

GOVERNORSHIP OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

NO CHANGE UNTIL AFTER ROYAL VISIT

Successor to Sir Henri Joly Will Probably Be Appointed Early Next Month.

Ottawa, March 21.—A delegation comprising British Columbia members of parliament and Senator Bostock waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. W. Templeman yesterday and discussed the vacant governorship and the appointment of a governor to succeed Sir Henri Joly.

The delegation was unanimously in favor of George Riley, Victoria, succeeding Mr. Templeman in the senate. The question of governorship was also discussed, and the delegation was unanimous in favor of Sir Henri Joly continuing in office for a month or so.

Prince Arthur of Connaught will be in Victoria on the 24th, and there will be no change in the governorship until after that time, and probably not for a week or two later.

The Senate Vacancy.

Geo. Riley has arrived here, and will be appointed senator at once.

EARTHQUAKE IN FORMOSA.

Several Thousand People Reported to Have Been Killed—Hundreds of Bodies Recovered.

London, March 20.—According to the Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Tokio, it is now estimated that several thousand people were killed by the recent earthquake in Formosa. The whole island was shaken continuously from early morning of Saturday until late at night. On the same day slight shocks were felt in Japan, and from night of Saturday until the following morning, five distinct shocks occurred at Kumamoto. Telegrams from Formosa state that Daityo, Raishiko and Shinku were completely destroyed. At Kagi alone 2,000 natives and seven Japanese were killed. At Daityo 600 bodies already have been collected from the open fields, to which the people had fled, only to succumb to their injuries. The damage is at least \$45,000,000.

NEW AMBASSADOR.

United States Inquires if Nomination of C. S. Francis Will Be Acceptable to Austria.

Vienna, March 21.—The state department at Washington has cable instructions to the American embassy here to inquire if the nomination of Charles S. Francis, of Troy, as ambassador to Austria-Hungary to succeed Bohannan Storer, who has resigned in favor of the government of Austria-Hungary, is reported here that Mr. Storer will only return temporarily to the United States, and that he intends to settle permanently in France. The unexpected retirement of Mr. Storer is widely discussed in diplomatic and official circles here.

RULED OFF FOR LIFE.

Decision of Stewards of Jockey Club in Cases of Durnell and McCafferty.

San Francisco, March 21.—At the meeting of the stewards of the Pacific Coast Jockey Club yesterday the appeal from the ruling of the stewards of the Ascot Park Jockey Club in the case of C. E. Durnell was considered. The stewards decided to increase the penalty inflicted on Durnell, and ruled him off for life. The stewards, however, decided to reinstate Durnell's horses for the purpose of permitting him to take on the turf. The ruling of the judges of Ascot against J. J. McCafferty was also reviewed and he, too, was ruled off for life.

PREPARING FOR STRIKE.

Pere Marquette Railroad to Take all Coal Mined in Saginaw Valley Until April 1st.

Saginaw, Mich., March 21.—The Pere Marquette railroad has issued a notice commanding for its own use all of the coal that is mined in the Saginaw valley between now and April 1st. This is a measure made possible by its contract with the operators, and is taken as a precautionary measure in view of the threatened coal strike. The railroad has on hand 20,000 tons of coal, and expects to increase this to 30,000 tons.

BLINDFOLD TYPING.

Lady Wrote 4,097 Words Correctly in Sixty Minutes.

Chicago, Ill., March 21.—The world's record is a blindfold typewriting contest was broken at the national business show last night by Miss Rose L. Fritts, of New York, who wrote 4,097 words correctly in 60 minutes. The total number of words written was 4,457, but 400 mistakes were made. When she won her championship medal in New York, Miss Fritts typed 3,257 words in 60 minutes. Miss Genevieve Green, of Chicago, won the adding machine contest by adding six order pages of figures in three minutes and thirty-nine seconds.

WITTE'S RETIREMENT.

Russian Paper Says He Will Be Made President of Council of Empire.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—The Reichsbild prints the report of Premier Witte's retirement, saying that he understands he will be appointed president of the council of the Empire, leaving Interior Minister Durnovo to face the wrath of the national assembly.

TO AMEND SHIPPING ACTS.

Bill Introduced in the House of Commons—Some of Its Provisions.

