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CHANGE IN INDIA MUCH DISCUSSED

Lansdowne and Curzon Brought it up In The House

REASONS FOR TRANSFER

Applauded as Bold Stroke by Liberal and Some Unionist Papers—Persia Will Not Give in to Russia and Now Turkey May Be Involved

(Canadian Press)

London, Dec. 13—The Marquis of Lansdowne, the opposition leader, and Lord Curzon of Kedleston, who was viceroy of India from 1898 to 1905, spoke gravely in the House of Lords last night concerning the Indian changes, and some of the Conservative morning papers follow suit. The dissatisfaction, however, is due to the fact that this policy involves a reversal of Lord Curzon's policy, bringing about the partition of Bengal, and the fear that the new departure may be construed in India as a yielding to political agitation.

The change of capital to Delhi, is applauded generally, and almost all moderate opinion approves the changes.

The official papers issued on the subject, show that the new policy proposed by the Indian government, was weightily considered before it was adopted, as being essential to the grwth of local self government in India on safe and sound lines. Although the changes may be much criticized in parliament, all party leaders recognize as they were announced by the king himself, that they are irrevocable. The Liberal papers and some of the Unionist papers, applaud the changes as showing boldness of imagination on the part of the government.

The transfer is thought to be largely attributable to political unrest in Bengal. The recent revolutionary discontent large y originated in Calcutta, and the task of administration on this account was rendered more difficult.

Delhi, as the ancient capital, is regarded by the natives of the eastern empire as a sort of shrine so that the change will minimize the effects of Bengalese disaffection.

London, Dec. 13—A despatch from Teheran to the Times says that Premier Samson today filled the cabinet posts. He told the Mejliss that before presenting the names of the ministers, he must announce that the cabinet would yield to Russia's demands. The Mejliss thereupon refused to accept the cabinet. The opposition in the parliament to the dismissal of Mr. Shuster, the American treasurer general, is stronger than ever.

There has been much talk recently of Turkey interposing in Persia. The Times Teheran correspondent confirms the report that serious trouble between Russia and Turkey is possible. He believes that Turkey is mobolizing an army in Asia Minor, as a reply to the action of Russia in sending troops to Kohi, in northwest Persia, which turns Turkey's western flank. The latter is vital to Turkey and is declared to be more important than Tripoli. It is believed, however, that Turkey wishes to straighten it out by diplomatic negotiations.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13—The Rossia says that Russia and Great Britain have entered into a special agreement not to attempt to restore the ex-Shah Mohamed Ali Mirza to the Persian throne.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

9 A. M. Weather Report.

	Max.	Min.	Dir.	Vel	
onto.....	34	26	N.	8	Cloudy
ntreal.....	40	34	W.	4	Snow
bec.....	34	32	N.W.	4	Rain
tham....	36	34	E.	4	Rain
rl'town..	38	38	N.E.	10	Cloudy
ney.....	44	42	S.E.	4	Cloudy
de Island.	44	42	S.	12	Cloudy
lifax.....	46	44	S.W.	6	Cloudy
armouth...	48	46	S.W.	16	Cloudy
St. John.....	48	44	S.	10	Fog
Boston.....	56	56	S.W.	12	Cloudy
New York...	52	52	W.	10	Cloudy

Forenoon Bulletin from Toronto.

Forecasts — Fresh to strong southwest winds, cloudy and mild with showers; Thursday, westerly winds, clearing, with a little lower temperature.

Synopsis —The mild, unsettled weather continues throughout the maritime provinces; to banks, fresh to strong southeast to southwest winds; to American ports, fresh to strong southwest winds.

Saint John Observatory.

The time ball on customs building is hoisted half its elevation at 12.45, full elevation at 12.59 and drops at 1 p. m. Standard time of the 60th Meridian, equivalent to 5 hours Grenwich time.

Local Weather Report at Noon.

13th day December, 1911.

Highest temperature during last 24 hrs, 52
Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 48
Temperature at noon 50
Humidity at noon 94
Barometer readingcs at noon (sea level and 32 degrees Fah.), 29.75 inches.
Wind at noon: Direction, S.W.; velocity, 6 miles per hour; fog.
Same date last year: Highest temperature, 22; lowest, 12; cloudy, snow spits part fair.

