

BORDEN MAKES SERIOUS ERROR

IN HIS PLEA FOR STATE OWNED UTILITIES

Conservative Organ Rebels Against Such Policy for Growing Country.

Kingston, Sept. 11.—The Standard, a Conservative organ, expresses regret that R. L. Borden raised the question of the government ownership of all public utilities in a speech at Liverpool, N. S.

Frankly it says it is not ready to follow Mr. Borden on this issue and it does not believe the country is because there is no enthusiastic general demand for such ownership.

It sees the plan as a serious obligation in a young and growing country like Canada and declares it would place in the hands of politicians a formidable and dangerous power which improperly used would do much to the lasting detriment and hurt of the country.

EXACTED BRIBES FROM WOMEN.

New York, N. Y., Sept. 11.—William F. Waltham, formerly a member of the police department, was today sent to prison for extorting money from women on the streets while he was doing duty as a patrolman. He was sentenced to serve, not less than three, and not more than five years, in the state prison. In pronouncing sentence Judge Malone delivered a scathing arraignment of the prisoner.

SUPPLYING LIQUOR WITHOUT A LICENSE

Wily Chinese Dealer Caught Red-handed at Port Essington.

Port Essington, Sept. 3.—A seizure of Chinese liquor was made today in the Chinese restaurant run by Tai Kee and his friends. It had long been suspected that the celestial was selling liquor illicitly and supplying customers at the tables though he had no restaurant license. Special Constable Herring at last discovered him in the act of supplying the liquor, and acting under the authority of a search warrant, he unearched eight cases of the stuff. Of course, the Oriental held up his tapering hands in protestation of holy innocence, but he will find Magistrate Williams hard to convince of his innocence in the face of such evidence when he appears before him next week.

EUCARISTIC CONGRESS.

Cardinal Logue Presides at English Meeting in Connection With London Congress.

London, Sept. 11.—After the celebration this morning of Pontifical High Mass in Westminster cathedral by the Archbishop of Utrecht, who was assisted by a number of other prelates, the delegates to the International Eucharistic Congress, which is holding its nineteenth annual session in this city, separated to attend the various sectional meetings scheduled for the morning hours.

NOMINATIONS IN EAST.

Halifax, Sept. 11.—Charles T.H. was nominated by the Liberal convention in Truro to contest the county against John Stanfield. A. K. McLean was nominated by the Liberal convention in Lunenburg.

CONFESSES THAT HE HELD UP C. P. R. TRAIN

Man Responsible for Mission Junction Robbery is Now a Suicide.

Vancouver, Sept. 11.—Carl Sutherland, who yesterday committed suicide at Los Angeles after killing a police detective, left a confession written several days before death that it was he and a companion known as "Black Kid" who on September 7th, 1906, held up and robbed the C. P. R. train at Mission Junction, B. C. Later the same two men pulled off the robbery of a train at Yakima, Wash.

FATAL GUN EXPLOSION.

Two Burned to Death and a Number of Others Are Injured.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 11.—Two persons were burned to death last night, two others seriously burned and two women were injured by falling walls, which four other persons were slightly injured as the result of a gas explosion at the home of the Rev. Father George Misquid of the Greek Orthodox Catholic church in Bedford.

DROWNS IN KOOTENAY.

Nelson, Sept. 10.—Tom Taylor was drowned in the Kootenay, at Granite. Taylor, an Irishman, came out to this country a year or so ago with his brother and worked for a while at the Granite mine driving a horse from there to the Poorman. Later on he and his brother took up some land on the Granite wagon road.

He was fishing in the Kootenay when his line got caught on a rock. He waded in, but found he could not reach the spot, so he came back and took off his clothes. He then started to wade and swim to the rock, but the treacherous current swept him away, and he was soon sucked beneath the rapid waters, and the stream carried the unfortunate man's body out of sight.

An elderly man named Yates was an eye-witness, but was too far away to render any assistance.

BODY DISCOVERED IN SKENA.

