

EXPOSITION CAUSES MUCH EXCITEMENT SUPPOSED ATTEMPT TO WRECK BUILDING

Bottle, With Fuse Attached, Explodes When Thrown Into Street

Vancouver, June 21.—The neighborhood of the 1200 block of Hornby street was aroused this morning at about 2.30 o'clock by a tremendous crash. The police patrol arrived within a few minutes and an investigation was made. Ralph Lyons, a night watchman in a building being erected for H. H. White, son, M. P., and Mr. Atkins, said that someone passing through the alley at the side of the building had thrown a package through one of the open windows. The watchman rushed into the room and found a package wrapped in a newspaper. He said that he picked it up and noticed that it was sputtering and partly burning. Rushing to the front of the building he threw it with all his might into the centre of the street, where it exploded a moment later. The crash brought scores of nearby people to the windows of their sleeping apartments. A police officer who investigated said that he found fragments of a Nansimo Browning Company's bottle and a couple feet of fuse. The "theory" is that a charge of black powder was contained in the bottle which broke when it was thrown into the street. The powder being scattered then naturally caught fire from the burning fuse or the wrapper, which was affix by this time. The building was being erected by contractor George Davis, who runs an open shop. The watchman was in his employ.

IN HONOR OF SIR WILFRID

Quebec, June 21.—The Liberals are preparing a monster demonstration to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who is expected here on July 7. All the Liberal clubs will gather to give the Premier the most magnificent reception ever arranged in Canada.

BORDEN REPLIES TO GRAIN GROWERS

Speaks on Reciprocity, Hudson Bay Railway and Terminal Elevators

Brandon, June 21.—Hon. R. L. Borden met 400 grain growers last evening and was presented with resolutions on reciprocity, tariffs, terminal elevators and Hudson Bay railway, wheat and redistribution of seats. Mr. Borden said he was complimented that such matters had been presented to him and felt more like a prime minister than ever. He said he refused to support reciprocity. He said money was needed for projects and as farmers would not submit to direct taxation money had to be raised by tariffs and customs duties. He believed the Hudson Bay line ought to be constructed and said it would be as soon as the Conservative party was in power, the road to be governed by the minister through an independent commission. Regarding terminal elevators, he said desired results were only obtainable by state ownership. After the meeting the grain growers and Mr. Borden went to the Princess theatre which was found incapable of accommodating the people who had assembled, so a move was made to the West End park, where the evening meeting on reciprocity took place.

W. MAX AIKEN KNIGHTED

London, June 21.—W. Max Aiken, M.P., formerly of Montreal, is among the Canadians who have been knighted. Speeches of congratulatory messages from political opponents as well as allies, and from social friends, Lady Aiken has made her being arriving at their Knightsbridge flat. The Standard speaks of Sir Max Aiken as a "young Canadian of exceptional ability and force of character, who is destined to play no mean part in the stage of affairs lying immediately before us." The Daily Express says: "Aiken is M. P. the most interesting Canadian well served."

CRUISER ASHORE

Runs on Sand When Leaving San Diego Harbor.

San Diego, Cal., June 21.—The navy cutter Saturn and the army tug Tavara are making strenuous efforts to-day to pull the armored cruiser Colorado off the sand of the middle ground, near the entrance of the harbor. The big cruiser ran out of the channel early last evening in an attempt to leave the harbor with the rest of the fleet. Four big cranes ahead of the Colorado left port without incident. The Colorado was steaming slowly at the time it hit and it is believed the damage was done to the big ship. She probably will be floated at high tide to-day and will join the rest of the fleet off Coronado.

CANDIDATES NOMINATED

Toronto, June 21.—South Perth Conservatives have nominated Dr. Steele, of Tavistock, to contest the federal election against Mr. Rankin, of Stratford. Conservative candidates re-nominated Jos. E. Armstrong for the Commons. Henshall, Ont., June 21.—South Huron Conservatives nominated J. Y. Mermer, of Zurich, to oppose J. Y. McLean at the federal election.

