeting Gordon Hunter was appointed Chief Justice of British Columbia.

Appointment Gazetted.

To-day's Canada Gazette has the appointment of Hon. Wm. D. Campbell, a member of the privy council without portfolio.

Presentation to F. C. Wade.

"From a few Klondike pals" was the inscription on a cigar case presented by Klondikers to F. C. Wade on the anniversary of his birth and his arrival in Dawson four years ago. Governor Ross made the presentation. Mr. Wade afterwards entertained the party.

Government Control.

Ottawa, March 1.—The telephone and telegraph bill, of which notice was given by the minister of justice last night, provides for the government control of rates on these lines in exactly the same way as the Federal authorities now control the tariff charged by railway corporations.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

Man's Brain Lifted From Its Bed and Nerves Extracted.

New York, Feb. 28.—In one of the most remarkable operations known to surgery, says a Baltimore dispatch to the World, the brain of Rev. William A. Stark, a pastor of the Broadway German Methodist Episcopal church of this city, has been actually lifted from its bed and the roots of certain nerves that had caused the clergyman excessive neuralgia were extracted. The patient is said to have stood the operation well, and few doubts of his recovery are entertained. The operation was performed at the John Hopkins hospital.

THE CANADIAN NORTHERN.

Bill Regarding Construction of Lines and the Guarantee Bonds.

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—A bill "respecting the construction of certain lines of railway and the guarantee bonds of the Canadian Northern Railway Company" was introduced in the legislature to-day. It provides for the guarantee of bonds to the extent of \$8,000 per mile on branch lines on the C. N. R. within the province of Manitoba. On some of these lines the province had already agreed to guarantee the bonds. The act provides for aid to certain additional lines.

REVENUE FROM THE MINERAL INDUSTRY

SUGGESTIONS MADE BY ASSOCIATED BOARD

Resolution Adopted Regarding the Present Tax—Ask for Another Member in Dominion House.

Kaslo, B. C., Feb. 28.—The Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia concluded their labors to-day, and will meet next year at Fernie. The proceedings closed with a banquet by the Kaslo board this morning.

The board passed a resolution urging the Dominion government to make immediate selection of the government reserve of 50,000 acres of coal lands and lease them with such safeguards as will absolutely protect, now and in the future, the possibility of amalgamation with control by the Crow's Nest Coal Co., or an allied corporation, and that the maximum price to be charged for coke be \$3.50 per ton f.o.b., and the maximum price for 1/4-inch screened coal be \$1.75 per ton f.o.b. This was an amendment by the Rossland delegates to the original resolution "offered" by the Greenwood board, which was for throwing open these lands under proper restrictions from the government.

A resolution was passed asking that the Kootenay-Yale-Cariboo federal district be divided at once on the line of the Columbia river, and that an election for a member of the Dominion parliament be immediately held in the new district thereby created west of the Columbia river.

Another resolution passed was in reference to the mineral tax:

That whereas there is now imposed by the government of British Columbia 2 per cent. of the gross value of all ore and of the gross value of all products of transportation and smelting; whereas the industry of the province largely depends upon the possibility of profitably working the low grade ore deposits of the country; and whereas the incidence of the tax as at present levied is considered to be unjust, being upon mines having no possibility of profit, and upon the cost of production; whereas it is believed that a considerable portion of the revenue which it may be deemed equitable to levy upon the mining industry could be looked for from the tax already legally collectible upon Crown granted claims, upon less than work to the value of \$200 annually is done if such tax were systematically and promptly collected, or in default thereof, if the said Crown granted claims were to be sold by the government to the highest bidder, and

(2) By changing the conditions in regard to such Crown granted claims, so that work to the value of \$400 annually should be required, or failing that, a tax of 50 cents per acre be imposed, and

(3) By requiring that instead of work to the value of \$100, being the annual assessment conditions on Crown granted claims, work to the value of \$80 be accepted, with an increase of the fee for recording assessment work to \$12.50, and the number of the number of assessments before the issuance of Crown grants, and by these means the development of the resources of the country;

It is resolved that the government be asked to look to the means herein suggested for a portion of the revenue from the mining industry, and to reduce by so much the amount to be derived from the tax on mineral produced, and to change the incidence of the tax by deducting from the taxable value of the ore the cost of mining exclusive of capital expenditure and head office expenses; such reduction to be subject to the jurisdiction of such official as the government may designate.

