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A QUEEN WAS WEDDED THURSDAY WITH IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

Wilhelmina and Duke Henry Pledge Their Troth--She Was a Blushing Bride and He a Nervous Groom--Royal Bride Bedecked With Diamonds.

The Hague, Feb. 7--(Special)--Wilhelmina, the first ruling Queen of Holland, today married Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who becomes prince of the Netherlands by proclamation in the Court Gazette this evening. The marriage was a series of brilliantly colored pictures. The severe simplicity of the Dutch form of marriage was followed to the letter in the civil contract before the minister of justice (Dr. P. W. A. Cort Van Der Linden), while the old-fashioned, religious service in Grote Kerk, gave it a Democratic spirit. A happier surrounding no bride ever had. The weather was crisp, sunny and inspiring. The procession, as a spectacle, was not noteworthy. Fifty Dutch Hussars rode ahead, then came a handful of court officials, with the grand master of ceremonies, on horseback; then a coach with the Queen and Duke Henry. The Queen's mother's coach followed, and then the chief military officials of the palace, the governor of the city, two adjutants on horseback, and lastly a group of fifty mounted attendants. Green and orange decorations, with thousands of Dutch flags hanging across the streets, gave the route a brilliant appearance. The costuming of the crowds was equally high colored. At 11 o'clock the marriage party emerged from the palace to proceed to the palace of justice. Queen Wilhelmina passed down the steps on the arm of the Duke, with the train of her wedding dress sweeping behind her; then the Queen's mother, in purple, the Grand Duchess Maria and half a dozen ladies of the court followed. The religious service, in which the final ceremony was held in a great, bare structure of Gothic type, with white vaulted arches. Magnificent Sight. The scene when the wedding guests assembled, however, was most magnificent. There was an acre of many-colored uniforms and beautiful gowns with flashing jewels and glittering orders of the Royal personages and nobility, and the feathers and flowers of a thousand wonderful bonnets in the centre. On one side of the church was a space about 50 feet square. From the back rose a big white oak built with an ancient pulpit of carved oak built upon its ten feet above the floor. Banks of palms and white lilies surrounded the pulpit and were arranged in a slight railing. Surrounding the square between the pulpit and the rug was a short oaken railing with a small table, covered with green velvet. On the left six chairs reserved for the marriage party, faced the pulpit beyond the rug. The section of the church on the right of the pulpit was occupied by burgomasters and aldermen of Holland cities, dressed in bottle green with red and gold trimmings. Another section on the left held the members of the senate and chamber of deputies. Facing the left side of the pulpit, in front of the organ loft, sat the diplomatic corps, the first two rows containing the ladies of the diplomatic corps. In the third row sat the American minister, Mr. Sanford Nevell, in plain evening dress. General Porter, the United States ambassador to France, in the same attire, was on his left, with the British minister, Sir Henry Howard, on his right. Dr. Leyds, representative of the Transvaal, had the most prominent place in the row, with only the Spanish minister, Senor Hagner, between him and the British minister. From the tremendous pipe organ solemn strains of music floated out, olean hymns, with nothing of the traditional joyous wedding spirit in them. A roar of cheers announced the arrival of the bridal party at 12.30. Arrival at the Church. Before the wedding procession entered the church the great congregation arose and the choir of 100 voices sang, in six parts, to Hilade's music, the words of the sixteenth and seventeenth verses of the first chapter of Ruth; the blue curtains were held aside by the court officials and to this music the party slowly marched down the aisle. Then, on the arm of Duke Henry, walk-

STEEL AND IRON MEN. 2

Ontario Government Petitioned Relative to Taxes and Bonus. Toronto, Feb. 7--(Special)--A petition signed by all the steel and iron manufacturers of this province has been sent to the Ontario government asking that it exercise the power granted in the mines act for the imposition of taxes upon nickel ores and upon nickel and copper ores and their partially treated products, whether the same be smelted and refined in Canada or not, and that the tax thus collected be paid as a bonus upon the manufacture of nickel steel in Ontario. The arguments advanced in support of the request are that the United States discriminates against our finished products, though they depend on Canada for raw materials for these industries; the value of nickel to the British navy and the possibility of building up a large nickel smelting industry in Canada.