SPRATT STILL UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION

Crown Counsel Probe Into the Allegations Made by Him in His Defence

Louis Hafer, Dr. Arthur Bechtel, Ignatius N. J. White, and Andrew J. Dechtel were called as witnesses for the defence in the prosecution against C. J. V. Spratt and William Houston this morning. The witnesses told of conversations with Bullock and the latter's alleged demands for money in settlement of the case and endeavors to get \$150 from C. J. V. Spratt before the present information was laid. Dr. Arthur Bechtel said he knew Frederick Bullock, who went to his office in May last and in a talk about the Machinery Depot said he wanted \$150 and that the matter could be hushed up. Bullock came again for medical advice and said he had the depot people where he wanted a man and would make them come through. He said they could have saved themselves the \$1000 fine, and if they did not come through he would lay an information against Spratt, Richards and Houston. He wanted to get away on the afternoon boat and if he did not he would have to lay information. At 2.30 o'clock (May 13th) Bullock saw witness again and showed him information he had sworn to, and suggested he could go to Seattle later. Afternoon as he had told Commander Virvan he had to go to Seattle for certain information. "I went and told Mr. Spratt about it, who laughed, I told Bullock Mr. Spratt laughed at it and that was a serious thing to demand and pay money. Bullock suggested the money be placed in an envelope and placed inside his door. I arranged with my father to see him and also for Fred White to be present to hear the conversation. "To Mr. Aikman—I am a nephew of Mr. Spratt. I am interested in the fate of the Victoria Machinery Depot. He said he had not discussed the prosecution with his father and Mr. Spratt together. He went and made a statement to Mr. W. Taylor, sitting to Mr. Spratt, and he knew there had been a seizure before Bullock went to see him. He knew also that a charge had been made against Bullock and that the prosecution had gone on. "Witness said Bullock offered to keep his mouth shut if he got money. The amount on 12th and 13th of May was \$150. Witness said Spratt told his father of Bullock's demand. He thought he went to Spratt's residence. He was not sure if he told them about it, between the first and second conversations. His recollection on many matters was very dim, his answers being: "It might have been."

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CONFERENCE IS BROUGHT TO CLOSE

Little Likelihood of Next Meeting Being Held Outside of London

London, June 21.—The next imperial conference will not be held at Ottawa. At the final session yesterday afternoon Premier Fisher, of Australia, introduced a resolution, seconded by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that the next imperial conference should be held in one of the dominions. Premier Asquith said he would be pleased if the conference could be held elsewhere than in London. He feared, however, that the usefulness of the conference would be impaired if held elsewhere. An amendment proposing that the United Kingdom consider the possibility of the conference being held in one of the dominions was accepted. The conference wound up with a series of complimentary speeches. The chief engineer of the conference, as the oldest member of the conference, declared that this was the first time that the British government had taken the overseas dominions into its complete confidence on questions of defence and foreign policy. The overseas dominions were thoroughly gratified, he said. The fact that the overseas representatives had the foresight to endorse the measure would not be lost sight of.

CAR REPAIR "GRAFT" CASES SETTLED

Men Indicted for Conspiracy to Defraud Company Will Go Free

Chicago, June 21.—The Illinois Central car repair "graft" cases were practically settled yesterday. The men indicted for conspiracy to defraud the company are to go free, and the whole matter will be brought to a close within the next week, according to the Record-Herald. The fact that the graft cases were settled became known when the civil suit against Charles J. Ewing, former superintendent of lines north, was dismissed. Ewing, with Frank B. Harrison, former superintendent of the road; John M. Taylor, former general store-keeper; Orlando F. Keefe, former superintendent of transportation; and J. E. Baker, former assistant superintendent of machinery, were sued jointly by the road for approximately \$1,500,000. It is announced the differences between the railroad company and the men accused have been adjusted and that everybody is satisfied.

JUNE FROST

Tacoma, Wash., June 21.—June's cool record included a killing frost in the suburbs here on Monday night. Just south of the city limits, on the Spanaway line, ice formed. Potatoes, peas, cucumbers, tomatoes and other vegetables fell under the cold blast. At the weather bureau the register at 4.30 a. m. showed 43 degrees above zero. It is generally warmer in the city than a few miles away from the water.



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TELLS OF WORK ON NEW RAILWAY

PRESIDENT HAYS OF G. T. P. RETURNS TO MONTREAL

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ON TRAIL OF MEN WHO HELD UP TRAIN

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RECIPROCITY BILL

New York Senator Also Speaks in Favor of His Proposed Amendment

Washington, D. C., June 21.—Senator Root of New York formally opened the Canadian reciprocity debate in the senate to-day. He announced that he favored the agreement and defended President Taft's course in negotiating it, declaring that in no way had he exceeded his authority. Mr. Root also spoke in favor of his amendment to the wool pulp and paper provision of the bill, to which President Taft is opposed, on the ground that it might jeopardize the agreement. He insisted that the president had followed the practice ordinarily followed by the diplomatic and executive officers of the government in giving assurance to other governments that certain things would not be done. He said: "This is in no sense a treaty. It is one of those formal temporary arrangements made between executives of two governments for the effective conduct of negotiations in regard to internal affairs. I think the farmers of the country are unduly apprehensive. I believe reciprocity agreement will be for the best and the permanent interest of our country, and I must be for it."

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Northern Construction Company's Tender for 162 Miles is Accepted

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Principle of Freedom Always Found Under British Crown and Constitution

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