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France After Nervy Castro For Discourtesy to Agent

Venezuela Once More in Hot Water---France May Take Strong Measures to Secure Redress to Insult.

Paris, Sept. 22.—The offensive attitude of Venezuela toward M. Taigny, the French charge d'affaires at Caracas, has aroused indignation in official quarters here. Although the ministry has not yet taken definite action, it is said in the highest quarters that Premier Rouvier undoubtedly will demand that Venezuela disavow the offensive action and adopt a course conformable with the usual courtesy of diplomatic intercourse. The Venezuelan authorities are now seeking to show that their action was directed against M. Taigny personally, and not against the French Government, but the officials here do not accept the distinction between M. Taigny's personal and his official capacity. He has high standing at the foreign office, where he recently served, and also aided Ambassador Cambon at Washington during the most delicate phases of the Spanish war negotiations. Therefore there is no intention here to permit Venezuela to make a scapegoat of him.

The official charged with handling the Venezuelan question explained the general status of the controversy as follows:

Venezuela supports the closing of the French Cable Company's inland stations on the ground of the decision of the Venezuelan courts. France does not question the general right of the court, but maintains the decision contains nothing ordering the executive branch to seize and shut up the cable stations.

Moreover, only a day before shutting up the inland stations, Venezuela gave assurance that General Velstini, the Venezuelan minister at Paris, would take steps to satisfactorily adjust the question. Therefore, M. Taigny protested on the ground that the court's decision did not justify closing stations. In making this protest, M. Taigny followed specific instructions from the foreign office. Therefore, it is impossible to raise a personal issue.

A separate verbal protest was made against the expulsion of Manager Brun, of the French Cable Company, on the ground that the right to expel foreigners does not apply to M. Brun, who was permantly domiciled in Caracas. It is to be expected that a demand will be made that Venezuela disavow the action taken. The subsequent course of France will depend upon Venezuela's reply.

Inquiry makes it practically certain that Venezuela has placed orders at the Cruezot works for eight field batteries and four mountain batteries, the latter consisting of four guns each.

DUMPED JEWELS INTO GARBAGE BOX

Owner Used Waste Paper Basket as Receptacle for Precious Stones.

New York, Sept. 22.—The Times says: Because Miss Marian Van Rensselaer Kennedy, who is now at her mother's summer home, Hempstead, L. I., made a jewel casket of a waste paper basket, all her jewels, with the exception of a single pearl pin, are gone. The maid emptied the basket into the garbage barrel. When the loss was discovered two hours afterwards, the barrel was searched, but the jewels were gone. The governess found one pin in the barrel.

It happened Wednesday morning. The family did not call in a detective at first because they expected to find the missing gems at any moment. Yesterday afternoon, however, they gave up hope. Miss Kennedy appealed to August Belmont, whose Hempstead home is near by, and he advised that detectives be put on the case. Here is a list of the missing jewels: Tiffany watch, set with jewels; gold chain; pearl pin in the shape of a bow; heart-shaped pearl pin; ble enamel; solid gold bar pin; solid necknace, with pearl daisies, in which were emerald and ruby center stones.

RHODES' BROTHER DEAD

Was in the Jameson Raid and Had Fine Fighting Record.

London, Sept. 22.—Col. Francis William Rhodes, brother of the late Cecil Rhodes, died yesterday at Cape Town from black water fever.

He was prominent in the Jameson raid, and was arrested by the Transvaal Government, pleaded guilty to the charge of high treason, and was sentenced to death.

The sentence subsequently was commuted to imprisonment, followed by banishment.

The colonel served with great distinction in the campaigns in the Soudan and on several occasions was mentioned for bravery.

SEIZED CANADIAN SHIP

Japan se Captured It and Britain Will Make a Protest.

Ottawa, Sept 22.—The Secretary of State, Hon. R. W. Scott, will draw the attention of the imperial authorities to the seizure by the Japanese authorities of the Canadian bark Antrope. The complaint of her owners, who belong to Victoria, B. C., which was received here yesterday, says:

"The bark Antrope, on voyage for Nikolaiesk, with cargo of salt, consigned to private parties for curing fish, was seized Aug. 13 of Sakhalin Island by the Japanese authorities on the ground that she was carrying contraband of war in the form of foodstuffs. She was brought to Hakodate for trial. Owners declare that cargo was not contraband and protest against seizure."