London, March 20.—The long promised bill amending the Merchants' Shipping Acts, so as to place British and foreign ships on the same footing, was introduced in the House of Commons yesterday by David Lloyd George, president of the board of trade. The bill, which undoubtedly will pass, makes the British regulations concerning the crewing, unseaworthiness, and unfitness of vessels, the storage of grain on board ships, the furnishing of adequate life-saving apparatus and the control of emigration and passenger traffic, which heretofore has only applied to British ships, applicable to all foreign vessels using British ports.

Mr. Lloyd George explains that the government proposed to impose on foreign ships the obligations imposed on British vessels for years, and where the government was satisfied that the regulations of any particular country were substantially equal to the British regulations, the ships of that country would be exempt as a whole from the British rules in regard to loading.

CHURCH TROUBLES.

Life Will Not Be Sacrificed in Order to Take Inventories.

Paris, March 21.—Minister of the Interior Clemenceau, replying to a question in the senate yesterday, tersely expressed the government view relative to the employment of force to carry out the inventories of church properties. "We intend to enforce the law," he said, "but the numbering of candlesticks in churches is not worth the risk of sacrificing a single human life. This is construed as indicating that where resistance is offered other means will be adopted of attaining the end.

Died From Wound.

Nancy, France, March 21.—A manifest at the inventory of church property here is dead as the result of a bullet wound inflicted by the vicar of the church during the disturbance.

UNFOUNDED REPORTS.

No Wanton Slaughter of Women and Children in the Philippines.

Washington, March 20.—Secretary of War Taft to-day received a cablegram from Governor-General Ide at Manila dated to-day relative to the Mount Dajo fight. The governor-general says that newspaper reports from Manila concerning wanton slaughter of women and children at Mount Dajo are extremely sensational and in all essential details false. Some women and children were killed or wounded by preliminary shelling at a distance. There was no killing of anyone except such as was indispensable to end the intolerable situation. The attack was not ordered by the governor-general, and until every resource looking to possible adjustment was exhausted.

MAY INSPECT BOOKS.

J. Peggly Wins Case Against the Amalgamated Copper Company and National City Bank.

Albany, N. Y., March 21.—The court of appeals today decided in favor of Joseph Peggly, who sued the Amalgamated Copper Company and the National City Bank of New York in order to secure the right to inspect the company's stock books and papers containing the names of its stockholders, together with their holdings and to make a transcript of such information as he might desire to obtain from the same. The stock books of the company were in the possession of the bank.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Dr. Robertson has resigned the position of medical superintendent of the Vancouver General hospital. His object is to re-enter private practice. Dr. G. E. Bayfield, a McGill graduate, who has been resident in the city, and the medical staff have been selected to fill the post temporarily.

At the meeting of the city council on Monday evening, it was decided to grant \$10,000 for the purchase of the property of the branch of the Denver & Rio Grande, running north from Gunnysford, last night.

OFF FOR EDMONTON.

Number of Victorians Attracted by the Promising Conditions Prevailing in Alberta.

During the past few months Edmonton, Calgary, and the country in that vicinity have been attracting considerable attention. The boom now prevailing there seems to be warranted by the indications that more than three transcontinental railways, namely, the Canadian Northern, the C. P. R. and the Grand Trunk Pacific, will soon be operating directly through the district. The indications that Edmonton will be the centre from which these three lines will radiate has, of course, resulted in a considerable amount of real estate speculation. Only a short time ago the Times, in an interview with the well known architect, F. M. Rattenbury, gave the latter's glowing prediction of the future of that town. Then it was announced that Messrs. Rattenbury, Ker and other prominent local business men had purchased property in Edmonton which gave promise of materially increasing in value. The glamor reflected upon this section as a result of its recent extensive development has not only attracted local speculators, but it has induced many of Victoria's young men to throw in their lot with that rapidly growing prairie province. It is announced that E. Matherson, connected with the railway business here for many years; J. Jacobsen, a valued employee of the E. & N. Railway, and W. Armstrong, a well known local printer, are among the most recent to announce their determination to leave for the new country which has just been admitted to the Canadian confederation as a province.

RAILROAD FREIGHT.

An Investigation Ordered by Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Washington, D. C., March 21.—The inter-state commerce commission to-day gave out for publication the following notice:

"The report of the commission that many shippers in and about the city of New York has been persistently under-bidding and misrepresenting freight shipping railroads from that city and other points in Eastern territory, the commission has ordered an investigation and set the matter down for hearing at the United States court room in New York city on Friday, March 23rd."