BLEW THE TOP OFF A MOUNTAIN

Tons of Dynamite Exploded With Terrific Force--Many Killed. Denver, Col., Feb. 7--(Special)--A special from Chihuahua, Mex., which says: Several hundred tons of dynamite stored in an underground chamber of the San Andres mine, situated in the Sierra Madres, in the western part of the state of Durango, exploded with terrific force, blowing the whole top of the mountain off and destroying a portion of the village of miners there. Eighty-seven men, women and children were killed and many others badly injured. None of the men in the mine were seriously hurt. Among the killed were Herman Lentiman, superintendent of the mine, and his family.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Boy and Aunt Perish in Flames--Fatality at the I. C. R. Station Fire. Kempville, Ont., Feb. 7--(Special)--The home of James Dulmage, of South Gower, was burned to the ground last night. Dulmage's son Will, aged about 22, and the boy's aunt, Bella, who resided with the family, perished in the flames. The remaining members of the family escaped to the homes of the nearest neighbors. Peter Du Loup, Quebec, Feb. 7--(Special)--In the fire at the railway station at Bois Pistoles last night Mrs. Morin, aged aunt of Mr. Hudson, the agent, was found in her bed, where she was confined through illness. Hudson, in an effort to save her, was overcome by smoke and was found by neighbors lying unconscious in one of the passages. It is rumored that the station was set on fire.

FOUR KILLED AND MANY INJURED WHEN A TRAIN PLOUGHED INTO A HILL.

Passenger Coach Telescoped by Mail Car, Which Went Through it Like Paper--Terrible Scenes of Suffering--Rescue of the Injured. Greenville, Pa., Feb. 7--Train No. 5, of the New York-Chicago Limited, on the Erie railroad, was wrecked this morning within the town limits. Five passengers were dead when taken from the wreck, several are missing and there are a number badly injured. The dead are: Sergeant Major Harry A. Hart, Fort Wood, N. Y.; George W. Patterson, Philadelphia, private, Company 1, Tenth United States Infantry; Peter J. Curry, Coboso, N. Y., private Tenth Infantry, aged 21. Unknown man, only papers on person was a postal card that had been sent to the Adams Produce Company, Rushville, Ind., and a ticket from New York to that point. His face was literally torn to shreds. The injured are: William D. Moore, 32 Lenox Road, Brooklyn, compound fracture of left leg and badly cut about the head; B. A. Marsden, Philadelphia, terribly crushed about the body; Ivan Lester Smith, Canisteo, badly bruised; Joseph Kennedy, East Brookfield, Mass., a private in the Tenth Infantry, compound fracture left leg; cut and bruised about head and body; William F. MacGinnitie, attorney, Portland, Indiana, hip crushed and face cut; O. H. Samons, Kent, Ohio, brakeman, compound fracture left leg, right leg badly bruised; C. J. Henry, Meadville, baggage man, left leg broken, injured about chest; S. Aiken, salesman, New York, slightly, suffering from shock; Levi F. Cahoon, Gloucester, Mass., injured slightly; Milton Stanley, Newark, N. J., leg fractured, cut about face; Charles Cornell, Elmira, N. Y., slightly; Harry Weisburg, express messenger, Dayton, Ohio, crushed.

COMPLIMENTS AND PLEASANTRIES PASS BETWEEN LAURIER AND BORDEN.

Premier Felicitates the New Leader--Business for the Session--Dead Letter Office for St. John--Monk to be Borden's Lieutenant--Senator Ellis Introduced.

Ottawa, Feb. 7--(Special)--At 3 o'clock this afternoon his excellency the governor general proceeded to the chamber of the senate in the parliament building and took his seat upon the throne. The members of the senate being present, and the members of the House of Commons having been summoned to fit chamber of the senate, his excellency opened the first session of the ninth parliament of the Dominion of Canada. An exchange of compliments and courtesies between the leaders comprised the business before the House of Commons today. Premier to Mr. Borden. "I will avail myself of this opportunity," in the senate said the premier, after a few remarks had returned from a committee, "to tender my congratulations as well as the congratulations of this side of the house to your honorable friend the senator for his elevation to the high office of leader of his majesty's loyal opposition. Of course it will not be fitting for me to do so in the chamber of the senate, but I am sure that you will be glad to receive the congratulations of your friends on this side of the house. I must have the most perfect confidence. They have rather been inspired by my own comparative inexperience in public life and by the fact that I doubted my own capacity to follow in the footsteps of those great men who, in times past, have filled the position of leader, on one side or the other of the house, and the party which I now have the honor to lead in this house. "And I remember also that the traditions of this house have been sustained by the great men of those who are now on the other side of the house but for many years fought the battles of our people with more or less varying fortune from the side of the house which is now occupied by my honorable friends and myself. "Mr. Borden concluded by saying it would be quite convenient for the opposition to dispose of the address to the King today and that he was sure the proposed address would receive the most cordial support from the opposition. The house then adjourned. Reply to Sir Charles. The committee appointed to draft a reply to the valedictory letter of Sir Charles Tupper has prepared the same. It is signed by W. R. Brock, chairman, and after referring briefly to the political career of Sir Charles, says: "Our friends beg to assure you, sir, that the advancement of the fast Atlantic service and the promotion of that system of preferential trade, which more than ever has become of vital importance to the empire, must remain objects of paramount importance to every member of our party. In conclusion, we venture to express the sincere hope that you and Lady Tupper may be spared to enjoy for many years the repose to which your long and honorable public career so well entitled you."

