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TO ENSURE PURITY OF ELECTIONS

Mr. Borden Receives the Thanks of Minister of Justice for Remarks.

ARE TO GET NO MILEAGE

Sir F. Borden May Get Lieutenant Governorship of Nova Scotia.

OTTAWA, March 15.—(Special.)—Mr. Borden made a splendid speech in the Commons this afternoon on needed changes in the electoral law to secure purity of elections. He was warmly thanked by the minister of justice, who said they would be carefully considered by a select committee.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier intimated that an anti-cigarette bill would be introduced this session.

In the senate today sympathetic references were made by Senators Scott and Bowell to the four senators, Ward, Black, Church and Fulford, who had died during the recess.

Hon. Mr. Scott told Senator David the premier had under consideration the question of controlling the sale of patent medicine for the protection of the public.

Members get no mileage this year, only their actual traveling expenses. A ruling given by the auditor-general today says that members en route to Ottawa must pay for their own meals.

A resolution offered by Claude Macdonald, of South Toronto, expressing sympathy with the Jews in Russia led to an interesting debate, but the motion was shelved at the instance of Premier Laurier. Macdonald made an eloquent plea for the adoption of his resolution. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, while agreeing with what Mr. Macdonald had said and sympathizing with

The Sorrows of the Russian Jews

expressed doubt as to the advisability of Canada interfering in the foreign affairs of Britain. He therefore moved the adjournment of the debate. Mr. Borden could not see that the parliament of Canada was not sufficiently sovereign to express any opinion it chose on any question, particularly on one that affected so many British subjects in this country. Mr. Bourassa thought the parliament of Canada should be minding its own business rather than undertaking to advise other nations on domestic subjects which they hadn't studied and didn't understand. He said it was only natural that white peasants in Russia should rise against Jewish usurers who had sucked their substance. Besides, the Jews were responsible for the social troubles in Russia, and some of the money subscribed for their relief had been spent in buying arms. He hinted that the Hebrew vote might have an influence on Mr. MacDonnel. For this insinuation the member for Labele was taken to task by Mr. Northrup, who denounced Bourassa's palliation of the Jewish atrocities upon women and children. The resolution was shelved for the session.

Crooked Insurance Accounts

The second day's testimony of Mr. Fitzgerald, Dominion superintendent of insurance, brought out the fact that some companies had refused to furnish information to the department with reference to head office salaries, and that others had supplied it with the reservation that it was not to be made public. The witness further testified that companies had altered their books in order to make a better showing. Mr. Fitzgerald admitted that there was no uniformity in bookkeeping and that his staff was not large enough to make thorough investigations. A feature of the forenoon proceedings was the superintendent's condemnation of the present system of insurance.

C. E. Perry, the well known engineer, who was a resident for some years in Victoria, died here today. Mrs. Costerton, Vernon, and Miss Gladys Perry, Victoria, are daughters of the deceased.

Charles Wilson, late attorney-general of British Columbia, left for home today.

It is reported that Sir F. Borden may succeed the late Hon. Mr. Jones as lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia.

DROWNED IN A WELL.

Young Girl at Glace Bay Falls Head Foremost Into Well.

Sydney, N. S., March 15.—While drawing water from a well at Glace Bay last evening, Sarah McCormack, a 19-year-old girl, fell head foremost into the well and was drowned. She was not missed until late last night, when her lifeless body was found at the bottom of the well. The well was 30 feet deep.

STORM IN MONTANA.

Traffic Suspended and Great Damage Done by Blizzard.

Butte, Mont., March 13.—Butte and the state generally were visited last night and today by one of the worst storms in years. The thermometer dropped as low as 22 below zero, with the high wind. Traffic is delayed. The loss to stock interests will be large and mining operations are suspended.

JOHN D. JR. RESIGNS.

He and His Brother-in-Law Leave the Missouri Pacific Directorate.

New York, March 13.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and E. Parmalee Prentice, his brother-in-law, at the annual meeting of the Missouri Pacific Railway company today resigned as directors of the company and James Henry Smith and S. Davies Warfield were elected to fill the vacancies.

The others of the retiring directors were re-elected.