Port Essington, Sept. 5.—The body of Samuel Ellis, who was recently drowned off the sternwheeler Distributor, was discovered floating in the river, and was brought down by Bert Kergin in his launch last Wednesday. At the inquiry held by Coroner Wilson the identity of the body was established, and the order given for interment in the public burying ground.

RANCHER STARTS DISASTROUS FIRE

Flames Spread Over Area of 13 Square Miles in California.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 11.—One hundred and fifty men are fighting a fire which threatened the town of La Crescent and the valley west of Pasadena last night, and has burned over an area of 13 square miles, a portion of which is included in the San Gabriel forest reserve.

The fire started yesterday when a rancher attempted to burn some brush. Three residences near La Crescent were destroyed and the old Gould estate, one of the landmarks of the valley, was saved after desperate efforts. Considerable timber has been consumed and the water supply is seriously damaged.

STEAMERS LOST IN SMOKE FROM FOREST FIRES

Vessel With Party of Ministers is Wrecked on Travers Island.

Houghton, Mich., Sept. 11.—About 300 ministers, many of them accompanied by members of their families, had a difficult journey in reaching this city for the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of the district. A steamer carrying fifty of them ran on the rocks on little Travers island, and another steamer carrying 150 of the clerical delegates was for several hours yesterday lost in the smoke from the upper Michigan forest fires.

The steamer Comestoga was aground about 4 a. m. yesterday and at latest reports had not yet been released. The Comestoga was not badly damaged, however, and was not leaking. Considerable Russian was felt when the steamer Russia did not arrive until several hours after she was due, and when she came into port it was explained that she had lost her bearings in the smoke that hangs thick over Lake Superior.

PATRIOTISM IN PEACE TIME.

Japanese Premier Outlines Policy of Rigid Economy.

Tokyo, Sept. 11.—Marquis Katsuma, the new premier and minister of finance, outlined a policy of rigid economy, only for Japan in an address last night before the bankers' club. He declared the patriotism of the people of Japan was as necessary when economy was needed to restore confidence and credit as during the Russo-Japanese war when he was foreign minister.

PURCHASE OF RAILWAYS.

Ottawa, Sept. 11.—The tender of the Royal Trust Company, of Montreal, for the purchase of the Erie and Chesapeake Railway for \$1,050,000 and the Atlantic & Superior Railway for \$350,000 were accepted yesterday by the exchequer court.

SOO STEEL PLANT.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Sept. 11.—The directors of the Lake Superior Consolidated company have decided to re-open the steel plant on September 15th instead of on October 1st, as announced a few days ago.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Montreal, Sept. 11.—Canadian bank clearings for the week ending September 10th are \$25,970,662, as against \$31,148,680 last year, and \$22,661,219 in 1906.

COMIC OPERA COMPOSER.

Toulouse, Sept. 11.—Justin Clerc, the composer, is dead here. He was born in Burosars in 1863, and came to Paris in 1882. He composed several comic operas.

LAKE MICHIGAN FLOATED.

Broadstairs, Eng., Sept. 11.—The British steamer Lakes Michigan, from Montreal on August 29th with 140 passengers for London, which stranded yesterday near Margate, was floated today. Tugs will dock her at Millwall.

FIRE IN COLLIERY.

Sydney Mines, N. S., Sept. 11.—The fire which started in Sydney No. 1 colliery on Wednesday night did damage to the extent of \$6,000 to the plant of the Laidley Lumber Company.

RUNNING RIGHT ON INTERCOLONIAL

NO INJUSTICE WILL BE DONE TO PEOPLE

Hon. W. Pugsley Addresses St. John Electors on C. P. R. Application.

St. John's, N. B., Sept. 11.—The Liberals in convention here nominated Hon. W. Pugsley for St. John city and county, and Jas. Pender, manufacturer, head of the Jas. Pender Nail Works, for St. John City. Mr. Pugsley said in regard to the C. P. R. application for running rights over the I. C. R., it was the government's duty to look after the whole of Canada. He thought that terms could be suggested which would be to the advantage of all the provinces interested. No injustice would be done to St. John. It would not be long before the G. T. P. and the Canadian Northern would be knocking at the doors.