Bruchesi's Good Work.

Montreal, Sept. 21. — Archbishop Bruchesi recently proposed an arbitration scheme for the settlement of labor disputes, and the first fruit of the work along these lines which has been going on is the decision of the Plasterers' Union to accept and the masters to sign. If the conference board appointed by both sides cannot agree on a settlement the matter will be referred to two clergymen and a judge.

NUMBER THREE IS DEADLY TO BLISS

Proves a Hoodoo to the Happiness of a Couple From Kansas City.

Kansas City, Sept. 22.—When a big, black figure three comes stalking around about three times a minute and keeps thrusting an uncanny visage into a couple's affairs, what's the use of trying to be happy? That's what Simary W. Putnam and his pretty young wife, Dolly, think, and now it is likely that the divorce court will end the spell which the numerical ghost has put on their lives.

Three has been in everything that has happened to them since their marriage. To begin with, they had been acquainted just three months when the ceremony took place, and this was March 3, 1904, the third day of the third month, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Then the Putnams took a wedding trip of three weeks that covered three states. There was never a cloud on their bliss—for three months.

Then there was a row, and Mrs. Putnam promptly packed up her things and went home to mother. She stayed three weeks and she and her husband exchanged three letters, after which she went back.

"If I had only stayed at home four weeks," said the wife today, "perhaps it would have been all right. But three—well, the number is a hoodoo to us. It's worse than all the thirteens that ever jonahed anything. We have agreed that we can't get away from the three, and so we have given up trying."

After the three-weeks' visit at home all was serene, and the honeymoon was started all over again, with both as happy as after the first venture. Then the three again — three months this time. Then another quarrel. Then three weeks more with mother.

Another truce was patched up, and again bliss—and it lasted just three months to a day. But the rift was there to stay, and another squall came—observe that this was row number three. For the third time Mrs. Putman gave it up and went to her old home, and this time it seems that the separation is permanent, for the husband has sued for divorce on the ground of desertion. He filed the suit yesterday, the third day of the week, and the number on the courtroom door is three. The docket number of the suit is 11,333.

"These are only a few of the threes in the case," said Mr. Putnam today. "That number is the greatest hoodoo in the world, and thirteen, cross-eyed negroes and everything in that class aren't circumstances. For instance, the hoodoo even applies to the house cat. She is the mother of three litters of kittens, each born on the third of the month, and every cat in the lot, of course, has three times three lives."

Peresviet's Commander Dead.

Tokio, Sept. 22. — Capt. W. Boismann, a prisoner of war, and former commander of the Russian ship Peresviet, died at Matzu yesterday morning. Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff and a number of other Russian naval officers have been permitted to give up their parole and return home. Rear-Admiral Rojestvensky has almost recovered from his wound, but he is still under strict medical care in Fushimi. The Minister of War has instructed the removal of certain restrictions placed upon the Russian officers who are held as prisoners of war.

A Woman's Clever Ruse Foils Midnight Burglar

Brampton, Sept. 22. — Shortly after midnight last night, Mrs. James Ward, who lives with her two young sons, was awakened by a man who immediately seized her wrist, telling her to keep still, and demanded a large sum of money which, he said, he knew she had drawn out of the bank the day before. Mrs. Ward pluckily resisted, but finally told the man where to find the money. The midnight visitor locked her in her room and went after the money. Mrs. Ward then raised the window and screamed, but when the neighbors arrived the burglar had disappeared, but without the money, this not being in the place indicated. Mrs. Ward says she can identify the miscreant.

PENNSYLVANIA OIL UP

Standard Company Advances It to 10 Cents and Tiona to 5.

Pittsburg, Sept. 22.—The Standard Oil Company today advanced the price of Pensylvania oil 10 cents, and Tiona oil 5 cents. Within two weeks Pennsylvania oil has advanced 19 cents and Tiona 14 cents. The other grades of oil were not changed.

QUAKES KILLED 589

212 Towns Suffered by Recent Seismic Shocks in Calabria.

New York, Sept. 22.—Earthquake shocks yesterday continued in Calabria, says a Rome dispatch to the Herald.