Mr. Warfield is president of the Continental Brush company and was at one time postmaster of Baltimore.

FOUR BURIED ALIVE.

Miners Lose Their Lives in Diggings in Nova Scotia.

Halifax, March 15.—While excavating in a gold mine at Middlefield, Queens county, four men lost their lives, being buried alive. They were all natives of Nova Scotia.

EASTERN SEAL CATCH.

Largest Number on Record Has Been Landed at Magdalene Islands.

Meat Cove, C. B., March 15.—Up to date there has been between 25,000 and 30,000 seals landed on Magdalene Islands, about 10 per cent. being old seals. This is by far the largest catch on record.

FELL TO HIS DEATH.

Citizen of Woodbridge Falls From Tree and is Instantly Killed.

Newmarket, Ont., March 15.—Christopher Strong of Woodbridge was instantly killed this morning by falling from a tree 50 feet to the ground.

Ross Webb, aged 3½ years, youngest son of C. Webb of Kettleby, got hold of a match yesterday and lit it, setting fire to his nightgown, and was so badly burned that he died last night.

IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE.

Valleyfield Homicide Case Terminates and Prisoner is Sentenced.

Valleyfield, Que., March 15.—The Chatigny murder trial came to an end last night, and it did not take the jury long to bring in a verdict of guilty of homicide. Homicide may be either murder or manslaughter. After speaking of the enormity of the crime of killing George Archambault and robbing him, the judge sentenced Chatigny to imprisonment in St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary for life.

CHEROKEE HOSTILES.

Indian Preachers Incite Natives to Resist Government Regulations.

Vinita, I. T., March 15.—There have been no further developments in the Wickliffe case since yesterday. Among the prisoners brought in yesterday by Marshal Darrough was John Beamer, a full-blooded Cherokee Indian preacher. Marshal Darrough says the preachers are a source of worry. Beamer was arrested, charged with harboring the Wicklifes, but it is alleged that Beamer, together with other full-blood Indians, has been appearing at Indian dances, advising the full-bloods in their own language to hold out against the enforcement of the government allotment laws and to resist all efforts of the marshal and his posse to intermeddle with the old laws of the Cherokees.

ANOTHER BIG DEAL IN ISLAND COPPER CLAIMS

Sunshine Group Adjoining the Southern Cross Sold for $35,000

NANAIMO, March 15.—(Special.)—It is now certain that Jas. Haslam, the well known logger was drowned while crossing Nanoose bay, Friday last. Today a search party sent out by the government agent returned after a thorough search of the adjacent islands and coast between here and Englishman's river without finding the slightest trace of the boat or its occupant.

The coroner's jury empanelled yesterday at Cumberland to inquire into the death of Geo. Quelhorst, who suicided at Comox Saturday last returned a verdict of "self destruction during temporary fit of insanity."

A Wrestling Match

If the present indications hold, wrestling match between Matsuda, the Vancouver Japanese and Sinclair Swanson of this city for $1,000 a side and bet of $500 will not take place as scheduled for March 27th. The Jap, through a lawyer, insists on the postponement of three weeks. This Swanson declines to accede to, having trained to be in shape for the 27th and further that he will listen to no more propositions for a wrestling match from him unless willing to pull off here.

Messrs. Conway and Cecil, the well known mining operators who are acting for English capitalists have purchased from a syndicate of Nanaimoites the Sunshine group of copper claims adjoining the Southern Cross group, Alberni canal, for $35,000 cash.

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT SCANDAL.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—A big scandal has developed in the ministry of marine owing to the discovery that the plans of the construction of Russian submarine boats have been sold to agents of a foreign power.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Saskatchewan Doctors Meet and Organize for Protection.

Saskatoon, March 15.—The medical association of Saskatchewan was organized at a meeting of the practitioners of the province held here last evening. Officers were elected and committees appointed to look after the interests of the association, particularly in regard to legislation to be asked for.

REVOLT OF LABORITES.

Vote on Army Reduction Reveals Break in Government Ranks.