No arrangement would be made that would result in a monopoly or interfere with the influence of the people's road. He had in mind the terms by which the I. C. R. could be used by all the railways. They could rely upon it that all his colleagues in the cabinet, including those from Nova Scotia would be found broad-spirited enough not to inflict injustice on the port.

KILLING NO MURDER.

Verdict of Not Guilty in Case of South Carolina Doctor.

Union, S. C., Sept. 11.—The case of Dr. Linder, a prominent young physician of this city, charged with killing the I. C. R. engineer, was given by the jury yesterday. After being out five hours a verdict of not guilty was returned.

Dr. Linder in his testimony told of various threatening letters he had received from the woman and that he did not shoot until he saw her reach for a hand-satchel, in which he supposed she had a pistol. The woman's dying statement was put in evidence by the state, in which she declared that she had not threatened him, but loved him, would forgive him everything and did not want to hurt him.

UNDER WHICH FLAG?

New Westminster School Trustees Decide in Favor of Canada's Emblem.

New Westminster, Sept. 11.—After deliberating on the question for over an hour, the school trustees of this city yesterday evening decided that the Canadian flag should be flown over public schools. This was done in spite of the order of the provincial government compelling all school teachers to fly the Union Jack.

LITTLE GIRLS AT PLAY BURN TO DEATH

Matches Left Within Reach of Children Cause Dual Tragedy.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Sept. 11.—The five-year-old daughter of Chas. Gratton and the three-year-old daughter of Wm. Brown, Jr., were burned to death yesterday in the double tenement house in which the Gratton and Brown family reside, three miles west of the city. Their parents had gone to the Clinton County fair, leaving the children with their grandparents across the road.

CARRYING OF HOST IN LONDON STREETS

Protestant Alliance Appeals to Home Secretary Against Proposed Action.

London, Sept. 11.—The Protestant Alliance in continuing its opposition to the appearance of the host in the procession to be held in this city next Sunday in connection with the Eucharistic congress, today telegraphed an appeal to the Home Secretary to prevent the carrying of the host and the wearing of vestments on this occasion.

WOMAN IN WHITE.

Body Found in New Jersey Lake Was Covered With Jewels.

Newark, N. J., Sept. 11.—The body of Mrs. Ashton Harvey, dressed in white and literally covered with a fortune in jewels, was found yesterday in the private pleasure lake on the estate of Stuart Harshorn at Short Hills, N. J., by bloodhounds, which had been brought from New York to seek her.

INJURED ON RACETRACK.

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 10.—Three persons were injured, two of them probably fatally, at the state fair grounds yesterday, when the spectators crowded upon the race track and were run into by one of the contesting horses. The crowd, estimated at 35,000 in the excitement to see the finish of the 216 turf, made a rush on the track and the police and fair officials were powerless in their efforts to keep the people back.

\$6,000 FIRE.

Sarnia, Ont., Sept. 11.—Fire on Wednesday night did damage to the extent of \$6,000 to the plant of the Laidley Lumber Company.

TO CONTEST WINNIPEG.

Split in Conservative Caucus Which Chooses H. J. Macdonald as Candidate.

Winnipeg, Sept. 11.—At a caucus of the Conservative leaders held yesterday afternoon, at which the minority made a vigorous opposition, it was decided to run Hugh John Macdonald for the Commons. The minority wanted ex-Ald. Andrews.

D. C. Cameron, a millionaire lumberman and president of the Rat Portage Lumber Company, who has large interests in British Columbia, and is an ex-member of the Ontario legislature, is favored by the Liberals as their candidate. Mr. Cameron is a strong man.

PACIFIC CABLE COMPANY.

London, Sept. 11.—The Pacific Cable Company's receipts last year were £199,857, a decrease of £2,852. The expenses were £172,922. The deficiencies are recoverable as follows: Great Britain, £17,322; Canada, £17,322; Australia, £20,287; New Zealand, £6,929.

ARREST EX-MANAGER OF SOVEREIGN BANK.