It is expected that some highly interesting developments will take place, indicating fraud on the part of the shippers which amounted to forced rebates from published tariff rates.

The Japanese Imperial Library at Tokio has on its shelves something like 2,000 written and printed mathematical works, extending as far back as 1000.

UNFOUNDED STORY OF NAVAL MUTINY

NO TROUBLE AMONG SAILORS AT SEBASTOPOL.

Social Democrats and Revolutionists of Moscow are Mourning the Death of Lieut. Schmidt.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—The sensational reports current here last night to the effect that the execution of former Lieut. Schmidt, leader of the naval mutiny at Sebastopol in November last, had been followed by an extensive mutiny of sailors at Sebastopol yesterday, turns out to be unfounded. The correspondent of the Associated Press at Sebastopol telegraphs that all is quiet there.

In Mourning.

Moscow, March 21.—The Social Democrats and Revolutionaries of this city are mourning the death of Lieut. Schmidt, thousands of workmen yesterday wore wreaths on their arms, and funeral services were held in the chapels of many factories. The population generally is also deeply moved, and funeral masses have been held in several of the churches.

Pupils on Strike.

Odesa, March 21.—As a protest against the execution on March 19th of Lieut. Schmidt, leader of the naval mutiny at Sebastopol last November, the pupils of all the local schools struck today.

Unrest Among Workmen.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—The growing unrest and agitation among the Russian workmen is largely due to the government's repressive measures in the provinces, and especially to the threatening situation in the Don and other regions.

At Ekaterinoslav 16,000 men of the Hughes iron works are already reported to have struck, and at Moscow great agitation prevails in the industrial sections. Undoubtedly the whole movement is connected with the demand of the Social Democrats and revolutionists for another general political strike.

THE KOOTENAY CENTRAL.

Contract Closed For Ten Miles of Road From Golden Southward.

Winnipeg, March 20.—The C. P. R. Company has closed a contract with the General Contract Company, of Vancouver, for the construction of ten miles of the Kootenay-Central railway from Golden, B. C. southward. Work will be commenced at once, and according to the contract must be completed by May 1st. The road will ultimately be extended to Warden on the Crow's Nest Pass line and will open up a valuable agricultural and mineral country. The contract for the first ten miles was signed here yesterday by Mr. William Whyte, on behalf of the C. P. R., and Mr. Geo. H. Webster, manager of the company.

VICTIMS OF SNOWSLIDES.

Sixteen Men Perished in Colorado—Mines Have Been Closed.

Denver, March 20.—Owing to the fear of the snowslides all mines in the neighborhood of Silverton, Col., have been closed and 3,000 miners have fled to Silverton for safety.

Sixteen men have been crushed or suffocated to death by avalanches in this district in the last three days. The property loss is now estimated at \$300,000.

A train which has been four days on the road reached Crested Butte and the terminus of the branch of the Denver & Rio Grande, running north from Gunnysford, last night.

MINISTERS' PENSION BILL TO BE AMENDED

British System Will Be Adopted—Hon. W. Templeman Takes His Seat in House.

Ottawa, March 21.—At the Liberal caucus today it was decided to amend the pension ministers' bill by adopting the British system.

Attended Caucus.

Hon. W. Templeman was introduced in the House to-day by Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a Liberal member of the Liberal cabinet.

DENIES CONFESSION.

Richard Ivens, Charged With Murder, Gives Evidence.

Chicago, March 20.—Richard Ivens, on trial for the murder of Mrs. Besse Holliester, took the stand in his own behalf yesterday.

Ivens told in detail of where he was and what he did on the day of the murder. He said that he was with the next morning, he declared, he went to the barn to do some work and saw the dead body of a woman lying on a pile of refuse.

The prisoner told of going to the police station with his father, and declared that the police accused him of being the murderer, and he declared that he admitted the crime in order to satisfy them.

"They knew what they wanted me to say," he continued, "and they got me to say it. I told them several times that I only found the body of the woman, but they kept on talking to me and I got excited and I don't recollect what I said. My mind was not clear. Police Lieut. Schluu asked me a lot of questions, and I said 'yes' to all of them."

THE MOSCOW BANK ROBBERY.