RIDE TO A BAD FALL

Six of the Cyclists in the Grind Come to Grief

IS A BAD SPILL

Root and Partner Drop Out Because of the Accident — Riders Were Eight Miles Behind Record at Eight O'Clock This Morning

(Canadian Press)

New York, Dec. 13—Eddie Root and Menus Bedell, both injured in a spill in the six day bicycle race early this morning, retired from the grind, a little before half past eight. Fred Hill, Root's partner, and John Bedell, a brother of the rider, announced that they would immediately form a new combination and take up the race with the usual penalty of one lap.

Six riders were victims of one of the worst spills which ever occurred here in a six day race. The tire on Eddie Root's bicycle exploded and dropped him in front of thirteen riders on his trail. Four of them piled on top of Root. Menus, Bedell, "Jumbo" Wells, Root, Cameron and Demara were injured. The accident occurred on what is known as "Deadman's curve," on the northeast corner of the track. Root was looking back, waiting for his partner to relieve him, when his rear wheel skidded, which probably caused the explosion of the tire. As he rolled down the track, Cameron, who was following close behind, crashed into him, and in another second six riders had piled up in a tangled mass at the foot of the track. Spectators stampeded in the direction of the accident, and the special police had difficulty in controlling them.

When the riders were disentangled, it was found that Demara was unconscious. Bedell had a bad scalp wound, Wells a broken knee cap, Root a gashed leg, and Cameron's face was cut. Thomas suffered only a few bruises and with Bedell was able to remount and proceed. Demara appeared to be injured internally, and may be obliged to retire from the race.

The spill, however, failed to shift the positions and today the contestants were grinding around the track as steadily as ever.

For two hours sprinting was prohibited, and they fell back nearly six miles behind the record. When they got the bell speed, they hit up a lively pace, but slowed up again, and at eight o'clock they were almost eight miles behind Root & Folger's record, made two years ago.

The score at eight o'clock, 56th hour, was:—Twelve teams, 1,120 miles and nine laps; and the Thomas-Stein and Galvin-Wiley teams one lap behind; record, 1,128 miles and eight laps.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 13—Announcement that the Valley Railway contract has been signed was received with enthusiasm here. Fredericton has always been commerically isolated and it is felt that the construction of this railway will mean the dawn of a new era for this city. Satisfaction is expressed that the government has adopted the plan outlined by Hon. Mr. Pugsley and heartily supported by the Fredericton Board of Trade. Several engineers of the Quebec & St. John Railway Company will immediately take up their abode here and make preparations for the survey work.

William J. Scott, of this city, has arranged with A. R. Gould to supply sleepers and ties for the section between Fredericton and Woodstock and will immediately let sub contracts so that they can be got out during the coming winter.

It is said that residents of the St. John Valley who procured a charter for the railway two years ago will have their money refunded although no provision seems to have been made for this.

Sir Thomas Tait is here today interviewing the government in regard to the Chipman & Minto Railway in which he is interested.

Miss Frankie Tibbits, who has been manager of Misses Young's millinery establishment for about a year, has resigned.

Continued soft weather has caused all the snow to disappear from the streets.

IMMIGRANT TRAIN IS WRECKED IN MAINE

Portland, Me., Dec. 13—A special train bringing several hundred immigrants to sail for Liverpool tomorrow, was wrecked today at West Paris, Me., on the Grand Trunk railway. Several passengers were hurt, but no one was killed.

THE CHRISTMAS STEAMERS

The S.S. Empress of Ireland, which will sail from St. John on Friday and from Halifax on Saturday, has been booked up to the absolute limit of her passenger carrying capacity. In order that those who have been depending on this steamer to reach the old country in time for Christmas, the C. P. R. has arranged accommodation on the Allan liner Corsican which will sail tomorrow for the extra passengers who will arrive in the city in time for this sailing. The Atlantic express today brought 100 passengers for the Empress and another hundred for the Corsican.