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Denial by Kitcheener. The post office bill which Mr. Mulock gives notice of in the speech from the throne is for the purpose of establishing a dead letter office at Dawson City, Vancouver, St. John, N. B., London and Hamilton. The Senate. The Conservatives in the senate propose to have a parliamentary investigation into the charges made during the last election by H. H. Cox, ex-M. P., to the effect that a senatorship had been offered to him for \$10,000. Sir Mackenzie Bowell has given notice that on Thursday he would move for the appointment of a special committee of the senate to investigate the allegation. He proposes that the investigating committee be composed of Senators Baker, Ferguson, Pelletier, Ellis, Landry, Cox, Kirchoffer, Young, King, Longhead, Wood of Westmontland, and Bower. The committee he proposed would be composed of five Liberals and seven Conservatives. Senator Ellis Introduced. Hon. J. V. Ellis arrived today and was introduced in the senate this afternoon by Hon. David Mills and Hon. R. W. Scott. Monk is Lieutenant. There was a Conservative caucus tonight, when F. D. E. Monk, M. P., was elected first lieutenant of the party. Mr. Borden, leader of the opposition, in the house.

FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLAR LOSS BY FIRE IN CHARLOTTETOWN.

The Second Scorching the Island Has Got in a Very Brief Time--Greater Portion of the City Saved Only by Good Water Supply and Effective Work by Firemen.

Charlottetown, Feb. 7--(Special)--Fire broke out during the storm Wednesday night and Tremaine's large warehouse was totally destroyed. The fire was blowing a gale at the time and the destruction of the lower part of the city was only averted by the excellent water supply and the work of the firemen. The fire was caused by crossed wires. Horace Hazard's loss in stock was valued at \$10,000. He had insurance of \$7,000. The building was partially covered by insurance. Nearly \$14,000 worth of property was destroyed in all. During the evening several small fires occurred but without doing much damage. The telephone system was badly damaged. Charlottetown, Feb. 7--Because of the destruction of the lower part of the city was only averted by the excellent water supply and the work of the firemen. The fire was caused by crossed wires. Horace Hazard's loss in stock was valued at \$10,000. He had insurance of \$7,000. The building was partially covered by insurance. Nearly \$14,000 worth of property was destroyed in all. During the evening several small fires occurred but without doing much damage. The telephone system was badly damaged.

STORM PREVENTS COURT.

Jurors Cannot Get from Outlying Districts. Farmington, Me., Feb. 7--The severe northeasterly gale which began here last Monday continued today and, although no snow has fallen since yesterday morning, all the country roads were filled with immense drifts, the streets in this town were almost impassable, traffic on the Sandy River Narrow Gauge railroad has been suspended and business is almost at a standstill. Until the wind decreases in force there seems little indication of improvement in conditions. The February terms of the supreme judicial court which convened here last Tuesday has been unable to proceed with the trial of jury cases, as many of the jurors living in outlying districts have been unable to attend owing to impassable roads. W. S. Harkins at Halifax. Halifax, Feb. 7--(Special)--The W. S. Harkins company arrived this afternoon on the special train from North Sydney. The steamer Bruce having been caught in the ice they missed the regular train. The company opened to a large audience at the Academy of Music tonight in Midland Sans Gene. Rumored Combine Denied. Chicago, Feb. 8--The rumor about the effect that the packing interests of Armour, Swift and Nelson Morris were to be consolidated with a capital of \$135,000,000, was denied tonight by all the packers named.

NO OPPONENT.

Carleton Opposition Have Found No Candidate. TWO CONVENTIONS. Government Supporters Unanimously Chose Stephen B. Appleby as Candidate--The Other Party Adjourned Without Nominating a Standard-Bearer. Woodstock, Feb. 7--(Special)--Woodstock was the scene of two political contests this evening. The supporters of the local government met in the town hall in the afternoon and in the evening the opponents of the government met in the office of J. N. W. Window. Both conventions were small owing to the almost impassable condition of the roads and the fact that all trains were very much delayed. Premier Tweedie and Hon. H. A. McKewen were present at the government convention. Stephen B. Appleby was the unanimous choice as candidate. The opposition convention adjourned without nominating a man. Members of the cabinet present addressed the government convention.

PEOPLE AND SAILORS FIGHT.