Bandits Threatened to Blow Up the Building if Demands Made an Outcry.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—The Novos Vremya's account of the robbery by masked men yesterday of the Credit Mutual, one of the largest banks in Moscow, the robbers securing \$422,500, says that the vaults were still open and that several bombs were present when the bandits entered. The latter, numbering 20 men, were armed with bombs as well as with revolvers. The leader announced that he came in the name of the revolutionary committee, which needed money, promising that the employees of the bank would not be harmed unless they raised an outcry, in which event he would blow up the establishment with bombs.

"We are desperate and not afraid to die," said the bandit leader. Throughout the operation a member of the bandits stood with a lighted fuse near a powerful bomb which had been placed on a table ready to be exploded if such a step became necessary.

In addition to lowering the window shades the telephone was disconnected, and when the bandits had completed their work the employees of the bank were warned that if they gave any alarm within 15 minutes after the departure of the band a bomb would be thrown through the window. The bandits withdrew through the rear entrance of the bank.

KING EDWARD'S TRIP.

His Majesty Will Probably Pay a Visit to the Sultan.

New York, March 21.—A Berlin dispatch to the Herald says that a confidential communication just received there from Constantinople states that preparations are being quickly pursued for the reception of King Edward, who is expected to visit the Sultan coming direct by sea.

KILLED FATHER IN DEFENCE OF MOTHER

PERCY NORMAN HAS BEEN EXONERATED

Evidence Showed that Man Was of Quarrelsome Nature and Frequently Abused His Wife.

North Bay, Ont., March 21.—The jury last night brought in a verdict that Edward Norman came to his death by a blow from an axe in the hands of his son Percy, which was dealt in defence of his mother's life. Percy Norman is exonerated on the grounds of justifiable homicide.

The evidence of the mother, the eldest son, Edward, and daughter, went to show that the father was of a most quarrelsome nature. Mrs. Norman stated that her husband was in North Bay on Saturday, and returned home intoxicated. Upon entering the house he began to quarrel with her and with her horse and dragging her around the room by the hair, saying he would send them all to hell before morning. Percy Norman came to her assistance, striking his father on the head with a stick of wood. The father then struck the mother in defence of the son, whereupon the father turned again on the mother. Percy then got an axe and struck his father on the head.

The eldest son Edward said he saw his father try to cut his mother's throat with a razor some years ago. The daughter said her father tried to kill her years ago, and also said that her father was afraid of her because she was the only one who saw him shoot at her mother five years ago.

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Caron, Sask., March 20.—About eighty cars of settlers' effects will unload at this village this spring. Land is moving rapidly and is being eagerly secured by American settlers and speculators. An Omaha syndicate last week secured a tract of ten thousand acres.

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TWO DESTRUCTIVE FIRES IN TORONTO

BUILDINGS OWNED BY M'CANN CO. GUTTED

York County Loan and Saving Co.,—Amending Ontario Liquor License Act.

Toronto, March 20.—Nearly one hundred thousand dollars loss was caused by a fire which broke out last evening in the premises of the McCann Milling Company on Esplanade at the foot of Jarvis. Two three story buildings owned by the McCann company were gutted in less than an hour. The sufferers were McCann Milling Company, Canada Portable Fence Company, Craig Company, and Armor, Limited, Beef Extract Company.

Another fire in the same vicinity, caused damage to the extent of \$15,000 to stock and \$1,200 to the building of the Canadian Plate Glass Company, Richmond street.

Charge Against Phillips.

Toronto, March 20.—Proceedings in the investigation of the charge of conspiracy against Joseph Phillips, president of the York County Loan and Savings Company, was continued before the police magistrate this morning.

The principal witness was Miss Phillips, setting forth the facts concerning the expense account of Phillips. The latter drew \$25 a week expense while in the city, but no itemized account was ever presented of what these expenses were. Phillips signed the vouchers. When out of the city his expense account was larger, but still no items were given. Similar testimony was given by Stewart Linn, secretary-treasurer, who, it appears, was also treasurer of the Toronto Life and drew a salary from both companies. The investigation was adjourned until Thursday.

Liquor Licenses.