PEACE MEETING BECOMES SCENE OF WILD TURMOIL

Police Invade Carnegie Hall, New York, To Put End To Uproar

Speakers Hissed and Hooted and Carnegie Sits Spellbound While Riot Goes on—Pandemonium Started Over Arbitration Treaty Resolutions

(Canadian Press)

New York, Dec. 13—A riotous outbreak interrupted a large mass meeting held in Carnegie Hall last night, in support of the arbitration treaties which President Taft has proposed with England and France. Twenty eight reserve policemen were buried to the hall and eight persons were forcibly ejected.

The outbreak occurred after Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, had read resolutions urging the senate to ratify the treaties and Alfonz G. Koelble of the German American Citizen's League of the State of New York, stepped to the front of the platform and moved that the majority resolution of the United States senate committee on foreign relations be adopted as a substitute for the declarations contained in the Butler resolution.

"This declaration is not a promoter of peace, but a breeder of war," he exclaimed, and the words were scarcely out of his mouth, when men jumped to either side of the stage, and raised their hands in an apparent signal, whereupon pandemonium was let loose in the upper galleries. Cat calls, yells, groans, and hisses made it impossible for Chairman Joseph H. Choate, to proceed with the meeting.

Four hundred prominent men were seated on the platform, and they were astounded at the outbreak. A large group of them held conferences for more than ten minutes while the pandemonium still reigned. In the midst of the noise. Chairman Choate announced that the Butler resolution had been unanimously adopted. The persons in the main part of the auditorium took this as a signal for a counter demonstration, jumped to their feet, shouted their approval, and waved their handkerchiefs and hats.

Andrew Carnegie was down on the programme as the next speaker, but he sat in apparent amazement at the demonstration and in his place Rabbi Stephen Wise asked for a hearing. He was met with such cries from the galleries as "Shut up," and "Throw him out." Above all he shouted: "I warn you people in the gallery that no people in the world will feel so badly at the result of this meeting tonight as the Irish leaders in the English parliament."

His reference brought forth an even stronger combination of groans and howls, Koelble, whose resolution had precipitated the riot, called to the people in the gallery to show a spirit of fair play, but his appeal was in vain.

CRUISERS TO CARRY THE SOUTH AFRICAN MAILS TO ENGLAND

Union Government Plans to Build Them for This Use in Time of Peace

(Canadian Press)

London, Dec. 13 — The Chronicle announces that the South African government will build a fleet of cruisers, which will be employed in times of peace to carry the mails to England in place of the Union Castle line, which is now receiving a subsidy of $750,000.

BODY OF P. E. ISLAND BOY HOME FOR BURIAL

Alton Williams Was Killed in Boston on His Way to Work

The body of Alton Williams, a young Prince Edward Islander who was killed last week in Dorchester, Mass., was brought to the city this morning in passage to its last resting place at his birthplace in Graham's Road, P. E. I. It was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. W. Williams, his brother, Edward H., and his uncle, William Williams. The news of the accident was received with grief at his old home, as he had been popular there. He was only seventeen years old, and lived with his aunt, Mrs. Addie Burns, in Callender street, Dorchester.

The young man met death by being struck by an express train just a few minutes after he had left home on his way to work in the store of Cobb, Bates & Yerkes in Summer street. He was about to board another train, and had not seen the express approaching, and death was instantaneous.

LATE RING NEWS

French Youngster Against Lewis —Morris Scores a Victory

Paris, Dec 13—The twenty round boxing match which is to take place tonight between the seventeen year old French welterweight champion, Georges Carpentier, and the American, Harry Lewis, welterweight champion of England, is exciting extraordinary interest. Lewis is a slight favorite.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 13—Carl Morris, "Oklahoma Giant," made short work of Al Williams, of Cleveland, last night. The fight, a bloody one, was stopped in the third round. Williams was punished severely and was helpless against the jabs dealt by Morris. The latter weighed 228 pounds and towered over the local man, who weighed 205.

Williams was bleeding freely, and in the second round went to the floor for the count. He was put down twice in the third. Morris was unscarred, and seemed not to feel the few blows that Williams landed.