London, March 16.—In the House of Commons, sitting as a committee of supply on the army estimates today, Major Seeley, Liberal, moved a reduction of the army by 10,000. The motion was rejected, 296 to 56, after an appeal by Premier Campbell-Bannerman to have patience and allow Secretary of War Haldane to examine the whole problem. The division revealed the first revolt of the labor members against the government, the majority of the 56 votes in the negative being composed of radicals and laborites.

HAMILTON DEFENDS YELLOW DOG FUND

Roundly Abused Insurance Man Appears Before Investigating Committee.

A SCATHING DENUNCIATION

In Bitter Terms Brands His Traducers as a Pack of Curs.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 15.—Andrew Hamilton appeared before the insurance investigating committee this afternoon and broke the silence which he has maintained (except for his statement brought from Paris by John C. McCall) ever since his name was first mentioned during the investigation in connection with the great sums of money shown to have been paid to him during the past ten years on account of his legal and legislative work for the New York Life and other insurance companies. It would be difficult to exaggerate the sensation produced by his unexpected appearance and the speech which he held so intensely a dramatic character during the whole episode. His face flushed and his voice trembling with passion, his arms upraised and his fists clinched, Mr. Hamilton poured forth a flood of denunciation and invective upon members of the board of trustees of the New York Life Insurance Company, several of whom were present, denouncing them as "curs and traitors," and paying special attention to one unnamed, whom he described as the "Pecksniff of three administrations, the confidante of the Beers scandal and author of the Beers pension, who rotates through one administration and another and thinks that he is going to be an indispensable member of yet another."

Denounces a Confederate

"And do you think," he demanded, "that the man who held the same relation to Mr. Beers that I did to Mr. McCall would sit for thirteen years since and not know how the expenditures that were made were to be, and where disbursed? Yet he and such like him sit, not judging me as peers, but judging me as conquerors, talking about 'yellow dogs.'"

Judge Hamilton's attack on the trustees of the New York Life was made only the more dramatic by the fact that he immediately followed J. H. McIntosh, general solicitor of the company, who had been eulogizing the members of that board and challenging any man to give reasons why they should be removed from office, as contemplated by the pending legislation. The only name he mentioned was that of the late President McCall, in the references to whom and to whose death he displayed marked emotion. He spoke of Mr. McCall as a victim having been shouldered with the blame—"The only one, the dead man, killed, that they drove to his grave and deserted." He declared that the memory of this man had appealed to him "to come down here and say something for him and just a word for himself." He declared that every payment to himself by the New York Life was made with the knowledge and approval of trustees, especially of the finance and auditing committees. He pointed out that if there had been anything the matter with his vouchers for these payments it was

Their Duty to Bring Him to Book

for it. "Yet," he said, "month after month and year after year for ten years they passed them, and then, when the cry at last comes out, they say, 'Well, we did not know anything about it; this is the fellow, this is the man that has done it all.' When they say they did not know what was going on, it excites my laughter and derision."

A Storm of Applause

followed his scathing conclusion, his reference to the yellow dog as a dog of courage and loyalty. "But the curs who stood around this tunnel that has occurred, the curs who knew of these transactions and shrunk into their shoes—

These Are the Curs

and that is the reason that I came before you and say that the great interest of two billion dollars of life insurance and four million dollars of assets can never be safely entrusted to the hands and administration of a lot of curs."

This was the ostensible purpose of Judge Hamilton's appearance before the committee—to advocate the pending bill of the committee which would legislate the present boards of direction out of office and provide for a complete reorganization in November next. Judge Hamilton's appearance was totally unexpected by the committee, and he declared both in his speech and to friends before that it was at most as much to himself that it was only at luncheon that the impulse seized him to come before the committee and have his say in favor of the bill referred to, with a word for President McCall and for himself. His arrival unannounced not long after 4 o'clock Saturday in the back of the room, and for a time was unrecognized except by one or two newspapermen.

The Interest Was Intense

as he passed down to the "well" amid an oppressive silence, and no one had the slightest notion as to what he would do. Among those who sat near as he began his bitter arraignment of the New York Life trustees were the following members of the board: Rufus H. Weeks, vice-president and actuary; T. A. Buckner, vice-president; D. B. Kingsley, vice-president; John C. McCall, secretary, and J. H. McIntosh, solicitor.

