

VICTORIA GOOD SHOWING

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IT CONTRAVENES JAPAN TREATY

Chief Justice Hunter's Judgment on the Validity of Natal Act

JAPAN'S SUBJECTS EXEMPT Dominion Government Decides to Await Action of Courts in the Matter

Yanover, Feb. 21.—Chief Justice Hunter, in ordering the release of the two Japanese arrested for entering the province in defiance of the Natal act, expressly stated that the question as to whether the provincial Natal act was ultra vires or ultra vires, as the fact of the passage of the Dominion legislation making the treaty with Japan placed the question in a different sphere.

WOODHOUSE? Concerning Young Died at Local Hospital

BORROWING IN LONDON

Subscriptions to Canadian Loan Reported to Satisfactory—Grand Trunk Bonds

Niagara Water Power Ottawa, Feb. 21.—A deputation representing the Ontario government to-day waited on Earl Grey, James Bryce, British ambassador to Washington, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to protest against the conclusion of any treaty with the United States which would limit the volume of water to be taken from Niagara Falls for power purposes.

Gananoque Magistrate Dead Gananoque, Ont., Feb. 21.—Police Magistrate Deslippe died today at the age of 79 years. His death was due to pneumonia, being ill only a few days. He leaves a widow, four sons and two daughters.

Illinois Central Equipment New York, Feb. 20.—The directors of the Illinois Central railway have tentatively agreed to recommission an issue of equipment trust bonds, which may amount to \$30,000,000, according to a statement by an official of the company today. The agreement, it is stated, was reached some time ago, but action was to be withheld until after the stock owned by the Chicago courts had been freed from restraint. Official action toward the issue has not yet been taken. It is said that the bonds when issued will not be offered to the public, but will be kept for some time in the treasury of the company as an asset.

Gave Boy Liquor St. Thomas, Ont. Feb. 20.—John Ferguson, Southwold farmer, is charged with supplying liquor to Clarence W. Mattis, a St. Thomas lad, allegedly the father of a boy who was badly frozen while returning from driving Ferguson to his home on February 8 that amputation of all his fingers and both feet was necessary. Mattis, it is alleged, took the boy to hospital, where he gave him whiskey, which so intoxicated him that he fell out of the cutter and was killed. He was in the water for five hours, exposed to the cold. Mattis says he never tasted liquor before.

POLICE TOO SHARP FOR TERRORISTS Many Under Arrest for Connection With the Latest Conspiracy

Ontario Bank Shareholders Toronto, Feb. 21.—The shareholders' committee of the defunct Ontario bank is forwarding to every shareholder a circular designed to bring in as many as possible to the meeting of the committee in any attempt to revive the \$2,000,000 actions against former directors will be prosecuted. The question is as to whether or not these actions will be revived and the committee is decided to await the action of the courts in the matter.

MISS WHITNEY NEXT? Rumor From Europe That She Will Wed an Austrian Count—Her Brother Denies

MUTUAL RESERVE LIFE

Albany, Feb. 21.—Attorney-General Jackson has prepared in response to a large number of inquiries from policyholders and others interested, a statement as to the present status of the affairs of the Mutual Reserve Life insurance company, which was recently placed in the hands of a receiver, following the report of the examiners of the state insurance department, showing that it was hopelessly insolvent.

Toronto Relief Measure Toronto, Feb. 21.—The board of control today voted \$8,000 additional to the house of industry to relieve distress in the city.

Trainsman at Moose Jaw Moose Jaw, Feb. 21.—Thos. R. Fleet, of Calgary, has been appointed trainsman here, on the line between Cranbrook and Moose Jaw.

Redwood Bridge Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—The Dominion Bridge company of Montreal has secured the contract for the steel superstructure of the Redwood bridge over the Red river here. It is expected the work will be completed by next fall.

HUNTER OF WOLVES EARNS GOOD MONEY James McIntyre, of Quatsino, Has Bill for Thousand Dollars

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Ninety-three timber wolves, killed in less than a month this winter, is the record made by James McIntyre, of Quatsino, who yesterday presented a bill to the government agent here for \$1,395, the amount of bounty at the rate of \$15 per head.