OPIUM SMUGGLER IS SENT TO PRISON

New York, Dec. 13—Charley Boston, now acknowledged king of the ring of Chinese who smuggled opium into this country threw up his hands yesterday in the face of overwhelming evidence and pleaded guilty to the charges of smuggling opium.

He was sentenced to eighteen months in the penitentiary at Atlanta while Lai Bake, the man who ran the store, has to serve nine months on Blackwell's Island.

DEATH OF A PRINCE OF CATHOLIC CHURCH

Manila, Dec. 13—Ambrose Agius, papal delegate in the Philippines, died suddenly yesterday. He had been recalled to Rome and it was believed here that he was to succeed Cardinal Falconio as papal delegate at Washington.

The Opium Conference

The Hague, Dec. 13—The international opium conference yesterday adopted China's proposal that all the governments represented at the conference bind themselves to prohibit the export of opium to China not marked by the government of British India. A second resolution was adopted in favor of the prohibition of the import and export of raw opium.

London, Dec. 13—The Peking correspondent of the Times says that a curious feature of the present upheaval is the disregard of the natives for the anti-opium agreements, which is indicated by the resumption of opium smoking and poppy culture. The relapse is especially noticeable in Yunan and Sze Chuen provinces. The revolutionary government of Yunan has given official sanction to the replanting of the poppy.

TO CLEAN STREETS

The street-cleaner and a crew of men were put at work in Market Square this afternoon to clean the roadway. Some uncharitable person was heard to remark: "It's about time."

WON FOUR.

The St. Peter's team in the Inter-society bowling league last evening won four points from the C. M. B. A. 482 team, in a closely contested game.

KING'S SISTER IN SHIPWRECK ON COAST OF MOROCCO

Husband and Children With Her Among Large Number of Passengers — Weather Rough and Steamer is in Perilous Position.

(Canadian Press)

Gibraltar, Dec. 13—The Peninsular & Oriental steam navigation company's steamer Delhi, from London for Bombay, conveying the Princess Royal Louise Victoria Alexandra Dagmar, sister of King George V., with her husband, the Duke of Fife, and their daughters with many other passengers on their way to Egypt, has gone ashore to the south of Cape Spartel, on the Moroccan coast, at the entrance to the Straits of Gibraltar.

Several tugs have gone to her assistance. Her position is considered so perilous that the British cruiser Weymouth has also been ordered to leave here with a detachment of artillery in charge of a life saving apparatus. Very rough weather prevails.

WISE THING IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

Ottawa Campaign Against Fast Driving of Horses—The Boy Driver Problem

Ottawa, Dec. 13—To put a stop to fast driving and inhumane treatment of horses, the Ottawa Humane Society will ask the city council for a by-law providing that every man who drives a horse in the city should be required to have a license and a number. The council will also be asked to fix an age limit, lower than which no boy will be allowed to drive.

An attempt will be made to interest the boy scouts in a great campaign against cruel drivers and to this end a mass meeting will be held during Christmas week.

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A DECEMBER DAISY.

Thomas E. Dyer picked a daisy almost as bright looking as in midsummer, this morning on the I. C. R. siding opposite the cotton factory, Wall street.

RICHARD S. BLACKSTOCK OF CHATHAM IS DEAD

Had Reached Age of Eighty—Curlers Coming to Meet Scotch Visitors

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 13—(Special)—Richard S. Blackstock, aged eighty years, son of the late Richard Blackstock, died last night. He was born in Chatham and received his education at Kings College, and returned to Chatham, where he had been a much respected citizen for the whole of his life. Being possesseed of an independent fortune, he did not follow any profession or business calling, but lived quietly on the family homestead. He was a well known citizen and widely esteemed. One sister, Mrs. Samuel Habberley, survives.

The Chatham curling club has decided to send rinks to St. John to meet the visiting Scotch curlers on January 5 and 6.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 13— The biggest deal in Northern Saskatchewan farm lands, which has come to attention of the local registry office, is now wound up. The Canadian Northern railway is transferring land grants to the Northern Saskatchewan Land Co., Ltd., and the latter company is paying $901,921.70 for the lands involved.