There was a rumor that William B. Hornblower was in the city, but this was denied and he could not be found. Many people believed it was to Judge Hornblower that Judge Hamilton referred to as "pecksniff," but he refused to answer or repeat the question on that point. Asked if he had anything to add to his speech, he said: "I guess this is enough for today."

He declared again and again that the payments were proper and legitimate and that he had no apology to make for himself or for President McCall. One of his most interesting statements was that in spite of reports to the contrary, the so-called "Paris account" was actually reported and approved by the auditing committt. The first applause from the crowd which quickly filled the great assembly chamber as soon as the fact of Judge Hamilton's presence became known about the building broke out with a roar of laughter after his reference to the enthusiasm with which he said his victories for the New York Life were received by the officials of the company. "They would come and pat me on the back," he said, with a bitter sneer. "These men that would not know me now would come in and pat me on the back and say 'You did it.'"

Expectations Were Not Disappointed

The expectation that today's resumed hearing by the insurance investigation committee on which the bills proposed by it as the fruit of its investigation of life insurance conditions would be more interesting than that of last Friday, when most of the speeches were highly technical, was more than fulfilled, not only in the intensely dramatic appearance and speech of Judge Andrew Hamilton, but in the character of the speeches, and the whole day formed a fitting climax to the sensational investigation which had such profound results on vast interests and personal reputations during the months of the fall. The committee adjourned at 11 o'clock until 10 o'clock tomorrow, when several actuaries and accountants will be heard. It was positively announced that the hearings would be concluded tomorrow. A sub-committee, still to be selected, will meet in New York city early next week, when Charles E. Hughes, counsel of the committee, will go over the mass of suggestions and protests made and produce a net result to be submitted to the full committee about next Thursday, either here or in New York. Chairman Armstrong said tonight that he expected to present the bills in their amended and final form, so far as the committee was concerned, not later than the week after next.

PLUMBER ADJUDGED GUILTY.

Hamilton, March 14.—The jury yesterday brought in a verdict of guilty against W. J. Walsh, charged jointly with members of the Master Plumbers' association, with conspiracy to restrain trade. Walsh was allowed to go on bail pending an appeal.

KILLED IN PHILIPPINES.

St. Catharines, Ont., March 14.—Among the names of seventeen United States soldiers who were killed in recent attacks on Moros outlaws in the Philippines appear that of Louis Herr, Ontario. He was a St. Catharines boy 21 years old, but had served in the American army for seven years.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER OFFERED A PEERAGE

Montreal Paper Alleges Lord Minto Made Tender of Honor.

MONTREAL, March 15.—La Presse tonight editorially makes the assertion that in 1902 Lord Minto, acting on instructions from the British government, offered Sir Wilfrid Laurier a peerage and seat in the British House of Lords. The correspondence on the matter is in existence, and it hopes that some day a historian will make it public.

Greeks Meet Greek

Some time ago the Greeks of Montreal decided to open a church of their faith. They had decided to send to the holy synod at Athens for a priest, when one appeared on the scene calling himself Father Jacoras Demetriades. A room was rented pending the erection of a church, and about $500 invested in ecclesiastical paraphernalia, most of it being silver. Sunday last the first service was held before a large congregation. Since then the father has not been seen, neither have the silver furnishings. It was also found that he accumulated a lot of debts as well as collecting three months' salary in advance. The Greeks will now send to Athens for a priest.

PREPARING AGAIN TO "ALVERSTONE" CANADA

United States Getting Ready to Hold Another Joint High Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Chandler F. Anderson, of New York, has been selected by Secretary of State Root to prepare for the active state of negotiation a number of issues between the United States and Canada left unsettled by the joint high commission which met in Washington in the winter of 1898 and 1899. These related to the delimitations of boundary and fishery rights, the bonding privileges on Canadian railroads entering the United States, the fur seal controversy and other matters. Correspondence which has taken place on a settled official basis between the officials in the United States and Canada has given ground for the hope that at last these issues which have long threatened the good relations of the Dominion with the United States may be quickly and satisfactorily settled by direct negotiations. To save time in effecting the exchanges, it is expected that the Canadian government will designate some person, probably Mr. Foster, to come to Washington and assist Sir Mortimore Durand in an expert capacity in the presentation of the British side of the case. Mr. Anderson was secretary for the American members of the joint high commission and acted in a similar capacity for the American representatives in the Behring sea and the Alaskan boundary affairs.