General Lamerti has made an official list of the damage by the recent earthquake. He finds that 212 towns and villages suffered great losses; the dead number 589 and the injured 2,020.

ZIONISTS MAY COME HERE

Canada May Be the Promised Land Says Writer Zangwill.

London, Sept. 22. — Among the letters of condolence at the death of the late Dr. Barnardo was a very feeling one from Lord Mountstephen, speaking on behalf of himself and Canada.

Isaac Zangwill is just back from the continent. In an interview he stated that Canada came within the possibility for a Zionist settlement, the only objection being that it would raise the further problem of a state within a state.

F. C. Selous is leaving on Monday for Newfoundland for some big game shooting.

ALLIED PRINTERS HELP

In Fight of Typographical Union for Eight-Hour Day.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—The Allied Printing Trades Council of Chicago last night took radical action in the fight between the Chicago Typothetae and Chicago Typographical Union No. 16.

Resolutions were adopted in which all other trades gave their support to the printers. The council consists of the pressmen, mallers, the bookbinders, paper rulers, stereotypers and electrotypers.

It was announced that nine of the firms had signed the union agreement during the day.

$5,000,000 TO CHARITY

Will of Baron Nathaniel Rothschild Is Probated.

London, Sept. 22. — The will of Baron Nathaniel Rothschild, who died in Vienna on June 12, was probated in London today. The baron bequeathed over $5,000,000 to charity, chiefly devoted to the relief of sufferers from chronic incurable maladies. He left $494,375 to the charitable institutions of Vienna; 98,885 for distribution among the poor of Vienna, without distinction of creed; $10,000 to the poor fund of Schillersdorf; $10,000 to the Charlottenstift at Hultschun; $5,000 for distribution among the poor of Schillersdorf, and $4,840 for the poor of Nzesfeld. He directs his executors to continue all pensions.

DR. WARDEN'S ILLNESS

It Is Serious Enough to Cause His Friends Anxiety.

Toronto, Sept. 22. — Considerable anxiety is felt by the friends of Rev. Dr. Warden, general agent for the Presbyterian Church, for he is very ill, and has not shown any of the improvement that was hoped for when he went to his summer home on Lake Simcoe, some months ago. He came back on Wednesday night and is at the Queen's Hotel.

The press asked Dr. McPhedran, his medical adviser, how Dr. Warden was last night, and Dr. McPhedran replied that the clergyman's condition was serious enough to cause some anxiety. Dr. Barker, who was Dr. Osler's successor at the Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, has seen Dr. Warden and his diagnosis agreed with that of Dr. McPhedran.

BODY IN SUIT CASE

Dismembered Remains of Woman Mystifies the Boston Police.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 22. — The police of Winthrope, Boston, and the state, are giving their combined efforts in an attempt to unravel the mystery which surrounds the crime discovered yesterday by the finding of the dismembered trunk of a woman in a dress suit case, floating in the water off the Winthrope Yacht Club's pier. Officers were at work on the case for several hours during the night, but learned nothing that might lead to a clue. Medical Examiner Harris will perform an autopsy on the trunk today and will immediately report his findings to the district attorney. His preliminary examination strengthened the theory that the woman had been the victim of an unsuccessful surgical operation, and that the dismembering of the body had been the work of skilled hands.

The Boston police are searching the city in the hope of locating the missing woman, as they are of the opinion that the crime was committed here.

The police of Winthrope state that the victim probably was not a resident of that town, as they know of no one missing.

DENOUNCED OPEN SHOP

Trades Congress at Toronto Declare It To Be Unchristian.

Toronto, Sept. 21.—At a meeting of the Trades' Congress today Judge Anglin's decision on the alien labor law was styled a monstrosity.

The open shop was denounced as unChristian.

The Government was commended for its action in the matter of the telephone commission and the principle of public ownership was reaffirmed.

The appointment of a commission to take the international railway out of the hands of political manipulators was advocated.