USED TELEGRAPH WIRE.

Interesting Test Made By Illinois Central Railway Officials.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—The officers of the Illinois Central railway experimented last night with a telephone designed to supplant the telegraph instrument in the transaction of railway business. The test was made between Chicago and Kankakee, 50 miles of the line is said to be the worst line along the road. The telephoning is done over an ordinary telegraph wire and without interrupting the telegraphic messages. The tests lasted an hour and were declared satisfactory, despite the weather.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Peterboro, Ont., Feb. 28.—The circumstances of the death of David Valentine, whose dead body was found in the snow on February 8th, are to be looked into by a coroner's jury. Fool play is suspected.

SUPPOSED KIDNAPPING.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—Detectives are looking for Ethel Yoffin, alias Audrey Earl, a domestic, who has disappeared with a two-year-old son of Mrs. Wayland, of City Hall avenue.

BOUNDARY QUESTION.

London Dispatch Tells of the Action of Canadian Ministers.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—The Star's London correspondent cables: "It is stated that important communications are passing between the Imperial and Canadian governments regarding the Alaskan boundary. It is declared that Canadian ministers have plainly told Mr. Chamberlain that Canada has got to about the end of her tether in giving concessions to the United States."

"The London correspondent of the pro-Boer Manchester Guardian adds a gloss of his own, and says: 'Though Canada had on many occasions not received justice from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, thought it would be possible to preserve friendly relations with the United States, but that it required the exercise of patience. This is true; but Canadians are beginning to see that patience is required more with the British government, which in its soaring imperialism is always obligingly ready to sacrifice colonial interests to an important foreign power, than with the United States. Canadians understand the ways of the Americans, and can drive hard bargains as well as they can if left to themselves.'"

SNOWSLIDES CAME WITHOUT WARNING

FOURTEEN MEN DEAD AND MANY MISSING

Details of the Two Disastrous Slides at the Liberty Bell Mine Near Telluride, Colorado.

Telluride, Colo., March 1.—Fourteen dead, as many injured and a score or more missing, are the results, so far as known, of the series of snowslides which occurred in the vicinity of the Liberty Bell mine on Snuggler mountain three and a half miles north of Telluride. The roads between here and the Liberty Bell are almost impassable, and details of the accident are hard to obtain.

The first slide carried away the boarding and bunk houses and the tram house of the mine. About 250 men are regularly employed on the mines and mills of the Liberty Bell mine, but a large number of men from the night shift were at Telluride, and were prevented from returning to the mine by the terrible storm which was raging. The day shift and just gone to work, leaving but comparatively few underground workmen at the bunk houses. The slide came without warning. The three large buildings were carried down the steep mountain side, a distance of about 2,000 feet, and landed round to pieces, not a board being left intact. The snow and debris piled in the bottom of the canyon 25 feet deep. Those who escaped the slide at once began the work of rescuing their less fortunate companions. A dozen or more were taken out alive, some of them badly injured, however. Word was sent to Telluride and a number of citizens left for the scene of the disaster to aid in the rescue of the victims.

Shortly after noon, while the work of digging out bodies was going on, the second slide came down almost in the track of the first. The mountain side is very steep, and the descent of the snow mass was so swift that twenty-four of the rescuers were caught, two being killed. They were Harry A. Chase and L. D. Starn, and their bodies have not been recovered. The others were fatally hurt. Superintendent Chase, of the Liberty Bell mine, later ordered the work of rescue suspended, declaring that it was useless to endanger life further while slides were running. Several parties started at once for Telluride. Two of these parties were overtaken by slides. In one Gus, Von Fontelle, John R. Powell and Paul Daughers were killed and the other George Rowher and A. S. Gregory lost their lives. None of these bodies have been recovered at last accounts.