Montreal, Sept. 11.—Information has been received that D. M. Stewart, former manager of the Sovereign Bank, of having submitted false returns to the government in March and April, 1907. Stewart is now in New York, but the intention is to apply for extradition and he probably will be brought back.

G. T. P.'S MOVE IS IMPORTANT

COMPANY'S PURCHASE INDICATES BUSINESS

Transcontinental Line Apparently Recognizes City's Importance.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The purchase by the G. T. P., of the valuable waterfront in Victoria harbor, is felt by the general public to be a move, by that company towards securing a firm foothold in Victoria. As such it cannot fail to have its effect upon the commercial future of this city.

It has been suggested that the G. T. P. plans to connect by steamboat with the north end of the island and there by railway with Victoria and on the basis of this being the first connection there would be given to Victoria, an attempt has been made to belittle the importance of the recent purchase of the G. T. P. on the waterfront.

The plan of reaching Victoria thus alluded to has been spoken of for some time, and on the strength of it a local promoter attempted to interest the G. T. P. in a townsite near the north end of the island. The fact that the proposition was not taken up and that the company has now bought waterfront in Victoria, would seem to indicate that the G. T. P. really is not likely to be made without the company intending to make use of the property and the public will feel satisfied that the G. T. P., by the latest move, intends to do business in Victoria.

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NEW PUBLIC WORKS.

Ottawa, Sept. 11.—The public works department has awarded the following contracts:

Wharf and warehouse at Port Hastings, N. S., to W. J. Landry, of Antigonish, \$10,550.

Public buildings at Glouce, Ont., to G. A. Proctor, of Thorold, \$16,258.

Public building at Welland to Nagle & Mills, Ingersoll, \$26,528.

Wharf at MacPhersons cove, Cape Breton, to Reid & Archibald, of Halifax, \$2,975.

Military magazine, Toronto, to Baker & Jordan, Toronto, \$3,467.

Movable dam steel service and highway bridge and repair shop at St. Andrew's Rapids, Winnipeg, to Canada Foundry Company, Toronto, \$54,000.

U. S. RIFLE TOURNAMENT.

Dryden, N. J., Sept. 11.—The Dryden match for a \$9,000 trophy, presented by John F. Dryden, former United States senator, was the principal event on today's programme of the great shooting tournament. To the military rifle men this contest is second in importance only to the national match, and it is the most important event of the season. The match was won by Sgt. Sagitt shoot, Governor Porran and ex-Senator Dryden were in the large gallery of spectators who watched the shooting in this match.

FEAT HAILED AS CONQUEST OF AIR

FRENCH EXPERTS ON WRIGHT'S AVIATION

Considerable Importance is Attached to Fort Meyer Performance.

Paris, Sept. 11.—Expert writers on aviation this morning devote columns in the newspapers to the importance of Orville Wright's flying feat at Fort Meyer, and liken its effect throughout the world to the circling of the Eiffel tower by Santos Dumont in 1907. With practical unanimity, they hail the Fort Meyer performance as marking the definite conquest of the air by man.

A majority of the writers think that it is now only a question of time before the Wrights or some other aeronauts will win the London Daily Mail's prize of \$50,000 for a flight from London to Manchester, and the Michelin prize of \$20,000 for a flight from Paris to the home of the cathedral at Clermont-Ferrand. This latter competition is open until 1918.

Washington, Sept. 11.—At Fort Meyer late yesterday Orville Wright again broke his own record established on Wednesday in his aeroplane, remaining in the air 65 minutes and 52 seconds. The wind was blowing at the rate of from 10 to 15 miles an hour, requiring much greater skill in handling the machine.

Trials at Le Mans.

Le Mans, Sept. 11.—In spite of the heavy fog that prevailed this morning Wilbur Wright, the American aeronaut, was out at an early hour. At 8 o'clock the weather had cleared, and Mr. Wright made his third attempt with the intention of making a long flight. He had trouble, however, with the sparking apparatus of his motor, and was forced to come down after being four minutes and fifty-two seconds in the air.

