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GERMANY PLANS AERIAL WARFARE

AIRSHIPS TO BE ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS

Army Authorities Experimenting With Machine of Rigid Zeppelyn Type.

Berlin, March 1.—The military airship of the future is to be armed with small cannon or machine guns.

The army authorities at several headquarters throughout Germany are experimenting along this line, and it has been virtually decided to provide balloons of the rigid Zeppelin type, either with cannon of small calibre, or machine guns.

The danger resulting from the recoil and the escape of gas from the muzzles has been practically eliminated by a system of adjustments, the details of which are kept secret.

INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT TAFT

Ceremony at Washington on Thursday Will Be Brilliant Affair.

Washington, D. C., March 1.—Preparations for the induction of William Howard Taft into the presidency next Thursday are complete, and the various commissions make the prophecy that the ceremony of the day will be the most brilliant and picturesque of any previous inaugural event. Prediction is made also that the crowd of visitors who will come from every nook and corner of the United States will be a record breaker.

The work on the great court of honor, one of the most beautiful features of the inauguration, received its finishing touches to-day, and the local point of the national function produces a color and decorative scheme which is said to eclipse all previous efforts in this direction. The task of getting the pension office in readiness for the inauguration ball will be finished to-morrow. The ornamentation which will attend this brilliant social event will be unsurpassed, the committee having spent $20,000 for decorations alone.

RAISULI'S NEW POST.

Notorious Bandit is Made Governor of a Province by Mulai Hafid.

Vez, Morocco, March 1.—The Sultan has appointed Raisuli, the former bandit, governor of the province of Djebala. Raisuli has promised to renounce the ransom paid in behalf of Sir Harry Maclean, the former Sultan's military adviser, whom Raisuli held as a prisoner in 1907. The new governor promises to fulfil the duties of his office honestly and not to oppose Europeans.

LOAD LINE INSURANCE.

New Yorker Confers With London Companies Regarding Shipping on the Great Lakes.

New York, March 1.—A special London dispatch to the World says: W. A. Prime, insurance broker of New York, is in London with a power of attorney representing shipping on the Great Lakes, valued at upward of $10,000,000, for the purpose of conferring with the big insurance agencies of Great Britain on the subject of rates on load lines.

SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR ATTEMPTING MURDER

Condemned Russian Said to Have Plotted Death of Dowager-Empress.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—A man named Avatinoff was to-day sentenced by a court martial to death on the technical charge of having tried to kill an officer and for resisting arrest. Avatinoff was arrested at Pondery last November a few minutes before the train bearing the Dowager Empress of Russia passed through on its way from Copenhagen to St. Petersburg. He was acting suspiciously and the allegation was made that he was concerned in a plot against the life of her Majesty in the court proceedings, however, no mention of a conspiracy was made.

AMERICAN BOWLING TOURNEY.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 1.—The ninth annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress opened in the Duquesne Gardens here to-day and every incoming train is bringing bowlers from all parts of the country. The political aspects of the tournament already are being vigorously canvassed, for a number of the highest offices are to be strongly fought for. One of the most important features, however, is the next place of meeting. Chicago, Buffalo, Detroit and Cleveland are bidding for the honor.

CANADIAN CUSTOMS.

Receipts for February Show an Increase Over Same Month Last Year.

Ottawa, March 1.—The customs revenue for February of $4,113,647 constitutes an increase of $24,919 over the corresponding month for 1908, which is the first gain recorded in the import trade of the Dominion for over a year past. The receipts from customs collections for the eleven months ending Saturday are still $10,879,821 behind those of last year.

GIRL SHOT DEAD.

Hamilton, Ont., March 1.—Ethel Kinrade, aged 21, was murdered by a man who broke into the residence of her father, a school teacher, and demanded money from her and her sister. The man shot her dead when the sister handed him a purse, as Ethel had none. The murderer escaped and no trace of him can be found.

RUSSIAN BARON KILLED.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—Baron Von Meyendorff, who commanded a regiment in the Russo-Japanese war, was accidentally killed to-day while hunting on the estate of General Shuvalo. He was a son of the commander of Emperor Nicholas' bodyguard.