LOST MILLION DOLLAR OAK RAFT SUNK IN SANDS OF LAKE SCUGOG

Several Thousand Sticks That Disappeared Seventy Years Ago Located.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 22. — About 70 years ago, Joseph Demister, one of the big lumber dealers of his day, started a raft of white oak logs down the Lindsay River, so late in the season that it was caught in the ice and sand in Lake Scugog. For some reason the raft was never located. N. W. Trimble, a grandson of Demister, who until recently resided at Elmstead, in this county, spent nearly a year in a quiet hunt for the raft, which lies under 30 feet of water and imbedded in the mud. About a month ago he was successful in locating the object of his search. This, he says, contains several thousands sticks of white oak cut and squared. Each stick contains about 160 cubic feet, worth at the present $1 per cubic foot. There are probably $1,000,000 worth of timber in the raft. Mr. Trimble will remove to the location of Lake Scugog, where he will remain until the work of removing it is completed. He will use barges with tackle and hoisting engines to pull out the logs.

HALF THE TOWN PREY TO FLAMES

Gayley, Alberta, Visited by a Disastrous Conflagration Tuesday Last.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Winnipeg, Sept. 21. — The town of Gayley, on the Calgary and MacLeod branch of the C. P. R., was visited by a most disastrous fire on Tuesday. Henry's general store and half the dwelling houses of the town were burned. The fire started in the store building and quickly spread, all the buildings in the vicinity being a total loss. Henry's loss is partly covered by insurance, but there was very little insurance on the other buildings. The telegraph office was burned, hence full details are lacking.

PREMIER STRIVES TO SETTLE STRIKE

Sir Wilfrid Moves in Behalf of the G. T. R. Stratford Machinists.

Toronto, Sept. 22. — A dispatch to the Globe from Ottawa says: The department of labor has been applied to on behalf of the striking G. T. R. machinists at Stratford to endeavor to bring about friendly relations with the company by means of an arbitration or conciliation board. In the event of the parties failing to settle the difference themselves, Sir Wilfrid Laurier is using his best offices with Mr. Hays in order to bring about a settlement, and has had a meeting with that gentleman, which, however, has not yet produced any satisfactory results. The Premier is following the matter up actively, with Mr. Hays, and it is hoped that his intervention will help the situation materiall.

Pere Marquette Deals May Affect London's Pet Line

Lease Extension Liable to Feel Effect of Recent Sale of the C., H. and D.

The information contained in a dispatch from Detroit of the reported sale of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton lines to the syndicate controlled by J. Pierpont Morgan and his associates is giving the city fathers of London something to think about.

The Pere Marquette is a part of the C., H. and O. as at present constituted, and the Pere Marquette now controls the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway, which in turn holds the lease of the London and Port Stanley Railway, and which is owned by the city. This is how London comes to be so seriously interested in the reported deal.

Around the city hall today the feeling was expressed that the sale of the lines, if it has really taken place, may have an important bearing on the negotiations for the extension of the lease of the L. and P. S., to the Pere Marquette, which it is expected, will be commenced the latter part of this month, unless the deal puts the matter out of consideration for the present.

In the first place the city may not be dealing with the present set of men who are at the head of the Pere Marqutte, and in the second place, it is barely possible that the change of ownership of the P. M. might make it undesirable for the city of London to tie up the L. and P. S. line to a syndicate for a long term.

On the other hand, it is hinted that the new order of things will greatly improve the business of the L. E. and D. R. R., in which case London would be sure to profit, and it may be found that it is still in the interests of the city of London to extend the lease.

It is realized around the city hall that something must be done either by the lessees under the present agreement, or by the city of London to improve the condition of the road bed and bridges of the London and Port Stanley Railway. It is said that the spreading of the rails on the Horton street curve, which caused the wreck this morning, demonstrates the need of hasty action. The ties are rotten and will not hold the spikes, and the rails are not much heavier than those in use by the London Street Railway. Heavier rails, new ties and much ballasting are needed to make the line so that it will stand the heavy traffic now being conducted by the Pere Marquette. A couple of bridges are also in urgent need of being replaced.

Matters are altogether unsettled, however, as far as the city is concerned. Some time ago it was arranged that the city should meet the Pere Marquette officials on Sept. 11 or 12, but the officials wrote to say that they were not ready then to discuss the matter, but hoped to be in a position to talk business by the end of the month. The recent alleged deal was probably the cause of their holding off.