Toronto, March 20.—Amendments were made to the liquor license law introduced in the legislature to-day. The fee for cities over one hundred thousand is: For tavern licenses, \$1,000; for cities of thirty thousand to one hundred thousand, taverns and shops pay \$700; cities of less than ten thousand, and towns of more than five thousand the fee is \$450. Other fees range down to tavern license for townships of \$200. Bartenders must be licensed, \$25. Women are ineligible. Licenses called for current year for first violation of act, and two years for second offence. Liquor may be sold to guests at meals on Sundays, 1 to 2 o'clock and 5 to 7 o'clock. Meals with drinks must be table.

Found Dead.

Prince Albert, March 20.—The body of a woman named Linker was found in a ditch this morning and murder is strongly suspected. The police are actively investigating.

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OUTBREAK OF SMALLPOX.

Quebec, March 20.—A serious outbreak of smallpox is reported from seven islands in the lower St. Lawrence. The Dominion and Provincial authorities are taking means to check the spread of the disease.

Death of Dean Smith. Montreal, March 20.—Very Rev. Burton Smith, dean of Ontario, died this evening. A few days ago he was stricken by paralysis while officiating in St. George cathedral.

MINERS' WAGES.

Joint Conference of Coal Operators and Union Officials at Indianapolis. Indianapolis, March 20.—The second joint conference of the coal operators and miners of the central competitive district, comprising Illinois, Indiana, and Western Pennsylvania, which is the result of the efforts of President Roosevelt to effect a continuation of peace in the coal regions, adjourned this afternoon after referring the demands of the miners to the joint scale committee, which will begin its deliberations to-morrow.

The conference was called to order by President Mitchell. The conference organized Joseph Phillips, president of George Baer, an operator of Chicago, as permanent chairman.

On motion of President Mitchell, the rules of the previous night's conference, requiring that the vote of the operators on "all main and principal questions" be cast as a unit, were adopted. This action empowers Mr. Robbins, retiring chairman of the operators, and Thomas Lewis, vice-president of the United Mine Workers, to prevent any action of the wage scale committee which they do not favor.

President Mitchell, being recognized by the chair, delivered a brief address at the close of which he moved the adoption of the scale of wages demanded by the miners in the joint conference which adjourned February 2nd. The scale provides for an increase of 12 1/2 per cent. The motion was lost on a strictly partisan vote.

In calling the joint conference together President Mitchell said, "This convention has been called under what are possibly the most extraordinary circumstances that have ever prevailed in the industrial history of our country. When we adjourn to-morrow at six weeks ago it seemed to us, as it did to the entire people of the country, that a great industrial strike was imminent. So far as I know, each of these forces made preparations for a great industrial strike. Unhappily, or unfortunately, as circumstances may develop, the president of the country intervened and advised that we make further effort to reconcile our differences. As a consequence of this intervention—for which I believe the entire country feels grateful—we have met here to-day again to consider, not only our own personal and collective interests but also the interests and welfare of our common country."

"I have given to this situation much thought, as much consideration I presume, as any one here, I have viewed in my own mind. Fortunately, which led to a separation six weeks ago, and I have tried as best I could to review this situation, not so much as a miner, but rather as an official and man charged with certain public responsibilities, and gentlemen, after six weeks of thought and consideration I am convinced beyond doubt that the claims which were made in this hall six weeks ago were founded on fact and justice, and that the industrial prosperity of our country justifies the coal miners in asking that they shall receive at least 12 1/2 per cent. of the profits that result from the great industrial activity. I believe that the claims we made then have been confirmed by facts since our adjournment. It may be that because of the enormous demands, because of our training and special interests we are unable to view this situation impartially, but as stated in our resolution adopted some days ago, we are willing to present you with our present view of the ownership, the control, and the management of the industry, for the purpose of adjusting our differences. We will not make it a condition that the experience of the past several years has satisfied even the most sceptical among you that annual or biennial agreements between you and us are much better for our mutual interests than the old method that prevailed years ago, when every year saw a strike or a lockout, a serious conflict as to our different rights. I believe, gentlemen, first, we must ourselves, then next to our country, to make the best efforts that is within us to reach an agreement that will preserve and maintain industrial peace in the coal fields of this country. In order to do this there may be some concrete proposition before the convention for discussion, I desire to offer on behalf of the miners, the scale of wages and conditions of employment proposed by us at our recent joint conference."

INSURANCE INQUIRY.

Mr. Blackadar Gives Further Evidence Before the Commission at Ottawa.