AZEFF HIDING IN LONDON

ASTOUNDING INTERVIEW FULL OF REVELATIONS

Terrorist Confesses Responsibility for Russian Bomb-throwing Since 1897.

London, March 1.—Eugene Azeff, the foremost figure in the eyes of Russia to-day, the hero of a hundred terrorist plots, responsible for the assassination of a dozen of the foremost Russian officials since 1897, and in all, five secret agents of the Russian third circle of police, is in hiding in this city. He was found after a long search by a newspaper reporter of the Evening News, which printed probably one of the most sensational interviews of modern times on Saturday.

The News claims to have found Azeff in hiding in a St. Pancras lodging house, a fugitive from the vengeance alike of the Russian government and the terrorist wing of the revolutionary committee. It is claimed that Azeff adopted elaborate means for disguising himself, changing his countenance by shaving his beard and injecting tallow beneath the skin to alter his facial contour.

In the interview, Azeff is alleged to have said:

"I originally joined the revolutionists for sport. Finally I fell into the hands of the police, and found that I could escape only by betraying the terrorists.

"I was responsible for nearly all of the Russian bomb-throwing plots since 1897, including those which resulted in the deaths of Sipiagune, Von Plehve, Bobrikoff, Grand Duke Sergius, Ignatieff, Father Gapon and others.

"I gloried in my record as a terrorist, and my accomplishments for the secret police have been equally brilliant. By betraying one or the other alternately, I could escape the wrath of both. I found it was necessary to bring death to several high officials in furthering my work as a spy upon the terrorists. Suspicion often fell upon me, only to be removed by the death of some hated public man.

"But on the other hand, I have worked for good. I have saved the lives of 300 and more officials, who were doomed by the terrorists. Among them the Czar himself was saved by my hand three separate times.

"I organized all of the terrorists' plots. My friends headed those who were successful. My enemies in the revolutionary committee headed those which were pre-destined to fail.

"Those plots I organized and picked as tools the men with whom I did not sympathize. Then at the right time I informed Chief Ratchovsky, a merciless official, that the plot would be nipped, and that the leaders (excepting myself) would be arrested and executed."

Azeff, whose blood is sought by indignant terrorists and officials alike, professed to feel safe from revenge, and appeared plentifully supplied with money.

MILITARY TRAINING FOR BOYS.

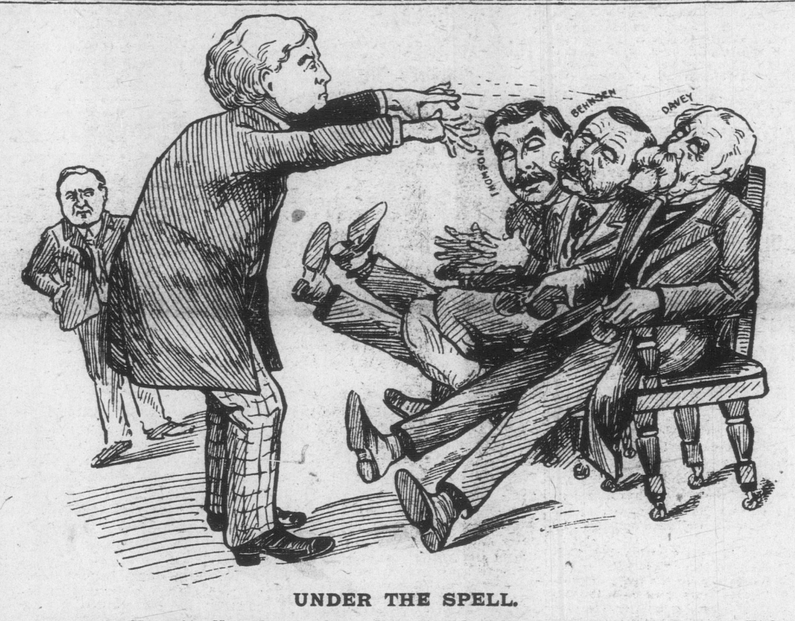
Ottawa, March 1.—The South African Veterans' Association gave its sixth annual banquet on Friday night, the guest of honor being Governor-General Earl Grey. In response to a toast in his honor, Earl Grey spoke along patriotic lines. There was one contribution, he said, which Canada could make to the Empire, and which would be of the utmost importance, namely, that every boy from Victoria to Halifax under the age of 13 should be given physical training, and over that age military drill and the use of the rifle.