HAPPENINGS OF PACIFIC COAST

The Long Overdue British Ship Drummuir Arrives at San Francisco.

DAMAGED BY COLD SNAP

Acetylene Gas Explosion at Bellingham Wrecks Buildings and Windows.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—(Special)—The long overdue British ship Drummuir, 99 days from Newcastle, arrived here today, after passing through several severe gales. She is a sister ship of the Drumcraig, which has been given up as lost.

Sealers in Trouble

San Francisco, March 15.—When the British fur sealing schooner Zillah May put into this port last Friday evening for the purpose of landing a sick sailor, it was found that four members of the crew were listed as natives of the United States. As the revised statutes prohibit American citizens from hunting seals north of the 35th parallel of latitude, Customs Collector Stratton called the attention of the United States attorney-general to the fact that the sailors mentioned had been violating the law. Assistant United States District Attorney Black said he doubted whether the law applied to American citizens when acting as members of the crew of a British vessel entitled to hunt for seals in waters prohibited to Americans. It is not likely anything further will be done in the matter."

Fire at Colfax

Colfax, Wn., March 15.—(Special)—The new Colfax hotel was damaged to the extent of $40,000 by fire today.

Damage by the Cold Snap

Walla Walla, Wn., March 15.—(Special.)—Farmers at Eureka flat, one of the largest wheat-growing sections in the entire empire, estimate that 100,000 acres of winter wheat has been badly damaged if not killed by the storm of the past three days. The average yield of the affected district is estimated at 25,000,000 bushels. Little damage is reported from other sections of southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon.

A Carpenter's Suicide

Pasco, Wn., March 15.—(Special)—Thomas L. Foster, a carpenter of Spokane, threw himself in front of a train today and had both his legs cut off close to the body. Foster died half an hour later. No cause for the deed is known here.

Acetylene Gas Explosion

Bellingham, March 15.—(Special)—The explosion of an acetylene gas tank at 11 o'clock this morning in the rear of Mrs. M. Allice's hairdressing establishment, 504 West Holly street, wrecked the store and shook buildings all over the business part of town, breaking many windows, among them being some in the city hall, the Bellingham Hotel and the K. of P. block. Mrs. Allice and two other women had marvelously narrow escapes.

George Francis Train's Trial

Los Angeles, March 15.—George Francis Train, a painter who had been arrested at San Francisco for petty larceny, elected to be tried by a jury today. Jurors were scarce, and he agreed to submit his fate to a single juror. The one selected to judge the facts was a bee rancher. After he heard the story he was locked up in a spare room. For half an hour he deliberated. "The jury must be disagreeing with himself," the state's attorney said. Another half hour passed without any noise. "It is surely a case of a hung jury," ventured the lawyer for the defence. Then there was a knock at the door. The lone juror stalked out and entered a verdict that George Francis Train was innocent.

U. S. NATIONAL BANKS.

Deputation of Bankers Approve of Contemplated Federal Law.

Washington, March 14.—The legislative committee of the American Bankers' Association, headed by Arthur Reynolds of Des Moines, Iowa, appeared before the house committee on banking and currency today in support of the bill authorizing national banks to lend money on farm lands, and the bill permitting such banks to lend 10 per cent. of their paid-up capital and surplus to one borrower. The committee also urged elastic currency legislation and that national banks be permitted to carry on certain lines of trust company business, from which they are now excluded.

RUSSIAN PEASANT ELECTIONS.