ORANGE GRAND LODGE Officers Elected at Armstrong—Next Year's Meeting to Be Held in Victoria

Armstrong, Feb. 21.—The provincial Grand Orange lodge elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Grand master, E. C. McLaren, Vancouver; deputy master, H. G. Taylor, Vancouver; junior deputy master, R. Fawcett, Vancouver; chaplain, Rev. R. J. McIntyre, Summerland; treasurer, E. H. Clarke, Vancouver; secretary, W. H. Breit, Vancouver; lecturer, W. M. McGuire, Salmon Arm; director of ceremonies, E. M. Abercrombie, Eburne; auditors, Rev. Merion Smith, Vancouver; R. L. Mitchell, Vancouver; and J. G. Taylor, Vancouver.

NINGCHOW HERE FROM LIVERPOOL

Brought Small Number of Passengers and 1,000 Tons of Local Freight

CAPTAIN ALLAN'S HOBBY Gallant Rescue Near Kobe by German Sailors of a Japanese Schooner

Capt. Allan of the Ningchow is well known here as master of the freighter, but not very well in his other capacity as a rescuer. Mrs. Allan has large kennels at Birkenhead, near Mersey, and is considered one of the experts in England on Japanese spaniels and chow dogs, numbers of which are being imported to Canada by Capt. Allan when on his homeward trips. These dogs find a ready sale in England.

SEVEN MILLIONS IN GIFT TO EDUCATION Sir William Macdonald's Contributions, Given Through McGill

Montreal, Feb. 12.—The annual report of McGill University was issued today. From the financial statement it appears that there was a deficit of \$38,000 in the operating expenses last year, the total expenditure figuring up to \$584,000.

PORT OF HAMBURG Some idea of the importance of Hamburg as a shipping center is gained from the fact that the quantity of tonnage (excluding fishing vessels) possessed by Hamburg firms and companies at the beginning of the year was 1,181 vessels, of altogether 1,518,197 register tons net, namely, 678 steamers (1,243,114 tons) and 438 sailers (270,083 tons), which is an increase for the year 1907 of 25 steamers and 28 sailing vessels; the tonnage in both cases is also greater than it was a year ago.

For Clean Election St. John, N. B., Feb. 20.—Committees representing the Liberal and Conservative parties met here this evening and agreed that the election in St. John should be clean. The committees will arrange details under a plan they will work out.

Industrial Disputes Act Ottawa, Feb. 21.—According to a statement by Hon. Mr. Lemieux since the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act became law 29 applications for conciliation boards from mines and other public utilities had been received. Twenty-six boards have been constituted, and all the disputes were settled thereby, strikes being averted or speedily settled.

BLOWN TO ATOMS

Thirty Men Killed in Explosion at the Hercules Powder Works—Only One Body Found

CLEARING OFF DEBTS National Bank of North America, New York, Pays Clearing House and Depositors

WAGES ON RAILWAYS NOT TO BE REDUCED Officials at New York Discredit Reports of New Arrangements

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 21.—Grand Chief Storer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, today issued a protest against the reported purpose of some of the railroads to reduce the wages, increase the hours, and to increase the tonnage, and railroads are not suffering loss in freight receipts.

MANITOBA LIQUOR LAW Deputation to Government Urges That Proposed Amendments Be Delayed

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—Strenuous objection was made this morning by a deputation of gentlemen not identified with the liquor interests, before the committee on law amendments, to the passing of the proposed amendments of the liquor license act.

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INSURANCE BILL TALK

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FRENCH TREATY UP IN COMMONS

Act of Ratification Passes Second Reading and Committee

BAD FOR WINE GROWERS Opposition Also Points Out That it Injures British Reference

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The French treaty was the subject of discussion in the Commons yesterday and today. The debate yesterday was almost entirely in French and a number of the Queen's members placed themselves on record as generally in favor of the treaty arranged last summer by Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Brodeur.

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PROTECTION FOR BANKS

Proposal to Have Law Passed in New York Legislature Against Circulating Damaging Reports

New York, Feb. 21.—The New York Legislature is to be asked to pass a bill making it a misdemeanor to you, being your friends or relatives, to insure the most favorable reception possible to this invitation which might have momentous and far-reaching consequences.

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