United States Tars in a Fracas in Venezuela. Washington, Feb. 7--Information has been received here of a clash between sailors of the United States naval vessel Lancaster, now at La Guira, Venezuela, and the populace, of that city. Such details as are available are extremely meagre, but from what can be gleaned the difficulty is without any political significance and in all probability was the outcome of a brawl between sailors who had been enjoying themselves on shore leave. As a result of the difficulty, the Lancaster's men were forced to take to their small boats and return to the ship. It is understood that the military forces were not called on to take any part in the disturbance although it is possible the police may have assisted in quelling the disorder. No fatal casualties are reported on either side. CHEERED THE KING. Proclamation About Death of the Queen and Accession of Edward VII. Read to the Royal Canadians. Halifax, Feb. 7--The 3rd R. C. regiment was paraded at the Wellington barracks yesterday to hear the proclamation regarding the death of the Queen and the accession of King Edward VII read. After the reading of the proclamation the soldiers gave three cheers for the King, after which it was announced that the men could have the afternoon as a half holiday.

SOUTH AFRICA. CHINESE MATTERS.

Proceedings for Seditious Libel Begun. DENIAL BY KITCHENER. Would Save Tuan's Head. Is Brought Out by the Statements of the Editor of the South African News--British Plan to Sweep the Enemy Towards Cape Colony--Casualty Report. London, Feb. 8--The latest casualty list issued by the war office reveals another attack on Middelton, not previously reported from South Africa. This occurred February 2, the British losing nine killed and 31 wounded. The previous attack, when the Boers captured two sundred, occurred January 30. Cape Town, Feb. 7--The official report of the invasion says: "The anticipated invasion by Christian De Wet has not yet occurred, but it may be only delayed. Although there is no considerable movement, small bodies of men continue to dribble across the Orange River. The largest of these, 200 strong, crossed near Burger station five days ago. The report then gives elaborate details regarding the present disposition of the Boers and British in Cape Colony. It is announced here that the imperial government will advance £100,000 for the relief of distressed refugees. Cape Town, Feb. 7--Proceedings were instituted today against Mr. Albert Cartwright, editor of the South African News, for criminal and seditious libel, contained in a letter under the non de plume "British Officer," which said that General Kitcheener had secretly instructed his troops to take no prisoners. Mr. Cartwright is under arrest. Before the attorney general instituted the proceedings he wired Lord Kitcheener the substance of the letter and asked if there were any foundation for it. Lord Kitcheener replied that the statement was a base libel, entirely devoid of foundation, adding: "De Wet was never surrounded in the position mentioned, but had his retreat to the north open. Instructions in the nature reported were never given or thought of. We treat enemies who have surrendered with every consideration." It is understood the British are trying to sweep the enemy towards Cape Colony, at each end, clearing everything in their advance and it is said that General Kitcheener is personally directing the operations. From the southern districts troops are moving northwards in hopes of catching the Republicans between two forces. Cape Town, Feb. 7--News four days old from the Doorn river country shows that the Boers have a base at Calvinia. From that point they have sent patrols far and wide. Col. De Lisle is moving toward them. He last sent. Clowes and one man killed in a skirmish with a Boer patrol. The country is wildly tumultuous. British horse buyers have secured 4,000 good horses and 3,000 mules in the colony. It was not suspected that there were so many animals available.

Paris, Feb. 7--A Havas Agency despatch from Shanghai says that in response to the diplomats' communication relative to the punishments, Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang made the following propositions: Prince Tuan to be exiled to Chinese Tukestan; Duke Lan to be degraded and exiled to Manchuria; Yu Lu, formerly viceroy of Chi Li, to be degraded; Chang to receive an order to commit suicide; Yang Xien to be condemned to death but his sentence to be commuted to life imprisonment; Chao Yu Sita (Chao Su Kiam), Kwei (Yu Yuen) and his son, Sin Tong, to be degraded, while Sin Tong, Lingsiang (Li Ping Heang) and Kong Yi (Kanyih), who are dead, are condemned to posthumous execution. Berlin, Feb. 7--The war office has received the following despatch from Count Von Walderssee: "Pekin, Feb. 7--Cheng Yung Hu, reading there today." St. Petersburg, Feb. 7--A competent authority has advised that the Associated Press to publish Russia's denial of the story that the Czar's general is demanding 20,000,000 taels as the price for the restoration of Manchuria to China. That is altogether false. "Russia, like other powers," said the Associated Press correspondent's informant, "is asking compensation for damages sustained and expenses incurred but I venture the prediction that the whole world will acknowledge, when the facts can be properly divulged, that Russia's demands are extremely moderate, compared with those of the other powers." The London Times Shanghai letter, complaining of the conduct of Russian soldiers in Manchuria and charging robbery and acts of violence towards travelers, is characterized as a malicious fabrication.

WOMEN OF TORONTO.

Plan to Erect a Hall in Memory of Queen Victoria. Toronto, Feb. 7--(Special)--At a meeting of the Historical Society this evening the Lady Members Society decided to collect 10 cent subscriptions among the young of Toronto and to secure other financial help to erect a memorial hall to Queen Victoria in which the central feature will be a magnificent statue of the Queen.