Faction of Radicals Boycott the Movement and Many Refuse to Vote.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—In practically all the first stages of the peasant elections a faction in the villages refused to participate. Reports from Smolenski, Mishkin, Zubtsoff, Volkins and elsewhere indicate that the peasants generally chose conservative delegates to the district conventions which will select delegates to the provincial convention for which representatives to the national assembly will be chosen. Nevertheless, at the first district convention the peasant representatives at Moscow yesterday, while they did not succeed in choosing their delegates, strongly favored the selection of the peasant against the landowner class. Feeling on the subject is evidently being aroused. A proportion of the workmen refusing to participate, and a much larger body, the entire radical wing, belonging to the Social Democratic party, is boycotting the election at Moscow, where about a third of the employees of the factories have refused to vote.

INSOLVENT MILLS.

Providence, R. I., March 15.—A petition of insolvency against the extensive Farewall worsted mills was filed in the United States circuit court here today by creditors, and James Lester, of this city, was appointed receiver. The liabilities are estimated at $400,000, with nominal assets in excess of that amount.

POLICE ISSUE WARNING.

Moscow Prefect Warns Populace of Danger of Outbreaks.

Moscow, March 15.—Gen. Ribott, the prefect of police, today issued a proclamation warning the people in view of the alarming rumors of troubles of the dispositions made to suppress energetically any attempts to disturb the peace. Forty revolutionists and a number of bombs have been seized by the police in a leading hotel here.

DESCRIBES TORTURES.

Horrible Outrages on Polish Prisoners Related by English Professor.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—Prof. Courtenay, a member of the Academy of Sciences, in an open letter described the horrible torture to which he asserts the political prisoners at Warsaw were subjected to by Chief of Police Gunn. He cites examples of two cases in which prisoners were starved and on four occasions were beaten with clubs, jumped on, their hair pulled out by the roots and the soles of their feet cut with knives until they signed statements confessing their guilt.

SENATOR TILMAN'S REPORT.

Presents His Findings to Senate on Interstate Commerce.

Washington, March 15.—Senator Tillman today presented to the senate his report from the committee on interstate commerce on the house railway rate bill, which expressed his views but did not pretend to speak for any other member of the committee. It embodied the first clear and concise statement of the differences concerning court review features and other proposed amendments that had been made a unanimous report from the committee impossible.

Without hesitancy the senator declared it to be his belief that the bill should be amended, but that amendments should not be of a character to impair or prevent the accomplishment of the objects of the legislation which are set forth best, he says, in the president's message to congress. He emphasizes the need of regarding the measure as non-partizan, but predicts that issue created will be paramount in the next presidential election.

TORONTO NEWSPAPERMEN IN A NASTY TANGLE

Reporter and City Editor of the World Are now Held on a Serious Charge.

TORONTO, March 15.—Archibald McIntosh Fisher, the Toronto World reporter, accused of having stolen proofs containing a report of the university commission surrendered himself to the authorities this morning. He came in from London where he had been staying. In the police court Fisher, with Walter Percy Bretz, city editor of the World were arraigned on a charge of stealing document. Both pleaded not guilty and were remanded until tomorrow when, Laut, Fisher's alleged accomplice will be arraigned on the same charge.

The York County Loan

The National Trust company, liquidators of the York County Loan company, have reported to the official referee that no payments can be made to creditors until the status of these creditors of the company having paid up shares in it is established. These latter claim that they should rank as ordinary creditors and be given first claim on the assets.

GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Winnipeg, March 15.—John Clay, who has been on trial here for killing a yellow negro was found guilty of manslaughter today. Sentence was deferred.

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE.

Edmonton, March 15.—C. Fisher, M. P. for Banff, was elected speaker of first legislature of Alberta. The debate on address began Monday next which time the house adjourned.

A LITTLE UNPLEASANTNESS.

Report From British Punitive Expedition in Northern Nigeria.

London, March 15.—A despatch from Zungaru, northern Nigeria, to the Daily Mail this morning reports that the British punitive expedition has crushed the Sokoto revolt, after heavy fighting in which the rebels twice charged the British square and were almost annihilated. The town of Satirk, which was held by the rebels in force, was bombarded and then captured at the point of the bayonet over 300 rebels were killed.

LAWSON TO RESCUE.

Thomas of Boston Warns Armstrong of Legislature's Intentions.