Now another railway deal in which the Pere Marquette is interested is reported. A dispatch from Manistique announces the sale of the Manistique, Marquette and Northern Railway and the Car Railway to the Union Trust Company, as trustee for the bondholders and probably acting for the Pere Marquette. The price paid was $1,230,037 31, and of this sum $1,000,000 is represented by the bonds themselves. Default on the payment on these bonds began May 1, 1904, and the excess is represented by interest since that time. Henry M. Campbell and Henry Ledyard, of Detroit, were at Manistique yesterday, negotiating the sale for the Union Trust Company.

Today Acting Mayor Stevely instructed City Engineer Graydon to inspect the accident on Horton street, so that he may be able to report to the L. and P. S. R. board as to the cause of the wreck, and whether it is attributable to the poor condition of the roadbed and the light rails.

On Sept. 30, the new Grand Trunk depot at Brantford will be opened, and the mayor and members of the city council have been invited to attend. General Manager Hays will be at Brantford, and it has been suggested that the mayor might have a talk with him in regard to the changes which the Grand Trunk proposes to make in London this year.

PETORLIANS FOR PERSIA

Canadian Oil Drillers Will Develop Industry in Shah's Land.

Montreal, Que., Sept. 22. — A party of five Canadians from the Petrolea oil district left by the steamship Tunisian for England on their way to Persia, where they propose to develop the oil fields of that country. The men, whose name are Crawford, Kirby, McNaughton, McIntyre and P. Slack, are expert drillers, and have obtained a concession from the Persian Government which will enable them to enter the field under specially favorable circumstances.

STILL IN HARNESS

Report That Deputy Minister of Finance Had Resigned Premature.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—The report that J. L. Courtney, Deputy Minister of Finance, had resigned, is not correct. There is no resignation so far, and in the absence of Mr. Fielding, Mr. Courtney would not desert the ship. As a matter of fact, the matter stands as it did in 1902, when in his annual report, Mr. Courtney said: "With advancing age, that necessarily prevents me taking up new financial problems, my official career must soon close. The department requires as its deputy head a younger and more active man, thoroughly well versed in modern finance, and who shall be able to give to the head of the department that advice and assistance which the intricate and important financial questions of the day demand."

The general opinion is that when the time does arrive for Mr. Courtney throwing aside the deputyship (and that to me may not be very far away), his services will be retained to the department in an advisory way. Both political parties thoroughly appreciate the valuable services which Mr. Courtney is rendering Canada.

Changed Trial Place.

Toronto, Sept. 21. — Justice Magee this afternoon changed the place of trial of the Monck election petition from Welland to Toronto, and the South Ontario petition from Whitby to Toronto, the date in both cases being Oct. 7.

This means that the proceedings will be purely formal, and that no attempt will be made to unseat Messrs. Har-

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow--Fine and Warm

London, Friday, Sept. 22.

Sun rises..6:04 a.m. Moon rises..11:57 p.m.
Sun sets...6:17 p.m. Moon sets... 2:10 p.m.

Toronto, Sept. 21—8 p.m.

Fine weather prevails in all portions of the Dominion. Temperatures have been uniformly high, and strong southwesterly winds have been experienced on the lakes.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 54—64; Calgary, 34—70; Qu'Appelle, 38—68; Winnipeg, 44—72; Port Arthur, 54—66; Parry Sound, 54—74; Toronto, 48—74; Ottawa, 48—72; Montreal, 52—68; Quebec, 48—66; St. John, 54—84; Halifax, 60—72.

FORECASTS.

Friday, Sept. 22—8 a.m.

Fresh southwest to northwest winds; fine and warm today and on Saturday.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	32	34	Fair
Winnipeg	46	44	Fair
Parry Sound	62	58	Fair
Toronto	58	54	Clear
Ottawa	62	56	Fair
Montreal	64	56	Fair
Quebec	58	54	Fair
Father Point	60	54	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

Continued fine weather is everywhere indicated.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday

Freshies Gave the Sophs A Very Lively Time of It

New Class at the Medical College Gets Initiated—Dropped From a Window.

There were ructions raised at the London Medical School this morning. Citizens who live near the corner of Waterloo and York streets were considerably startled to hear shouts, yells, pistol shots, and all sorts of poundings and thumpings, resounding from the interior of the old building.

