

SENSATION IN RUSSIAN CAPITAL

REACTIONARY PLOT TO DETHRONE CZAR

Late Grand Duke Vladimir Said to Have Been Implicated.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—A sensational story of a reactionary plot to dethrone Emperor Nicholas and proclaim a regency in Russia is being related in St. Petersburg to-day, in connection with the recent death of Grand Duke Vladimir Alexandrovitch, the Emperor's eldest uncle.

According to this individual the affair was uncovered in connection with the revelations concerning the Aeff and Lopukine cases while investigating the relations between Aeff and the reactionary organizations.

Aeff is the man who has been condemned to death by the organization because of his alleged treachery. The prosecuting department of the government found indications that the organization, dissatisfied with the present moderate policy of the government, desired to substitute a strong handed reactionary regime and had formed a plan to establish a regency under Grand Duke Vladimir.

FLLOUR MILL DAMAGED BY FIRE.

Almonte, Ont., Feb. 19.—The main building of the Wyle flour mills was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss will be heavy.

AUTO VICTIM'S DAMAGES.

London, Ont., Feb. 19.—Harold Tibbles, nine years old, has been awarded \$2,000 damages as a result of injuries to his leg by a motor car owned by Francis Hawkins, who has gone to British Columbia.

JAMES J. HILL MAY BUILD ACROSS CANADA

Significance of Great Northern's Application for Incorporation in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 19.—A bill has been introduced in the Manitoba legislature which foreshadows the construction of another transcontinental railway by J. J. Hill.

INDIAN WAR CHIEF BURIED.

Lawton, Okla., Feb. 19.—Geronimo, the Indian war chief, was buried yesterday in the Apache burying ground northeast of the army post.

VANCOUVER'S FINANCES.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—The annual financial statement of the city for 1908 will be placed in the hands of the auditors in a few days.

FRENCHMAN WHO IS ENAMORED OF JAIL

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—A Frenchman named Jules Sigle, who waited in Bryson jail 23 months for trial on a charge of attempted murder at Ville Marie, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment there.

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CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

Commonwealth Government Willing to Renew Vancouver-Sydney Subsidy.

Melbourne, Feb. 19.—Sir James Mills, director of the Union Steamship Company, states that the Australian government is willing to renew the Canadian-Australian mail contract, provided a quicker service and better steamers are guaranteed.

Southern Pacific Railway About to Increase Its Capital.

New York, Feb. 19.—Directors of the Southern Pacific Company, which controls and operates the Southern Pacific railroad, to-day authorized an issue of \$2,000,000 twenty-year four per cent. bonds, which are convertible into common stock at \$100 per share.

TIMBERMEN ARE STILL WAITING

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The timber men are still in the city taking every opportunity that presents itself to urge their wishes upon the government.

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The stand of J. A. Macdonald, leader of the opposition, appears to be eminently satisfactory to the timber men.

All those interested in the industry have until now demanding one thing that is the removal of the license after the twenty-one year term has expired.

With respect to the price of the licenses the timber men say that they are prepared to leave that alone at the present time, the fees collected are too high in their opinion.

KOOTENAY CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The Commons railway committee yesterday granted two years' extension of time to the Kootenay Central Railway Company.

Bills respecting union stations at Fort William and Portage la Prairie were referred to a special committee.

NEWFOUNDLAND HOUSE

Another Appeal to Electorate as Solution for Tie in Parties.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 19.—Declaring that an honorable and satisfactory solution of the deadlock in respect to the opening of the Newfoundland legislature will be impossible without an appeal to the electorate, the parliamentary supporters of Premier Bond, numbering eighteen, have published a resolution pledging their unwavering loyalty to the support of the government.

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES.

Austrian Professor Proposed as Empire in Forthcoming Arbitration Court.

London, Feb. 19.—Dr. Heinrich Lemmasch, an eminent Austrian scientist and a professor of the University of Vienna, has been proposed as umpire of the arbitration court to which it is intended to submit the Newfoundland fisheries question.

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New York, Feb. 19.—Reports of an impending reduction in the price of finished steel products, other than steel rails, circulated in the financial district, were followed by a sensation in the price of United States steel common stock on the New York stock exchange to-day.

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There is every prospect that the smelters will run throughout the summer without any stoppage for ore, says the Ladysmith Chronicle.

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WANTS MILLION-ACRE NATIONAL PLAY-GROUND

E. A. Brown, of Denver, Ge Practical Experience How the Poor Live.

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REAR-END COLLISION.

Two Dead and Several Injured in Accident on Pennsylvania Railway.

Olean, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Two Italians were killed and several injured, one perhaps fatally, when a work train to-day ran into the rear end of a freight train on the Pennsylvania railway near Lime Lake, 35 miles north of here.

COUNCIL UNSEATED.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 19.—Judge Anglin yesterday declared the municipal council of St. Catharines, with the exception of the Mayor, who was elected by acclamation, to be unseated, and ordered a new election.

PULLIAM IN ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 19.—Harry Pulliam, president of the National League of Baseball Clubs, arrived in St. Louis this morning, accompanied by Stanley Robinson, president of the St. Louis club.

MAKING CHANGES IN MINING LAWS

SEVERAL BILLS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED

INCREASE IN SOME OF THE FEES AND MINOR AMENDMENTS.

A batch of mining legislation was introduced by the premier Thursday in his capacity of minister of mines.

The longest of the four bills he brought in is an amendment of the Mineral Act.

Several changes are made as to fees. On the application to the gold commissioner for a crown grant the fee is raised from \$10 to \$25.

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FORMING NEW LOAN COMPANY

APPLICATION COMES BEFORE COMMITTEE

Bill Brought Up by the British Columbia Permanent.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The private bills committee spent the whole of this morning and the early part of this afternoon in consideration of the act to incorporate the British Columbia Permanent Loan and Savings Company.

The committee, consisting of Messrs. Ross (chairman), Garden, James, Thomson, Henderson and Williams was waited on by General Manager C. L. Langlois and R. W. Harris, E. C., for the company, while the interests of the province were watched by A. F. Griffiths, chartered accountant, appointed by the treasury to give technical advice.

The bill aims to form a new company, to be known as the British Columbia Permanent Loan and Saving Company.

The bill provides that the officers of the old concern shall be officers of the new one until their successors are appointed.

The capital shall be \$5,000,000, divided into shares of \$100 and \$150 each.

A snag was struck in clause 3. Mr. Garden objected to the clause, which stated that no officer or employee of the company should be disqualified to be a director by reason of receiving any salary for attending to the affairs of the company.

The work of reading over the bill progressed smoothly until the section relative to the securities upon which the company may lend money was reached.

Mr. Henderson objected to the company's being allowed to invest 20 per cent of the paid up capital in stocks of incorporated companies.

Mr. Ross suggested that the title "Permanent" would be a misnomer, as the company would be allowed to invest in gold mines, copper mines or similar securities.

The committee was inclined to agree and the clause was held for future consideration.

It was intended to read that the bill should be examined at least two chartered accountants, but upon the application of the company, the bill will probably be reported to the House this afternoon.

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