Boston, March 15.—Thomas Lawson today sent a telegram to Chairman Armstrong, of the insurance investigation committee of the New York legislature. In it allegations are made to the effect that interested parties have received assurances that the proposed insurance legislation can be killed. The telegram concludes:

"I assure your committee its work was never in greater danger than at present. I have within my custody insurance policies issued within a few days, signed by new reform officers, and affidavits from the insured that they received them for nothing but proxy, and in some cases with large rebates."

EXTENSION OF THE E. AND N. ROAD

Application Made For Extension of Time for One Year to Commence.

DEFENCES AT ESQUIMALT

Insurance Inspector Says he Has no Check on Possible Frauds.

OTTAWA, March 14.—(Special)—The petition of the E. & N. Railway Company for an extension of time of a year within which to build to Comox and asking for authority to construct several branch lines on Vancouver Island was presented by Mr. Sloan today.

Premier Laurier announced in the House that a request had been received from the provinces asking for a conference on the subsidy question. This conference will be held during recess, when all question between the Dominion and the provinces will be discussed.

Strong opposition is developing to the Lord's Day bill. Petitions against it aggregating 14,000 names were presented today.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick said he had been informed of judges violating the law prohibiting them from acting as directors. He thought the judges should conform to the law.

Mr. Sproule was told by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that they were considering the advisability of introducing patent medicine legislation.

The Defence of Esquimalt

Mr. Hughes was informed by Hon. Mr. Fisher that the government had not yet taken over the defence of Esquimalt, but that Canada was paying the full cost of maintenance, amounting to about $100,000 a year. No expenditure would be necessary at Esquimalt for additional armament.

The insurance commission met today, a formidable array of counsel representing different governments and companies. Mr. Fitzgerald, superintendent of insurance, was on the stand all today, describing the workings of his office. He made the important statement that if fraud exists in the books of an insurance company there is no way of proving it, whereby it can be determined by the government inspectors of insurance. He did not know of a case in which the department had to call upon any company to increase its securities because of depreciation. The companies always did so voluntarily. Several Canadian companies deposited more than was necessary by law because they thought it helped them in getting more business. Some provincial companies thought they had a right to do business in other provinces without a Dominion licence.

The appeal of the ship North war argued in the supreme court today. Judgment was reserved. Attorney-General Wilson for appellant and Newcomb for the Crown.

ALGECIRAS CONFERENCE.

Berlin Regards Present as the Crisis of the Question.

Berlin, March 14.—This is regarded here as the critical period of the Algeciras conference, the German government through diplomatic channels is expressing to the powers not directly concerned in the controversy its determination to yield no further. Germany depends to some extent on the advice of the neutral powers to persuade France to accept the irriducible minimum contained in the Austrian proposals although the precise functions of the international inspectorship will be subject to regulations yet to be agreed upon. King Edward, it is asserted here, is exerting his personal influence with the United States in an effort to induce them to become conciliatory.

The Moroccan conference has reached a peculiar stage. It is completely helpless to solve the deadlock which has arisen over the remaining details of the police and bank questions. The sessions are temporarily suspended without knowing when they will be summoned. The French and German delegates are bound by their instructions and therefore unable to make any further concessions and the conference not having judicial or legislative powers cannot settle the differences by a majority. It remains for the government themselves to intervene.

TO KILL PARKHURST.

Alleged Plot to Murder Reformer Is Made Public.

New York, March 14.—The report of an alleged plot to kill Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Parkhurst who for years has been prominent as a police reformer was made public today. It is understood that the district attorneys office are prepared to summon several witnesses in connection with the plot, which is said to have originated because of a raid made upon a disorderly house by agents of Parkhurst society some years ago. According to the report a man has been hired to club Dr. Parkhurst at the first opportunity presenting itself. Dr. Parkhurst today refused either to confirm or deny the report.

SUSPECT IS RELEASED.

Accused Federation of Miners Official Out on Habeas Corpus.

Boise, Idaho, March 14.—Vincent St. John, president of the miners union at Burke, Idaho, who was arrested February 18 charged with complicity in the assassination of former Governor Steunenberg, was released today on a writ of habeas corpus granted by Judge George N. Stewart of the district court. Judge Stewart said that the probate judges ceased to have jurisdiction of St. John after March 2, when his preliminary examination should have been held.