POMELOS OF CALIFORNIA.

Amoy, China, March 1.—Julian S. Arnold, U. S. consul here, has started a shipment of pomelo or grape fruit trees to the farm of the University of California and the government experimental station in Southern California for experimental purposes. The Amoy pomelos are reputed to be the best in the Orient.

PRESERVING NIAGARA FALLS.

Washington, D. C., March 1.—The House on Saturday adopted a resolution extending for two years the operation of "An act for the control and regulation of the waters of Niagara river, for the preservation of Niagara Falls and for other purposes."



UNDER THE SPELL.

The Premier Hypnotist—Now, then, gentlemen, Victoria needs nothing, and I'll see that she gets it. Right—right—right—now we're ALL right.
The Forceful Assistant—What excellent subjects, my dear professor!

STEPS TO PUNISH FORGER OF TELEGRAM

McBride Government Should Bring Mysterious Culprit to Justice.

Ottawa, March 1.—It is not at all improbable that as a result of the letter which was read in the House of Commons recently by the leader of the opposition in regard to the alteration of a telegram which R. L. Borden sent to the Victoria Colonist, on the Asiatic immigration question, last October, that steps will be taken to discover the identity of the man who confessed full responsibility for this act to his spiritual adviser, so that he may be fittingly punished.

The administration of criminal justice on the Pacific coast is in the hands of the McBride government, and, for that reason, the federal authorities are unable to do anything in the matter. But in view of the statements contained in the letter which Mr. Borden read in the House, it is felt among Liberals that the mystery should be still more deeply probed so that all the circumstances of the affair may be brought to light and the culprit to justice.

KAISER AND HIS "UNCONQUERABLE ARMY"

Emperor's Speech on Centenary of Foundation of Ministry of War.

Berlin, March 1.—Emperor William delivered a speech to-day in connection with the centenary of the foundation of the ministry of war, in which he praised the work done for the Fatherland by this governmental department.

"I am proud to testify that this ministry has fully satisfied all expectations and that it has performed its duties with great fidelity and sacrifice and ignoring fate," he said. "It has prepared and strengthened the army so that the military forces always have been capable of fulfilling their great task as the strong and unconquerable protector of the Fatherland."

A MURDERER'S APPEAL.

Objects to Life Imprisonment; Wants Freedom or Death.

New York, March 1.—Lawyer Albert Patrick, serving a life sentence for the murder of Wm. Marsh Rice, the aged millionaire, left Sing Sing prison to appear before the appellate division of the Supreme Court of Brooklyn on a writ of habeas corpus.

Patrick hoped to argue his own case, contending that he either deserved death in the electric chair, or freedom, because his commutation to life imprisonment was illegal.

SIR THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY.

President of C. P. R. in Railway Accident in New Brunswick.

St. John, N. B., March 1.—An accident occurred to the train conveying Sir Thomas, Lady and Miss Shaughnessy, from Montreal to St. John. The engine left the track and ploughed up the ties for twenty yards near Beatty's Rocks. The accident was caused by an open switch. Lady and Miss Shaughnessy sailed on the Empress of Britain for Liverpool.

DEFUNCT ONTARIO BANK.

Toronto, March 1.—The liquidator of the Ontario Bank has called on the shareholders to pay 65 cents on the dollar. It all goes to the Bank of Montreal.

C.P.R. TO BUILD COAST ELEVATOR

VANCOUVER TO BE OUTLET FOR GREAT GRAIN TRADE

Alberta Looking Forward to Crop of 35,000,000 Bushels This Year.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, March 1.—The Alberta government has been advised by Ottawa that the Dominion will not build elevators in Vancouver. This will be done by the C. P. R.