Was the building being torn down piecemeal? Not a bit of it. The second-year students were simply trying to inculcate befitting humility into the minds of the freshmen. It was the little affair which has to occur every autumn before the students feel that the term has fairly started. In brief, it was the annual initiation ceremony.

But such an initiation as that which took place this morning was never seen before during the lifetime of the school. How are the mighty fallen! The fact of it is that the freshies are so strong numerically this year that the sophomores (second year) were unable to handle them in the manner which the school traditions require. The struggle was long and terrible, and finally the aid of the third year had to be enlisted in order that the ceremony might be performed properly. And college annals require that the deed shall be done by the second year alone. For although there are always a few more freshmen than "sophs," the latter are expected to make up in prestige, experience and organization what they lose in numbers. It was thus that the Greeks conquered the Persian horde at Marathon.

But, sad to relate, brute force will sometimes win, as it did in the Britt-Nelson fight. So many, so "husky," so obstinate, were the freshies this year, that the dignified third year, who are supposed to be far beyond such frivolities, had to take a hand in the game in order to uphold the honor of alma mater and teach the "blooming freshie" his place.

The way it all happened was something like the following: The school opened last Tuesday. It opened in theory, but not in reality, for everyone knows that the term is not begun properly until the first year are formally and forcibly inducted into the Medical School fraternity.

Everyone was waiting for the event. Friday morning is always one of the easiest mornings of the week as far as lectures are concerned, and so the sophomores fixed on this morning for the battle. The main lecture room was chosen for the pleasant affair.

In front of the rows of desks in the room is a large open space, where the sedate lecturer walks up and down during work hours. In this space this morning stood the banded freshies in imposing array. Here the second year army found them and charged them without a parley.

Then the dust began to fly, and the air to resound with the scraping and tramping of many feet. A number of fourth year men, their faces sobered by three years of study, and their heads filled with knowledge, stood upon the big table and looked down upon the fray like the ancient gods, with indulgent interest.

The aim of the sophs was to eject the freshmen from one of the big windows in the side of the room, which had been opened for the purpose. The assailants knew that their task was a desperate one, and they spared no means to down the freshies. Quantities of large cannon crackers were set off, and one of the sophs had a revolver loaded with blank cartridges, which he kept firing off at intervals in the hope of intimidating the recruits. One of the understood rules of the game is that fists shall not be used intentionally. It is all pull, push and grapple. Soon coats were torn from backs and neckwear was in a disgraceful condition, while blood trickled from several noses which had come in contact with the floor.

A pause was made shortly after 8 o'clock, by common consent, while those whose coats remained intact, took them off. Then the next things to suffer were shirts. It will be safe to say that the ragman will have more to do than the Chinese laundry for the next few days. Lucky was the man who was wearing his old "duds."

And it was shameful the way those obstinate freshies refused to be put out of that window. They did not know their places, forsooth. Then the third year men joined in, and the freshmen were dropped out of the window one by one. An interested crowd of spectators gathered on the sidewalk and cheered each conglomeration of struggling arms and legs and tattered linen as it fell to the ground outside.

Yes, it was a good "scrap," and the next thing will be the trip around town and a night at the opera house.

This year's initiation seems to prove that the old-time ceremonies in the dissecting room have forever ceased to be. In place of the dark, gruesome and odoriferous hole down which the freshies were formerly hurled, they are now dropped out of a window into the sunlight.

THE WEST WILL BE BRITAIN'S GRANARY

Manitoba and the Territories Soon Able to Supply 812,000,000 Bushels.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Sept. 22. — Dr. Saunders, director of experimental farms, telegraphs from Brandon to the department here as follows:

"Have seen large areas in the Northwest this trip; crops this season are immense and wheat growing possibilities in Canada are very great. Believe figures given in my pamphlet are well within the mark."

The pamphlet referred to is entitled "Wheat Growing in Canada," and was published last year. It said that were one-fourth of the land said to be suitable for cultivation in Manitoba and three provisional territories under crop with wheat annually, and the average production equal to that of Manitoba for the past ten years, the total crop would be over 812,000,000. This would be ample to supply the whole demand for 30,000,000 of inhabitants and meet the present requirements of Great Britain three times over. This estimate leaves Eastern Canada out of consideration. In 1902 the wheat and flour imports to Britain was 200,000,000 bushels, and therefore Dr. Saunders stated that Canada in a comparatively few years would be able to supply all home demands, to furnish Britain with all wheat and flour she required, and leave surplus for export to other countries.