SUITS AGAINST REGINA CITY.

Regina, Sask., Sept. 11.—Suits for \$8,000 in commissions, are to be commenced against the city council for its failure to accept any one of the plans submitted for the new municipal hospital. Each one of the architects who entered the competition is asking one per cent commission.

CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN ST. PETERSBURG

Eighteen Deaths Already Reported and Numerous Cases of Sickness.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 11.—The Asiatic cholera is spreading in St. Petersburg. The epidemic is taken to mean that the city authorities have failed to take proper precautions against an epidemic, the first case of which was discovered a fortnight ago. The bulletin issued last night reported two new cases and 18 deaths, but it is believed that more than that number exist within the city limits.

The health commission admits that there are 102 other cases of sickness that are being watched. One hundred doctors have been drafted into the cholera squad at a salary of \$2.50 a day. The city has chartered a special tank steamer to distribute boiled water to the barges where a large portion of the cases have been found. A case of cholera is reported from Peterhof.

KILLED IN THE MOUNTAINS.

New Westminster Boy Accidentally Shoots Himself Near Agassiz.

New Westminster, Sept. 11.—While out on a prospecting trip yesterday morning with his father, young Frank Healy of this city, seventeen years of age, accidentally shot himself in the side, dying a short time later.

The accident happened at an elevation of five hundred feet on high mountains near Agassiz, the boy having to be sledged down from that height on an improvised sledge.

KETCHELL VS. PAPKE.

Middleweights to Meet Again on Thanksgiving Day.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 11.—Despite recent predictions to the effect that Stanley Ketchell would not soon obtain another match with Bill Papke, who defeated him at Los Angeles last Monday, the men agreed last night to meet again under the former conditions in this city on the night of November 26th (Thanksgiving Day). Promoter John J. Gleason made the match and half of the receipts will be divided between the fighters on a basis of 60 and 40 per cent apiece.

PROFESSOR SEITZ DEAD.

Rome, Sept. 11.—Prof. Ludovico Seitz, director of the Vatican picture gallery, died suddenly at Albano this morning. The Pope has expressed his deep sorrow.

MORAL REFORM CAMPAIGN.

Toronto, Sept. 11.—The general assembly board of moral and social reform of the Presbyterian church held an all-day session on Wednesday. Recommendations by the board were made to the people of the church to heartily co-operate in the formation of moral and social reform leagues in the various electorates for the purpose of promoting political purity and reforms generally. Each congregation was advised to form brotherhoods and the synod was requested to arrange for meetings at which the work of the brotherhoods and of moral and social reform councils should be discussed.

STREET CAR STEPS.

Toronto Doctor Claims They Are Too High—Railway Board to Consider Matter.

Toronto, Sept. 11.—Dr. Helen McMurich has filed with the Ontario railway board an application to have the height of the steps on all the electric cars in the province reduced to nine inches for the first step from the ground, and seven to nine inches for the others. She claims that the steps at present are too high. The railways are notified that a hearing on the application will be given on September 24th.

FIFTY-FIVE MEN KILLED IN BUILDING BRIDGE

Cause of Fatalities Said to Be Employment of Non-Union Labor.

New York, Sept. 11.—Fifty-five men have been killed in building the new Blackwells island bridge over the East river, according to the report of a committee of the Central Federated Union appointed to ascertain the fatalities in that work. The committee also found that fifteen workmen have suffered deaths in the Chelsea Dock Improvement.

The union workmen who investigated the subjects said that the city inspectors tried to conceal the loss of life which the union men attribute to the employment of non-union men in experienced in the work at lofty heights and to the absence of proper precautions. The investigators declared that no life had been lost in building the new Manhattan bridge where union labor is employed.

ITALIAN LABORER TAKES COSTLY REVENGE

Government of Baden Has to Pay \$875,000 for Dismissing Him.

Heidelberg, Sept. 11.—An act of revenge on the part of an Italian laborer, because he considered he had been dismissed without cause has cost the government of Baden the sum of \$875,000.