The announcement was made here to-day that 43 new elevators will be built in Alberta this year, as follows: The Alberta Pacific Elevator Company, 25; the Alberta Grain and Elevator Company, 8; private firms, 10. Most of these will be in the southern part of the province, though few as far north as Strathcona. They are figuring on 35 million bushels of crop, most of which will come to this coast.

FUNNELLESS BATTLESHIP IS BRITAIN'S LATEST

Internal Combustion Engines to Be Used Aboard H. M. S. Indefatigable.

Devonport, March 1.—The keel plate of the British battleship Indefatigable, an advanced Invincible, has been laid down here. Although the armament and speed of this new vessel would be similar to that of the latest battleship cruisers, she will be without funnels and beyond her tripod masts, gun turrets and bridges, the upper deck will be as clear as was the case with the old sailing ships when their sails were stowed away.

The Indefatigable will be the first vessel of her type in the British navy. It is possible to do away with the funnels because of the introduction of internal combustion engines as a propelling power.

SOLAR COLLISION TO END LIFE ON EARTH

Dire Event Will Be Prophesied 14 Years in Advance, Says Professor.

Boston, Mass., March 1.—"A collision of an unknown dark planet with the sun will terminate life on the earth," said Professor Percival Lowell, director of the Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff, Ariz., in a lecture last week at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"The event will be prophesied four teen years before the catastrophe occurs, and chaotic confusion will reign in the world during the days preceding the calamity."

NEW KOREAN MINISTER.

Seoul, March 1.—Hak Chaos On, formerly premier of Korea, has been appointed minister of home affairs to succeed Home Minister Song, whose statement made recently, charging American missionaries with fostering and encouraging insurrection in Korea, caused much comment and discussion.

JOVIAL DEFENDANTS IN CARMACK MURDER CASE

Rush for Seats at Resumption of Nashville Trial.

Nashville, Tenn., March 1.—Refreshed after an adjournment of a day and a half, and with their lines of battle reformed, counsel in the Cooper-Sharp trial for the murder of former Senator E. W. Carmack appeared in court this morning for the renewal of the contest. With their ordeal of cross-examination behind them, the three defendants were in especially good humor. Even the old colonel usually stern and taciturn, smiled genially at his friends, shook hands with some and seemed to enjoy a playful push in the back given by his youngest daughter, Mrs. Beverly Wilson, of Mobile.

There was the usual large crowd awaiting the opening of the court room doors, and the usual rush for seats in the front row. But the regulars have learned that the balcony is the real vantage point and the heaviest crush is now at that point.

METHODIST PASTOR DENIES CREATION STORY

Rev. Dr. Carman Makes a Sensational Attack on a Brother Cleric.

Toronto, Ont., March 1.—The attack by Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada, upon Rev. George Jackson, of the Sherbourne Street Methodist church, has caused a tremendous sensation in the city.

In reply to Dr. Carman, in the Globe on Saturday, Mr. Jackson says he regrets the terms of contempt in which the general superintendent has chosen to refer to him in reference to his call to Sherbourne Street church, in this city. If he had been some poor clerical vagrant, piteously knocking at the door of Canadian Methodism, he says, the language might have been pardoned, but "does not Dr. Carman know that for 18 years I had in Edinburgh a suitable and honorable position under the British Wesleyan Conference, and that it was only at the call of the Sherbourne Street church, confirmed by the action of the Toronto Conference, that I came to this city? I am guilty, according to Dr. Carman, of an abuse of trust, a violation of hospitality, and what is, if possible, worse, of 'loosening the moral bands' and 'debauching the public mind' by my religious teachings. I cannot recognize either myself or my teachings in Dr. Carman's language. Let my brethren and the members of my congregation say what I deserve."

Of the statements he made in the address regarding the Creation, he had nothing to retract. They were not made thoughtlessly, but deliberately and after due consideration. "But let it be noted," said Mr. Jackson, "it is by the whole address that I stood, not merely by the brief scraps of it that appeared in the public press."