Threw Bomb at Bank.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Sept. 22.—An attempt was made at noon today to destroy the Shereshevsky Bank. A man threw a bomb at an open window of the bank, but missed his aim, and the missile exploded in the courtyard, dangerously injuring the perpetrator of the crime, a young Jew.

It appears that the outrage was due to the fact that the bank officials had refused to contribute to the funds of the revolutionists.

SUSPICIOUS DEATH OF DUNDAS BOY

Is Supposed to Have Died From Poison Set Out to Entrap a Dog.

Hamilton, Sept. 21.—Willie Boyd, the adopted child of James G. Wilson, of the Globe Hotel, Dundas road, died yesterday afternoon in convulsions under circumstances which were regarded as suspicious. About the time Willie was seized with convulsions, a small black pup died in convulsions. It is supposed the child died from poison that was placed out for the dog. Willie was 2 years and 8 months old, and had been healthy until taken ill yesterday morning. It is suposed the poison was thrown on the barroom floor in some bread by strange men. Coroner McNichol, of this city, opened an inquest at the Globe Hotel at noon today, and adjourned it till next Tuesday night at No. 3 police station.

BRITISH ENTERTAIN ALICE

Miss Roosevelt Meets Eastern Celebrities at Korean Capital.

Seoul, Sept. 22.—Miss Alice Roosevelt and the women of her party, attended a woman's luncheon at the palace yesterday. Om, the Emperor's consort, who was hostess, prepared a toast to Miss Roosevelt. The luncheon was the first time in the history of the country that the women of the palace had entertained foreigners. Mrs. Bunkers and Mrs. Underwood, missionaries, acted as interpreters.

American Minister Morgan, and British Minister Jordan gave a reception yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Roosevelt, to whom were presented the members of the Korean cabinet, the diplomatic corps, Gen. Hasegaw, commander of the Japanese troops in Korea, and his staff, leading Korean officers, and prominent foreign residents.

John Burns to Speak.

Toronto, Sept. 21. — Principal Grant has invited John Burns to speak at Queen's. He will likely do so on "The ethical relation of the church to the labor movement."

FALLING OFF IN THE EXPORTS BUT TRADE RETURNS IMPROVING

Ottawa, Sept. 22. — The compilation of trade returns for the first two months of the fiscal year terminating on Aug. 31 was completed yesterday. There appears to be no danger of a drop in the customs revenue, which amounted for this period to $7,160,179, being a betterment of $377,611, when compared with the same period of the previous fiscal year. The total imports were $42,686,265, exclusive of coin and bullion, a gain of $2,187,265. For the month of August only the value of imports was $24,261,105, an increase of $1,782,003. Coming to exports, the showing is not so favorable, although there are signs of an early substantial improvement. The export of domestic products reached a total value of $33,952,325, which is $1,737,930 behind the amount for July and August, 1904. For the month of August only the decline in exports was less than a million dollars. Taking exports by classes for the two months' period, the following, approximate gains are noticed: Mines, $500,000; animals and their produce, $495,792; manufactures, $156,439. The improvement in these important classes either stationary or falling behind, is most encouraging. Decreases have, however, to be noticed of $112,000 in fisheries, $200,000 in lumber, and $2,621,650 in agricultural products. The falling off in exports will easily be made up before the close of the fiscal year, and we may look for some phenomenal figures at the end of the twelve months. This will be mainly due to the immense harvest in the Northwest, and the consequent heavy exportation of wheat.

At an early meeting of the cabinet, the question of seeking to take advantage of the Japanese minimum tariff will be considered. Canada has already been informally made aware that her products will be admitted into the Japanese Empire at a lower scale of duties, but formal action must be taken before the concession can take effect. What will likely be done will be to apply through the foreign office to the Japanese Government, to get the benefit of the minimum tariff. A concession of this kind on Japan's part would merit reciprocal action on our part as soon as we have adopted a