The government has been constructing a railroad tunnel through the Black Forest mountain, working in it from each end to meet at the centre. It was discovered to-day that the two halves which should come together at the village of Forbach, missed each other by 25 feet. The reason is a mistake in the survey which arose from the misplacing of a surveying pin.

This act was the work of the Italian who had a grudge against the government.

LEADING DEMOCRAT ARRESTED.

Had Bloody Encounter With Neighbor Whom He Stabs Twice.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 11.—Former City Collector Joseph S. Martin, for many years a leading spirit in the Democratic party and the advisor to the late Governor Altgeld, was arrested last night after a desperate encounter with Peter McLeod, a contractor, in which McLeod was severely injured and Martin was severely injured. The fight took place before the Martin and McLeod houses at 159 and 182 North State street. Both were taken to a hospital and will recover. The men had quarrelled over money alleged to be due Martin for whom McLeod had acted as real estate agent.

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KAISER'S FLYING TRIP TO FRANCE

WILL TRAVERSE JUST ONE HUNDRED YARDS

Special Gendarmes Will Guard Movements of "Simple Tourist."

Paris, Sept. 11.—The government today received official information that Emperor William, the army manoeuvres at Alsace Lorraine being at an end, would this afternoon cross the French frontier in an auto as a "simple tourist" for the purpose of enjoying the magnificent view from the top of the Schlucht mountains.

Although considerably astonished that Emperor William should choose the present moment for the first visit to French territory made by a German Emperor since the King of Prussia was proclaimed Emperor at Versailles in 1871, the government at once dispatched instructions to the customs officials to allow the imperial automobile to pass the frontier without examination and for the proper guarding of the route by gendarmes to prevent any unfortunate incident.

According to the official advice the Emperor will have to traverse only about 100 yards of French soil in order to reach a point whence he can view the splendid panorama. The view includes the plains of Upper Alsace, the lakes of Longemer and Grand Armeur and the valleys of the Volange and Moselle rivers which flow through pine forests into the Moselle.

THE ASSIZE COURT SITTINGS FIXED

Dates on Which the Hearing of Cases Will Be Held.

The autumn Assizes commence with the beginning of October and the legal fraternity will be once more engaged in trying to convict or release such as are said to have offended against the majesty of the law and of their Lord the King. The following is the list of dates set for the holding of courts throughout the province:

- Town of Clifton, Thursday, October 1st, civil and criminal.
- City of Victoria, Monday, October 5th, criminal.
- City of Kamloops, Monday, October 5th, civil and criminal.
- City of Nanaimo, Thursday, October 8th, civil and criminal.
- City of Nelson, Tuesday, October 6th, civil and criminal.
- City of Revelstoke, Friday, October 9th, civil and criminal.
- City of Vancouver, Monday, October 12th, criminal.
- City of Vernon, Tuesday, October 13th, civil and criminal.
- City of New Westminster, Tuesday, October 20th, civil and criminal.
- City of Cranbrook, Tuesday, October 20th, civil and criminal.
- City of Greenwood, Thursday, October 22nd, civil and criminal.
- City of Rossland, Tuesday, October 13th, civil.
- City of Vancouver, Tuesday, November 3rd, full court.

SAWED PRISON BARS.

Convicts' Bold Dash for Liberty Proves Unsuccessful.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Sept. 11.—Having as his assistants the members of the state parole board, Cornelius V. Collins, superintendent of state prisons, yesterday led the pursuit of five convicts who escaped from Clinton prison.

After an exciting chase, the convicts were serving terms of from five to twenty years for highway robbery. When the alarm was given, the state board was in session in the office of Warden Cole, Supt. Collins and the members of the board decided to help capture the fugitives.

YOUNG GIRL TAKES REVENGE WITH RIFLE

Kills One Man and Wounds Another for Creating Disturbance.

Cripple Creek, Sept. 11.—Armed with a rifle, Miss Annie Coplen, of Gillette, 12 miles from here, fired as rapidly as she could into a group of men who were making a disturbance in front of her mother's home last night. Robert R. Young, operator of the cyanide plant at Gillette, was wounded in the