In order to allay uneasiness in the minds of some for whose opinion he entertains a high regard, Mr. Jackson says he has never doubted nor called in question the inspiration and authority of the Bible.

CATTLE KING'S RESIDENCE.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Man., March 1.—J. T. Gordon, the cattle king and member for South Winnipeg, is having plans prepared for a hundred thousand dollar residence, which will be the finest in the city.

EXPORTED APPLES.

Canada's Fruit Trade in South Africa Suffers Through Goods Being Inferior.

Ottawa, March 1.—Trade Commissioner Chesley, of South Africa, complains to the trade and commerce department that many apples being sent to that country from Canada are inferior. It will be absolutely necessary in order to successfully market Canadian apples in South Africa, especially in Cape Colony, to export only sound fruit, as the authorities there will insist upon absolute cleanliness and freedom from all kinds of fungus disease found in apples offered for sale in the market in future.

ILLNESS OF HIS HOLINESS.

Condition To-Day Shows Considerable Improvement—Cannot Yet Resume Audiences.

Rome, March 1.—The condition of the Pope who has been suffering for some time is much better to-day. He is still somewhat hoarse, and while he is not obliged to remain in bed, the physicians who visited him this morning insisted that he shall not resume his audiences.

CANNOT FORCE RAILWAY SPUR

SOUTH WELLINGTON COMPANY'S POSITION

Commissioners Provide for Underground Crossing of E. & N. Lines.

Before the railway commission this morning an interesting application was heard with respect to the South Wellington Coal Company, of this city, with which John Arbuthnot is identified. The company sought to force a connection with the E. & N. for the purpose of a crossing in reaching salt water at Boat Harbor. The commission declared that it had no authority to order such and in view of the situation an application was made by A. E. McPhillips, K. C., representing the company, to allow of an underground crossing, which was allowed.

Mr. McPhillips in opening explained the whole situation. It was asked that a spur should be allowed to be built from the mine to the E. & N. and that the right-of-way of the E. & N. should be used for three-quarters of a mile, when the line would leave the E. & N. and proceed to the sea.

"What authority have we to give a coal company the right to build a spur?" asked Chairman Mable. He pointed out that the commission had no power to give permission to a private person to build a spur line. Their jurisdiction was over a railway company.

Mr. McPhillips pointed out that the coal company was now obtaining from the provincial legislature an act to permit of the construction of the line of railway which in passing from the coal mine to the water would have to cross the E. & N.

The chairman, after reading the bill, said that if this were a Dominion act it might help the applicants. In explanation to Mr. McPhillips he said that if the railway proposed were incorporated under the Dominion act permission could be given to affect a junction.

Mr. Moran, on behalf of the company, stated that the company had spent about $300,000. The railway was ready for the laying of the rails. It was asked to connect with the E. & N. and run along the right of way of the E. & N. for about three-quarters of a mile and then cross.

The chairman could not see how the commission could have jurisdiction. There was no reciprocal proposal. Was the E. & N. agreeable

Mr. McMullen said it did not consent.

Mr. Moran pointed out that the company would be in a very awkward position, as it was prepared to ship about 1,000 tons a day.

"That does not give us jurisdiction, however," said the chairman.

Mr. McMullen said that the E. & N. would handle its coal.

"At a dollar a ton," returned Mr. Moran. "We can't afford to pay that."

The chairman, after further argument, pointed out that all the commission could do would be to force the E. & N. to give connection. That was not what was asked, however. The coal company asked to do the connecting.

Mr. McPhillips thought the coal company would not have a strong claim at Ottawa for incorporation as a railway for the general benefit of Canada.

Chairman Mabee said there were tram lines in Ontario so declared. He felt that if the order asked for were made an appeal would be taken to the Supreme court and it would be disallowed. To go to Ottawa would be no worse than that.

Mr. McPhillips then proposed to pass under the E. & N.

The chairman said that plans would have to be filed.

Mr. Moran asked what could be done in the way of applying to have the E. & N. afford the use of their line for three-quarters of a mile.

The chairman said this was a matter which might be taken up between th companies. He did not know just how far the authority of the board would go.