A large number of men are missing, and it is thought probable that the death list will be swelled to twenty and possibly thirty when the bodies shall be taken from the snow mass. Among those killed are Raymond Bishop, Wade Crowe and Harry A. Chase, and were last year's graduates from the school of the Golden, Colo. They had taken a position with the Liberty Bell to acquaint themselves with practical mining. They belong to good families in Denver and Pueblo.

Several other slides are reported in this vicinity. One at the Camp Bird mine in the Sheffield district resulted in the death of one man, and the probably fatal injury of another. From the condition of the snow more slides are expected.

NORTH VICTORIA VACANCY.

Nanaimo, March 1.—It is reported that W. Sloan will contest North Victoria, rendered vacant by the death of Spenser Booth. Another rumor says he may enter the government at once.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE CAUSED BY FLOODS

FAMILIES DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES

Many Portions of Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin and Tennessee Are Under Water.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 1.—Western Pennsylvania is in the grip of the worst flood since the record breaker of 1884, when the Allegheny river at this point reached a stage of 33 feet 3 inches, and two thirds of low Pittsburg and Allegheny were submerged in from two to ten feet of water, causing millions of dollars damage. Nine o'clock this morning showed 30 feet of water, and rising at the rate of from five to six inches an hour. Street-car traffic between the two cities has been entirely abandoned. Scores of mills have been forced to close down, and hundreds of families have been compelled to move from their homes.

Schuykill in Flood.
Philadelphia, Pa., March 1.—What is said to have been the greatest flood ever experienced along the Schuykill river, certainly the most disastrous in recent years, tore its way down that stream last night and early this morning, and from its source to its mouth, 120 miles, did damage which will reach into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Families Rescued.

Batavia, N. Y., March 1.—This place is suffering from the worst flood ever experienced here, resulting from the overflowing of Tonawanda creek, which runs through the southern part of the village. Families in the first and fourth wards were taken from their homes in boats this morning, the water having entered their dwellings. Boats are plying on West and South Main streets, and several other thoroughfares.

Factories Closed.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 1.—At 10 o'clock to-day the water of Onondaga creek had reached about the same height as the December flood mark. Two hundred families have been forced to leave their homes. The damage has been looked for, so that there is less suffering than during the previous flood. Several factories have been forced to close owing to water in their engine rooms.

Logging Industry Suffers.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 1.—Special advice from Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula indicates heavy damage to the logging industry, brought about by a two weeks' thaw and heavy rains. Marquette reports that the logging roads are wiped out as far north as Ispening.

Escanaba reports that lumbering in that section has been completely stopped by a 24 hours' rain, and that the loss will run into thousands of dollars. At Ashland a big storm has been raging for 24 hours. The rain washed out ice roads, crippling the industry. Many operators, generally the smaller ones, will be ruined.

In Tennessee.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 1.—The Tennessee river passed the danger line, 20 feet, at midnight. Clearing weather followed the rain and it is believed that all the rivers in upper Tennessee have done their work. The Southern railway will hardly be able to open its Ashville line until Monday.

Serious Outlook.

Port Plain, N. Y., March 1.—The flood has washed out 100 feet of the New York Central's roadbed, near St. Johnsville. The situation at Sarake is serious. An ice jam in the creek has moved the West Shore road's bridge, and endangered the entire village. Dynamite is being used to move the ice there.

Streets Inundated.

Brockton, Mass., March 1.—The city is experiencing the worst flood since the big inundation of February 1896. Five show man structures are shut down because of water in the engine rooms and basements. There were washouts all over the city, and in many sections portions of the streets are submerged.

Mills Closed.

Providence, R. I., March 1.—The flood of rain which deluged the entire state during yesterday afternoon and last night wrought much damage. Washouts compelled a cessation of railway traffic in several parts of the state and high water made it necessary to close down mills along the Pawtucket river.

REPORTED CONFESSION.

Salomon Says He Expected to Be Hanged and Hopes It Will Be Soon.

Dominion City, Man., March 1.—Ulp Salomon, the Sturthurn wife murderer, was taken to Winnipeg this morning. He says he expects he will be hanged, and hopes it will be soon. It is said he has made a confession. His children are to be taken to Winnipeg and placed in the government institution.