Gibraltar, Dec. 13—Several warships and tugs, have reached the scene of the stranded liner Delhi. A life-boat is awaiting an opportunity of reaching her with a view to the possible advisability of transferring her passengers on another vessel. The weather is becoming worse. There are signs of a strong westerly gale blowing up.

LOCOMOTIVE HITS STONE; RAILWAY MEN ARE KILLED

Well River, Vt. Dec 13—The engineer and fireman of a northbound freight train on the Connecticut and Passumpsic division of the Boston & Maine railroad were killed a short distance south of here early today when their locomotive struck a large stone that had been dislodged by a blast and thrown on the tracks.

VISTORIAN'S CARGO

S.S. Victorian took away foreign goods valued at $298,428, and Canadian goods valued at $50,595; total value $349,023.

BURIED MEN LEFT GUIDES ON WALL

Directions to Rescuers To Find Them In Mine

NO RESULTS FOLLOWED

Thirty-Eight Bodies so Far Recovered — Canaries Used as Barometers by Rescuers And Determine Safety Line—Dreaded Black Damp Cause of Deaths

(Canadian Press)

Bricéville, Dec. 13—The rescue party penetrating the mine when the 100 men were entombed found directions for their rescue, scrawled in chalk on the walls. The men evidently were compelled to change their vantage points on account of altering air conditions.

The rescue squad pressed on in the direction indicated by the chalk marks. A total of thirty bodies have so far been removed.

Additional squads of men have been sent into the mine and will attempt to run down the two maddened miners before they penetrate a chamber filled with lethal gas flames. Once a squad traced the men to a chamber, but before they could be penned in, they crept into a dark corner, and when the party passed them they scurried screaming back to the inner workings.

Washington, Dec. 13—Canary Birds made possible the rescue alive of the five men who were taken from the Cross Mountain Mine on Sunday night, the Bureau of Mines here is informed by Doctor Holmes, head of the bureau.

This is the first mine disaster in which these birds have played a saving role, although experiments had been made with them in smaller accidents. The canaries, most sensitive to atmosphere that will not support lives, are carried into the mine by helmeted rescuers for the purpose of detecting the first sign of poisonous gases. As soon as the canaries show symptoms of dizziness, the volunteer rescuers with the helmet workers are not allowed to go farther, and the latter proceed alone. Bodies found beyond this point are brought back as far as this danger line, whence they are carried out by the volunteers.

The messages on the walls have yielded no results and hope of finding more men alive has been abandoned. Up to an early hour today thirty-eight bodies had been found. The position of seven bodies discovered yesterday, showed that the men died from the dreaded black damp.

Fire broke out anew late yesterday, in cross entry No. 17, about 1500 feet from the main entry. It was promptly extinguished.

OPPOSITION IN FIGHTING TRIM

Hon. Mr. Pugsley Speaks of Session of Parliament

THE VALLEY ROAD

Pleased That Contract Has Been Signed and That Plans of Late Government in This Important Matter Have Been Followed

Some interesting comments on the recent session of the federal parliament and of the completion of the contract for the construction of the St. John Valley Railway were given by Hon. Wm. Pugsley this morning in an interview which he granted to a Times' reporter. In expressing his gratification at the signing of the contract, Doctor Pugsley also expressed his pleasure at finding that the present government had adhered so closely to the terms and the principles for which he and his colleagues had held out so firmly.

When asked for some impressions on the session which has just been concluded, Doctor Pugsley said that, in the short time at his disposal, it would be impossible to give a full and complete report of the proceedings between the assembling of parliament and the adjournment. "The proceedings," he said, "were interesting, and were very much enjoyed —by the members of the opposition at all events.

"In addition to the debate on the address," he said, "we found that it was our duty to ask a good many questions on various matters of public interest. I notice that some members of the government in speeches made since parliament adjourned have complained that the government was embarrassed by the number of questions put to them by the opposition. This seems to me to be very childish on their part for they should remember that it is the duty of the opposition to obtain all necessary information from the ministers on matters of public interest.