An order was made that as soon as the bill to incorporate the coal company's rail line received the Lieut.-Governor's assent the applicants should file plans for an underground crossing of the E. & N., which, if agreeable to the engineer should be allowed, the applicants to bear the expense.

PLEBISCITE ON LOCAL OPTION

THAT IS THE ANSWER TO REQUEST FOR BILL

McBride Government Will Submit the Question to the People.

The government's reply to the local optionists' request for the adoption of a local option bill in this province is that it will take the sense of the electorate by means of a plebiscite.

In an inspired article in yesterday's Vancouver News-Advertiser, evidently from the pen of its editor, Hon. F. L. Carter-Cotton, president of the council, the intention of the government is announced as follows:

"We understand that the government has now communicated to the officials of the Local Option League the decision at which it has arrived, after careful consideration of the matter and of existing conditions. Although no one would question the very representative character of the deputation which waited on the government, or dispute the circumstance that the petitions which it presented on that occasion were largely and influentially signed, the fact remains that the question had not been submitted to the people of the province as a whole, or the views of the electorate upon it been asked at the polls. While fully appreciating, therefore, the importance of the subject, and recognizing the very substantial support which the deputation was able to show the movement had received in various parts of the province, the government has come to the conclusion that it should give the electors the opportunity of expressing their views on a matter of such importance before introducing a measure in the legislature making such a far-reaching and drastic change in regard to the liquor traffic as the passage of a Local Option law would bring about.

"It has decided, therefore, that it will submit the matter to the provincial electors by a referendum, which will enable the view of the whole electorate to be obtained upon it free from any complication caused by other issues being connected with it. The government has not yet decided on the exact terms of the proposal which it will place before the electorate or the date on which it will ask for the expression of popular opinion on the matter, as these are details that will require more careful consideration than the executive council has been able to give to them while occupied with the business of the session."

Premier McBride informed the Times this morning that the government had forwarded an answer to Rev. Dr. Spencer on these lines.

In an interview given to the Vancouver correspondent of the Times this morning, Rev. Dr. Spencer, provincial superintendent of the Local Option League, says: "There is no necessity for this action, which only shows the weakness of the government."

The result of the vote taken by the federal government on September 29, 1898, on prohibition is too old to be any guide now, but it is none the less interesting to recall it at this juncture. Out of 35,537 votes in the province, 10,487 went to the polls, and a majority of 975 was given by the province in favor of the passage of a prohibition measure. Victoria city's vote was 938 for and 1,307 against, or an adverse majority of 369. Vancouver constituency, as it was then known, was the rest of the Island, mainly Nanaimo and its vote was 933 to 946, a majority of 13 against prohibition. The other three constituencies gave majorities in favor of prohibition—441 in Burrard (Vancouver), 153 in Yale-Cariboo and 763 in New Westminster.

ENGLAND'S CHANCES FOR DWIGHT-DAVIS CUP

Doherty Brothers and S. H. Smith May Play—America's Challenge.

London, March 1.—England intends to make a strong bid for the Davis Cup for the lawn tennis championship in 1909. A challenge has been sent to Australia, and when an acceptance is cabled the American association will be officially invited to send a team to England in the summer to play a preliminary round at Wimbledon. England's confidence is based on the fact that an amicable settlement of the quarrel between the English association and the All-England club has brought the Doherty brothers and S. H. Smith back into the field. They, with F. Riseley, A. W. Gore and Ritchie, will be available.

America's Plans.

New York, March 1.—President James Dwight, of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, to-day cabled a challenge for the Dwight Davis international cup to Secretary Hicks, of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, the present holders of the trophy. The cablegram read: "Challenge, on chance of sending team."

By sending the American challenge on or before March 1st, which the rules governing the Davis trophy require, the U. S. association retains its right to send a team to Australia next November, when the international matches are played there. It is expected an American team will be sent picked from the best players as determined at the end of the tennis season.

N. E. Brookes and A. F. Wilding successfully defended the Davis cup for the Australian association last year against Beals C. Wright and F. B. Alexander.