"The opposition is in splendid fighting trim, thoroughly united under our great leader, and the members purpose giving a good account of themselves during this and subsequent sessions until the next general election, which must come before long as a result of the redistribution and increased representation to which the west is entitled.

When the signing of the contract for the construction of the Valley Railway was referred to by the reporter, Doctor Pugsley said: "I have just read the reports in the morning papers and I am very glad that this important matter has advanced to the present stage. I am especially pleased that the provincial government appears to have carried out the agreement advocated by the late government under which the railway is to be built, not as first proposed by the provincial government from a point on the American boundary in Victoria county to a point on the Canadian Pacific, but to be constructed all the way from St. John to Grand Falls and to be operated by the federal government as part of the Intercolonial system.

"I notice that the standard of construction which we insisted upon, viz., that the grades should be first class and that the rails should not be less than eighty pounds to the yard have been agreed to, the specifications providing, just as we had agreed, that from Fredericton to St. John the grades should be the same as on the National Transcontinental which is not to exceed four-tenths of one per cent to a mile, and between Fredericton and Grand Falls the best which the physical features of the country will admit of and in no case to exceed one per cent to the mile. This is a considerably higher standard than the Intercolonial and will enable the line to be used advantageously for bringing through business to St. John."

"It has not been stated just what arrangement has been made with regard to the bridges, but I think that when the facts are made known, it will be found that practically the same arrangement has been made with the present government as was agreed upon by the provincial government, the minister of railways and myself some months ago."

"While Mr. Flemming and the new federal government will naturally receive credit for carrying this great undertaking to a successful completion, it is gratifying to me to know that the firm stand which I and the other Liberal members from New Brunswick took in favor of having a first class road to be operated as part of the Intercolonial system has borne such good fruit.

"There is one thing to be said about Mr. Flemming, and that is that he is not slow to absorb other people's ideas, and when I pointed out to him the way by which the bridges across the St. John and Kennebeccasis rivers could be built by the concurrent action of the two governments and also the enormous advantages for the financial security of the province to have the road operated by the federal government on a percentage basis, he readily agreed to this plan. It is fortunate for the province that he did so, because, without Intercolonial operation the province would have run an enormous risk."

DOWN FIVE STORIES IN ELEVATOR

Two Men in King Street Establishment Have a Close Call Today

Two employes of the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., in King street, had a very narrow escape from serious injury, if not from death, this afternoon when the elevator in the building became unmanageable or out of order, and shot suddenly bearing them with it at a rapid speed from the fifth floor to the bottom. Ralph Hatfield and Johnson Elderkin, were on it at the time, and there was also some freight in packing cases. When the elevator began to skid Elderkin managed to jump while it passed one of the upper stories, and landed with a jolt on the floor.

Hatfield, from his position on the elevator, was unable to jump, and was carried the full distance from the fifth floor until the machine reached the ground. It was remarked that only by a miracle could he have escaped, but aside from being shaken up considerably, he was uninjured. The experience, however, was decidedly exciting.

MRS. MARY DOLAN.

The death of Mrs. Mary Dolan, widow of John Dolan, of Golden Grove, occurred at the home of Edward Hogan, 338 Union street, last night after a lingering illness. She was in the 81st year of her age, and was well known in this city. She is survived by two sons and six daughters. The sons are Peter, of this city, and Martin, of Golden Grove.

The daughters are Mrs. D. Hagerty, of Boston, Mrs. M. E. Hogan of Stanwood, Wash., and Mrs. E. Hogan, Mrs. M. Driscoll and Misses Hannah and Gussie all of this city. She was a daughter of the late Peter and Rachel Carney of Red Head.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CHANGE

Rome, Dec. 13—As a result of a decree of the Pope, issued in July in reference to holy days, St. Patrick's Day, was struck off the list of obligatory holy days on which Catholics are called upon to hear mass and abstain from unnecessary work.

On the request of the Irish Catholics, however, the Holy See has just issued another decree which is most important for Irish people throughout the world. According to this the feast of St. Patrick will continue to be a holy day, without, however, being subject to the law of fasting or abstinence.